

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

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor Jack Loutet
Alderman Anderson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman Huggett
Alderman Wilson

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on Monday, August 17th 1931, the minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, August 25th 1931, together with the Minutes of an adjourned Special meeting of the Council, held on Monday, August 31st, 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.

Correspondence was Received Read and Dealt with as follows:

From Laura E. Crowe, thanking the Council for the expression of sympathy in the passing of husband, Senator Sanford J. Crowe.
Received and filed.

From E.J. Palmer, National Ports Survey, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of Council's letter of August 18th with enclosures, to Sir Alexander Gibb.
Received and filed.

From the Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for Bylaw numbered 1311.

"City of North Vancouver Barber and Hairdressing Shops Early Closing Bylaw 1931".

Received and filed.

From Chas. Durinsseau, 1861 Larson Road, requesting to be classified as a regular City employee and that the Superannuation Act be made applicable to him.

The Clerk reported that a check of Mr. Durinsseau's record disclosed the fact that he had only been a casual worker for the City and did not come within the scope of the Superannuation agreement.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the communication be received and filed and the applicant notified accordingly.

From the Royal Trust Co. Vancouver, on behalf of the Estate of the late P.S. Stephens, offering to sell to the City the East half of Lot 26, Block 130, D.L. 274, (situated almost wholly in a deep ravine) for a consideration of \$1.00 and a proportionate share of the 1931 taxes.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Engineer for report if it is necessary to acquire the land for drainage or other purposes.

From F. Hunter, 216 23rd Street West, applying for a number of shrubs to plant the boulevard in front of Lots 13 and 14, Block 214, D.L. 545, a distance of one hundred feet.

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

From A.B. Whish, 339 18th Street East, complaining that the drainage water from the surrounding area overflows his property which he attributes to faulty ditch conditions. Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the complaint be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From the North Vancouver General Hospital, applying for a grant of \$1,500.00 towards the hospital operating expenses, a similar amount having been requested from the District of North Vancouver.

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

From Hewett's Home Furnishings, 238 Lonsdale Avenue, applying for permission to fill in the ground depression between the sidewalk and the front of his store on 3rd Street. Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be granted subject to approval of the undertaking by the Engineer.

From R.J. Walker, 217 5th Street East, applying for sufficient work from the City to liquidate the amount of taxes and water rates due (\$83.42) on his property, Lot 4, Block 127, D.L. 274.

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

From the Engineer reporting that the average monthly bill for metered water rates at the premises of Mrs. P. Livingstone, 121 17th Street East, has been \$1.25 and that the excessive charge of \$22.93 for water for the month ended July 7th is caused by a waste of water while the water service was in a leaky condition. The Engineer further reported that the average monthly charge of \$1.25 would be a fair basis to consider any adjustment upon.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Collector be and is hereby authorized to make an adjustment of the water rates on the basis of the Engineer's letter.

From Gideon Scott, tendering his resignation as Bookkeeper at the City Ferries effective September 30th, 1931.

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

From the North Vancouver Unemployed Workers' Association, submitting the following resolution said to have been passed at a mass meeting of the unemployed held on Sunday, September 6th, 1931.

“RESOLVED that this Mass Meeting of employed and unemployed workers protest against the Slave Conditions which the North Vancouver City Council is imposing on Unemployment Relief Workers.

FURTHERMORE, We the Unemployed refuse to work under such conditions, and demand Cash payment for all work. This is the right of all free men and we insist on getting it”.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the communication be received and filed.

From J.A. Kendall, Mayor of the City of Port Alberni, urging that the question of holding the Dominion Government responsible for the unemployed in all Municipalities in the Province of British Columbia, be taken up before any other business at the forthcoming meeting of U.B.C.M.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be referred to the delegates who are to attend the Convention.

From the Solicitor with reference to the application of George Bell for a rebate in respect of overdue water rates, advising that there is no provision in the Bylaw authorizing any such rebate.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that Mr. Bell be notified accordingly.

From the Solicitor regarding proposed amendments to the “Municipal Act” to be submitted at the forthcoming Convention of the U.B.C.M.

- 1) Subsection (1) of Section 274 of the said Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:
 - (e) any other person who shall satisfy the Council that he is unable to pay the delinquent taxes upon his said property and that such inability was not caused by any improvidence or lack of diligence on his part”.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the proposed amendment as submitted be approved and a copy forwarded to the Secretary of the U.B.C.M.

- 2) Subsection (1) of Section 218 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefore:

“(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a Municipal Council shall have power to enter into an agreement with any person or persons or corporation fixing upon a definite sum as the annual assessment for the purposes of municipal taxation of any land, or of any existing improvements, or of any land and of existing improvements, respectively,

within the boundaries of the Municipality, or of any interest therein, respectively, for such period of years as the Council may determine; provided that the sum so fixed shall not be less than the amount of the assessment of such land or improvements, respectively, as shown in the last revised Assessment Roll; provided further that the value of all improvements made subsequent to the said agreement shall be added to the sum so fixed by such agreement as the annual assessment of any improvements: provided further that such agreement shall be embodied in a bylaw which, before the final passage thereof, has been submitted to the electors of the Municipality for their assent and has received the assent of the electors in the manner provided in Division (1) of Part VI of the "Municipal Act".

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the proposed amendment as submitted be approved and a copy forwarded to the Secretary of the U.B.C.M.

From the Solicitor advising that he had called up the owner of the automobile, license No.76-944 B.C., who is a responsible official of the City of North Vancouver, who stated that his two boys were traveling with him and they got out of the automobile and one of the boys who had a pocket-book in his pocket was leaning over the railing of the boat and his pocket-book dropped out of his pocket on to the deck. The boy then picked up the pocket book and going to his father's automobile handed it to his father with the request that he keep it for him so that he would not lose it.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Ferry Superintendent and Mate Sloane of the Ferry Washington be notified accordingly and the matter thereafter dropped.

TENDERS

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

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

From E.J. Turk, 2536 Western Avenue, offering to purchase Lot 1, in the resubdivision of Lots 14 and 15, Block 8, D.L. 616, for the sum of \$50.00 cash, subject to no taxes being payable for the current year.

The Assessor reported that the Lot is situated on the North side of 15th Street, 125 feet East of Williams Avenue, size 41.9x147, Assessed at \$210.00, 1931 Taxes \$10.92, the Street is opened and a four inch water main is laid on the South side of the street, but the lane has not been opened.

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

From Ernest Selby, corner of Williams Avenue and Lynn Valley Road, offering the sum of \$20.00 cash for Lot 3, Block 5-A, D.L. 616, on which he proposed to move a cabin on

wheels, so that he can sleep peacefully during the day, his occupation being that of a night watchman.

The Assessor reported that the lot is situated on 26th Street East of Sutherland Avenue, size 33x104, Assessed at \$130.00, 1931 Taxes \$6.76, an eight inch water main is laid on Sutherland Avenue but the street or lane has not been opened.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

EXTENSION OF FERRY LEADS

	<u>175'</u>	<u>125'</u>
Vancouver Pile Driving & Contracting Co. Ltd.	\$2,770.00	\$1,930.00
W. Greenless	\$2,864.10	\$2,099.00
Storness & Sorensen Ltd.	\$2,950.00	\$2,350.00
Walkems Shipyard Ltd.	\$3,597.00	\$2,725.00
R. Rolleston West	\$4,172.00	\$3,360.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright 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 the Vancouver Pile Driving and Contracting Co. Ltd. at the quoted price of \$2,770.00 or \$1,930.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Ferry Lead be extended for a distance of 175 feet and that the successful bidder be so advised preparatory to the work being proceeded with.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and that the contract be and is hereby awarded to the Vancouver Pile Driving and Contracting Co. Ltd. at the quoted total bulk price of \$2,770.00

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:

Finance	1,026.00 1,018.25	\$2,044.25
Police		\$1,418.08
School		\$1,535.67
Ferry	8,083.46 7,893.00	\$15,976.46
Fire and Light	1,018.50 1,017.50	\$2,036.00

Board of Works	1,250.81 1,111.11 237.07 258.15 4,091.61	\$6,948.75
Waterworks	278.62 351.43 156.68 160.70	\$947.43
Health	280.00 141.62 141.48	\$563.10
Parks	372.81 382.56 91.34 85.92	\$932.63

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

RECOMMEND that the Engineer's letter, together with a statement prepared by Mr. R.F. Hale, dealing with the method of arriving at the costs for assessment purposes of the 17th Street and Victoria Park Sewers, be referred to the Treasurer for a reply to Council.

RECOMMEND that the report of Crehan Mouat & Co. regarding amplification of the City books in accordance with verbal recommendations and suggestions made earlier in the year, be laid on the table pending the outcome of matters now under review.

RECOMMEND that a resolution be prepared for submission to the forthcoming convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities that the percentage additions on unpaid taxes be spread over a longer period, beginning the 1st of July in each year with 2% on the amount then due on current taxes and thereafter adding an additional amount of 2% on the first day of each and every calendar month, until the end of the year.

RECOMMEND that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the sum of \$5.40 to W.D. McFarland and Co. being a refund of water rates paid for the current six months respectively by the owner and the agent, on the premises at 223 26th Street West.

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

RECOMMEND that Mr. C.E. Scales, Secretary of the British Motor Cycle Club, be advised that a revision of the fares charged for motorcycles on the City Ferries will be borne in mind next time that the schedule of rates is under review.

RECOMMEND that the suggestion of the Superintendent to discontinue two early trips made by the Washington and No. 4 Ferry on Monday mornings, and an early morning trip by No.4 Ferry on Thursday mornings, be adopted.

RECOMMEND that the Ellis Dairy be advised the collection of the amount due to them by J.A. Muir, deck hand on the City Ferries, is without the jurisdiction of the Committee and that his remedies in the matter are already provided for in the Statutes.

RECOMMEND that the estimated cost of \$500.00 to lay out a suitable parking area on the Ferry grounds immediately East of the Subway and South of the Ferry Refreshment Stand at the Vancouver Terminal, be approved subject to the Solicitor approving the City's right to establish and maintain a parking area adjacent to the railroad and steamship property.

RECOMMEND that the claim of Gordon Dubberley, Auto Trimming Service, Vancouver, in amount \$8.00, for the cost of replacing a rear spot light on his automobile said to have been broken on the 9 p.m. trip of Ferry No.3 from North Vancouver on August 30th last, be referred to the Solicitor with power to act.

RECOMMEND that the claim of B.L. Johnson, Lloyd's Agent, Vancouver, for \$230.00 for services in connection with damage claim arising out of accident, North Vancouver Ferry No.2, West Vancouver Ferry No.5, Scow V.T. 5 and dock, be referred to the Solicitor with power to act.

RECOMMEND that in accordance with the understanding voluntarily arrived at between the Chairman of the Ferry Committee and the Ferry Superintendent, the monthly salary of Mr. Geo. Chalmers, as Ferry Superintendent, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$225.00 as and from October 1st 1931.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the Board of Works Committee be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the old wooden sidewalks on both sides of St. Andrew's Avenue from Esplanade to 1st Street be removed and replaced with earth filling and gravel or stone chips surface.

RECOMMEND that the letter from Frederick Cunliffe of 419 13th Street East, regarding the drain through his property be laid over for future consideration.

RECOMMEND that the surface of the new road grade on 24th Street between St. George's and St. Andrew's Avenues be surfaced with gravel taken from the old quarry site.

RECOMMEND that the letter from A. Gebhard and others in the 300 block 18th Street West, asking to have the lane opened, be laid over pending a future policy.

RECOMMEND that the application of the Council of the District of North Vancouver be complied with to have Marine Drive improved at the Barbecue and the holes at the edges of the said pavement be filled in from the above point to Fell Avenue.

RECOMMEND that the application of F.G. Tennant and others be granted to have Hamilton Avenue roadway, surface improved and some binding material placed thereon.

RECOMMEND that the culvert at the Northwest Corner of Bewicke Avenue and Keith Road be constructed about twenty feet along the B.C. Electric Railway car tracks.

RECOMMEND that the holes along the edge of the pavement on Forbes Avenue opposite the Indian Reserve and along the pavement on Esplanade in the vicinity of Forbes and Mahon Avenues be repaired with cold patching.

RECOMMEND that the Engineer's offer to voluntarily accept a reduction in his salary be approved and that Mr. Hanes monthly salary, as City Engineer, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$225.00 as and from October 1, 1931.

The Clerk reported the following registrations in connection with provincial Unemployment Relief up to date:

Married Men	359
Single Men	158
Single Men with Dependants	<u>28</u>
	545

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RECOMMEND that enquiry be made to ascertain if the premises owned by the L. Reda Estate on Lot 16, Block 131, D.L. 274, are at present occupied, before further action is taken.

RECOMMEND that another effort be made to get in direct touch with the owner of the premises occupied by A. Holtlander and family on Lot 8, Block 170, D.L. 274, before prosecution of the owner is undertaken.

RECOMMEND that Mr. W.T. Brown, 121 1st Street West, be advised that the Council cannot accede to his request for permission to move a gasoline pump in front of Lot 6, Block 165, D.L. 274 to another location in view of the following regulation in force governing the sale, storage, and disposal of inflammable liquids and oils.

“(5) No pump or measuring device used for the purpose of retailing inflammable liquids shall hereafter be erected or installed on any public street or highway every pump or measuring device used in connection with a service station hereafter constructed or equipped shall be so located that it will not be necessary for a motor vehicle to stand on the public street or highway while being serviced thereat”.

RECOMMEND that the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company be thanked for the additional information given in their letter of August 21st last and that the copy of the agreement of October 18th, 1930, between the Bridge Co. and the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. and the Pacific Salvage Co. Ltd., be returned to them.

RECOMMEND that regulations governing “The Unemployment and Farm Relief Act 1931” be laid on the table pending definite advice on the action likely to be taken by the Provincial Government in connection therewith.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled “City of North Vancouver Fences Regulation Bylaw 1931” and that the said Bylaw receive two readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such two 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 Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled “City of North Vancouver Fences Regulation Bylaw 1931” be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time and referred to Committee.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled “City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1931, No.13” 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 “City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1931, No.13” be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled “City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1931, No.13” be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Bylaw entitled “City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1931, No.13” be now read a third time.

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

Voting for: Acting Mayor Jack Loutet
Aldermen Anderson, Brown, Cartwright, Huggett, & Wilson

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled “City of North Vancouver Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1921” and that the said Bylaw receive two readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such two 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 Huggett and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1921" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time and referred to Committee.

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 reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw as read and reconsidered be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1313.

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

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Cartwright 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.1312.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the names of the applicants for vacant Civic positions be now read.

Whereupon 129 names were read applying for the position of Ticket collector at the City Ferries, 38 names for the two positions to be vacant in the office of the City Collector, one for City Foreman, six for City Teamster, two for a position on the Parks, and two for the Caretaker's position at the Cemetery.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the applications be referred to the respective Committees for report at the next regular meeting of Council.

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

Alderman Huggett 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.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

JACK LOUDET
ACTING MAYOR