

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1931 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Notice convening the meeting, as posted for a period of more than twenty-four hours before the meeting took place, stating the day, hour, place and business of the meeting, was read and ordered received and filed.

The regrets were conveyed to the meeting of Alderman Huggett and Alderman Loutet at being unavoidably absent on account of illness.

Correspondence was received, read, and dealt with as follows:

The findings of the Special Committee on Unemployment Relief work were placed before the Council and referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Secretary of the Committee of the Executive Council on Unemployment Relief advising that the rearrangement of Municipal labour so as to distribute same based on the number of dependents in the family has official approval.
RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Secretary of the North Vancouver Unemployed Workers Association declaring that the imposition of the Poll Tax on men engaged on Relief work would be an unwarranted hardship at this season of the year and requesting that suitable action be taken by Council to relieve the men of such a payment.
Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be laid on the table and that no demand be made in the interim fro the payment of a Poll Tax from the Unemployed workers.

Correspondence between the City and the Royal Bank of Canada in regard to current financing was referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the North Vancouver Resident and Ratepayers' Association requesting that the Council arrange for two Special meetings in addition to the Annual Stewardship meeting, together with the following taxation particulars:-

- (a) The amount budgeted for this year
- (b) The amount collected
- (c) The amount delinquent
- (d) The number of parcels of improved property on which the current taxes are unpaid.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Clerk to arrange a meeting under the

auspices of the Association as a City expense – preferably on Friday, January 8th – when the members of the Council will endeavour to attend, and to also place in hand the preparation of the information requested.

From the local branch of the Canadian Legion applying for the use of the room over the ticket-office at the Ferry as a Club Room for the members of the branch. Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the proposal be referred to the Ferry Committee for consideration and report.

From the North Vancouver General Hospital requesting:-

- (a) \$1,000.00 grant towards December operating expenses.
- (b) The construction of a private driveway from the roadway leading to a garage on Hospital property at 1340 St. George's Ave.
- (c) The City to supply a small quantity of sand for necessary use on the Hospital driveway.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the requests be disposed of as follows:-

- (a) Finance Committee with power to act.
- (b) Engineer with power to act – construction costs to be charged to the Hospital Board of Management.
- (c) Engineer with power to act and arrange delivery.

From the Collector requesting authority to sell Lot 18, Block 236, D.L. 546 to John A. Jones, 875 Broadway West, Vancouver, at the upset price of \$160.33 plus accrued interest, in accordance with the provisions of Section 259 of the "Municipal Act."

It was reported to the Council that the assessed owner of the land at the time of the sale to the City was the Wife of the applicant and that a sale to the husband did not affect the Wife's right to redeem the land within the period allowed for redemption.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the City agree to sell the land for an amount not less than the upset price and accrued interest, subject to the advice of the Solicitor first obtained regarding consent in writing from the Wife of the applicant along with any other necessary details.

From Mrs. L. B. Howard, offering, on behalf of a client, the sum of \$125.00 cash for Lot 13, Block 82, D.L. 550 subject to no taxes being payable for the year 1932.

The Assessor reported that the lot was 60 x 147 – situated at the South-West corner of Moody Avenue and Twelfth Street – Assessment \$975.00 – Taxes \$50.70 – road, water and light services already provided for. Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that inasmuch as the present Council cannot deal with the question of the 1932 taxes,

the application be referred to the Finance Committee with a view to a revised offer being submitted at the next regular meeting of the council.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver do hypothecate to the Royal Bank of Canada, the Debentures authorized under "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 By-law 1931" and numbered 1318, as security against the advances made by the Bank to the City of \$4,708.00 for the purpose of said By-law pending the sale and receipt of purchase price of said debentures.

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Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that until further notice all City Debentures and all Interest coupons on City Debentures will only be paid in Canadian Funds or Sterling at the rate of 4.86.2/3rds. Canadian Funds and that the Royal Bank of Canada be notified accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Unemployment Relief Payroll for Christmas week close on Wednesday, December 23rd and payment made to the men on Thursday, December 24th and for New Year's Week the payroll close on Wednesday, December 30th, and payment made to the men on Thursday, December 31, 1931.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER FERRY LOAN BY LAW 1930, REPEAL BY LAW 1931" be now reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the said By-law as read and reconsidered, be now adopted, signed by the Mayor

and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal. No.1322. and a certified copy forwarded to Victoria for the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

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

The Engineer submitted the following condensed statement of proposals in connection with Unemployment Relief Work:-

Nature & Extent of Proposed Works	Number of Men to be employed	Number of MAN-DAYS employment to be given	ESTIMATED COST	
			Employment	Material and Overhead
Sewers and culverts as per schedule attached hereto		560	\$1,800.00	\$4,000.00
Clearing, grubbing, grading streets and lanes, parks and Corporate property throughout the City		24,750	79,200.00	
Overhead, Engineering				\$2,000.00

Crushed rock for surfacing streets improved under this scheme				\$10,000.00
Estimated cost of material to replace wooden walks removed in grading				\$2,000.00
Estimated cost of tools, picks, and shovels etc.				\$1,000.00
	450	25,310	\$81,000.00	19,000.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST - \$100,000.00

X SCHEDULE OF SEWERS AND CULVERTS REFERRED TO

15 inch storm sewer on Eighth and Tenth Streets from Lonsdale to St. George's Avenue	\$2,500.00
18 inch Storm sewer on Jones Avenue from Seventeenth to Eighteenth Streets	\$1,500.00
Culverts at St. George's Avenue and Twenty-Sixth Street and Chesterfield Avenue at Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth – 450 feet at \$4.00 per foot	<u>\$1,800.00</u>

TOTAL-----\$5,800.00

Mayor Bridgman suggested and the council agreed that the number of men to be employed be increased to 450.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the above programme of works totalling \$100,000.00 be submitted to the Committee of the Executive Council on Unemployment Relief at Victoria, for consideration and approval as necessary work in connection with providing employment opportunities to unemployed men who are bona fide Municipal residents of the city who are in need of the necessities of life.

Alderman Anderson drew attention to the fact that no action had been taken to construct the steps leading from St. David's Avenue to the Low Level Road already authorized by the Council as part of the Unemployment Relief work.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that before the work of constructing the steps is proceeded with, the Engineer

prepare and submit to Council a sketch of the proposed layout together with an estimate of the cost of the work.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that his meeting of Council do no adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

E. H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR