

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1931 AT
8:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, December 7, 1931, together with the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Council, held on Monday, December 14, 1931 – copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council – were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett, adopted.

The Season's greetings were conveyed to the Council by W.F. Smith Ltd. through the medium of a gift of cigars.

The Council in thanking the donor for his good cheer in return wished W.F. Smith Ltd. the compliments of the season.

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

From the Minister of Pensions and National Health, Ottawa, advising that he had referred the representations made in connection with Sanitary Sewers laid in front of Block 123, to the Hon. T.G. Murphy, Ministry of the Interior.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the correspondence be laid on the table.

Correspondence was read between the City and The Hon. J.W. Jones, Minister of Finance, in regard to the advance of funds by the Provincial Government.

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

From the Department of Lands, Forest Branch, enclosing copy of Minutes and report submitted to a meeting of the North Shore Watershed and Forest Protection Committee, also an account covering the costs incurred in connection with patrols chargeable to the City of North Vancouver in amount \$29.83.

Alderman Brown briefly stated that the report of the season's work was acceptable – the total cost of patrols being \$947.90 – and he recommended payment of the account for the City's proportion of the costs.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the report be received and filed and the account for \$29.83 be and is hereby ordered paid.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade enclosing a resolution passed by that body suggesting improvements in the method of loading and unloading passengers and vehicles on City Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that copies of the resolution be furnished to the members of the Ferry Committee and a meeting be thereafter arranged to consider the proposals, at the call of the Chairman.

From the District Resident and Ratepayers Association condemning the suggested imposition of a tax upon tenants.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the communication be referred to the incoming Council, no advice having been received by this Council that nay such tax is intended.

From the District of Saanich, submitting a resolution dealing with the reported intention of the Provincial Government to consider reduction of grants to municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the communication be received and filed with the advice to the District of Saanich that the Council had already referred a resolution along similar lines to His Worship the Mayor who is a member of the Executive Committee of the U.B.C.M.

From the local branch of the Ex-Service Mens' League, protesting against the amount of Unemployment Relief work permitted to one of their members – J.J. Cox.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the League be advised that particulars of the Cox case will be furnished on application at the Clerk's office.

From the Deputy provincial Secretary, requesting that schedules be approved and forwarded under the new regulations covering Direct Relief for the period from October 1, 1931 to May 1, 1932.

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

From the Burrard Iron Works Ltd. suggesting that the Council place an order with them to supply two propellers for Ferry No.4 – delivery in two weeks – from date of order – billing from February 1, 1932.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the proposal be referred to the Ferry Committee and Solicitor with power to act.

From the Vancouver Board of Harbour Commissioners submitting their annual list for free Ferry Passes for 1932 – sixteen in all.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be referred to the incoming Council.

From the Inspector of Municipalities drawing attention to the irregularity of Municipal Collectors receiving taxes after the due date without payment of the required penalty – thereby placing the municipal auditor in the position of having either to neglect his duty or surcharge the amounts against the official concerned.

The Comptroller reported that so far as he had been able to learn such a condition did not apply in the City of North Vancouver and that copies of the communication had been furnished on receipt to the City Collector and the auditors.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the action taken be confirmed and the communication filed.

From William C. Lamberton, offering to rent the property known as the “Rogers Residence” on Thirteenth Street East, at a monthly rental of \$20.00 as and from the tenth day of January 1932.

The Clerk reported that there had been several enquiries in regard to renting the premises and that the Receiver had notified Mr. Rogers he would not be responsible for the safe keeping of a piano and cook stove left on the premises.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the application be referred to the Finance Committee with power to rent at the best price obtainable.

From the solicitor stating that in view of further report from Constable Young confirming Superintendent Chalmers report as to the cost of repairs to the crank case of Mr. Coghlan’s motorcycle which he alleges was broken while getting off a City Ferry.

The Solicitor recommends that a cheque for \$20.00 be sent to Fraser and Murphy, Barristers, with a letter stating it is in full of Mr. Coghlan’s claim and that the City does not admit liability.

From R. Lennox, 567-28th Street West, applying for gravel to be placed on the five hundred block Twenty-eight Street West as it is his intention to build a residence on property there.

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

From Frederick Mott, 628-3rd Street East claiming the sum of \$200.00 for damage done to his property due to the City’s culvert not being kept clear of water drainage.

From A. MacLagan, City Engineer’s office, stating that he had inspected the damage done to the property and estimated the cost of necessary repairs at \$25.00 – the damage being caused by a blocked culvert at the corner of Fifth Street and Moody Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Engineer examine and confer on the matter with Mr. Mott and submit a report to Council.

From Chas. Robinson, 1525 Lonsdale Avenue, applying to have the lane fixed at the rear of that address so that a proper culvert is provided for surface water during heavy rains.

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

From the Chief of the fire Department submitting report for the month ended November

SUMMARY

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| Number of Alarms | - 5 |
| Total Risk | \$1,200.00 |
| Total Insurance | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| Total Loss | 952.00 |

Five ambulance calls were responded to during the month and particulars of same had been given to the Collector for billing the calls.

The Collector thereupon advised the Council that same had received attention.
RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Clerk requesting the instructions of Council in regard to the registration of the "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER FERRY LOAN BY-LAW 1930"

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the solicitor advise the Clerk on procedure and registration be effected accordingly.

From the Provincial President of the Canadian Red Cross Society, suggesting that the Mayor call a group of leading citizens to organize for the collection of funds to assist those in distress in outlying and unorganized parts of the Province.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that His Worship the Mayor co-operate with the Committee appointed for that purpose in the City of Vancouver.

ENQUIRIES

The Comptroller recommended that the City Hall be closed for public business on Friday, Christmas Day, and on Friday, New Year's Day and kept open on the Saturday following, on account of the pressure of work and the prevailing uncertainty in connection with Unemployment Relief work.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the recommendation of the Comptroller be and is hereby adopted.

Alderman Anderson enquired if a statement had been prepared dealing with the costs of Municipal Police administration and the proposed costs of Provincial policing.

The Mayor reported that a statement was in course of preparation and would be presented at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to be held on Monday, December 28th, after which it would be published for the information of the ratepayers in the local press.

The opinion was expressed that the greatest opportunity should be given to the ratepayers to hear all phases of the City's business discussed and to that end the Ratepayers Association have been invited to formulate and submit questions upon which general information is desired by the ratepayers.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that in addition to the meetings already arranged a further meeting be held as a City expense in the K.P. Hall, on Friday, January 8, 1931, for the discussion of general City business.

DUE ACCOUNTS

Reports and recommendations of the Finance, Police, School, Ferry, Board of Works, Fire and Light, Waterworks, Health and parks Committees were submitted by the respective Chairman and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts in the following amounts:-

| | | Totals |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Finance | \$ 341.08 | |
| | 3,512.00 | \$ 3,853.08 |
| Police | 260.38 | |
| | 608.59 | 868.97 |
| Ferry | 4,518.54 | |
| | 5,743.35 | 10,261.89 |
| Board of Works | 4,697.52 | |
| | 3,564.64 | 8,262.16 |
| Waterworks | | 110.77 |
| Fire and Light | | 2,075.36 |
| Health | 404.45 | |
| | 522.34 | 926.79 |
| Parks | | 32.85 |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the following report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the commendation of the Clerk to pay the Palace Hotel the sum of \$30.00 in full for the residence of the McMaster family in the Hotel from October 9th to October 18th inclusive, be offered without prejudice and subject to the approval of the Solicitor.

RECOMMENDED that the details of the case of Mrs. W. Hutcheson, 319-26th Street West, be submitted to the Provincial Board of Health at Victoria, together with the enquiry if a Radium Clinic is available for the treatment of such cases.

RECOMMENDED that the statement of the Treasurer on Waterworks Committee expenditures at December 7, 1931, be the subject of a report in writing by the Engineer and Treasurer in regard to the over expenditure of \$1,025.54 under By-law 1249.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the following report of the FERRY COMMITTEE be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that the Superintendent's report concerning accidents to the North Vancouver Ferry Dock be laid on the table pending a report called for from the City Engineer on the same subject.

RECOMMEND that a copy of Mate Barr's report be forwarded to Mr. Taylor without comment, wherein he complains of insulting language being addressed to him by Mr. Taylor residing at 17th and Boulevard, while traveling as a passenger on the city Ferry on the morning of December 18th.

RECOMMEND that the petition from four ticket-sellers and ticket-collectors to be relieved for a short time from their duties on Christmas and New Year's Day, be left in the hands of the Superintendent, keeping in mind the fact that the ticket-sellers are bonded employees and that a daily service to the travelling public must be maintained throughout the year.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following Committee report be adopted:-

RECOMMEND that in cases where a foreman, strawboss or other directional employee engaged on Unemployment Relief Work qualifies under the regulations, who on account of his circumstances has been allotted a certain number of days work which is less than a full month, that another registered employee who is in need be appointed in his stead, and if it is found that a capable man cannot be obtained from the gangs to take the place of the man so laid off the Engineer be empowered to retain capable men whose services are deemed necessary in the direction of the work.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CLAIM MacDonalds Consolidated Ltd.

The Engineer's report in part states:-

"I did not see any evidence of any water getting on to the floor from any act or omission on the part of the City."

The Solicitor's report in part states:-

"As the City Engineer reports he found no evidence of any water getting on to the floor of the premises from any act or omission on the part of the City there is no evidence of the City being liable".

Following discussion and explanation made of the effect of new drains recently laid in the lane adjacent to the building it was moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that without prejudice the claim for damaged merchandise in the amount of \$15.80 be paid, subject to the damaged goods being delivered to the City for possible distribution to needy relief cases.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Board of Harbour Commissioners for the efforts displayed in connection with the recent agreement arrived at in regard to Shipping regulations at the Second Narrows and the prompt forwarding of the revised regulations to Ottawa.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the time and place for holding the nominations of candidates for Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees, and Police Commissioners of the City of North Vancouver for the year 1932, shall be in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the eleventh day of January 1932, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and two o'clock p.m.

AND THAT G. S. SHEPHERD is hereby named and appointed Returning Officer with the usual powers on that behalf, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint such Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks as may be necessary to take the votes of the said electors.

AND THAT the places at which the Poll shall be opened in the City of North Vancouver, in case a poll is required, shall be at 115 First Street East, and the Horticultural Hall, 22nd Street East, in the City of North Vancouver.

AND THAT the votes of the electors of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver on by-laws, referendums, or plebiscites to be submitted, shall be taken at the same time and place and the Returning Officer is hereby directed and authorized at least 10 days (including holidays) before voting day to place up copies of such proposed by-laws, referendums, or plebiscites in at least three public places within the said City and also publish copies or notices thereon in the North Shore Press and the Review, being weekly newspapers published and circulating in the said City.

AND he is further directed and authorized to append to such by-laws referendums, or plebiscites the required notices signed by the Clerk of the Council, and to generally act and take such steps as may be necessary for properly and legally taking such votes.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931, NUMBER 14" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-Law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the By-law as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1323.

VOTING FOR: His Worship Mayor E.H. Bridgman, Alderman Anderson
Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright,
Alderman Huggett, and Alderman Loutet

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931, NUMBER 15" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the said By-law as read and reconsidered be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No. 1324.

VOTING FOR: His Worship Mayor E.H. Bridgman, Alderman Anderson,
Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright, Alderman Huggett
and Alderman Loutet

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER LAND SALES BY-LAW 1931, NUMBER 16" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the By-law was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the said By-law as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with Corporate Seal No.1325.

VOTING FOR: His Worship Mayor E.H. Bridgman, Alderman
Anderson, Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright,
Alderman Huggett and Alderman Loutet.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Beattie of 308-10th Street East, asked permission to address the Council.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that Mr. Beattie be heard.

Mr. Beattie enquired why he was compelled to haul one and a half yards of material at \$10.00 per day in a three yard capacity truck in competition with the trucks of local Coal and Wood dealers – some of whom were single men without dependents. Mr. Beattie also stated that the District of North Vancouver were paying under the Unemployment Relief Scheme \$20.00 per day for a truck of three yard capacity with driver.

It was reported to the Council that the City's original proposal only covered a light truck and driver at \$10.00 per day and that a further application had recently been made to permit the use of a two yard truck and driver at \$12.00 per day and a three yard truck and driver at \$16.00 per day, the rates said to be common in surrounding municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that Mr. Beattie be requested to state his case in writing and that the question of the hire and use of trucks be further investigated by the Board of Works committee with power to act.

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

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1931.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

E.H. Bridgman
Mayor