

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17th 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on Monday, August 3rd, 1931, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson adopted.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the personal sympathy and regret to this Council at his continued illness be conveyed to Mayor L.D. Taylor of Vancouver, who is now a patient at St. Paul's Hospital.

Correspondence was Received Read and Dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for Bylaws Numbered:

- 1307 "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1931" Number 11
- 1308 "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1931" Number 12
- 1309 "Acquisition of Lot 16, Block 49, D.L. 548 Bylaw 1931"
- 1310 "A Bylaw for Retiring from Service Certain City Employees Upon Attaining Certain Ages".

Received and Filed

From North Vancouver Ship Repairs Ltd. requesting that when occasion arises they be given an opportunity to tender on the drydocking and repairs to Ferry No.4 and the Washington, which vessels they state can be safely handled at their repair plant.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Ferry Committee.

From W.J. Porter, 149 East 2nd Street, a taxpayer of many years standing, submitting a proposal that sufficient work be provided to enable him to work on the current year's taxes that are still due on his property (\$498.96).

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

From the Secretary of the local branch of the S.P.C.A. requesting a refund of one half of a \$5.00 fine recently imposed in Police Court following an information laid by them.
Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the application be referred to Committee of the Whole.

From E.B. Morson, 2160 Eastern Avenue, requesting that immediate repairs be made to the roadway opposite his residence, which he states is in a bad condition.
Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From the Secretary of the North Vancouver Unemployed Association, supported by a delegation, reiterating a number of demands formerly submitted to the Council, together with an additional request that Direct Relief be granted to the Unemployed proportionate to the number of dependents in each family.
Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that a member of the delegation be heard.

Mr. H.D. Robinson spoke in support of all of the demands being granted.

His Worship the Mayor declared it was impossible to meet some of the requests made and others were not within the power of the Council being governed by Statute. The Council it was explained, were doing everything possible in connection with the Unemployment problem and early consideration was promised to the request made in connection with Direct Relief.

From Bert Anderson, Fisherman, 600 22nd Street West, applying for permission to construct a Net rack at the extreme South end of Bewicke Avenue.
Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the application be referred to the Engineer with power to act.

From the District of West Vancouver, submitting copy of a resolution passed by that Council on Monday, August 10th in connection with a proposed Bylaw for the reconstruction of the Second Narrows Bridge.

Received and filed.

From the Engineer recommending that Chesterfield Avenue between First and Third Streets be resurfaced with a cold asphalt mixture at an estimated cost of \$600.00.

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

From the Comptroller recommending that beginning October 1, 1931, the Ambulance be kept and maintained at the Fire Hall and that calls for same be recorded and dealt with as part of the duties of the Department.
Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the recommendation be adopted.

From Gideon Scott, Bookkeeper at the Ferries, setting forth reasons for not reducing his salary together with the necessity for maintaining an assistant in the Ferry office.

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

From Mrs. L.C. Thomson, 3800 Trinity Street, Vancouver, owner of the premises situated on Lots A and B, Resub of Lots 20 and 21, Block 120, D.L. 274, complaining that her tenants are being continually annoyed by the noise and inconvenience of a coal and wood business conducted by Mr. J. Knill at 5th Street and Lonsdale Ave.

From the Chief of Police reporting that following a check of the tenants and other parties living in the same Block, they declared that they have no complaint to make, and that the block and the lane was found to be clean and well kept.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that Mr. Thomson's letter be acknowledged accompanied by a copy of the Chief's report.

From Mr. N.A. Mason, 2761 1st Avenue East, Vancouver, offering for Watershed purposes in cash or trade, the North East quarter of D.L. 1465.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the proposal be referred to the Finance Committee and the Engineer for study and report.

From W.T. Brown, applying for permission to move an existing gasoline pump from Lot 6 to Lot 7, Block 165, D.L. 274.

The Clerk reported that permission was granted in 1925 to E.C. McMillan and L.E. McKenzie to install the pump under agreement subject to rental of \$1.00 per month and that the City's records showed the rent to be in arrears from September 1927.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a report be submitted by the Solicitor, Engineer, and Comptroller.

From the Fire Chief, report of the Department for the month ended July:

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| Alarms | 7 |
| Total Risk | \$6,100.00 |
| Total Insurance | \$6,100.00 |
| Total Loss | 1,670.00 |

Received and filed.

From the Engineer submitting Local Improvement reports covering the construction of the following Sewers:

- a) Eight Inch Sanitary Sewer on Chesterfield Avenue, from the North side of 14th Street to the South side of 15th Street, Length 720 feet, estimated cost \$1,350.00, estimated annual rate per foot frontage 19 cents, City's portion of Cost \$180.00, Portion of cost to be borne by land abutting directly on the work \$1,170.00.

- b) Eight Inch Sanitary Sewer on 18th Street from Lonsdale Avenue to 240 feet East of St. George's Avenue, Length 2103 feet, estimated cost \$4,650.00, estimated annual rate per foot frontage 19 cents, City's portion of the cost \$660.00, Portion of cost to be borne by land abutting directly on the work \$3,990.00.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the aforementioned Local Improvements as submitted be approved and that such reports, estimates, and statements be made, notices published and served and bylaws passed as shall be necessary to the proper passage of bylaws authorizing construction of the aforesaid works under the provisions of the Local Improvement Act upon the Initiative Plan.

The Annual Report of the Inspector of B.C. Municipalities together with excerpts taken therefrom was laid over for study and report by the Finance Committee.

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners advising that the incorporation of a clause in the renewal of the lease of St. George's Avenue Street End, to compensate the Corporation for any buildings or property that may be placed there during the term of the lease, was impracticable as it was a departure from the conditions of the original lease.

Mr. Donaghy advised that the new lease as drawn was a renewal of the terms of the old lease,

Whereupon Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the lease as read be approved, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

From the Treasurer, Cash Statement for the month ended July:

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| Receipts | \$197,921.69 |
| Expenditures | <u>\$125,787.57</u> |

Received and Filed.

From the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, applying for a sewer connection as a City expense from the Street to a Club house that is now being erected.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the application be referred to the Parks Committee with power to act.

The Collector submitted the following statement of Tax Collections:

COMPARISON OF TAX RECEIPTS 1930 and 1931

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| 1930..... Total Collections to August 16 th | \$307,891.33 |
| made up of : | |
| 1928 | \$ 12,713.59 |
| 1929 | \$ 13,661.14 |
| 1930 | <u>\$281,516.60</u> |

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| Tax Levy 1930 | \$336,366.08 |
| Local Improvement | <u>63,375.32</u> |
| | <u>\$399,741.40</u> |

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| Percentage of 1930 Taxes collected as at August 16 th | 70.42% |
| Percentage of Arrears collected as at August 16 th | 19.20% |

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| 1931 Total Collections to August 15 th | \$291,253.14 |
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| made up of 1929 | \$ 6,322.37 |
| 1930 | 10,882.99 |
| 1931 | <u>2724,047.78</u> |

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| Tax Levy 1931 | \$368,213.00 |
| Local Improvement | <u>75,000.00</u> approx. |
| | \$443,213.00 |

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| Percentage of 1931 Taxes collected as at August 15 th | 61.83% |
| Percentage of Arrears collected as at August 15 th | 15.52% |

Received and Filed

PETITIONS

From F.G. Tennant and seventeen others drawing attention to the bad condition of Hamilton Avenue from Marine Drive North to 20th Street.

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

TENDERS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that tenders be opened.

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

From W.D. McFarland & Co. on behalf of clients, offering to purchase separately for the sum of \$35.00 cash each, Lots 3 and 5, in the resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 12, D.L. 616, subject to no taxes being payable for the current year.

The Assessor reported that the size of each lot is 30x145, situated on the West side of Sutherland Avenue with an assessed value of \$210.00 each, 1931 Taxes of \$10.92 on each lot.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the applications be laid on the table pending a report from the Engineer as to the accessibility to the property and the likelihood of future expense to the City.

From R. Round, 346 15th Street East, offering the sum of \$50.00 cash for Lot 3,, Block 16-A, D.L. 550, subject to no taxes being payable for the current year.

The Assessor reported that the size of the lot is 50x147, situated on the South side of 18th Street, one hundred feet East of St. Andrew's Avenue, the assessed value being \$400.00 and the 1931 taxes \$20.80.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the application be laid on the table pending a report from the Engineer as to the accessibility of the property and the likelihood of future service expense to the City.

PAVING THIRD STREET CUT-OFF

The following tenders for concrete pavement were opened:

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| R. Rolleston West | \$2,587.00 |
| Fairey Brothers | 2,701.00 |
| Carter-Halls-Aldinger Co. Ltd. | 2,990.00 |
| Vancouver Pile Driving and Contracting Co. Ltd. | 3,020.00 |
| Tom a. Allan and Sons | 3,170.00 |
| G.W. Ledingham Co. Ltd. | 3,290.00 |

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the tenders be referred to the Engineer for tabulation and report.

The Engineer later reported that all of the tenders were in order and recommended that the lowest tender be accepted, namely that of R. Rolleston West, 3641 Cameron Avenue, Vancouver, at a total bulk price of \$2,587.00.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and that the contract be and is hereby awarded to Mr. R. Rolleston West of 3641 Cameron Avenue, Vancouver, at the total bulk price of \$2,587.00.

DUE ACCOUNTS: Reports and recommendations of the Finance, Police School, Ferry, Board of Works, Fire & Light, Waterworks, Parks, and Health Committees were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts in the following amounts:

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| Finance | 3832.82 236.96 | \$4,069.78 |
| Police | | \$464.33 |
| School | | \$1505.04 |
| Ferry | 72.12 4,430.79 14,044.39 | \$18,547.20 |
| Board of Works | 3,844.91 52.32 | \$3,897.23 |
| Fire and Light | | \$2,961.75 |

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| Waterworks | | \$561.70 |
| Health | 924.85 | |
| | 423.50 | \$1,348.35 |
| Parks | | \$12.31 |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the following report of the Finance Committee be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the advisability of incorporating in the schedule of the "Waterworks Regulation Bylaw" the additional rates recommended to be imposed by the Collector and Engineer, be further considered by the Chairmen of the Finance and Waterworks Committees together with the Solicitor.

RECOMMEND that in order to keep the properties from being included in the 1931 Tax Sale the necessary book entries be made crediting Tax Collections and debiting Better Housing Loan Accounts with the amount of 1929 taxes and interest in arrears on the loans held by D.W. Hutchison, Lots 11 and 12, Block 212, D.L. 544, (approximate amount of taxes \$54.00) and S.C. Evans, Lot 25, Block 209-A, D.L. 544 (approximate amount of Taxes \$16.00).

RECOMMEND that the various positions becoming vacant through Superannuation and Staff changes be advertised and that applications be dealt with by the respective Committees at the meeting of September 8th next.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the following report of the Ferry Committee be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the report from Captain Marshall in charge of the Washington, advising that he had struck the East lead in making a landing at Vancouver, at 8.20 a.m. on the morning of August 5th, together with claims filed for damage done to cars from F.R. Broderick and Co. \$19.50, and William Blair, \$8.00, also report from the Engineer estimating that the cost of repairs to the dock caused by the accident would be \$300.00, be referred to the Solicitor with power to act.

RECOMMEND that the report dated August 5th from Mate Sloane of the Washington, regarding a projecting bolt from the apron engaging the muffler of a truck owned by the B.C. Fir & Cedar Co. Ltd. together with claim filed by the Company for \$11.35 for necessary repairs, be referred to the Solicitor with power to act.

RECOMMEND that following report from Mate Hutton of Ferry No.2 stating the differential casings of automobiles driving off the boat were occasionally in contact with the apron, The Engineer recommend the construction of a ramp on the vessel, which was adopted.

RECOMMEND that the following action taken on reports be minuted, and the communications received and filed:

August 5th – Mate Sloane – Buckled apron on Washington, new apron installed.

August 10th – Mate Barr – Drinking water facilities on No.4 – referred to Ferry Committee.

August 12th – Mate Hamilton – Truck damage to deck of Washington, repairs have been effected.

August 12th – Mate Barr – Constable Bowling cuts into line up on Vancouver side, referred to Police Commission.

RECOMMEND that the following reports be received and filed:

August 4th – Mate Barr – Ferry No.4, collision between autos.

August 8th – Mate Hamilton – Washington, left truck #122 behind after Breaking line.

August 9th – Mate Rennolf – Ferry No.4, damage done to apron post by driver of automobile.

August 11th – Captain Kinnie – Ferry No.3, missed landing, twenty minutes delay.

August 15th – Captain Fatke – Ferry No.4, tied up boat 10 p.m., mishap to steering gear.

RECOMMEND that a letter be sent to acting Mayor John Bennett, Vancouver, to be used as a temporary pass on the Ferries for the Mayor's car, driver and guests, during the illness of Mayor L.D. Taylor.

RECOMMEND that a pass on the Ferries be issued for the balance of the year to the Immigration Inspector and car, for the purpose of checking deep-sea boats arriving on this side of the Inlet.

Alderman Loutet Dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the following report of the Parks Committee be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the Engineer arrange to have more frequent changes of water made in the wading pool in Mahon Park.

MOTIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company be thanked for the report of events compiled under date of August 7th last and their further co-operation be requested in the

submission of more detailed answers to questions arising therefrom, Alderman Anderson to confer with the Clerk in regard to the particulars desired.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Treasurer submit to Council a report dealing with all Sinking Fund Surpluses and Shortages, over and under the amounts required for the particular debt, showing if such surpluses have been credited to the account under which the debt was created, and the manner in which all shortages have been treated, together with the disposition, if any, that has been made of balances.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled "Chesterfield Avenue (14th to 15th) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Chesterfield Avenue (14th to 15th) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled "Chesterfield Avenue (14th to 15th) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Chesterfield Avenue (14th to 15th) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by Council subject to reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled "Eighteenth Street (Lonsdale to 240 Feet East of St. George's) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Eighteenth Street (Lonsdale to 240 Feet East of St. George's) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled "Eighteenth Street (Lonsdale to 240 Feet East of St. George's) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Eighteenth Street (Lonsdale to 240 Feet East of St. George's) Sanitary Sewer Initiative Bylaw 1931" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by Council subject to reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Barber and Hairdressing Shops Early closing Bylaw 1931" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1311.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a statement of arrears for Local Improvement taxes totaling \$7,053.38 be sent together with a request for payment of same, to the Board of Harbour Commissioners, said taxes have largely accrued on properties purchased privately by the Harbour Commissioners in connection with their Waterfront development.

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

Alderman Loutet 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.

Alderman Cartwright submitted matters for consideration concerning Mr. G. Hushes, the present driver of the ambulance and Alderman Brown concerning the housing of the ambulance at the Fire Hall, on which no action was taken.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 9.25 p.m.

JACK LOUDET
ACTING MAYOR