

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, JUNE 22ND 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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 24 hours before the meeting took place, stating the day, hour, place and business of the meeting.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From His Worship the Mayor reporting on the meeting held at Victoria on Monday, June 15th, in regard to Unemployment, recommending that the Council stand strongly behind the Conference of the four Western Provinces and assist in sending Municipal delegates from British Columbia.

The Mayor in speaking to the report decaled the feeling among the Municipal representatives at the meeting was to send a delegation of five including Mayor Taylor, Vancouver – Mayor Anscomb, Victoria – Mayor Wells-Gray, New Westminster or Reeve Pritchard, Burnaby, from the Lower Mainland – the Mayor of Prince Rupert or Prince George – and a member of the Upper country.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report be received and filed and the Council agree to share the expenses of the delegation on the basis of a pro rata payment from all of the interested municipalities.

The following matters relating to Unemployment laid over from previous meetings of the Council were resolved and filed:

- (1) Resolution from the meeting of Mayors and Reeves held at Vancouver, on June 5th, requesting the Dominion and Provincial Governments to provide all the money required for the payment of labour to the Unemployed for each remaining month of the year – Municipalities providing the equipment.
- (2) From the same meeting requesting the Premier of the Province of British Columbia to undertake the preparation of a comprehensive programme of public works to be economically, progressively, and uniformly carried out, to give employment in conjunction with the Dominion and Provincial Governments together with a uniform system of treatment of all men employed in Western Canada.

- (3) Questionnaire filed by the Clerk for inclusion in a tabulation to be presented at the meeting with Premier Tolmie and Senator Robertson at Victoria on June 15th.
- (4) Unemployment Relief Work expenditures up to and including June 9th 1931 – totalling \$70,906.05.
- (5) Direct Relief expenditures from October 1930 to May 1931 totalling \$5,637.72.
- (6) List of names struck off Unemployment Relief work at May 28th 1931 – 115 persons.

From the City of Saskatoon describing the system followed in dispensing relief in that city.

The Mayor suggested the appointment of a Special Committee to formulate plans to deal with the combination of circumstances that was likely to arise in providing direct relief.

Alderman Loutet proposed awaiting the outcome of the Western Conference and declared policy from the Dominion and Provincial Governments towards Unemployment, before discussing the City's obligations in the matter.

Laid over by agreement.

From His Worship the Mayor returning for reconsideration a resolution passes at the meeting of June 1st requesting Government ownership of Labour, Transportation, Natural resources and the Industrial machinery within the Dominion.

From Alderman H. C. E. Anderson urging the Council to unanimously maintain the resolution in its original form as fitting to present conditions.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the resolution of June 1st. be reconsidered.

Voting FOR: Alderman Huggett, Alderman Loutet, and Alderman Wilson

 AGAINST: Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown and Alderman Cartwright

His Worship the Mayor declared reconsideration resolved in the affirmative.

Considerable discussion on the main question followed.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the preamble and all words after the words "Be it resolved that" be struck out and a Special Committee appointed to consider the matters contained in the resolution and report to the Council on measures for remedying the economic conditions obtaining.

A vote was then taken on the motion proposed by Alderman Anderson:

YEAS – Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown, and Alderman Cartwright
NAYS – Alderman Huggett, Alderman Loutet, and Alderman Wilson

Voting on the motion proposed by Alderman Loutet:

YEAS – Alderman Huggett, Alderman Loutet, and Alderman Wilson
NAYS – Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown, and Alderman Cartwright

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion as proposed by Alderman Loutet resolved in the affirmative and appointed the following Special Committee to carry out the same:

Alderman Loutet, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Wilson and Alderman Cartwright with the Mayor to meet at the City Hall, on Monday, June 29th at 8P.M.

From the Woman's New Era League enclosing a resolution endorsed by the Body.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the correspondence be referred to the Special Committee for consideration.

From the Deputy Provincial Secretary advising that the question of Direct Relief was under consideration and a decision by the Executive Unemployment Committee was probable within a few days.

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From the Clerk setting forth the situation in regard to Direct Relief advising a balance of approximately \$6000.00 available from the Government being unexpended at June 30th.

From the Department of Public Works, Victoria, advising that the time for completion of work under the FOURTH AGREEMENT had been extended by the Director of Dominion Unemployment Relief until July 31st, 1931.

The Council in considering ways and means of finding funds to match the Government contribution of \$6000.00 available for Unemployment Relief work enquiring from the Engineer if the work under way at Mosquito Creek culvert could be stopped without loss to the City.

The Engineer declared the work could be stopped at the present time without loss.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the work be discontinued and the money earmarked for that purpose be applied in matching the unexpected contribution of \$6000.00 from the Government to provide work for the unemployed during the month of July.

From the B.C. Conference of Seventh Day Adventists applying for the use of Mahon Park for a picnic on Sunday, June 28th.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the application be granted.

From the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co. in regard to investing with the City on Sinking Fund Account the sum of \$8000.00 at 6% interest.

It was explained that the City's "Prepayment of Taxes By-law" provided for advance payment by assessed owners only and that the current year's Civic revenue had already been hypothecated to the Royal Bank of Canada.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Bridge Company be thanked for their offer and advised the City cannot accept the money at this time.

From Clarence Gooch, 652 3rd Street East, applying for work equivalent to the amount of his taxes, the proceeds to be returned to the City in payment of his 1931 taxes.

The Clerk reported that a few taxpayers have already submitted the same proposal.

Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

From the Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd. builders of the new Ferry, submitting a list of items totalling \$1,010.48 which were not included in the original plans and specifications upon which tenders were based but had been carried out by the builders without additional expense to the City in order that an absolutely satisfactory job be given in every respect.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the builders be thanked for the interest manifested in their work which was fully appreciated by the Council.

From the Grouse Mountain Highway and Scenic Resort Ltd. applying for permission to erect signs at the following street corners of the city:

North East corner of Lonsdale and Esplanade

North East corner of Lonsdale and Fifteenth Street

North East corner of East Boulevard and Nineteenth Street

Change the sign at the North East corner of Lonsdale Avenue and Third Street to point North instead of East.

Renew the sign at the corner of East Boulevard and Fifteenth Street.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that permission be granted subject to approval of locations and sign type by the Engineer.

Mayor Bridgman suggested that steps be taken to bring to the attention of the Government the proposed Canal scheme at the Second Narrows as outlined in the Cote report, as one of the larger items in the Greater Vancouver area to provide work for the Unemployed.

Alderman Loutet thought it would be an unwise policy for the Council to press the scheme, the purpose at this time might be better served by leaving it to Mayor Taylor, Vancouver, to bring to the attention of the forthcoming Western Conference. To this the Council agreed.

Alderman Wilson again urged the early preparation of a statement showing the net result of Ferry operations in order to enable the Committee to intelligently deal with the schedule and handling of the four boats, the extension of the leads and other pressing matters.

Attention was draw to complaints received of house-to-house canvassing being practiced by collectors for the North Vancouver Lady Laurier Club in aid of the Sunlight Clinic and Crippled Children and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on their respective tag days.

His Worship the Mayor said he had drawn the attention of the Chief of Police to the complaint.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that in future applicants be notified tagging privileges must be confined strictly to the City Streets.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931, NUMBER 8" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, 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. 1302.

Voting For: His Worship Mayor Bridgman, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright, Alderman Huggett, Alderman Loutet, and Alderman Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931, NUMBER 9" 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. 1303.

Voting For: His Worship Mayor Bridgman, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright, Alderman Huggett, Alderman Loutet, and Alderman Wilson.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER PLUMBING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY-LAW NO. 1, 1931" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, 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. 1304.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

E. H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR