

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 1930 AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

His Worship Mayor Morden
Alderman Anderson
Alderman Bridgman
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman Loutet
Alderman Wilson

The Notice convening the meeting was ordered filed.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Ferry Superintendent, reporting his findings following inspection of the Diesel Ferry "WASHINGTON" at Columbia Beach, U.S.A.

From the Puget Sound Navigation Co. Seattle, confirming arrangements to hire the Diesel Ferry "WASHINGTON" for a period from one to six months on bare boat basis at \$1350.00 per month, including the services of their engineer for the time of charter together with a four months option to purchase the boat at a price of \$35000.00.

Alderman Anderson recited the steps taken with the Minister of National Revenue and later with the Collector of Customs at Vancouver, who had that day wired certain information required by the Department. It was fully expected that approval to charter the boat would be forthcoming in due course.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that an Agreement be entered into between the City and the Puget Sound Navigation Co. at Seattle, for the charter, for the period of time required of the Diesel Ferry "WASHINGTON" on the basis of their letter of September 26th 1930, subject to inspection and arrangements being completed with the Department of Customs for the admittance and use of the boat in Canadian waters.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade requesting that immediate steps be taken to acquire a vessel to relieve the congestion of motor traffic at the ferries.

RECEIVED AND FILED and the Board advised that the matter is being attended to.

From the Captains of Number Two and Three Ferries again requesting that the Easterly lead at Vancouver be extended.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Canadian National Steamships be again requested to concur in the extension of the Lead and permit anchorage on their water lot and that the best co-operation of the

Harbour Board be sought towards that end and that a copy of the captains' letter be sent at the same time to the Company and the Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Board of Harbour Commissioners be advised that the Council is to proceed with its arrangements for the extension of the Easterly Lead one hundred and seventy-five feet (175) as planned by the Engineer, to be anchored on Canadian National property if permission is granted, failing which anchorage is to be made on the City's property.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Ferry Committee be given power to act in collaboration with the Engineer in calling for tenders for the extension of the Lead.

From the Vancouver Pile Driving and Contracting Co. with reference to wharfage arrears, claiming cancellation of the present arrangements due to the boat "DAN KING" not using the space at the wharf.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be referred to the Ferry Committee and Solicitor with power to act.

From the Ferry Superintendent advising damage of \$30.00 to Ferry No. 3 together with a report from Captain Walker that damage was done to the Easterly Lead by the same boat at 9:15 A.M. on Sunday, September 28th 1930.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Captain Walker's letter be laid on the table until the next regular meeting of Council and the Superintendent at that time submit a report covering the history of accidents to the Lead.

From the North Vancouver Ratepayers and Residents Association submitting the following resolution:

"THAT the City Council take immediate steps with the Provincial Government to alter clause in "Municipal Act" making it compulsory for the City to hold tax sales and make it optional for the City to do so.

AND FURTHER that the Council sponsor such demand at the meeting of the union of British Columbia Municipalities to be held at Kelowna in the near future."

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a resolution be drafted for submission to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities along the lines suggested without comment from the Council.

From the City of Nanaimo, submitting a resolution to reduce the penalty additions to 5% upon unpaid taxes.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that in as much as the City had for successive years, without result on the floor Convention,

sought a reduction in penalty additions, a reasonable adjustment supported by the delegates.

From the City of Duncan, urging the reduction of any steps that may have a tendency to defer or postpone the payment of taxes and strongly favouring the retention of the existing penalties.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the resolution be passed on to the Convention without comment.

From the City of Revelstoke, submitting a resolution requesting that "Real Property" be relieved from School taxation and that the cost of education be borne by a tax based on the principle of "ABILITY TO PAY".

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the principle be endorsed and a general re-adjustment of the tax favoured. Education being considered largely a Provincial matter.

The following acknowledgements were received in response to the City's telegram urging co-operation with the Provincial Government with a view to immediate commencement and completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and Prince George, together with the extension of the railway into the Peace River Country.

- (1) The Prime Minister of Canada
- (2) The Hon. H. H. Stevens
- (3) The Hon. J. R. Manion
- (4) J. A. Fraser, Member for the Cariboo
- (5) A. E. Munn, Member for North Vancouver

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Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a copy of the Prime Minister's letter together with a copy of the City's telegram be forwarded to the Premier for the Province of British Columbia.

Attention was drawn to the basis of distribution, as reported in the press, of federal funds for relief of unemployment.

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| (1) Dominion | 25% |
| (2) Provincial | 25% |
| (3) Municipalities | 50% |

A certain amount of elasticity being provided for where municipalities are unable to bear the burden of 50%. Direct relief being distributed on the basis of one third the expenditures of municipalities where suitable work cannot be provided for the unemployed.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Board of Works committee and Engineer map out certain work that can profitably be undertaken, if money is found available.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk procure a statement from the Secretary of the Hospital Board showing the amount of unpaid bills – which are creating an ever increasing deficit in the Hospital accounts – due in a large measure to the number of patients admitted who are in need of treatment and who are known at the time of admittance to be totally unable to pay.

From Joe Ralston's Economy Coal and Moving Co. requesting that the long shed at the rear of the building formerly known as the North Vancouver Hotel be not torn down and that they be permitted to use same on a rental basis.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the City in accordance with the agreement entered into on February 27th last between the City and C. E. Butterfield undertook to pull down and remove the buildings within six months from that date.

Alderman Wilson referred to the following case, the facts discussed being as follows:

A local doctor was called on Saturday, September 27th last, to attend a child with a fractured arm. The doctor called but did not render any aid suggesting to the child's parents that they call the Medical Officer attached to the Health Unit. The parents did so but were unable to get in touch with the Medical health officer. Meantime the Alderman's information was that the child's arm had not been attended to.

The Clerk reported that during the weekend the child's parents had called him on the phone stating that a doctor had been in attendance but did not indicate, neither was it gathered from the conversation that the child's arm had not been attended to. What they did request was a visit from the Health nurse, and the Clerk in the belief that it was for subsequent treatment advised them to ring up the V.O.N. who would no doubt be glad to attend.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the matter be left in the Clerk's hands for immediate investigation with power to act.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Engineer prepare and submit at the next regular meeting of Council a statement of the work done on the Third Street Cut-off giving particulars of the number of men employed, time taken on the job and quantities of material used with cost to date.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the statement be prepared by the responsible official of the amount of feed purchased by the City and from whom it was purchased during the current year.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that this Special meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

G. H. Morden
MAYOR