

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 1930 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

The Clerk read the notice of the meeting as posted for a period of more than 24 hours before the meeting took place, stating the day, hour, place and business of the meeting. Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the notice convening the meeting be received and filed.

From J. H. Monteith, 802 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, protesting against alleged discourteous treatment of intending passengers by the 6:20 A.M. Ferry from North Vancouver on Tuesday morning, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Monteith states the ferry was seen coming off the dry dock slip at 6:15 A.M. and instead of heading in to the Ferry leads to pick up the waiting passengers proceeded to Vancouver, thereby causing inconvenience to himself and others. Mr. Chalmers explained that in floating No. 2 Ferry off the dry dock delay had been caused by the proximity of a fender pile and as No. 3 Ferry was to arrive from the Vancouver side in another five minutes, he had ordered No. 2 to proceed to Vancouver in order to maintain the schedule and pick up the passengers that were waiting there. This in his opinion was the logical move to make with the boat in the circumstances.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Clerk reply to Mr. Monteith expressing regret at any inconvenience that may have been caused and collaborate with the Ferry Superintendent in the details of explanation to be embodied in the letter.

From the Local Manager of the B.C. Telephone Co. advising that the cost of placing automatic switched that will turn the lights on or off with the opening or closing of the door in the pay station booths at the Ferry Terminals would be \$28.00. Of this amount \$18.00 would be borne by the Company, in accordance with its regulations, and \$10.00 by the City.

In addition the City must provide the necessary light.

The Ferry Superintendent in answer to an enquiry said he believed the City collected 20% of the tolls.

Reference was made to the need for painting the telephone booths as well as the need for some lighting convenience.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the proposals be referred to the Ferry Committee with power to act.

The following telegram from the Minister of Marine at Ottawa, was read, received and filed:

“TELEGRAM RECEIVED RE FILL CANADIAN NATIONAL STEAMSHIP DOCK MASTER REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO LOOK INTO MATTER WITHOUT DELAY.”

From Irwin and Billings Co. Ltd. acting for Mr. A. C. Marshall, applying for permission to divide Lot 14, Block 242, D.L. 544, into two equal halves (North and South portion) without being obligated to grant twenty feet lane allowance through the property in an East-West direction.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Irwin and Billings Co. be advised that it is not the policy of the Council to approve applications of this nature without a lane allowance.

However if the parties will agree to subdivide the property granting the twenty feet lane allowance, the proposal will then be approved.

From the Canadian Cartage Co. 650 Taylor Street, Vancouver, protesting against the rates charged for their sand and gravel trucks on the City Ferries. The Company states that on account of the accident at the Second Narrows Bridge and in order to maintain their Vancouver business they find themselves unable to meet current competition and keep on paying the rates called for in the Ferry schedule.

The Council desire to help the Company if at all possible, but realize that consideration must be given to the loads carried which the Engineer estimates at Thirteen tons for a truck carrying five yards of gravel.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the matter be referred to the Chairman of the Ferry Committee and the Engineer for investigation and report.

The Clerk reported that on October 6<sup>th</sup> last, the Council had granted permission to Mr. M. Ferguson, 1333 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Vancouver, to operate an Auto camp and Amusement park in block 25, D.L. 272.

Application had since been made at the Building Inspector's office for approval of plans for a Dance hall to be built on the property. The plans had been held up pending certain adjustments required by the Building Inspector and an expression of opinion was now desired from the Council if in granting the license for an Amusement Park it was supposed to cover a Dance hall.

Mr. Ferguson was present and on motion was permitted to speak on this application.

Mr. Ferguson said he was engaged in preparing the grounds for the 1931 season. It was his intention to build cabins and generally make the place more attractive for tourists. A Dance hall was a customary adjunct to the modern Auto camp, and he assured the Council that he did not propose to cater for business on the Cabaret plan, but would strive to run the place on approved lines.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that permission be granted Mr. Ferguson to erect and operate a Dance hall as part of the Amusement park, subject to the Building Inspector approving the plans.

Mr. G. W. Stackhouse, in speaking to his report on the estimated cost of a Ferry boat as set out in two separate sets of plans and specifications submitted to him, said that he thought that for the present it would be desirable and in the City's interests to treat the figures as confidential – or if the estimates were to be released for publication that they be made so wide in scope that the actual figures would have to be guessed at by interested parties.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this meeting of Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.

### IN COMMITTEE

### IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the foregoing report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Alderman Bridgman referred to the need for extending or changing the hours of the extra streetcar service provided.

In the evenings on the Lonsdale Avenue run extra service is available mostly at the wrong time to be of maximum benefit to the public.

There was also added fact that at certain times delays are experienced by passengers in waiting for cars on the East and West runs.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to meet with the local Management of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. and discuss the feasibility of adjusting the streetcar service in the evenings so that any changes or extra service provided would be of benefit to theatre and other parties returning from Vancouver at a later hour.

Committee appointed – Alderman Anderson and Engineer Hanes.

Alderman Cartwright raised the question of the employment of regular Board of Works men as foremen on "Unemployment Relief Work" and expressed the opinion that the foreman on the job as well as the men should be taken from the register of the unemployed.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the Engineer pick out a list of the names of persons taken from the Register of the Unemployed that he considers suitable and competent to act in the capacity of Foreman or Straw boss on unemployed gangs and submit same to the Board of Works Committee, who are hereby given power to act in making appointments.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

E. H. Bridgman  
ACTING-MAYOR