

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Alderman Anderson
Alderman Bridgman
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman Loutet
Alderman White
Alderman Wilson

The Clerk reported that Mayor G. H. Morden, was representing the City at a dinner being given at Vancouver the same evening in honour of the Hon. Parker J. Moloney, and the Australian delegation and was therefore unable to attend the meeting of Council.

On motion of Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson – Alderman Bridgman was voted to the Chair.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that those paragraphs on page 151, relating to “The City Of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw No. 3,1930” omitted by the stenographer in typing the minutes into the Minute Book be and are hereby incorporated and adopted as part of the minutes of the meeting of December 1st 1930.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, December 15th 1930, the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, December 23rd 1930, and the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Council, held on Monday, December 29th 1930, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman White adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for By-laws:

1251 “THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1930, NUMBER 14”

1252 “THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER HIGHWAYS DEDICATION BY-LAW NUMBER 3, 1930”

1253 “CITY OFFICIALS BY-LAW 1930”

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Secretary of the local Lodge B.P.O.E. expressing thanks and appreciation for the grant of \$200.00 made by the Council towards the Christmas Cheer Fund.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of Canada acknowledging receipt of Council's letter dated November 28th 1930 in regard to one of the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, advising that the communication had been sent to the Department of Marine for consideration

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that in the absence of a direct reply the Minister of Marine be notified that the office of the Prime Minister had advised that the letter had been referred to his Department for consideration.

From the Inspector of B.C. Municipalities, Certificates of Approval No. 1515 covering "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER STREET IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION LOAN BY-LAW 1930" and No. 1516 covering "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER WATER WORKS LOAN BY-LAW 1930."

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the District Assessor – assessment notice for 1931 covering property owned by the City in the District of North Vancouver showing land valued at \$32754.00 and Improvements at \$5000.00.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the assessment be referred to the Finance Committee for review with power to act.

The Clerk conveyed a telephoned request from His Worship the Mayor to effect that a representative of the Engineers and Boilermakers Union had requested through him that the Council pass a resolution urging the construction on the Pacific Coast of one of two vessels to be built for the use of the Dominion Hydrographic Survey.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the request be endorse and the Department notified accordingly.

From the District of North Vancouver Ratepayers and Residents Association endorsing the action of Council in the matter of requesting assistance from the Provincial Government towards replacing the damaged span at the Second Narrows Bridge and seeking through the Federal Government, North Shore representation on the Board of Harbour Commissioners in the event of that charter being reopened.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Engineer in regard to a B.C. Electric Pole placed in front of the property of Mrs. S. Crowell, 172 3rd Street East.

The Solicitor advised that the owner had no right at law and the Engineer recommended that the B.C. Electric be requested at the time of replacing the poles that the new poles be set at 16 foot 6" offset instead of a 20 foot offset as in the present pole line and at

that time the new pole in front of Mrs. Crowell's property could be placed on the property line.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the recommendation be adopted and the Engineer take up with the B.C. Electric Railway Co, the question of when the poles are likely to be replaced.

From the Engineer in response to an enquiry from the Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd. estimating the cost of constructing 8 inch metered water connections to the Company's yard at \$2840.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that a copy of the Engineer's letter be forwarded to the Dry Dock Co. The merits of the proposal and the policy of the Council to be discussed at the time the application is made.

From M. Ferguson, Lynnmour P.O. renewing a former application for a graded and gravelled land in Block 25, D.L. 272.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer for report.

From W. H. Parkin, applying for gravel to be placed on the side of the roadway in front of his residence at 766 Grand Boulevard.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From the Assessor returning the Assessment Roll for the year 1931 and further certifying that all Assessment notices had been mailed on or before December 31st 1930.

	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	\$2,893,660.00	\$729,060.00
Tax Sale Lands	1,524,095.00	4,580.00
	\$4,417,755.00	\$733,640.00
Gross Land and Improvements	\$10,688,438.00	\$6,310,170.00
Less exemptions noted above	4,417,755.00	733,640.00
Net Assessable Land and Improvements	\$6,270,683.00	\$5,576,530.00

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Clerk advising receipt on December 31st last of a cheque from the Provincial Government for \$12224.46 being the City's share of Pari-Mutual taxes for the period ending December 31st 1930 and share of Liquor Profits for the six months period ending September 30th 1930.

A reduction of \$2867.85 is noted from the amount received December 1929 – Pari-Mutual being down \$719.83 and Liquor Profits \$2148.02.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

The Annual report from the Ferry Superintendent covering the Operation and Maintenance of the Ferries was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that copies be struck off and mailed to each member of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that six named day labourers certified by the Engineer as having been in the continuous employment of the City for three calendar months – immediately prior to December 25th last – and seventy-one named day labourers certified by the Engineer as having been in the continuous employment of the City for three calendar months – immediately prior to January 1st 1931 – be paid one day's wage each for Christmas Day (6) and New Years day (71) and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue individual cheques in payment thereof.

From the Engineer with reference to the offer of Mr. W. J. Porter, to clear and burn brush on some forty-eight lots in the first and second blocks on each side of First Street East, advising that on some of the lots there was very little brush and that each lot would have to be marked off and valued separately and that no money was available for work of this character.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that Mr. Porter be advised that at the present time the Council cannot undertake work of this nature as no money had been voted for the purpose.

From Mrs. L. C. Thompson, 815 Keith Road East, applying for permission to remove the building on Lot 18, Block 172, D.L. 274.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the Clerk submit to Council a resume of the situation and the Building Inspector a report on the value and condition of the building.

ENQUIRIES

Alderman Wilson enquired if a new diaphragm pump had recently been purchased by the Engineer for sewer work when there was a similar pump capable of doing the work lying at the City Yards.

The Engineer replied in the affirmative.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Engineer submit a report in writing setting forth all of the circumstances in connection therewith.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that all wage cheques in payment for work done under the "Unemployment Relief Act" be available to the men engaged thereon twenty-four hours after the completion of the work.

TENDERS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that tenders be opened.

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

From W. D. McFarland and Co. on behalf of Cora Ann Dewey, offering the sum of \$100.00 cash – inclusive of 1931 taxes – for Lot 9, Block 136, D.L. 271.

The Clerk reported that on November 3rd 1930 the Council had accepted from the same parties for the same property an offer of \$100.00 on terms of \$50.00 and the balance in two months. On November 25th last the agents advised that their client was unable to find the money to complete the transaction for another two months.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the offer of \$100.00 cash be accepted – subject to payment of the 1931 taxes by the purchaser – the remission of taxes on property purchased during 1931 being a matter for the incoming Council to decide.

DEBENTURES – JANUARY 15TH 1931 – 5% Bonds

PEMBERTON AND SON LIMITED

	\$50,000 Street Improvement Debentures due 1951
	<u>\$25,000</u> Water Works Debenture due 1951
TOTAL	\$75,000

Price quoted 97.541 and accrued interest - Vancouver payment and delivery.

ROYAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION LTD.

	\$50,000 Street Improvement Debentures due 1951
	<u>\$25,000</u> Water Works Debenture due 1951
TOTAL	\$75,000

Price quoted 99.016 and accrued interest - Vancouver payment and delivery.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the highest offer be accepted, namely that of the Royal Financial Corporation Ltd. at the price of 99.016 and accrued interest.

DUE ACCOUNTS

Reports and recommendations of the Finance, Police, School, Ferry, Board of Works, waterworks, Fire and Light, Health and Parks Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts in the following amounts:

Finance		\$1175.96
Police		1524.49
School		2298.90
Ferry	\$101.28 5803.20	5904.48
Board of Works	1438.90 1541.37 4087.74	7068.01
Waterworks	192.28 382.25	574.53
Fire and Light		2115.49
Health	153.73 293.01 178.30	625.04
Parks	118.18 120.07	238.25

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the lease covering the "Heywood Auto Camp" on which rent is past due from May 1st 1930 and the unpaid License fee for the year 1930 be referred to the Solicitor and Clerk for definite action.

RECOMMEND that the application of Miss A. E. Hannam for a refund of \$2.50 covering the fee paid for a building permit issued on March 17th 1927, be referred to the Solicitor and Clerk for disposal in accordance with the city by-laws and Statutory enactments.

RECOMMEND that the December report of the Relief department totalling \$346.42 net be RECEIVED AND FILED and that future statements show fuller details as required by the Committee.

SUMMARY

Relief to Indigents	\$391.50	
<u>Less</u> Credit by collections	59.00	332.50
Payment to Institutions	273.40	
<u>Less</u> Credit from patient	18.00	255.40
Monthly Pensions Account		40.00
Medical Fees		21.00
		648.90
<u>Less</u> refund from Federal and Provincial Governments on October and November "Direct Relief"		302.48

TOTAL	346.42
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RECOMMEND that the closest cooperation be established between the officials concerned and the Police Department dealing with applicants and handling the more difficult cases applying for City Relief.

RECOMMEND that the scale of charges submitted by the North Vancouver Medical Society for the care of sick persons who are indigent be laid on the table.

RECOMMEND that the reports of the Solicitor and Clerk in the case of Mrs. W. Doran, 337 2nd Street West, be RECEIVED AND FILED. It is reported that the Dorans have moved to another address and for the present are not applicants for City Relief.

RECOMMEND that the application of D. A. Peers Assistant License Inspector, be granted and that the City assumes payment of his 1931 Auto License fee (\$18.90) – his car being used extensively in City's service at considerable expense to himself.

RECOMMEND that an adjourned meeting of Council be held on Friday January 9th 1931 to finally consider the estimated of the respective Committees and make the necessary readjustments.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the FERRY COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that "The Ferries Operation and Maintenance By-law" be amended to empower Ferry officials to demand whenever required a Public Weight certificate before transportation of material on the City Ferries is permitted.

RECOMMEND that information be published that repairs to the crankshaft of the D. F. WASHINGTON will be completed in time for the vessel to resume regular service under its own power on Thursday next.

RECOMMEND that following complaints from patrons, the Ferry Superintendent report in detail to the Chairman of the Committee with accompanying trip sheets, particulars of the service maintained on Christmas and New Years.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the report of the Engineer be adopted and a hand railing with suitable steps be constructed across the ravine at 17th Street and Rufus Avenue at an estimated cost of \$50.00.

RECOMMEND that the plank crossing on Eleventh Street, East of the Boulevard be put in a good state of repair. It is reported that during the wet weather the planks became submerged in water rendering the sidewalk impassable to pedestrian traffic.

RECOMMEND that a drain fifty or sixty feet long be constructed to carry off drainage water that accumulates in wet weather adjacent to the residence of Mr G. A. Brown, 625 9th Street East.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the WATERWORKS COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the request from Burnaby Council that a comprehensive and adequate water scheme be prepared covering all districts on the Lower Mainland be referred to the 1931 Council.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the PARKS COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that suitable Pipe Wire gates be purchased for the Eastern Avenue entrance to the Horticultural Grounds.

RECOMMEND that the Horticultural Society be advised to renew its application to the 1931 Council for the renewal of the floor in the Main Building, and that in the meantime the Engineer prepare for the consideration of the 1931 Council estimates of the cost of installing a new floor together with a report on the condition of and the cost of scraping and polishing the existing floor.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver do hypothecate to the Royal Bank of Canada, the Debentures authorized under "The City of North Vancouver Street Improvement and Construction Loan By-law 1930" as security against the advances made by the Bank to the City of \$50,000.00 for the purposes of said By-law, pending the sale and receipt of purchase price of said debentures.

AND that the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Committee be authorized to sign a Promissory Note payable on demand, with interest at 6% per annum, payable in advance.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver do hypothecate to the Royal Bank of Canada, the Debentures authorized under "The City of North Vancouver Water Works Loan By-law 1930" as security against the advances made by the Bank to the City of \$25,000.00 for the purposes of said By-law pending the sale and receipt of purchase price of said debentures.

AND that the Mayor, Clerk and Finance Committee be authorized to sign a Promissory Note payable on demand, with interest at 6% per annum, payable in advance.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman White and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council, a By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TEMPORARY ADVANCES (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION) BY-LAW NO. 1 1931" and that the said By-law receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure By-law.

Whereupon the By-law was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TEMPORARY ADVANCES (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION) BY-LAW NO. 1 1931" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Committee Proceedings with respect to the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TEMPORARY ADVANCES (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION) BY-LAW NO. 1 1931" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TEMPORARY ADVANCES (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION) BY-LAW NO. 1 1931" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now stand adjourned until 4 P.M. on Friday next.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

E. H. Bridgman
ACTING MAYOR.