

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, MARCH 23RD 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.
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Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

Acknowledgement of copy of Mayor Bridgman's report dealing with the readjustment of the cost of education from:

The Premier of British Columbia
The President of the Executive Council
The Minister of Education
The Minister of Finance
Jack Loutet, M.L.A.
The Secretary of the B.C. School Trustees Association

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From the Puget Sound Navigation Co. enclosing agreement for six months extension of Charter party for the D.F. WASHINGTON, also requesting an appointment for Mr. L. Bogle, one of their Directors, on Thursday, March 26th.

The Clerk reported that the form of agreement had been approved by Mr. Donaghy, City Solicitor, and subject to Order-in-Council covering the extended charter period the transaction could properly be closed.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a telegram of enquiry be sent to Ottawa asking when official sanction may be expected and in the meantime the Puget Sound Navigation Co. be advised that the City Cannot sign the agreement until permission to operate the vessel has been received from Ottawa.

From the Department of Public Works, submitting THIRD Agreement covering the additional sum of \$5000.00 granted by the Executive Committee of the Government on

March 13th for the Relief of Unemployment – providing the City is prepared to contribute an equal amount for the same purpose.

The Mayor reported that Mr. Hanes, City Engineer, on his visit to Victoria, had obtained the consent of the Department to bear one half of the cost of removing boulders dislodged in connection with boulevarding work.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the proposal be approved and the agreement entered into and that the Mayor and City Clerk sign and execute the same under the Corporate Seal.

From F. G. Tennant, and twenty-one other petitioners protesting against the alleged destruction of the few large Fir trees remaining in Heywood Park.

The Clerk stated the matter had been investigated and the action for the petition lay in the fact that permission had been granted to one of the City's Unemployed to cut two windfalls for his personal use.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the petitioners be notified accordingly and advised that the Council have no intention of permitting any of the trees in Heywood Park to be cut down.

From the Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. inviting the Mayor and Aldermen to attend an exhibition of Watercraft and Airplanes at their factory and showrooms on March twenty-first to April first inclusive – Hours two until 10 p.m. daily.

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 as possible.

From J. L. Gallagher, Lynn Creek, B.C. applying for a share of the City's Fire Insurance business to be placed with certain Non-Board Companies that he represents.

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

From the Grouse Mountain Ski Club, inviting the Mayor and Aldermen to attend the International Ski Tournament for the championship of Vancouver at Grouse Mountain on Good Friday, April 3rd.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the invitation be accepted with thanks and as many members of the Council attend as possible.

The Clerk requested the wishes of Council in the matter of closing the offices at the City Hall during the Easter holidays, stating that the customary procedure had been to close from Thursday evening to Tuesday morning.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Civic Offices be closed, as in past years, from Thursday P.M. – until Tuesday A.M. subject to arrangements being made to pay the men on Unemployment Relief work on the Saturday morning if that is found necessary.

From the City Solicitor with reference to the preparation of legislation providing for a joint Police Force for the City and District of North Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the matter be referred back for further discussion at the next joint meeting of the City and District Councils.

From D. S. Laverty, applying to have a dangerous tree cut down in front of Lot 32, Block 136, D.L. 271.

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

From the Assessor in regard to the execution and acknowledgement of conveyances to the City covering ten feet of a lot for lane purposes. In many instances the Mortgagees are living abroad and some expense has to be incurred in securing signatures.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the actual cost only be paid where the Mortgagee releases that portion of his security, but in no case, without the consent of Council, shall the amount paid by the City exceed the sum of fifteen dollars.

Copies of telegrams were read between Mayor E. H. Bridgman, President of the Second Narrows Bridge Co. and The Hon. Alfred Duranleau, Minister of Marine, Ottawa, in regard to the release of the Second Narrows Bridge report as made by the Royal Commission of Engineers. Mayor Bridgman urged that a further request be made upon the Government to release the Commissions' report so that some action can be taken towards a permanent solution of the problems, stating it was evident that the Ferry system could not properly take care of the large volume of modern heavy vehicular traffic as it had not been constructed for that purpose.

The Engineer reported on the danger to the Wharves and Vessels from carrying excessive loads.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a telegram be drafted and sent by the Mayor to the Minister of Marine, at Ottawa, requesting the earliest possible release of the report and that the City of Vancouver,

Districts of North and West Vancouver, and the Special Committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade be communicated with requesting their co-operation and action along similar lines.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Engineer be given power to act in the matter of placing any strengthening timbers at the Ferry wharves that traffic conditions render necessary.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Ferry Committee, the Engineer, and Ferry Superintendent be given power to act in again placing the ferry Weigh scales in operation and taking whatever steps are necessary to limit and regulate the weight of any load that is carried on the ferries.

TENDERS

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

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

From Cecil Gill, offering the sum of \$200.00 cash for Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, D.L. 273.

The Clerk reported that this party had formerly made an offer of \$150.00 cash for the same property which the Council rejected. Mr. Gill at that time had been advised the Council were prepared to favourably consider an offer of not less than \$200.00 cash.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the offer of Cecil Gill to purchase Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, D.L. 273 at the price of \$200.00 cash be accepted, subject to the customary procedure having being taken in posting the lots for sale and that the necessary by-law be prepared and submitted to the Council.

GRASS SEED

ARTHUR E. T. ECKFORD	Boulevard Mixture, all tested seed as previously supplied	\$40.00 per 100 lbs. d/d
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BURRARD FEED CO.	Chewing Fescue Grade No. 1 Test No. 70-2939	\$42.00 per 100 lbs.
	Boulevard Mixture No. 1	\$35.00 per 100 lbs.
	Boulevard Mixture No. 2	\$31.00 per 100 lbs.
	No. 1 Dwarf Rye Grass	\$25.00 per 100 lbs.

BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO. LTD.	Chewing Fescue	80 lbs
	Perennial Rye Grass	70 lbs
	Kentucky Blue Grass	20 lbs

	Red Top		20 lbs
	White Dutch Clover		10 lbs
			200 lbs at 35 cents per lb
	Chewing Fescue	60%	
	Perennial Rye Grass	40%	200 lb lots at 31 cents per lb

J.G. SPELLER & CO.	Chewing Fescue	Grade No.1 Government tested	\$40.00 per 100 lbs.
	Our own Special mixture as previously supplied with Government Test		\$42.00 per 100 lbs.
	Delivery as required in lots of 50 or 100 lbs.		

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the tenders submitted for grass seed be referred to the Parks Committee and Engineer with power to act.

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

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.

School Trustees Brown, Clements, MacLachlan, McDowell, Perkin, and Perry were present and submitted the following prepared statement with reference to teachers salaries:

“AMOUNT by which salaries would be reduced on basic of \$1000 exemption and 10% reduction on excess: \$3,465.

	Loss to teachers	Gain to City	Gain to Government
ANALYSIS	\$3,465	\$2,425	\$1,040

Teachers maintain their own superannuation scheme with no charge on the City, their annual contribution being \$4,600 which if duplicated and with 1% additional levy for Reserve Fund (as in the case of the civic employees) would require payment of \$5,650 by the City on this year's payroll.

To treat teachers as civic employees with respect to salary reductions while they do not enjoy the privilege of such employees in the matter of superannuation is regarded as discriminating against one particular class.

Grants towards teachers' salaries under the new Government regulation will aggregate approximately \$3000 for balance of year from April 1st over amount obtainable on former basis.

In view of the foregoing facts, a compromise arrangement has been devised whereby teachers' salaries will continue according to schedule with the teachers pledging themselves to refund to the City by way of contribution for Unemployment Relief

proposes a sum of \$2000. Thus, the teachers' pension contributions will not be interfered with, and the City will receive 100% of Government Grant for school purposes, whereas a reduction of salaries would net the City only 70% of the sum reduced, recent legislation in this connection having materially altered the situation obtaining at commencement of negotiations.

In the case of other employees of the Board (excepting those of the health department) the principle of 10% reduction on salaries over \$1000 will be applied, making a saving of \$387.

SYNOPSIS OF EFFECT ON CIVIC REVENUE:

Increased Government Grant	\$3,000.00
Teachers' Contribution for Relief	2,000.00
Salary reductions: janitors & officials	387.00
	\$5,387.00

Considerable discussion followed.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the proposal made by the School Teachers of the City to contribute three per cent of their several salaries for the seven months of the year 1931 be accepted and that the Council work together with the School Trustees for the balance of the year with a view to general economies being affected in school costs.

The detailed statement of the sums required by the Board of School Trustees for the current year's "ORDINARY EXPENSES" in amount \$100,734.00 NET (In addition the sum of \$36,428.02 has to be raised for Sinking Fund and interest). The Trustee agreed that the net amount required for the current year should be adjusted in the following manner:

Net amount as per statement of March 13th		\$100,734.04
LESS	Increased Government Grant	\$3000.00
	Salary Reduction: janitors & officials	387.00
		<u>3,387.00</u>
		97,347.04
LESS	Credit balance on Coty books at Dec. 31 st 1930	1,486.74
		\$95,860.30

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the detailed estimates as amended of the sums required by the Board of School Trustees for the current year's ORDINARY EXPENSES be approved in the following amount \$95,860.30.

NOTE: An understanding was reached between the Council and the Board that the increased Government grant of \$3000.00 – the teachers contribution for relief, \$2000.00 – and the salary reduction to janitors and officials, \$387.00 in total \$5,387.00 – plus the

fact that the teachers maintain their own Superannuation fund – in a general way met the Council's request for economy by the spending bodies rendered necessary through the financial condition which the City finds itself and the unexpected strain of Unemployment.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the School Teachers of the City be thanked for their pledge to contribute three per cent of their several monthly salaries to the relief funds of the City.

It was agreed that Trustee Brown would accompany Mayor E. H. Bridgman to Victoria and further discuss with the Minister of Education grants in respect of teachers salaries.

Moved by Mayor Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that through the Clerk representatives from the Canadian Merchant Guild Inc. – the National Association of Marine Engineers – and the Federated Seafarers' Union together with direct representatives of the Ferry employees, be requested to attend a Special meeting of the Council on Saturday, March 28th at 2:30 P.M. to further discuss the 1931 agreements and the possibility of an arrangement being made, whereby a direct monthly contribution would be made by the Ferry crews to the revenues of the city, based on their respective salaries.

Resolutions confirming the Estimates of Committees were made as follows:

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the amount of \$21,422.00 be approved as the POLICE ESTIMATES for the year (less ten per cent reduction on salaries from April 1st 1931 to be worked out when final agreement to ratify is arrived at).

Moved by Mayor Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the amount \$62,289.68 be approved as the estimates of the FINANCE COMMITTEE for the current year. (Less ten per cent reduction on salaries from April 1st 1931 to be worked out when final agreement to ratify is arrived at).

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the statement from the Treasurer showing estimated revenues and expenditures of the FERRY COMMITTEE be approved.

NOTE: The statement showed an excess of Income over Expenditures of \$65,220.00 which was off-set in the following manner:

Engineer's estimate of cost of repairs to Wharves	\$13,240.00
Cost of new Ferry	49,275.00
6 month Sinking Fund and Interest on proposed By-law for \$65,000.00	2,705.00
	\$65,220.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a By-law be prepared repealing the "Ferries Operation and Maintenance Amendment By-law no. 1168" as passed during the month of May 1930 – the effect of which would be to abolish the sale of 12 tickets for \$2.00 for passenger and automobile and suitable therefore the old rate as provided for in a previous by-law at 16 tickets for \$2.00.

Moved by Mayor Bridgman, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the by-law on Ferry rates be review in a general way with a view to having the rates for Motorcycles and any other necessary adjustments incorporates in the new by-law.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the amount of \$71,350.00 be approved as the BOARD OF WORKS ESTIMATES for the current year (Less ten per cent reduction on salaries from April 1st 1931 to be worked out when final agreement to ratify is arrived).

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that this Committee do now rise and report.

Whereupon His Worship the Mayor reconvened the Council.

IN COUNCIL

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

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council, a By-law entitled "MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S INDEMNITY BY-LAW 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 Huggett and resolved that the By-law entitled "MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S INDEMNITY BY-LAW 1931" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Committee Proceedings with respect to the By-law entitled "MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S INDEMNITY BY-LAW 1931" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S INDEMNITY BY-LAW 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 Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council, a By-law entitled "FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS LOAN BY-LAW 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 Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the By-law entitled "FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS LOAN BY-LAW 1931" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time and referred to Committee.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled "INTEREST ON PARTLY OR FULLY PREPAID TAXES BY-LAW 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 the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931 NO. 3" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown 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. 1283.

Voting for: Mayor E. H. Bridgman,
Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright,
Alderman Huggett, and Alderman Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931 NO. 4" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown 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. 1284.

Voting for: Mayor E. H. Bridgman,
Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright,
Alderman Huggett, and Alderman Wilson.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at Midnight.

E. H. Bridgman
MAYOR