

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that Alderman Loutet preside during the meeting.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on Monday, October 5th 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 the Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for Bylaw Numbered:

1315 "Eighteenth Street (Lonsdale to 240 Feet East of St. George's Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Construction Bylaw 1931".

1316 "Chesterfield Avenue (14th to 15) Sanitary Local Improvement Construction Bylaw 1931".

1317 "City of North Vancouver Fences Regulation Bylaw 1931".

1318 " City of North Vancouver Victoria Park East, Keith Road and St. George's Avenue (Lane South of 8th Street to the South Side of 6th Street) Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Debenture Bylaw 1931".

1319 "City of North Vancouver Seventeenth Street, North (Lonsdale to Ridgeway) Sanitary Sewer Local Improvement Debenture Bylaw 1931".

FILED

From Major Marsden, Chairman, Armistice Day committee, Vancouver, requesting the honour of the presence of the Mayor and Aldermen at the Armistice Day Service to be held at the Cenotaph, at Victory Square, at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11th next.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the invitation be accepted with thanks and as many of the members attend as possible.

From Senator A.D. McRae, acknowledging receipt of a letter of September 30th reciting precisely the resolution with respect to the Second Narrows Bridge, which he has filed for ready reference in the event the subject comes before him for further consideration. Received and filed.

From the Hon. H.H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, enclosing copy of the letter from the Deputy Minister be forwarded to the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company and the communication thereafter filed.

From W.H. Parkin, Chairman of the N.V. School Board, advising that Miss M. Kinninmont had been appointed Acting Secretary until a successor has been appointed to the position held by the late Mr. Geo. Campbell. Filed.

From T.P. Harbottle, President of the North Vancouver Ratepayers' and Residents Association submitting a resolution from that body requesting the establishment of Board of Park Commissioners within the City of North Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that in the opinion of this Council the powers and duties of such a Board are being satisfactorily performed by the Parks Committee of Council who are at all times ready and willing to consider suggestions for improvements commensurate with the City's ability to pay.

From W.K. Saint, 195 North Raneleigh Street, Vancouver, applying to have 2nd Street opened in an Easterly direction from St. David's to Queensbury Avenues.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Engineer for report as to the cost.

From the Solicitor reporting that Mr. Thomas Irwin is not entitled to the benefit of any share in surpluses accrued to the Local Improvement Sinking Fund through investments. The disposal of surpluses being dealt with under Subsection (2) of Section 201, of the "Municipal Act".

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a copy of the Solicitor's letter be sent to Mr. Irwin for his information in answer to his letter on the same subject.

From the Solicitor in regard to the claim of Burns, Walkem and Thomson, on behalf of the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners in which they take the position that the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners are not liable for Local Improvement Taxes. Mr. Donaghy advises in part that:

"The Local Improvement assessment is not imposed annually, differing in this respect from the general annual rate bylaw of the Municipality. The debenture bylaw under the "Local Improvement Act" imposes once for all the total assessment in respect of the owner's portion of the cost and such assessment constitutes a lien against the property as effectual as a registered mortgage.

The lien is for the whole amount, notwithstanding the fact that it permits the payments to be made in annual installments over a period of years”.

In case the Crown purchases lands with a mortgage or a lien under the “Local Improvement Act” existing against such lands, the Crown cannot acquire a title to such lands free of such mortgage or lien”.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Solicitor with power to act with the suggestion that an effort be made to collect the Local Improvement Taxes in question.

From the Solicitor advising that the opinion expressed in his letter dealing with the claim of Burns, Walkem & Thomson is equally applicable to the claim of Lennie and McMaster who are insisting on behalf of their clients, Pacific Salvage Co. Ltd., that a Tax Certificate be issued by the Collector for property on which the Board of Harbour Commissioners are liable to pay Local Improvement taxes.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the communication from Messrs. Lennie and McMaster be replied to after consultation with the Solicitor.

ENQUIRIES

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Engineer prepare and submit to Council a report showing the actual cost to date of all Repairs and Renewals carried out this year:

- (a) At the Vancouver Docks and Wharves
- (b) At the North Vancouver Docks and Wharves.

Together with the estimated cost of completing work under way or to be undertaken on each terminal before the end of the current year.

TENDERS

From C. Notzel, 224 28th Street West, offering the cash sum of \$100.00 each for Lots 11 and 12, Block 81, D.L. 550, stating that if the offer is accepted he is prepared to commence building a residence thereon.

The Assessor reported that the lots in question are situated on the West side of the Grand Boulevard between 11th and 12th Streets, assessed at \$950.00 each, taxes for each lot based on the 1931 levy would have amounted to \$49.40 each. Street and Water services are already provided.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer be referred to the Finance Committee to ascertain if the prospective purchaser can be induced to submit a higher offer.

DUE ACCOUNTS: Reports and recommendations of the Finance, School, Police, 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	5,447.27 517.77	\$5,965.04
Police		\$290.46
School		\$992.24
Ferry	174.44 3,132.96 3,059.78	\$6,367.18
Board of Works	292.00 3,604.03	\$3,896.03
Fire and Light		\$2,250.45
Waterworks		\$476.53
Health	682.71 424.31 83.14 451.63 452.92	\$2,094.71
Parks		\$551.42

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

RECOMMEND that the report of Relief distributed during the month of September totaling \$2,402.90 be received and filed.

SUMMARY

Relief of Unemployed	\$1,580.59
Relief of Indigents	545.60
Monthly Pensions Account	40.00
Payment of Institutions	<u>236.71</u>
	\$2,402.90
Less: amount to be recovered from The Federal & Provincial Govts. \$379.00 each	<u>\$ 758.00</u>
Less value of work done by the Unemployed	<u>\$ 443.58</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,201.32

RECOMMEND that the Building Inspector submit a report concerning the condition of the building on Lots 18 and 19, Block 159, D.L. 271, North west corner of 1st Street and Semisch Avenue, prior to consideration being given to the tenants request for permission to install at their own expense a bath tub, sink and washbasin, subject to removal as their property whenever they are required to vacate the premises.

RECOMMEND that the offering of Read Henderson Ltd. of a \$1,000.00 Ferry Bond 5%, due 1950 at 92.94 be not accepted.

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

RECOMMEND that the messenger service requested by the B.C. Electric on the 3.40 p.m. Ferry from North Vancouver be furnished at a daily cost of ten cents. Bill to be rendered monthly.

RECOMMEND that the bill for \$168.55 from the Puget Sound Navigation Co. for expense incurred in returning the D.F. "Washington" to Seattle be left in the hands of the Committee with power to act.

RECOMMEND that the City deny liability for the bill of the Harbour Navigation Co. in amount \$417.48 for damages said to have been sustained by the M.S. "Harbour Princess" while on the Ferry run during February/March of this year.

RECOMMEND that the daily operating hours of No.4 Ferry be established as follows:

Mondays - Fridays	from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Saturdays	from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
	and from 12.20 a.m. to 2.20 a.m.
Sundays	from 10.10 a.m. to 10.50 p.m.

and that the published timetable be amended accordingly.

RECOMMEND that application be made to the Department of Marine through the local Steamboat Inspector for a Certificate to carry on No.4 Ferry during the overhaul period the number of passengers that the life-saving equipment provided on the vessel warrants.

RECOMMEND that all of the life-saving equipment taken from the D.F. "Washington" and now in storage at the Ferry premises be placed aboard No.4 Ferry as additional protection to the traveling public.

RECOMMEND that Mr. Stanley A. Bligh, 328 Rogers Building, Vancouver, be allowed the privilege of parking his car during the pleasure of the Committee at the Vancouver Terminal every Monday evening.

RECOMMEND that the Ferry Superintendent prepare and submit a statement showing in detail the Alteration, Additions, Improvements, Repairs and Renewals that have been

effected on No.4 Ferry since a contract was signed between the City and the Boeing Aircraft Co. Ltd. to build the vessel complete in every respect according to approved plans and specifications at a cost of \$49,275.00.

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

RECOMMEND that on account of lack of funds no further action be taken at the present time concerning the unemployed Single Men in view of advice received from the Department under date of October 17th and their case had been brought to the attention of the District Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the following report of the Fire & Light Committee be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the following schedule of charges for the use of the City Ambulance be adopted:

Within City Limits	\$3.00
City boundary to Lower Capilano and Seymour	\$4.00
West Bay and Dollarton	\$5.00
Whytecliffe and Intakes	\$7.50
Vancouver "Extra"	\$5.00

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

RECOMMEND that the yearly rental of Parcel (A) of Lot 1, Block 207, D.L. 545 leased from the Corporation by the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of \$100.00 payable in advance.

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

RECOMMEND that the account of the B.C. Telephone Co. be adjusted by eliminating the advance charge of \$1.65 for October telephone service, J.W. Fugler, North 661-Y.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled "Bylaw No.1320, A Bylaw to set aside the Whole of the Unpaid Taxes Assessed or Levied Prior to the Year 1931 as Security for Payment of \$250,000.00 Borrowed from The Royal Bank of Canada to meet Current Lawful Expenditures together with the Interest on Said Loan" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this Meeting of Council and that the occasion for such 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 Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Bylaw No.1320, A Bylaw to set aside the Whole of the Unpaid Taxes Assessed or Levied Prior to the Year 1931 as Security for Payment of \$250,000.00 Borrowed from The Royal Bank of Canada to meet Current Lawful Expenditures together with the Interest on Said Loan" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled "Bylaw No.1320, A Bylaw to set aside the Whole of the Unpaid Taxes Assessed or Levied Prior to the Year 1931 as Security for Payment of \$250,000.00 Borrowed from The Royal Bank of Canada to meet Current Lawful Expenditures together with the Interest on Said Loan" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "Bylaw No.1320, A Bylaw to set aside the Whole of the Unpaid Taxes Assessed or Levied Prior to the Year 1931 as Security for Payment of \$250,000.00 Borrowed from The Royal Bank of Canada to meet Current Lawful Expenditures together with the Interest on Said Loan" 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 Cartwright and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

E.H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR