

MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HELD IN THE CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1931 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor E.H. Bridgman
Alderman Anderson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Cartwright

Correspondence was read from the local manager of the Royal Bank of Canada in respect to hypothecating securities as collateral for additional loans for Unemployment Relief Work.

It was reported that approval in writing had been given by the Provincial Government for an expenditure to be made on Unemployment Relief work up to \$125,000.00 and that verbal assurances had been given that the work could be proceeded with and on that understanding payroll expenditures had been incurred by the City up to November 5th of \$26,874.97, and in addition there was unpaid accounts at that time for material in excess of \$3,000.00 bringing the total expenditures at that date up to \$30,000.00.

His Worship the Mayor stated he had discussed the situation with Mr. Baird, Supervisor of the Bank, who was fully aware of the difficulties confronting the Council. Mr. Baird's immediate concern was to get some obligation of a tangible nature in support of an additional loan being made to the City.

The Solicitor pointed out that the City had already incurred all of the liabilities on account of borrowing it was legally entitled to do and that there was no further security it could set aside under the provisions of the Municipal Act.

Following the discussion the meeting agreed that a credit from the Bank of at least Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) would be necessary to finance Unemployment Relief work up to the end of the year, and that the only security that could be offered the Bank would be a letter from the Government stating that the expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) had been approved and that the work was being carried on with their authority and on the understanding that the Dominion Government would pay fifty per cent (50%) of the cost of the work and the Provincial Government twenty-five per cent (25%) of the labour costs only, excluding all administration and overhead charges, and that the position of all Municipalities was to be validated at the forthcoming Session of the Legislature.

Whereupon the Solicitor was requested to write the Council advising its position in the matter and the Committee recommended that the situation be clarified without delay with the Governments.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Clerk arrange an appointment for Thursday morning, November 12th between Mr. Baird, the Bank's Supervisor, and His Worship the Mayor and the City Solicitors.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

MEMORANDUM OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE WATERWORKS COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1931 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor E.H. Bridgman
Alderman Anderson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Cartwright

The regrets of Alderman Huggett at being unable to attend on account of the illness of his Wife were conveyed to the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a resolution be drawn and submitted at the next regular meeting of the Council giving to the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver requisite notice that it is the City's intention to terminate existing agreements for the supply and distribution of water between the two Municipalities.

Discussion indicated that when entering into new agreements it was considered the most satisfactory basis on which to supply water between the two Municipalities would be to buy and sell same on a bulk basis. The Engineer estimated that the cost to the City to meter its supply would amount to approximately \$2,000.00.

The meeting did not consider it advisable to make individual rates for Water power motors for washing machines, Automobiles, Sprinkling, or Gasoline service stations, but went on record as favourably recommending to the 1932 Council an increase in the general water rates charged for domestic purposes to \$15.00 per annum less than the usual ten per cent discount. This change, if made was expected to bring in additional income of approximately \$6,000.00 per annum which would to that extent offset the annual loss of about \$20,000.00 on the system and at the same time bring the net rates for this City into line with the charges that are being made by other Municipalities on the Lower Mainland.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that subject to report to Council the question of water rates be now laid over for further consideration by the 1932 Council.

The Treasurer was authorized to effect a full settlement with the Mortgagee on the basis of a sixty per cent payment of the balance of an unpaid water account amounting to approximately \$150.00 incurred by a former tenant of the Nurseries at 17th Street and William Avenue.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.