

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, APRIL 20TH 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Clerk read the Notice of meeting as posted for more than twenty-four hours before the meeting took place, stating the day, hour, place and business of the meeting.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that consideration of the current year's estimates and fixing a tax rate sufficient to provide all lawful purposes of the Municipality for the year 1931 be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, North Vancouver branch, requesting that two delegates be heard on behalf of the members of the organization who are employed in the Ferry service as Ticket-sellers.

On motion Lt. COL' Wolfe-Merton and Mr. J. H. Cates were heard in regard to the Council's decision to make a percentage reduction in the remuneration of the four Ferry employees concerned. Both speakers declared the rate of pay was too small to permit of a cut considering the deductions already made for other purposes and thanked Council for the hearing.

Communications were then read from:

The Canadian Merchant Service Guild
The National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada
And The Federated Seafarers Union of Canada.

Certifying as to the result of a four point ballot taken among the Ferry employees. The result of the ballot was clearly against any contribution being made by the employees to the revenues of the City. On the three plans voted upon, the aggregate vote was seventeen for and seventy-three against.

Expression of opinion from members of the Council indicated that unless the reduction was to be of general application to all Civic employees it should not be made at all.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the following resolution of Council passed at the meeting of March 30th be now reconsidered.

“RESOLVED that in every case where the present rate of remuneration of a City employee exceeds the rate of \$1000.00 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 enumeration of every such employee and shall have effect on and from April 1st 1931 – every such employee is required to sign a suitable acknowledgement 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.”

Whereupon the resolution was reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the aforementioned resolution of Council dealing with remuneration of City employees be and is hereby rescinded and that the Clerk convey this information to the Boards of Police Commissioners and School Trustees – thereby releasing all concerned from any obligation, pledge or understanding arrived at in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the By-law entitled “CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931 NUMBER 5” be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, 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. 1289.

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

From the Secretary, Board of School Trustees, submitting a revised synopsis of the Ordinary School Estimates for the year totalling \$93,979.20 – the difference of \$4,263.90 added being the amount involved in the changed computation of grants.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the communication be considered with estimates in Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the award of a tender to the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. in the sum of \$670.00 for Repairs and Renewals of the Ferry WASHINGTON be and is hereby confirmed.

From the B.C. section of the Workers' Unity League of Canada and endorsed by the local unemployment organization, a communication requesting that the Council make a contribution towards the expense of two delegates to Ottawa from British Columbia, pass and forward to the Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada and others, a resolution in favour of

- (1) Non-contributory State Unemployment insurance.
- (2) The seven-hour day – five-day week in all industries
- (3) A guaranteed working week and a minimum wage of \$25.00

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

From J. L. Gallagher, Lynn Creek, offering to carry Fire Insurance as per schedule in Non-board companies at a rate of \$1.50 per hundred against the average rate of \$1.89 now being paid to Board companies.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that Mr. Gallagher be thanked for the information and advised that the schedule of insurance referred to has already been placed.

From the Vancouver Board of Trade, submitting copy of telegram forwarded to the Minister of Marine, at Ottawa, on April 8th last.

“ Understand that special commission's report on Second Narrows Bridge not yet received from Vancouver. Owing to urgency of situation and immense difficulties now confronting industries and other interests using North and South shores of port would respectfully urge least possible delay in making public decision of commission.”

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be acknowledged with thanks and filed.

From the 25 cent Transportation Co. Vancouver applying for a taxi-for-hire license to operate two buses from North Vancouver to Deep Cove on an hourly service at 35 cents fare one way.

The License Inspector stated the Chief of Police had advised there were no vacancies at the Wharf and no room for the service.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the applicants be notified accordingly.

From J. A. Thomas, Provincial Fire Marshal, submitting a draft agreement and requesting that a representative from the Council together with the Fire Chief attend the B.C. Fire Chiefs' Convention to be held at Vancouver, May 27th, 28th and 29th 1931.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the proposal be referred to the Fire and Light Committee for their co-operation.

From the District of North Vancouver, enquiring if the Council will assist in making improvements to the Boundary Road between Royal Avenue and Connaught Avenue.

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

From Bogle, Bogle, and Gates, Attorneys, Seattle, with reference to the payment being made to the Puget Sound Navigation Co. Seattle, of the Charter hire for the Ferry WASHINGTON according to the understanding.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that payment be released on receipt of Inspection certificate or satisfactory proof from the Steamboat Inspector that the certificate will be issued – the correspondence to be thereafter filed.

From the Secretary of the North Shore Baseball League applying for the use of the Baseball field at Mahon Park on the same schedule as last year viz: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, for senior games, and Tuesday and Thursday for Intermediate games.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be granted subject to the usual reservations.

From A. O. Phillips, 1954 Ridgeway Avenue, drawing attention to the bad state of repair of Twentieth Street – East of St. Andrew's Avenue.

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

From John McPherson, 343 14th Street East, drawing attention to the bad condition of Fourteenth Street between St. Andrew's and Ridgeway Avenues.

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

From J. A. McCance, 429 27th Street West, requesting that the four hundred block on Twenty-seventh Street West be gravelled from Jones Avenue to Larson Road.

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

From John Groundwater and ten others applying to have the lane opened in Block 135, D.L. 271 each of the applicants offering to convey to the City ten feet of the property for that purpose.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee for report and an effort be made by the Assessor to secure the signatures of the remaining six owners in the block who are not petitioners.

From W. D. Garriock, and nine others complaining of the condition of Mahon Avenue from Fifteenth Street North.

The Engineer reported that this stretch of roadway had been placed in the programme for early attention.

Move by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the petitioners be notified accordingly and the application be reviewed by the Board of Works Committee.

From the District of North Vancouver submitting a resolution regretting the action of Council in contemplating raising the fares in the City ferries. The District Council being of opinion that an increase is both unnecessary and unwarranted.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be acknowledged and filed.

From J. A. Muir, 256 5th Street East, with reference to an account due by him to Miss Isobel H. Naye, Grocer.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that copies of the correspondence be sent to Miss Naye and the originals thereafter filed.

From the Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. submitting a bill for the first Progress payment dues on the new Ferry in amount \$16,425.00 as certified to by the City's Supervisor, A. McSween.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that on satisfactory proof of the fulfilment of the contract to the Ferry Superintendent as to the progress of the work on the boat and to the Treasurer as to payment made by the builders of the payrolls and accounts as set forth in the form of contract – the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue the Corporation's cheque in payment of the amount due.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that E. H. Bridgman as Mayor and Geo. S. Shepherd as City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to transfer (10,100 pounds) TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED POUNDS 4%

SASKATCHEWAN GUARANTEED FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK maturing 1939 of and in the undertaking called THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY and to sell and sign transfer necessary to effect this on behalf of the City.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that E. H. Bridgman as Mayor and Geo. S. Shepherd as City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to transfer (5,200 pounds) FIFTY TWO HUNDRED POUNDS 4% ALBERTA GUARANTEED FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK maturing 1939 of and in the undertaking called the CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY and to sell a sign transfer necessary to effect this on behalf of the City.

From Crehan Mouat and Co. Auditors submitting the City's Financial Statement for the year ended December 31st. 1930.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the statement be referred to the Finance Committee for study and report.

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

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

The Mayor advised and the Council agreed to the preparation and publication of a comparative statement of the Revenues and Expenditures for the years 1930-1931 together with particulars of the loss sustained by the City during those years through changes in the GROSS and in the TAXABLE assessment – showing separately the effect of Reverting Tax Sale Lands and lands sold to the Board of Harbour Commissioners during that period and a further set up to be made in the same statement showing the date on which the properties owned by the Crown operated by the Board of Harbour Commissioners were acquired and the effect on the City's revenues year by year up to the end of the year 1930.

The Chairmen of the Finance Committee, Treasurer, and Assessor to act in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the collector prepare a statement of the Local Improvement taxes showing on the City's books on properties owned by the Crown and operated by the Board of Harbour Commissioners – showing in separate columns the properties subject to agreement and those not subject to agreement. After the statement has been thoroughly checked same to be submitted to the Council prior to a conference being arranged between the Treasurer and the Comptroller for the Harbour Board.

The Mayor declared that the time had arrived when the Taxpayer should be given all the information possible and suggested that on the back of the 1931 Tax notice a summarized statement be printed, along the line carried out by the City of Vancouver, showing in separate detail a complete analysis of the year's expenditures and the portion of the levy that is being imposed to carry out each particular item of the gross expenditure.

The Mayor reported that nothing of a definite nature was accomplished at the meeting of Friday last with the Harbour Board, the whole question of taxation being held up pending the preparation of a statement showing the amount of taxes due on properties held under and prior to the agreement of July 12th 1926. Taxes on lands acquired subsequent to that date and not subject to agreement would probably continue to be a matter of negotiation between both parties.

Alderman Huggett expressed the confidence and satisfaction of Council in the fact that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Loutet had been chosen by the Board of Directors of the B.I.T. & B. CO. as the delegates to go to Ottawa in connection with the Second Narrows Bridge. The interested municipalities were fortunate in having the two men with their knowledge of affairs and ability to present the case and the Council of this City was satisfied they would do their utmost in the matter.

The Mayor in thanking the Council for himself and Alderman Loutet for the expression of confidence said it would not be an easy task but they would do their very best to get results.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that whenever the Chairman of a Committee considers the business warrants the calling of a Committee earlier than 7 P.M. on the evenings when Council meetings are to be held he will notify the Clerk, who will advise all the members concerned of the earlier time of meeting.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

H. C. E. Anderson
ACTING-MAYOR