

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Clerk conveyed the regrets of Alderman Anderson at being unable to attend the meeting on account of sickness.

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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The Clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged between the Council and the Board of Harbour Commissioners to be held at the Harbour Board offices, Vancouver, on Monday, March 30th 1931 at 3 P.M., to discuss the following uncompleted matters covered by arrangements:

- (1) Completion of dedication of the Low Level Road.
- (2) Completion of title in Harbour Board to tunnel right-of-way through City property.
- (3) Signing of draft agreement re maintenance of Low Level Road.
- (4) Payment of an annual sum to the City in lieu of taxes on lands and premises within the City controlled by the Board.

His Worship the Mayor confirmed the meeting and urged as many of the members of Council to attend as possible.

Renewal agreements for the year 1931, were submitted, on the same terms as preceding agreements, from the Canadian Merchant Service Guild Inc. for the Captains and Mates, and from the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada for the Engineers, respecting pay and conditions to their members of the City Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the agreements be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk sign same and execute same under the Corporate Seal.

His Worship the Mayor again reviewed the City's financial position along with the necessity for obtaining all the relief possible for the taxpayers. As the Ferry crews were

protected by agreements, and considering the reductions already made in other departments, the Mayor was of opinion the equity of the case in so far as the boat crews were concerned would be met by a voluntary contribution to the general Revenues of the Coty, from the respective ratings in the following monthly amounts:

Captains	\$12.50	Mates	\$8.00
Chief Engineer	11.50	Deck-hands	4.50
Engineers	10.00	Stokers	4.50

Representatives from the Canadian Merchant Service Guild Inc, the Marine Engineers of Canada, and the Federated Seafarers' Union, were heard in thanking the Council for signing the yearly agreements expressed the opinion that the decision of all of the employees concerned – in regard to the request of Council that a voluntary contribution be made from their pay – could only be obtained by a personal canvas or ballot.

The Mayor then stated that the Council was about to adjourn and invited the Guild representatives together with the Ferry employees present to continue discussion on the matter and report to the Council whenever a decision had been arrived at.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until Monday, March 30th at 8 P.M.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

E. H. Bridgman
MAYOR