

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, MARCH 30TH 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows

Acknowledgement of copy of Mayor Bridgman's report from:

The Attorney General of the Province,
The Minister of Lands
The Minister of Works
The Provincial Secretary
R. F. Blandy, Municipal Clerk, Oak Bay, B.C. and the
Secretary, Board of School Trustees, Vancouver

RECEIVED AND FILED.

Letters were read from Jack Loutet, M.L.A. dealing with Mayor Bridgman's report on the one per cent Income tax and the proposed rebate to Municipalities of the tax on gasoline used in highway construction, ambulances, etc.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication relating to Income tax be received and filed and the communication concerning rebate of tax on gasoline paid be referred to the next convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

From the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Board of Trade, and the District of North Vancouver, acknowledging correspondence seeking their co-operation in urging the early release by the Department of Marine of the report of the Royal Commission of Engineers in regard to the Second Narrows Bridge.

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From the North Vancouver Board of Trade, submitting the following resolution for the approval of Council:

"THAT we view with alarm the extensive preparations being made by the Harbour Board to establish permanent Barge Service on Burrard Inlet.

Realizing that the immediate establishment of communication between North and South Shore by means of the now existing Second Narrows Bridge is imperative in the interest of North Vancouver industries, we consider the activities of the Harbour Board in making expenditures in a Barge and Terminals, at the present juncture as inimical to the efforts of the Bridge Officials to obtain relief from the situation now existing at said bridge.

This Board must necessarily be non-political and these facts are drawn to the attention of the Government from a standpoint of industrial welfare only. It might also be pointed out that the Harbour Commission Terminal Railway now enjoy the sole running rights over the Second Narrows Bridge and for a considerable distance along the North Shore at little or no expense to the Harbour Board.”

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the principle of the resolution be approved – urging the necessity for the immediate re-establishment of permanent communication between the North and South Shores of Burrard Inlet via the Second Narrows Bridge.

From B.C. Motor Transportation Ltd., requesting that all Sightseeing buses and Stages be allowed to load on the Ferries ahead of any line of passenger cars that might be waiting.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Company be advised that the Council cannot consider granting the privilege and the Sightseeing buses and stages must take their place in the line-up (if any) with other waiting traffic.

From K. A. Ray, applying for the renewal of the lease on the Ferry Refreshment Stand at the Vancouver Terminal and asking for an appointment with Council to discuss the matter.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that Mr. Ray be advised the Council will meet him on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 P.M.

From the Superintendent of Education, advising that beginning April 1st this year the Department will pay to the City of North Vancouver thirty-three and one third per cent of the salaries of teachers – based on the salaries paid in December 1930.

From W. H. Arkin, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, authorizing a further reduction of \$6,145.00 to be made in ORDINARY SCHOOL expenses for the year on account of greater assistance to education to be received from the Department for the year 1931.

The Clerk reported that the reduction had been taken into account in compiling the estimates.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Department of Public Works, submitting the FOURTH Agreement for a further contribution of Ten thousand dollars towards the relief of Unemployment – provided the City agrees to contribute the same amount for the same purpose.

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

From the Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa, advising by wire that Order-in-council had been passed March 30th granting authority to operate the Ferry WASHINGTON between Vancouver and North Vancouver for a temporary period expiring October 15th next – Writing.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the thanks of Council be conveyed to the Departments concerned and arrangements made for the inspection of the WASHINGTON following receipt of the Commissioner's letter.

From the Industrial Secretary, Vancouver Board of Trade, submitting report for the month ended February.
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From the Vancouver Sun, announcing publication in April of their 1931 Industrial Review number and requesting that the City take a certain amount of advertising space at the rate of \$500.00 per page, \$275.00 per half page, \$150.00 per quarter page – other space in proportion.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the application be referred to estimates.

From the Canadian Merchant Service Guild and the National Association of Marine Engineers, confirming that a vote is to be taken of the Ferry Crews to ascertain the degree in which they are to be prepared to meet the wishes of Council in regard to a voluntary percentage contribution based on monthly salaries towards City revenues.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the communication be laid on the table.

TENDERS

Alderman Wilson reported that the Inspector of Steamboats at the recent overhaul of No. 2 Ferry had condemned two of the lifeboats and that in consequence he had authorized the Ferry Superintendent to call for tenders for two new lifeboats to replace them, to be built to Government requirements.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the action of the Chairman of the Ferry Committee be confirmed and tenders now be opened.

Whereupon the tenders were opened.

TURNERS' BOAT WORKS	\$244.00 each	
	Delivery 3 weeks or sooner if desired	
	Allowance for old boats	\$15.00 each

A. LINTON & CO. LIMITED	\$220.00 each	
	Delivery two weeks	
	Allowance for old boats	\$15.00 each

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the tenders be referred to the Ferry Superintendent for tabulation and report.

The Ferry Superintendent later reported and recommended that the tender be awarded for two life-boats to inspection requirements to A. Linton and Co. Ltd. Vancouver, at the price of \$220.00 each (less allowance of \$30.00 for two old boats) f.o.b. Vancouver – delivery in fourteen days.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the recommendation of the Ferry Superintendent be adopted and the contract to build the above-mentioned boats be and is hereby awarded to A. Linton and Co. Ltd. Vancouver.

His Worship the Mayor reported on his recent visit to Victoria stating that along with School Trustee Brown and Mr. Jack Loutet, the member, they had interviewed the Minister of Education who had carefully explained the existing School position together with an added outline of what he hoped to accomplish in the year 1932. The Minister of Public Works had been found most sympathetic in his consideration of the Unemployment situation and the Fourth agreement for Ten thousand dollars was evidence of his interest in the matter. The Premier, who was leaving for Ottawa shortly, had promised to confer with the Dominion Government officials and do all in his power towards the re-establishment of the Bridge connection.

The Mayor suggested that the Council could very properly pass a resolution thanking the Minister of Public Works and the member Mr. Loutet, for their endeavours.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the best thanks of the Council be extended to the Hon. R. W. Bruhn, Minister of Public Works, and to Mr. Jack Loutet, M.L.A. for the courtesy and consideration shown to the City's representatives.

Alderman Wilson reported that the Ferry Committee had decided to again open the Weigh scales in order to check the weight and prevent excessive loads from being

transported on the Ferry wharves and boats – Mr. A. P. May had been temporarily engaged as Weigh scale attendant at a wage of fifty cents per hour.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the action taken by the Ferry Committee be confirmed.

Alderman Wilson reminded the members of Council of the meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday, March 31st at 8 P.M. with a Committee of the North Vancouver Board of Trade to discuss freight rates on the City Ferries. On account of the sickness of Alderman Anderson, and the absence of Alderman Loutet at Victoria, he extended an invitation to the remaining members of the Council to be present.

Mayor Bridgman briefly reported on the meeting held during the afternoon with the Harbour Board when the several outstanding matters referred to in the letter of appointment were dealt with. The Mayor considered the interview was quite satisfactory and that progress had been made in the matters discussed – a further meeting was to be arranged between the parties when Commissioner McClay, Chairman of the Board, returned from Ottawa.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that in every case where the present rate of remuneration of a City employee exceeds the rate of \$100.00 per year a reduction of ten per cent of the excess thereof over the rate of \$1000.00 per year is hereby made in the present remuneration of every such employee and shall have effect on and from April 1st. 1931 – Every such employee is required to sign a suitable acknowledgment of such reduction.

This resolution shall not apply to Masters, Mates, Engineers and Crews on the City Ferry boats, and shall not apply to labourers hired by the day until after such labourer has worked for the City seventy-five days in the present year.

ALDERMAN WILSON DISSENTING in so far as the amount of exemption was concerned – which he believed should be at least \$1200.00 per year.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council, a By-law entitled “THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER HIGHWAYS DEDICATION BY-LAW NO. 1 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 Brown, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the By-law entitled “THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER HIGHWAYS DEDICATION BY-LAW NO. 1 1931” be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Committee Proceedings with respect to the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER HIGHWAYS DEDICATION BY-LAW NO 1 1931" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER HIGHWAYS DEDICATION BY-LAW NO. 1 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 Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council, a By-law entitled "ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET IN BLOCK "Z" 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 Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the By-law entitled "ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET IN BLOCK "Z" BY-LAW 1931" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Committee Proceedings with respect to the By-law entitled "ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET IN BLOCK "Z" BY-LAW 1931" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled "ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET IN BLOCK "Z" 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 Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS LOAN 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 Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the votes of electors of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver on a By-law entitled:

"FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS LOAN BY-LAW 1931"

be taken on Thursday, the 16th day of April 1931, between 8 o'clock a.m. and 8 o'clock p.m. at the following polling place in the City of North Vancouver:

115-1st. Street East

and GEO. S. SHEPHERD is hereby named and appointed Returning Officer and is hereby authorized and directed to appoint such deputy returning Officers as may be necessary to take the votes of such electors, and he is hereby directed and authorized at least ten days (including holidays) before voting day to post up copies of such proposed by-law in at least three public places within the said City and also publish copies thereof in the North Shore Press and Review being weekly newspapers published and circulating in the said City: and he is further directed and authorized to append to such by-law the required notice signed by the Clerk of the Council, and to generally act and take such steps as may be necessary for properly and legally taking the said votes.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a summary of the general Ferry situation together with the main features of and the necessity for submitting the proposed money by-law for \$65,000.00 for improvements at the Ferry Terminals, be drawn up in the form of a letter and published in the local papers by authority of the Council over the signature of the chairman of the Ferry Committee and the Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "INTEREST ON PARTLY OR FULLY PREPAID TAXES BY-LAW 1931" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright 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. 1285.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the By-law entitled "MAYOR AND ALDERMENS' INDEMNITY BY-LAW 1931" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Cartwright 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. 1286.

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

Alderman Huggett was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

From E. Smith, Assistant District Engineer for the Provincial Department of Public Works, applying for a pass for himself and car on the City Ferries – Commencing April 1st. Classified highways, and highways in unorganized territory on the North Shore comes under the control of the North Vancouver office of the Department. This will mean that the Assistant District Engineer at Vancouver will make frequent crossings on the Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a free pass be granted on the City Ferries to Assistant Engineer, E. Smith and car for the year 1931.

His Worship the Mayor ordered the fact minuted that pursuant to a letter from Mr. R. A. Sargent, under date of March 23rd 1931, the same deductions to be made from his salary as Police Magistrate as applies to the remuneration of the City of the City employees – namely: a reduction of ten per cent on the excess over the rate of \$1000.00 per year – one half to be deducted on 15th April next – and one half on 15th October next – the arrangement to remain in force for one year as and from the 1st April 1931.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

E. H. Bridgman
MAYOR