

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 1931 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

His Worship Mayor E. H. Bridgman  
Alderman Anderson  
Alderman Brown  
Alderman Cartwright  
Alderman Huggett  
Alderman Wilson

The Clerk read the notice of 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 Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the notice convening the meeting be minuted.

From the Board of School Trustees drawing attention to the very poor condition of the four inch wood water pipe that supplies Lonsdale School from the main on Lonsdale Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be referred to the Waterworks Committee for report.

From the Board of School Trustees, requesting that material deposited in the ditch on Eighth Street during recent grading operations be removed and that the bed of the ditch be deepened for outlet of drainage water from the School to Moody Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the necessary work on the ditch be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act, and the open ditch referred to in paragraph two of the letter be the subject of a report from the same Committee.

From the Deputy Provincial Secretary – Order in Council numbered 178 – approving “THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER FERRY LOAN BY-LAW 1930”.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the certified copy be received and filed and registration of the By-law in the County Court withheld during the pleasure of the Council.

From the Airport Manager, City of Vancouver, submitting the following copy of resolution for endorsement dealing with Airmail service between the City of Lethbridge, Alta., and Vancouver:

“RESOLVED that the Hon. the Postmaster General, Ottawa, be earnestly requested to make the necessary arrangements to have the Airmail service extended to this City (Vancouver) at the earliest possible date.”

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the resolution be endorsed and a copy forwarded to the Postmaster General, Ottawa.

From the Manager, Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co. advising the number of endorsements and signatures to the petition asking for validation of the Second Narrows Bridge:

Official signatures of:

Vancouver and North Vancouver City Councils  
North Vancouver and West Vancouver District Councils  
9 Labour Unions representing 19,183 members  
4 Associations representing 1,293 members  
6 letters of endorsement from different organizations  
1,294 official signatures of business firms  
25,001 signatures of citizens

FILED.

From the Secretary, North Vancouver Board of Trade, reminding His Worship the Mayor of a promise to secure \$25.00 towards the expense of the Squamish-Lillooet Road delegation who are to interview the Government at Victoria regarding a through connection between this City and Squamish.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the action of the Mayor be confirmed and the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the sum of \$25.00 towards the expense of the delegation.

From the Financial Corporation Ltd., requesting a resolution of Council to affect the transfer of £33,554 Dominion of Canada, guaranteeing 3½% First Mortgage Debenture Stock.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that E. H. Bridgman as Mayor, and Geo. S. Shepherd as City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sell £33,554 3½% guaranteed First Mortgage Debenture Stock of and in the undertaking called the CANADIAN NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY COMPANY and to sign transfer necessary to effect this on behalf of the City.

From the Secretary, First United Church Sunday School, Vancouver, applying for the use of Mahon Park for their annual Sunday school picnic on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 1931.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be referred to the Parks Committee with power to act.

From L. H. Beamish, on behalf of the Boy Scouts, applying for the use of Mahon Park on Saturday afternoon, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1931, to hold the Scouts annual games and sports.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be referred to the Parks Committee with power to act.

From H. C. Wright, City Assessor, reporting his attendance at the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society, Vancouver.

The Society erected for its work a modern building in the year 1931 and entered into possession of same free of debt.

187 children were admitted to the home  
191 children had been placed in foster homes  
988 children had been examined by the Doctors  
783 children received attention at the Clinic  
1200 visits were made by the Staff

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From J. A. Campbell, Barrister, Vancouver, requesting the endorsement of Council, to the bill to amend the First Narrows Bridge Act.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Council raise no objections to the passage of the bill provided the amended powers asked for include the construction of a bridge at a defined location – namely at the First Narrows – and that the extent of any Municipal guarantee shall be computed as part of the general debt of the Municipality concerned and shall receive the assent of the electors by a three-fifths majority of the total votes polled, the Mayor and City solicitor to act through the member for the riding in placing the Council's viewpoint before the Private Bills Committee.

Authority was requested for the Mayor and Clerk to sign subrogation receipt forms in favour of the Bell-Irving Insurance Agencies Ltd. for claims that may arise out of the stranding of No. 2 Ferry on the Canadian National fill on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1930.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the request be granted and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign same and attach the Corporate Seal thereto.

From the City Engineer and the Comptroller to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners advising that the City's lease to the water lot at St. George's Avenue Street end expired

in November 1928. It was recommended that an application be made for renewal of the lease.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the recommendation be adopted and an application made to the Department for renewal of the lease.

From W. H. Davies, 449 19<sup>th</sup> Street East, drawing attention to the need for Sidewalk and Street improvements adjacent to his residence.

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

From the Adjutant of the First Vancouver Regiment applying for a further supply of free Ferry tickets for the use of members of that Unit who are resident of the North Shore.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the application be granted and the customary supply of tickets forwarded to the headquarters of the Unit.

From the District of North Vancouver Central Ratepayers and Residents Association enclosing two resolutions:

- (1) Whereas the necessity exists to develop the North Shore – the first need is rapid and efficient communication.  
THEREFORE it is resolved to request the City and Municipal Councils of the North Shore:
  - (a) To invite private enterprise to undertake the construction of tunnels or bridges across the First and Second Narrows.
  - (b) To establish a rapid and efficient bus service.
  - (c) To negotiate for the purpose of all vacant lands and to develop the establishment of suitable residences thereon on equitable terms of purchase.
  
- (2) Having in view the Financial condition of the North Vancouver General Hospital and the Municipality's liability therein, that the Reeve and Council together with the District members of the Hospital Board be asked to very fully consider Mr. Moriarty's plan to liquidate (per lottery scheme) the said Hospital debt, and if satisfied with the same, to assist, by negotiation, in obtaining support and sanctions of the Mayor and City members of the Hospital Board of North Vancouver to proceed with the same.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the resolution numbered one be referred to Committee of the Whole and the Association be advised in regard to resolution numbered two that it is not within the powers of the Council to sanction or countenance a public lottery.

From Geo. Russell, 722 St. Patrick's Avenue, applying for a position as deck-hand on the City Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be filed for reference.

From Edith Paddon, 302 5<sup>th</sup> Street East, applying for time in which to make the payment of \$40.00 due for a sewer connection that she has been notified by the City Sanitary Inspector to make.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Finance Committee and Solicitor to look into the matter of providing of satisfactory guarantees and report.

From the North Vancouver Unemployed Association extending an invitation to the Council to be represented at a meeting of the Unemployed to be held in the K. P. Hall, on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the invitation be accepted with thanks and as many members of the Council attend – in an unofficial capacity – as possible.

From the North Vancouver Unemployed Association objecting to the City records in the matter of District relief granted to some of the delegates being read at a meeting of Council on February 16<sup>th</sup> also suggesting that portable latrines be provided for the use of working gangs.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Engineer be given power to act in the matter of providing portable latrines.

From Storness and Sorensen, offering to build a ferry of similar design and dimensions to the WASHINGTON but of better construction, fitted with more powerful engines, complete and ready for operation in three months for the sum of \$33,000.00 or a duplicate of the ferry WASHINGTON for \$30,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be filed for reference.

From Robert Allan, Consulting Naval Architect, Vancouver, dealing with the misunderstanding in regard to the various approximate estimates covering the proposed alterations to No. 3 Ferry.

Scheme No. 1      Estimated cost \$8,500. Included the fitting of centre line stairways, leaving the capstans as at present; provisions of toilet arrangements, ladies and gents and ladies room on saloon deck,

gutting out of side cabins, leaving alleyway bulkheads intact, strengthening of sponsons.

Scheme No. 2 Estimated cost \$12,000. Pillars were substituted for the division bulkheads, capstans were removed to ships side. Boat deck extended to present front of saloon deck. Pilot houses shifted forward. Saloon re-seated.

Scheme No. 3 Estimated cost \$15,000. In addition to the above the two fronts were arranged to have glass screens. The saloon house sides extended to line of curved front increasing the size of the smoking and ladies room.

In addition the following items were added on the instruction of Mr. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent:

1. Eight roller type doors, estimated cost	\$2,500.00
2. Two new pilot houses, estimated cost	1,800.00
3. Four new pillars supporting ends of saloon deck	400.00
4. Enclosing, with glass, sides of saloon deck with provision of doors for overhead gangway	1,300.00
5. Smoking and Ladies rooms fitted with borrowed lights	250.00
6. Fitting of Capstans under stairway and altering stairway to lower deck, extra cost	250.00
7. Brackets under pillars in alleyway	150.00
8. Lengthening boats davits	100.00
TOTAL	\$6,750.00

This added to the \$15,000 makes \$21,750 which Mr. Allan considers is a fair and reasonable price for the job.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be referred for consideration to Committee of the Whole.

From the Canadian Merchants' Service Guild, submitting the 1931 agreements in respect to the pay and conditions of the Masters and Mates on the City Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be referred for consideration to Committee of the Whole.

From Mrs. Arthur Davies, owner of Lot "B" advising that the owner of Lot "A" of 4, Block 135, D.L. 271, had refused to grant a sewer easement across their property. Mrs. Davies suggested that the sewerage of the house on Lot "B" of 4 might be properly met by Council granting permission to construct a new septic tank.

The Engineer stated that he did not consider the construction of a new septic tank would provide suitable drainage on the property.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that in the interests of the Public Health and in accordance with the provisions of the "Health Act" a sewer easement be expropriated through Lot A of 4, Block 135, D.L. 271 to connect the premises on Lot "B" of 4, to the common sewer on Fourth Street.

From the Ferry Superintendent drawing attention to the following matters in connection with the new Rosedale-Agassiz ferry.

- (1) That the freeboard of the ferry was some fifteen inches too low for the ferry landings.
- (2) If a ramp was built at either end both aprons would require to be raised to suit.
- (3) Rounded off bumper pieces would have to be fastened to suit circle part of the landings.
- (4) Fuel and Oil costs for the operating of the engines would cost approximately \$7.00 per hour.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Engineer estimating that the sum of \$27,940.00 was required for the maintenance of the Ferry Terminals during 1931 as follows:

Vancouver Wharf	Floating	Maintenance	\$2,500.00
	Stationary	Maintenance	1,500.00
	Buildings	Maintenance	250.00
	West Van Float	Maintenance	75.00
	West Van Buildings	Maintenance	25.00
North Vancouver Wharf	Floating	Maintenance	5,000.00
	Stationary	Maintenance	100.00
	Bridges	Maintenance	100.00
	Buildings	Maintenance	100.00
Vancouver Wharf (New Lead)		Maintenance	5,000.00
North Vancouver Wharf		Maintenance	12,000.00
North Vancouver Water		Maintenance	340.00
North Vancouver Wharf Water		Maintenance	250.00
Pontoon Deck Maintenance		Maintenance	400.00
Subway		Maintenance	300.00
		TOTAL	\$27,940.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Ferry Committee go over the proposed works with the Engineer and report together with a recommendation if the work should be carried out by contract or day labour.

### PETITIONS

From Mrs. E. Bunting and two others, drawing attention to the condition of the roadway – Boulevards and the dangerous condition of the ditches on Sixth Street between Queensbury and Mahon Avenues.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the petition be referred to the Board of Works Committee for report.

From Mrs. M. J. McKinnon and nine others requesting that Twenty-Eighth Street be opened from Larson Road to Jones Avenue, and down Jones Avenue to Twenty-Seventh Street.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the petition be referred to the Board of Works Committee for report.

### TENDERS

From W. R. Mosher, 263 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, offering the sum of \$150.00 for Lots 28, Block 119, D.L. 274 on terms of one half cash and the balance in six months.

The Assessor reports the Lot is situated on the North side of Fifth Street, East of Lonsdale Avenue, size 50 x 140 – Assessment \$1225.00 1930 taxes \$69.23.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer made by W. R. Mosher be accepted, subject to the owner giving an undertaking in writing that he will build a residence on the property during the current year, and the customary procedure having been taken in posting the lot for sale at the price of \$150.00 on terms and the necessary By-law be prepared and submitted to the Council.

From W. D. McFarland and Co. agents for Cora Ann Dewey, offering the sum of \$100.00 cash for Lot 9, Block 136, D.L. 271 – the property to be sold free of taxes for the year 1931.

The Clerk reported that two previous offers had been made by the same agents for the same property, the details of which were placed before the Council.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer made through W. D. McFarland and co. for Lot 9, Block 136, D.L. 271 be accepted, subject to the customary procedure having been taken in posting the lot for sale at the price of \$100.00 cash and that the necessary By-law be prepared and submitted to the Council.



Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the following resolution of the Council passed at a meeting of the Council held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1931, be now reconsidered (See Council Minute Book, page 204 paragraph 10)

“Resolved that Tax Sale lands held by the City be sold free of taxes for the year 1931.”

Whereupon the resolution was reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the above resolution dealing with exemption from taxes of City property sold during the year 1931, be and is hereby rescinded and that in future the Council deal with the question of taxes on each and every sale of lands made by the City on the merits of each application.

### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

His Worship the Mayor reported an interview with Mr. C. V. L Farge, Vice-President of the Puget Sound Navigation Co. Seattle, in which it had been agreed that the City would not hold them to a week's time in the acceptance of the offer made to purchase the Washington as the City finds it cannot arrange the inspection of the Washington within that period of time on account of our No. 3 Ferry being on the drydock. They in turn could not pass clear title to the vessel until permission to do so has been secured from the United States Shipping Board, which move was contingent on the Washington being certified by the Dominion of Canada's Inspector of Steamboats. Mr. La Farge had promised a letter confirming the understanding along with his Company's reply to the City's offer. He had also requested that someone from the Operating Department of his Company be at Vancouver during the inspection of the "Washington" to which the Mayor agreed, that they would be duly advised of the definite inspection date.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Mayor be thanked for his report and the matter be further studied in Committee.

Mayor Bridgman reporting on his visit to Victoria during the past week stated he had made application to the Minister of Public Works, Hon. R. W. Bruhn – for an additional grant of \$5,000.00 towards Unemployment Relief. The money, if granted, to be used as a contribution from the two Governments to augment the City's share of the cost of the labour involved in digging the trenches for the renewal of water mains authorized under By-law. He had also requested additional assistance from the Government towards the cost of widening Forbes Avenue – Keith Road – Bewicke Avenue to Fell Avenue – Renewal of the Mosquito Creek culvert and other expensive road work that had been thrust upon the City as a result of the closing down of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. The Mayor said he had conferred briefly with the Attorney General – Hon. R. H. Pooley in regard to matters connected with the policing of the City.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Mayor be thanked for his efforts and the report minuted.

On behalf of the Ferry Committee, Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the request be granted of the Officer Commanding, Seaforth Highlanders, for free transportation on the City Ferries for the members of that unit when in uniform, who are residents of the North Shore. The usual supply of tickets to be forwarded to Headquarters.

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

Alderman Wilson was appointed Chairman.

### IN COMMITTEE

### IN COUNCIL

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

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following securities be purchased for Sinking Fund account from the Royal Financial Corporation Ltd. Vancouver.

£700	City of North Vancouver 4½s Due 1961 at 92.16 to yield 5%
\$4,000	City of North Vancouver 5s Due 1960 at 100.78 to yield 4.95%

£1,300	City of North Vancouver 5s Due 1963 at \$100.00 to yield 5%
\$2,000	City of North Vancouver 5s Due 1960 at 100.00 to yield 5%
£500	City of North Vancouver 5s Due 1965 at 100.00 to yield 5%

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

E. H. Bridgman

MAYOR