

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor E. H. Bridgman  
Alderman Brown  
Alderman Cartwright  
Alderman Huggett  
Alderman Loutet  
Alderman Wilson

The Clerk read the Notice of Meeting as posted for a period of more than 24 hours before the meeting took place, stating the day, hour, place, and business of the meeting.

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From Crehan Mouat and Co., Chartered Accountants, Vancouver, submitting accounts in the sum of \$155.00 covering the time spent on Unemployment Relief and \$9.55 refund on Ferry fares paid for members of their staff.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the bill of \$155.00 be referred to the Finance Committee for report and the amount claimed for ferry fares be not paid.

From Canadian Bitumuls Co. Ltd. North Vancouver, requesting an opportunity of tendering on any street surfacing work that is to be done by the City this year.

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

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners submitting lease covering St. George's Avenue Street end and requesting that same be executed by the City and returned to the Board from submission to the Department.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the lease be first reviewed and reported on by the Solicitor.

From the Engineer submitting final Local Improvements reports covering:

- (a) Victoria Park East, Keith Road and St. George's Avenue (from lane South of Eighth Street to the South side of Sixth Street) Sanitary Sewer.
- (b) Seventeenth Street on North side (from East side of Lonsdale Avenue to West side of Ridgeway Avenue) Sanitary Sewer.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the reports be received and the owners notified of the sittings of the Court of Revision to be held at the City Hall, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1931, at 9 a.m., for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed special assessment on the aforementioned sanitary sewers, and that the members of the Court – five in number – be now appointed:

Mayor E. H. Bridgman,  
Alderman Loutet,  
Alderman Anderson,  
Alderman Brown, and  
Alderman Cartwright.

From the Board of School Trustees, in accordance with past custom, requesting that the grass be cut on the various school grounds with the City's mowing machine as a school expense.

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

From F. Grande, 146 Lonsdale Avenue, renewing a former application to contract the removal of the City's garbage at a yearly price as quoted in his letter of March 16, 1931.

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

From F. J. C. Ball, Indian Agent, in connection with the water supply at Squamish No. 1 (Mission) Indian Reserve, stating that he had no intention of supporting the Indians, if they were violating the City's by-laws, but rather that he hoped in due course to see modern plumbing installed in every house in the village, placed in full agreement with the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the correspondence be laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

From Irwin and Billings Co. Ltd. on behalf of the North Shore Real Estate Association, offering to place the Marine Insurance on Ferry No. 2 in the amount of \$55,000.00 at the same rates as set out in the policy now in effect viz: 4.4% on Hull and Machinery and .5% Protection and Indemnity.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a firm order be placed with the agents for renewal on the above basis.

From the Engineer recommending that a section of wooden water pipe on Twenty-first Street, West of Larson Road, be renewed with four inch cast iron pipe at an estimated cost of \$200.00.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the recommendation be adopted and the work proceeded with.

From the Engineer declaring that he is about to undertake the grading of the Third Street Cut-off and recommending that public tenders be called for the paving work.

The Engineer in reply to question said he was in favour of constructing a concrete pavement on the roadway at an estimated price of \$2.50 per square yard.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the recommendation be adopted and tenders be called for based on prepared specifications that call for North Vancouver men to be employed on the job as far as possible.

From the District of North Vancouver, suggesting a joint meeting of the City and District Waterworks Committees to discuss outstanding water business between two Municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be referred to the Chairman of the Waterworks Committee to arrange a suitable date for the meeting.

From the Solicitor reciting the position with the Harbour Board in regard to St. Patrick's Avenue Street end – pointing out that the City can only dispose of the Street end in exchange for other land to be used for street purposes – and that he had advised Messrs. Burns and Walkem that the City cannot give a conveyance of St. Patrick's Avenue Street end unless by receiving in exchange therefore dedication of the Westerly part of the concrete highway along the waterfront.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the action be confirmed and the matter left in Mr. Donaghy's hands for the necessary attention.

From J. G. Bramble, Lynnmour Post Office, claiming \$11.20 for loss of two days pay through manoeuvring on two different occasions the early morning ferry boats, so that he was not able to get to his work on time.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be referred to the Ferry Committee and Solicitor with power to act.

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, requesting a free pass on the City Ferries for the Superintendent of the Railway Terminal – Mr. J. G. Cameron and car.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that in view of the large number of passes already granted no more free passes be considered this year.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following Ferry items be laid over until the regular meeting of Council on Monday next.

- (a) Statement of passenger and vehicular traffic under date of July 3.
- (b) Statement of daily cost of operating ferries based on the 1930 accounts.
- (c) Letter from the Superintendent with reference to all-night service.

From W. E. Dyer, Director of "Unemployment Educational Association" Toronto, submitting for consideration and comment an effort being made to develop a systematic form of mental and manual training for adults during periods of forced unemployment.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be referred to His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Loutet, and the Clerk for study and reply.

From the City of Revelstoke, resolutions on unemployment with their objective "The creation of permanent and productive employment."

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the resolutions be referred to the above Committee for report.

From the District of North Vancouver submitting for endorsement copy of a resolution passed by that body urging the immediate undertaking of the construction of a canal at the Second Narrows Bridge as an unemployment relief measure.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that in view of the action already taken by this Council on the same question no further steps to be considered at this time.

From the Deputy Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of July 6<sup>th</sup> re: unemployment.  
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From the Secretary of the local branch of the National Unemployed Worker's Association, setting forth that in order to maintain a decent standard of living amongst the unemployed, they urge upon the Council the necessity of adopting the following:

1. Four days work per week for married men at Union rates of pay, or its equivalent in cash in lieu of work
2. The same for widowers with dependents.
3. The same for single men and women with dependents.
4. Two days' work per week for single men and women at Union pay, or its equivalent cash in lieu of work.
5. No evictions of Unemployed workers because of inability to pay rent.

6. The immediate release of all class war prisoners, who are being arrested all over the country on account of their insistent demands for the right and the means to live.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a copy of the Council's letter of July 6<sup>th</sup> 1931, to Hon. S. L. Howe, Provincial Secretary, be forwarded to the Association (This communication sets forth in general terms the City's position in regard to current expenditures and unemployment) together with the information that it is impossible for the Council to comply with the requests made.

From the Secretary of the local branch of the N.U.W.A. complaining that grocery orders are being deducted from the pay cheques of the unemployed, thereby working a hardship on many, and that orders are not always granted on the store that the person applying for desires and further stating that a thorough investigation be ordered into the distribution of relief through grocery orders.

The Clerk briefly outlined the procedure that is being followed and suggested that the City temporarily arrange for its own distribution of plain food in quantities necessary to sustain life.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a sample order be drawn up and checked as to food values, prices, etc. and sent to the City storekeepers as a standard order with instructions that the articles thereon are to be supplied on orders granted by the City.

From the Engineer with further reference to the curtailment of the working period to four days a week for outside employees with which is couple a proposal to give on month's leave of absence without pay to members of the inside staff.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that consideration be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Engineer recommending that three-plank sidewalks be constructed on the North side of Fifth and Seventh Streets from St. David's to Ridgeway Avenues at an estimated cost of \$110.00 instead of replacing with gravel and fine crushed rock as formerly authorized.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the recommendations be adopted and the work proceeded with.

The Clerk reported total expenditures made for relief of unemployment up to July 13<sup>th</sup> at \$78,539.94, distributed as follows:

City's Share	\$41,508.78
Government's Share	\$37,031.16
	\$78,539.94

From the Engineer reciting details of an incident occurring between A. Whittle, workman, and Foreman T. Burton, while engaged on unemployment relief work together with the names of fourteen men who became involved in the affair and quit the job for one and one half hours in order to get a hearing of their case at the City Hall.

Arising there from the Engineer recommended that the name of C. Christensen be struck off the list for advising other men to quit work and a possible troublemaker.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the consideration be referred to Committee of the Whole.

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

Alderman Cartwright was appointed Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Committee proceedings be held in camera.

ALDERMAN WILSON DISSENTING

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

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

Alderman Cartwright spoke of City water being furnished by adjoining householder for spraying vegetables growing on the next vacant lot on the Southeast corner of First

Street and St. George's Avenue. The arrangement was said to be mutually satisfactory to both owners provided no objections were taken by Council.

In view of the expenses to make a connection for seasonable requirements to vacant property, the reference was ordered minuted as a matter of record.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

E. H. BRIDGMAN  
MAYOR