

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH 1931 AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Deputy Minister of Marine, Ottawa, acknowledging resolution of Council protesting against the remarks of Mr. R. D. Williams one of the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, in regard to the Second Narrows Bridge; also advising that the contents of the resolution would be given due consideration.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

The Clerk reported with reference to Lot 18, Block 172, D.L. 274 on which there is a building known as 374 Esplanade East, leased to Mr. L. C. Thompson of 815 Keith Road East.

The Building Inspector following an inspection of the premises reported that the house is practically worthless and recommended that the building be demolished.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the building be and is hereby ordered condemned and destroyed and that permission be granted to Mr. L. C. Thompson to demolish same, without cost to the City, on the condition that the work is completed in a manner satisfactory to the Building Inspector on or before the end of the month of January 1931.

From the Building Inspector, reporting that he had inspected the house on Lot 32, Block 155, D.L. 274 – known as 146 1st Street East – and found all the windows broken. The building had formerly been occupied by Chinese and the Inspector strongly recommended that it be destroyed.

The Clerk reported that the City had title to the property and that arrangements had been made with a competent person to demolish the building and clean up the debris for the salvage.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the recommendation be adopted and the building be and is hereby ordered destroyed.

From D. H. Tenbroeck, complaining about drainage water from the lane flowing to the rear of Lot 26, Block 34A, D.L. 550 thereby interfering with the quiet enjoyment of his property.

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

From F. J. Bartholomew, Electrical Engineer, Vancouver, dealing with corrosion occurring in the City water pipes that are adjacent to the Street Railway tracks and further expressing the opinion that the trouble is due to leakage of current and resultant electrolytic action. Reference is also made to faulty wiring and a proper inspection of electrical installations.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be referred to the 1931 Council.

From the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Lynn Valley Branch No. 114, submitting the following resolution:

“RESOLVED – THAT owing to the distress prevailing in the DISTRICT and CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER amongst over 1000 (one thousand) men and their families, who have already registered for employment (and to whom fully 50% are returned men) and the inability of the two Municipalities to cope with this matter through lack of funds, it is strongly urged that the Provincial Government of British Columbia, make a grant, immediately, to the above Municipalities, for the DIRECT RELIEF, without any obligation to match same.”

Together with the advice that a copy of the resolution had been forwarded to the Minister of Finance at Victoria, B.C.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the correspondents be advised that the prevailing unemployment within the City has been a matter of grave concern to the Council who have done everything possible to render assistance towards relief of such UNEMPLOYMENT. The work undertaken by the City and the work in hand has materially relieved the conditions, and the resolution from the Lynn Valley branch of the Canadian Legion will receive due consideration along with other proposals in this connection that are now before the Council.

From W. A. Attwell, and six other persons on unemployed relief work, complaining of the overbearing attitude of foreman Thomas Burton towards the men under his direction.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that Mr. Attwell and his co petitioners be advised that during the many years Mr. Burton has been employed as a City foreman there had been no complaint registered against his method of handling the men and that at the present time he enjoys the confidence of the Council and the responsible officials. At considerable expense to the ratepayers the City have undertaken to provide work for the Unemployed in a full a degree as is

possible and it is only fair to expect that a full day's work be given in return for the amount of wages paid.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that upon the title to the City of Block "Z" D.L. 271 being duly registered clear of all encumbrances, it is the intention of the Council to pass a by-law dedicating a portion, at least sixteen feet wide, of the Western part of Block "Z" extending from the South boundary of Esplanade to the South boundary of Block "Z" as a public road and to open same as a public road.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Clerk be authorized and instructed to give a letter to the B.C. Motor Transportation Ltd. authorizing the Company to use certain space adjoining the weigh scales on the Vancouver City side for parking two taxicabs to be used for taxi purposes in connection with passengers using the ferries for the period from this date until the 30th day of June 1931, reserving the right to the City to cancel the said privilege at any time.

The offer of Mr. Victor Larson, 335 8th street East, was again submitted to purchase Lots 2 and 3, Block 106, D.L. 550 at the price of \$150.00 cash for the two lots.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Council regrets it cannot accept the offer and reiterated its former decision that it is prepared to consider and offer of \$250.00 net cash for the two lots.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER TEMPORARY ADVANCES (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION) BY-LAW NO. 1 1931" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the said By-law as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal No. 1254.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that from the profits made on the operation of the City ferries during the year 1930, the sum of \$4480.75 be transferred to General Revenue account.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Bridgman and resolved that the surpluses standing to the credit of certain Committees as shown by the following statement:

Finance	\$4,176.46
Waterworks	426.37
Parks	995.69

Fire & Light	825.73
Police	1,050.49
TOTAL	\$7,474.74

Be transferred from such Committees to the general Revenue Account and the Estimates of such Committees as show a debit be reduced accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the allotments for the year 1930 for the several Committees be and are hereby fixed as follows and the Estimates for the year 1930 are amended accordingly:

Finance	\$63,973.54
Board of Works	\$73,981.07
Waterworks	\$14,573.63
Parks	\$11,504.31
Health	\$20,327.42
Fire & Light	\$42,437.27
Police	\$23,569.51
TOTAL	\$250,366.75

Alderman Anderson read from the daily trip sheets, figures concerning the vehicular traffic carried on the ferries from 10:40 P.M. on the evening of December 31st 1930 to 6:10 A.M. on the morning of January 1st 1931, which showed that on no trip during that time was a capacity load of vehicles carried. This information was decidedly at variance with verbal complaints that had been registered by ferry patrons.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Mate in charge of No. 3 Ferry (night boat) be requested to submit a report in writing stating particularly if any cars were left over on either side from one a.m. to six a.m. on the morning of January 1st 1931.

Moved by Alderman Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that publication be authorized of a Comparative statement of the Assessment and Taxes involved under the Fixed Assessment By-laws to be submitted on Thursday, January 15th 1931.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now stand adjourned until 7:15 P.M. on Monday, January 12th 1931.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

E. H. Bridgman _____
 ACTING MAYOR.