

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, MARCH 9TH 1931 AT 8:00 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 the meeting, as posted for more than 24 hours before the meeting took place, stating day, hour, place and business of the meeting.
 FILED.

Tenders were submitted for the construction of a wooden Diesel Engined Automobile Ferry, in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by the respective tendered, based on a detailed statement of general requirements issued by the Ferry Superintendent to all prospective bidders.

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

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

BURRARD DRYDOCK CO. LTD.		Delivery four (4) months after approval of plans
1.	With a 4 cylinder 225 HP WASHINGTON ESTEP ENGINE ACCORDING TO PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS	\$57,000.00
2.	Or equipped with a 6 cylinder, 225 HP WASHINGTON ESTEP Engine, the sum of	\$61,000.00
3.	Or equipped with a 4 cylinder, 225 HP UNION Engine, the sum of	\$61,100.00
4.	Or equipped with a 6 cylinder, 250 HP UNION Engine, the sum of	\$61,200.00

BOEING AIRCRAFT OF CANADA LIMITED		
1.	With Plenty, 240 HP 4 cylinder – Delivery 11 weeks	\$39,975.00
2.	With Superior, 260 HP 6 cylinder – Delivery 10 weeks	\$43,675.00
3.	With Atlas, 225 HP 6 cylinder – Delivery 13 weeks	\$43,995.00
4.	With Widdop, 230 HP 6 cylinder – Delivery 16 weeks	\$44,300.00
5.	With Enterprise, 260 HP 6 cylinder – Delivery 10 weeks	\$45,615.00
6.	With Washington 225 HP 6 cylinder – Delivery 11 to 13 weeks	\$46,035.00
7.	With Fairbanks, 250-275 HP 5 cylinder – Delivery 10 weeks	\$47,795.00
8.	With Union, 6 cylinder, 225 HP – Delivery 13 weeks	\$49,275.00

WALKEMS SHIPYARD AND STORNESS AND SORENSEN		Delivery – 65 days – 90 days 5 ½ working days
1.	With 225 HP Washington Marine Diesel Engine 6 cylinder	\$41,529.00

2.	With 4 cylinder 240 BHP Washington Marine Diesel Engine	\$42,700.00
3.	Plenty Steel Newbury 2-cycle cold starting Marine Diesel Engine of 240 to 360 BHP	\$39,900.00
4.	With Superior Type VDMA 4-cycle Marine Diesel Engine of 6 cylinders	\$42,493.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the tenders, together with the plans and specifications submitted by the three tenderers, be referred to Captain F. L. Clarke, Marine Surveyor, Mr. G. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent, MR. G. S. Hanes, City Engineer, and Mr. A. MacSween, Supervisor of Construction, for tabulation and report.

From Hon. R. W. Bruhn, Minister of Public Works, Victoria, acknowledging receipt of letter informing him that negotiations in connection with the rental of the Agassiz Ferry had been dropped on account of the freeboard of the Ferry being too low for our landings.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Puget Sound Navigation Co. Seattle, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter advising that all negotiations for the purchase of the WASHINGTON had been dropped – stating in general terms the necessities of their service, which precluded a two months extension of the ferry charter unless at a considerable sum per month – they, however, expressed a willingness to extend the charter of the WASHINGTON for a period of six months from April 15th at a monthly rental of \$2200.00 plus insurance, and if that offer was accepted payment of the entire charter hire to be in advance.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be laid on the table.

From the Ferry Superintendent reporting the following steps had been taken by the Special Committee in connection with the proposed new ferry:

- (1) Preparation of general details of the vessel to be handled by prospective bidders.
- (2) Tenders invited through Vancouver newspapers
- (3) Mr. A. D. MacSween, retained to supervise work of construction on the proposed ferry
- (4) The last paragraph of the Superintendent's letter is quoted as a matter of record.
 "The Ferry Superintendent wished it to be understood that he was not advising the Council to build a new ferry with green lumber for the underwater portion of the Hull."

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From the Engineer confirming his verbal report that the construction of a new Floating Dock for Ferry landing purposes at the North Vancouver Wharf would cost \$52,500.00 – Freight shed – workshop and freight office \$2500.00 – Public convenience \$1500.00 – Extension of the Easterly Vancouver lead \$5000.00.

These amounts are net and do not include by-law expenses or costs of marketing the debentures.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be laid on the table pending study and recommendation by the Ferry Committee.

From the Bell-Irving Insurance Agencies Ltd. regarding the liability of hull Underwriters in respect to loss of life and personal injuries to passengers travelling on the Ferries.

Examination of the P. and I. Clauses in the City's policy discloses the fact that loss of life and personal injuries is excluded and also that liability in respect to accidents to workmen is not included under the policy.

Our present liability policy covers only for \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 limits which is considered totally inadequate in the event of any serious accident arising.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the average liability of Common carriers be ascertained and the matter left in the hands of the Ferry Committee with power to act.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade, seeking appointment with the Council to discuss freight rates on the City ferries on a date to be arranged.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Ferry Committee to study the situation and arrange for a meeting.

From the North Vancouver District Central Ratepayers and Residents Association submitting the following resolutions:

1. "The immediate obtaining by hire, purchase, or building of an additional car and passenger ferry boat.
2. That negotiations for consolidation of the North Vancouver and West Vancouver ferry systems into one service to North Vancouver be entered into.
3. That an adequate motor transport service be provided to serve West Vancouver and the eastern parts of North Vancouver District.
4. That the City Council be asked to inform the District Ratepayers Association what steps, if any, they are taking to cater for the summer traffic, as experienced in former years, as much as 4000 cars a day on

holidays; of tourists, picnickers etc. so that the pleasure resorts etc. may not again be deprived of their livelihood.”

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

From the City Clerk, Vancouver, advising that the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted by the Council of the City of Vancouver on March 2nd:

“RECOMMEND that the request of the Council of the City of North Vancouver for exemption of taxes on Ferry terminal in Vancouver as allowed in previous years be granted for the year 1931 and that the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare the By-law accordingly.”

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the recommendation be minuted and the thanks of the Council extended to the City of Vancouver for their consideration in the matter.

The Clerk requested formal confirmation of the four matters following – discussed at an informal meeting of the Council on Friday March 6th:

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that Mr. Angus MacSween be and is hereby engaged as the City’s Supervisor of construction on the new ferry at a salary of \$8.00 per day.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the action of the Special Committee in arranging for Captain F. L. Clarke, Marine Surveyor, to examine and report on the various tenders, plans and specifications submitted in connection with the proposed new ferry be and is hereby confirmed.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that in view of the information given by the Vancouver Welfare Association that organizations with local headquarters in North Vancouver are not to participate in the distribution of the Community Chest fund collected in Vancouver – the local Red Cross Society be granted permission to hold two separate tag days during 1931, the suggested dates to be somewhat further apart if that can be conveniently arranged.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that following preparation of the boulevards fronting on premises for seeding and upon application being made by residents at the office of the City Engineer the Council through its Parks Department undertakes to provide and plant free of charge suitable grass seed on all City boulevards that are approved by the City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to purchase from Arthur E. T. Eckford 200 lbs. No. 2

Boulevard mixture grass seed for the above stated purposes at the price of \$40.00 per 100 lbs delivered.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Robert Allan, Naval Architect, did not consider that delivery of the plans and specifications covering the modified scheme No. 1 for the conversion of No. 3 Ferry was included in his bill for \$750.00 and that on account of this difference of opinion the bill had not been paid.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the bill be referred for suitable action to the Solicitor and Clerk.

Reference was made to an application from Mr. W. H. Wilkins, Lower Capilano, for permission to erect a Gas Service station on Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 68, D.L.271-547 (formerly known as the "May" property) an expression of opinion being desired from the Council.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be requested to furnish a sketch plan of the proposed station and the application passed to the Board of Appeal under the Town Planning Act, the Solicitor, Engineer, and Fire Chief to see that the City regulations are complied with.

Mayor Bridgman enquired if the owners of the advertising signs on the Westerly end of the "Cut-off" had removed same, if not, was there any rental being paid to the City.

The Clerk engaged to take the matter up with the City Engineer.

Enquiry was made through the Clerk, by the District if the City would be agreeable to shutting off all Boundary lights at 1 a.m. from April to September of this year.

It was pointed out that the Switch control on Street lights covered the whole of the City and District and that it would incur considerable expense to make a separate shut-off capable of treating the City and District lights separately.

In any case the City could not possibly agree with the Ferries running an all night service.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Mayor discuss the matter with the B.C. Electric and the Reeve of the District.

Enquiry was made through the Clerk by Mrs. Mitchell, Lynn Valley, if the establishment of a Community stall for the sale of Farm produce and Cut flowers would be objected to – the suggested location was the vacant front of the lot near the "sugar bowl" or the entrance to the "Empire Theatre".

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that an opinion on the sanitary requirements be obtained in writing from the Medical Health Officer.

From the North Vancouver Unemployed Association requesting the use of the City Hall in which to hold their meetings.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that permission be not granted – it is not the policy of the Council to grant the use of City Chambers for the purpose of a general meeting – Executive of Monthly meetings of organizations working the public interest, such as the Red Cross V.O.N., and Board of Trade, are permitted.

From the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada, confirming the understanding arrived at between the Association's representatives and the Council at a meeting held on Friday, February 27th and requesting that a renewal of the late agreements be confirmed.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be laid on the table.

From the Ferry Superintendent requesting authority to call for tenders for the Annual overhaul of No. 2 Ferry, to be delivered on or before noon March 16th 1931.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the requisite authority be given and separate tenders be called for on a one and two shift basis.

The Clerk acknowledged receipt of a letter at 5:30 P.M. by messenger from the B.C. Marine Engineers and Shipbuilders Ltd. dealing with the construction of a ferry.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the letter be not read.

TENDERS

Tenders were submitted for the following City properties:

From Alex Smith and Co. for a client, offering the sum of \$100.00 on terms of one half cash, balance in six and twelve months for Lot 5, Block 7, D.L. 273 – subject to no taxes being imposed for the current year. The Assessor reports the Lot is situated on the South side of Seventh Street 200 feet East of Queensbury Avenue – size 50 x 137 – assessed at \$570.00 – 1930 taxes \$25.83.

From Irwin and Billings Co. Ltd. for a client, offering the sum of \$100.00 on terms of one half cash, balance in six and twelve months, for Lot 7, Block 17, D.L. 273 – subject to no

taxes being imposed for the current year. The Assessor reports the Lot is situated on the South side of Fifth Street, 300 feet East of Queensbury Avenue, size 50 x137 – assessed \$645.00 – 1930 taxes \$27.68.

From the North Vancouver Realty Co. for a client, offering the sum of \$100.00 cash for Lot 8, Block 17, D.L. 273 – subject to no taxes being imposed for the current year.

The Assessor reports that the Lot is situated 350 feet East of Queensbury Avenue – size 50 x 137 – assessed at \$645.00 – 1930 taxes \$27.68.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the aforementioned three offers be accepted and the customary procedure taken in posting the lots for sale at the prices and terms stipulated, and the necessary by-laws prepared and submitted to the Council.

Referring to the offer of Cecil Gill to purchase Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, D.L. 273 at the price of \$150.00 cash.

The Assessor reported that he had inspected the property and found that the two lots could be cleared and graded suitable for building on at a total cost of \$75.00.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the offer of Cecil Gill to purchase Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, D.L. 273 at the price of \$150.00 cash be not accepted and Mr. Gill advised the Council are prepared to favourably consider an offer of not less that \$200.00 cash for the two lots.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a suitable letter be drafted and mailed to the resident owners of improved property advising them, in cases where it applies, that the City holds title to the lot next to their residence and that it can be purchased direct from the City at a very low figure.

The Mayor advised the Council that the time had arrived for dealing with the estimates, it would therefore be necessary for the Council to arrive at definite conclusions in regard to the proposed reduction in Salaries. With that object in view he had written to Alderman Loutet at Victoria, to find out if he could be present at a meeting of the Finance Committee on Saturday next, so that a report be prepared for the Council meeting on Monday, March 16th.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the action of the Mayor be confirmed and a recommendation brought in to the regular meeting of Council on Monday next.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until 7:30 P.M.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

The meeting again convened at 7:30 P.M.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a meeting of the Joint City and District Boards of Police Commissioners was to be held on Tuesday evening, at which co-ordination of the policing of the two municipalities would be considered. Following the Joint meeting the City Commissioners would meet and reconsider the 1931 estimates, together with a letter he had received from Mr. W. R. Dunwoody, Assistant Commissioner of Provincial Police regarding the policing of the City.

The result of the various deliberations would be laid before the Council at regular meeting on Monday, March 16th.

Consideration was then given to the letter from the Puget Sound Navigation Co. with reference to the charter hire of the WASHINGTON together with the City ferry requirements until such time as another vessel would be available.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that Alderman Wilson, Alderman Brown, Alderman Anderson and the Ferry Superintendent proceed to Seattle with power to act in arriving at the best arrangement possible with the Puget Sound Navigation Co. for an extended charter of the Ferry WASHINGTON.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the North Vancouver District Central Ratepayers and Residents Association be advised that the Council is doing everything possible to provide an adequate ferry service – pending action by the Federal Government in regard to the Second Narrows Bridge, and that the transportation system on the North Shore is not capable of a much greater extension taking into consideration the present revenues.

At this stage of the proceedings the Special Committee to whom the tenders for a wooden ferry had been referred reported as follows:

“The undersigned, according to your instructions, having examined the plans and specifications submitted by three tenderers for the construction of a proposed ferry as advertised, beg leave to submit report as follows:

First Referring to the sum of \$40,000.00 as stipulated by the Council there are no satisfactory tenders which we could approve of which come within that amount.

Second In our opinion the tender submitted by the Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. for the sum of \$46,035.00 comes closest to the requirements outlined in general conditions submitted by the council to the tenderers through the special committee appointed by the Council.

Subject to acceptance by the Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. of the following alterations in their tender, plans and specifications, we prefer the

proposal of the Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. – said alterations be as follows:

1. Definite specifications of at least nine knots per hour
2. Bottom seams to be red leaded and tallowed instead of cemented below the water line.
3. Inside of hull to be salt sprayed under high pressure instead of being creosoted.
4. Ships felting to be placed between keel shoe and main keel.
5. Shell planking to be increased from 2 ¾" to at least 3" finished.
- 5a. Decking to be seasoned lumber, and other lumber and timber to be individually spaced and air dried for at least 15 days.
6. Engine selected to be "WASHINGTON ESTEP" 225-240 B.H.P – 6 cylinder 4 cycle.
7. Delivery 11-13 weeks from date of contract.
8. Contract to contain fair wage clause.
9. Contract to contain the usual general clauses regarding supervision by supervisor appointed by City Council.
10. No extras to be incurred without the consent of the City Council in writing.
11. Vessel to be delivered complete in good operating order.
12. Terms of payment to be:
35% when keel, frames and deck beams are in place
35% when decks are laid and hull planked
Final payment upon completion of contract.
13. Contract to contain such general protective clauses as the City Solicitor shall approve of.
14. A wrought iron of approved size to be placed directly above rudder when amidships.

(Signed)

G. Chalmers
Capt. F. L. Clarke
A. MacSween
G. S. Hanes

The Council considered the report by paragraphs with Mr. G. D. Jukes, Production Manager for the Boeing Aircraft Co. and it was agreed to with the following exceptions.

- Par 1. Definite guarantee of 8 ¼ knots instead of 9 knots per hour.
- Par 5. Increase Shell planking from 2 ¾" to at least 3" finished to be arranged at a cost of \$75.00 extra.
- Par 14. A wrought iron knee of approved size to be placed directly above the rudder when amidships at a cost of \$25.00 extra.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the report of the committee and the acceptance of any tender be laid on the table for further consideration until Tuesday afternoon, March 10th at 4 P.M.

ALDERMAN WILSON VOTING NO: stating as his reason that the Ferry Superintendent had advised a guaranteed speed of 8 ¼ knots was acceptable, with that advice he thought the contract should be awarded with out delay.

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

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until 4 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10th next.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

E. H. Bridgman

MAYOR