

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 1931 AT 8:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor E.H. Bridgman  
Alderman Anderson  
Alderman Huggett  
Alderman Loutet

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. W.A. Tolmie, C.A.

In connection with the retrial of debentures issued under authority of Consolidated Bylaw 178, which fell due on September 1, 1931, certain surpluses and shortages appear on the books at the debit and credit of the particular debts, together with ascertained differences in the final costs of certain sewer works recently completed and for which debenture bylaws are shortly to be submitted to the Council.

Following discussions, it was moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the firm of W.A. Tolmie be instructed to proceed to check up and report on the books of accounts maintained by the City in connection with all works of Local Improvement, the report if it can reasonably be done, to show more particularly the method of arriving at costs and levies and also why the accounts are not in balance.

At this stage of the proceedings Alderman Brown and Alderman Cartwright were present and the following demands made by the North Vancouver Unemployed Association were then considered:

- 1) Why is the City Council insisting that men pay 12 cents per qt. For Milk when Dairies are perfectly willing to deliver Milk for 9 cents per qt. Or 12 qts. For \$1.00.
- 2) If City Council insist on work being done for Relief that work be paid for in cash. Work to be paid for at the rate of \$4.00 per day.
- 3) Why North Vancouver Council alone is expecting men to work for Direct Relief.
- 4) What proportion of this Direct Relief is being paid for by the City.
- 5) If City Council insist on men's work being spent on Groceries alone, how are the cost of Rent, Light, Fuel, Taxes, Clothing and School Supplies to be met.
- 6) Who authorized the City Clerk to insist upon work being done on a subsistence order.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the methods already adopted by the Council in dealing with Unemployment and Direct Relief be maintained and that the Clerk be and is hereby authorized to make adjustments in the food budget or otherwise in individual cases where the circumstances warrant same.

His Worship the Mayor reported on his interview at Victoria and declared that the City could not look to the Government at the moment for any contribution towards the expense of Direct Relief where work had to be performed.

On motion the meeting thereafter adjourned.

E.H. BRIDGMAN  
MAYOR