

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on Monday, November 2nd 1931, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member thereof, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright adopted.

On account of the continued illness of his wife the regrets of Alderman Huggett at being absent from the meeting were ordered minuted and His Worship the Mayor joined the members of Council in expressing best wishes for Mrs. Huggett's early recovery.

Correspondence was Received Read and Dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for Bylaw Numbered 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”.

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From the Inspector of Municipalities, Certificates of Approval in connection with Bylaws:

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”

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From the Executive Secretary, of the Canadian Federation of the Blind, submitting the following resolution for consideration of the Council:

WHEREAS the condition of blind persons in the dominion of Canada calls for active and early government intervention, and

WHEREAS more than five hundred of the total eight thousand blind persons of Canada are citizens of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS the governments of the dominion and the Province have been urged to legislate by many organizations and by a petition of thirty thousand signatures of British Columbia citizens.

IT IS RESOLVED by this mass meeting of citizens of Vancouver to aid the blind by calling upon the British Columbia government to memorialize the federal authority on behalf of legislation that will grant adequate pensions to the adult blind of Canada.

Further, this meeting calls upon the Provincial Government to establish a provincial Advisory Council on the welfare of the blind to direct the administration of education, training, and employment services, for the blind, within the province, and to set up general regulations to guide the spending of all public money granted on behalf of the blind.

It was moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson that the resolution as submitted be endorsed by the Council.

It was moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown in amendment that the resolution be forwarded to the government with the request that it be given careful consideration.

VOTING FOR THE AMENDMENT - Aldermen Brown, and Loutet
AGAINST - Aldermen Anderson, Cartwright and Wilson

VOTING FOR MOTION - Aldermen Anderson, Cartwright and Wilson
AGAINST - Aldermen Brown, and Loutet

THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

From the Clerk advising that a Joint meeting of the City and District Councils and School Boards would be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, November 19th at 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Metropolitan Health area.

From the Clerk of the District of North Vancouver stating that his Council will attend on that occasion.

From the Secretary, stating that the Council of the Vancouver Board of Trade had unanimously gone on record as in favour of the formation of a Metropolitan Health Board.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Council attend the meeting believing that the movement is worthy of support, and that following the meeting, if time permits, the Joint Councils take the opportunity of discussing any other matters of mutual interest to the Councils.

From W.S.D. Prittie, 2016 Lonsdale Avenue, complaining of the unsanitary condition of the buildings situated on Lot 6, Resub of 1, 2, and 3, Block 7, D.L. 549, also from the Medical Health Officer condemning the premises at 2022 Lonsdale Avenue, situated on the said property, as unfit for human habitation.

The Clerk reported that the property was owned and recently occupied by the late Abraham D. Strome, who it is reported died interstate and that there is a mortgage registered against the property.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the report of the Medical Health Officer be and is hereby adopted and that the requisite notices be served on the owners or other parties interested that it is the intention of the Council to condemn and have the buildings torn down and removed according to law, before which time the Council will appoint a date for a hearing at which the owners or other parties interested will be heard together with whatever evidence they may adduce.

From the Medical Health Officer, stating that in company with the Sanitary Inspector he had inspected the premises at 206 Esplanade West and found them to be unfit for human habitation, Lot 18, Block 163, D.L. 271.

The Clerk reported the premises were said to be owned by the Newman Estate who rented the ground from the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. and that a number of Hindus were said to be in possession.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the report of the Medical Health Officer be and is hereby adopted and that the requisite notices be served on the owners or other parties interested that it is the intention of the Council to condemn and have the building torn down and removed according to law, before which time the Council will appoint a date for a hearing at which the owners or other parties interested will be heard together with whatever evidence they may adduce.

From the Secretary of the North Vancouver District Ratepayers and Residents Association submitting six resolutions passed at a meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 1931.

- 1) "RESOLVED that we ask the Dominion government to call a conference of all Provincial Department of Education with a view to standardizing School Text Books throughout Canada".

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the foregoing resolution be and is hereby endorsed. Resolutions numbered two to six

concerning the Second Narrows Bridge having been rendered nugatory through lapse of time and subsequent events were filed for reference.

From Bertha E. Elliott, 228 24th Street West, applying to have 24th Street widened and graded between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues while the relief gangs are at work in that neighbourhood.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From Mrs. J. Kay, applying to have the boulevard cleared and a two-plant sidewalk laid from Keith Road to her residence at 986 17th Street West.

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

From Ethel C.S. Petter, and two others residing on 21st Street East, applying to have approximately two hundred feet of land opened in Block 10-B, in an Easterly direction towards Moody Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee for report.

From F.J.C. Ball, Indian Agent, advising that the Deputy Superintendent, General of Indian Affairs regrets that owing to limited appropriations, the Department cannot contribute towards the Local Improvement construction costs of a Sanitary Sewer laid in front of Block 123, D.L. 271.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the question be again taken up through the Department of Public Health pointing out that it became a duty of the local health authorities to cause a sewer to be laid in the interests of the public health and particularly the health of the owners of adjacent property.

From the Clerk desiring the appointment of the members of the Court of Revision on the 1932 Voters' List, which will sit on Thursday, the 10th day December next at 10 a.m.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that Alderman Anderson and Alderman Loutet be and are hereby appointed to act with the Mayor as members of the Court of Revision on the 1932 Voters' List.

From the President of the New Era League, inviting the Mayor and members of Council to a "Wherefrom Banquet" to be held in the K.P. Hall, at one o'clock, on Wednesday November 18th, tickets 50 cents each.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Council endorse the "Buy at Home Campaign" accept the invitation with thanks and as many members of the Council attend as possible.

From Mrs. Barbara R. Jane, 422 20th Street East, applying for a Street Light to be installed at the Northwest corner of 20th Street and Boulevard.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be referred to the Fire & Light Committee for report.

From the Solicitor confirming in writing the opinion expressed verbally regarding the Council's legal borrowing powers and the financing of Unemployment Relief work.

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

From the Secretary, North Vancouver Unemployed Association advising that a delegation of the Unemployed would attend the meeting of Council in support of their request for a guaranteed five day week irrespective of weather conditions for all unemployed workers with families.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the delegation be heard.

Mr. T. Derbyshire on behalf of the delegation, stressed the difficulty experienced by the majority of the workers in providing the bare necessities of family life even with an assurance that five full days would be worked in each and every week. With the present weather conditions which added to the cost of living steady work became a matter of genuine concern to those men who had families dependent upon them for support.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the City had gone as far as it was possible to go in meeting the situation and at the moment it was doubtful if the present programme of works could be relied upon to continue. Alderman Loutet and himself were to meet with members of the Government on Wednesday, and if it was the wish of the Council they would take the opportunity of discussing the request along with others at that time and later advise the Association if anything could be done.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the request be taken up along with others already referred for discussion with the Executive Committee of the Government of Unemployment.

From the Fire Chief, report of the Department for the month ended October.

SUMMARY

Number of Alarms	7	
Total Risk	\$7,100.00	
Total Insurance	<u>\$2,900.00</u>	
Total loss		\$962.00

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From the Treasurer, Cash Statement for the months of September and October.

September – Expenditures	\$694,756.47
Receipts	\$674,401.86
October – Expenditures	\$ 69,499.97
Receipts	\$ 23,585.27

The larger totals for the month of September are explained by the retirement of Local Improvement Consolidation Bylaw 178, \$635,525.00

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From the Field Corps Commissioner B.C. advising that the Department of Agriculture is desirous of holding a short course for Weed Inspectors for one week during the winter months, possibly in Vancouver, and asking if the City would be represented by its Weed Inspector on that occasion.

Alderman Loutet drew attention to the fact that he was instrumental at the last Session of the Legislature in having the act amended so that no obligation rested upon a Municipality to appoint a Weed Inspector. In any case the situation was well in hand so far as this City was concerned.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the department be notified that the Council would not avail themselves of this short course and that the weed situation in the City was well under control.

The Clerk reported on an application from J. Lapore to open a Roller Skating Rink in the Williams Building, 4th and Lonsdale.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be granted and a license be issued when applied for to operate same.

From the North Vancouver General Hospital advising that \$2,000.00 would be the sum of money required towards general operating expenses to the end of the year, payable \$1,000.00 on or before November 30th and \$1,000.00 on or before December 31, 1931. A like amount having been requested from the District of North Vancouver.

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

From the North Vancouver General Hospital applying to have the strip of roadway in front of the Hospital Building leveled, connecting the driveway entrances.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Board of Works Committee for report.

From the Canadian Legion applying for permission to stage a programme of boxing and Ju-Jitsu events at the Drill Hall on the evening of Friday, November 27th next.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be granted.

ENQUIRIES

His Worship the Mayor referred to a recent telegram received from Ottawa, in which the Government had advised they were not inclined to accept any responsibility regarding the Second Narrows Bridge and therefore not prepared to sanction a loan from the Harbour Board. A subsequent message from the Hon. H.H. Stevens indicated that some progress was being made in regard to the enactment of suitable Harbour regulations, and a satisfactory arrangement governing navigation at the Bridge might enable the Directors to obtain sufficient money locally to finance the rebuilding of the span or in any event complete some other form of financing. Certain negotiations were now under way and when these had progressed a little further the Mayor wished the Council to authorize him to call a public meeting to again discuss the question in its newer form.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Council authorize a public meeting to be called on a date to be decided by His Worship the Mayor.

TENDERS

From George Dalgarno, 1105 Haro Street, Vancouver, increasing his offer to \$100.00 cash for Lot 19, Block 52, D.L. 550, subject to no taxes for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer be accepted subject to the required procedure having been taken in posting the lot for sale at the price stated and that the necessary bylaw be prepared and submitted to the Council.

From Scott Estates Ltd. Vancouver, offering the sum of \$700.00 for Lots 12 and 13, Block 91, D.L. 550 and Lots 11 and 12, Block 81, D.L. 550 on terms of \$200.00 cash,

\$200.00 in six months, and the balance within twelve months from date of agreement, interest at 7% and no taxes for the year 1931.

The Assessor reported that Lots 12 and 13 were situated on the Northwest corner of 10th Street and Boulevard, Assessed at \$2,100.00, 1931 Taxes \$109.20, and Lots 11 and 12 on the West side of the Boulevard North of 11th Street, Assessed at \$1,900.00, 1931 Taxes \$98.80, with all Streets and Lanes opened for traffic and water laid on the blocks.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer be accepted subject to the required procedure having been taken in posting the lot for sale at the price stated and that the necessary bylaw be prepared and submitted to the Council.

From F. Handforth, 1025 Granville Street, Vancouver, offering the sum of \$500.00 cash for Lots 47 and 48, Block 166, D.L. 274.

The Clerk reported that the lots were each 33x120, situated on the North side of the Esplanade, approximately four hundred feet West of Lonsdale Avenue and that the City was now in process of obtaining title to the property.

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

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a minimum price of \$1,000.00 be placed up on each lot.

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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	3,082.03 1,986.59	\$5,068.62
Police		\$163.69
School		\$504.06
Ferry	1,395.92 5,856.13	\$7,252.05
Fire and Light		\$2,261.84

Board of Works	1,744.90 5,756.48	\$7,501.38
Waterworks		\$316.63
Parks		\$32.84
Health	722.28 478.53 389.28 113.72	\$1,703.81

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor and Clerk be given power to act in dealing with the prospective vacancy of the premises at 128 13th Street East, keeping in mind the wish of Council to have the building occupied. Any arrangements made to be subject to approval of Council.

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor take whatever steps are deemed necessary to either sue for the money due, or foreclose on the land granted under mortgage to John C. Burniston and Gladys Burniston, his wife, in the sum of \$600.00 on the 5th day of January 1926 and assigned on January 4, 1930 to the City of North Vancouver by Kate Sykes, mortgagee, as security for her maintenance in the Provincial Home for Incurables.

RECOMMEND that the Solicitor be not instructed to prepare a bylaw which would enable any person appointed to office by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and who is not a direct appointee of the Council to become a contributor to the Superannuation Fund and that the motion passed on September 21st 1931 approving Police Magistrate Sargent's application be reconsidered in open Council.

RECOMMEND that the Engineer be permitted to employ as a casual worker Henry Archard Webb a former contributor to the Superannuation Fund who was retired under the age retrial Bylaw before he became eligible for Superannuation under the Act.

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

RECOMMEND that the Superintendent call for tenders for a spare Right and Left hand propellor for No.4 Ferry.

RECOMMEND that the report of the Ferry Committee under date of November 14th concerning matters of administration be and is hereby adopted with the added observation that the Superintendent in dispensing with the services of employees must give his actual reasons for doing so to the employee at the time.

RECOMMEND that following the reading of Captain Marshall's letter of November 15th he be given a hearing before the Committee, without prejudice to the findings already arrived at on Friday, November 13th last.

RECOMMEND that the Captain's report of the steps taken following the cry "Man Overboard" from No.2 Ferry at 10.10 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th last, be filed for reference.

RECOMMEND that the Engineer's report giving the estimated cost of \$4,500.00 for constructing a lead West of the present Ferry landing to tie up No.4 Ferry be not acted upon at the present time and that enquiry be made regarding the monthly rental required by the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. for the privilege of mooring the City Ferries on their waterlots.

RECOMMEND that the claim of \$15.70 paid to S.W.Y. Dougans for damage done to the Universal joint and a broken left rear spring to his car while disembarking from No.3 Ferry on Thursday, October 22nd last be and is hereby confirmed.

RECOMMEND that the claim of B.S. Coghlan for damage to the crank case of a motorcycle while embarking on No.3 Ferry and the claim of Mrs. Eckland for damage done to the left rear spring of an automobile while leaving No.3 Ferry be referred to the Solicitor for settlement.

RECOMMEND that Major W.G. Swan be advised that Ferry Pass numbered 84 was issued for his personal use as Consulting Engineer for the Vancouver Board of Harbour Commissioners and that the same pass must not be made use of by his wife in transporting herself and car on the Ferries across the Inlet.

RECOMMEND that the Superintendent's report concerning the striking of the S.S. Prince Robert at the Canadian National Dock by the Ferry No.4 on July 25th last, be received and filed and that a warning be again issued that reports of all accidents of any nature whatsoever must be made without delay at the time the accident takes place.

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 Engineer be given power to act in establishing suitable drainage and curb filling at St. George's Avenue on the West side of St. Andrew's United Church so as to permit the parking of cars in an East and West direction.

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

RECOMMEND that the term of the lease Parcel "A" of Lot 1, Block 207, D.L. 545, be rented to the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club at a nominal rental of \$1.00 per year, payable in advance, and further that it be favourably recommended to the 1932 Council

to provide in next year's Estimates the sum of \$400.00 to paint the Club House and provide part of the cost of completing the interior of the building.

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

RECOMMEND that permission be granted to Mr. Gwillam of the Art Monument Company Vancouver, on application of the Official Administrator, to exhume the remains of Matthew Edward Sim and Grace Tyler Sim, buried in the new Cemetery for re-internment in a grave to be selected in the Old Cemetery subject to payment of the prescribed fees.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled " The City of North Vancouver Highways Dedication Bylaw No.4 1931, be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered, by now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1321.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the under noted resolution of Council passed at the meeting held on Monday, September 21st, 1931 be now reconsidered:

"RESOLVED that the application be approved and Mr. Sargent registered as a contributor to the Fund as and from October 1st, 1931".

Whereupon the resolution was reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Loutet seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the foregoing resolution passed at the meeting held on Monday, September 21st 1931, be and is hereby rescinded.

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

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the foregoing report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until Thursday, November 19th next at 7.30 p.m.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

E.H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR