

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1931 AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Fraser, local Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada

The Clerk read the Notice convening the meeting as posted for a period of more than twenty-four hours before the meeting took place.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

Consideration was given to financing for the balance of the year.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Treasurer together with the local Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, interview the local Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, on the morning of Thursday, December 31st next and provided that satisfactory assurances are then given that a cheque for the sum of \$15,000.00 will be forthcoming in payment of accounts due by the District of North Vancouver to the City, it is hereby authorized that all salary cheques due at the end of the year be paid in full and released for payment.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that should the Canadian Bank of Commerce not agree at the proposed interview to advance the payment of the District of North Vancouver's indebtedness, then salary cheques for only fifty percent of the amount due be issued to all Municipal employees including the staff of the Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the following resolution of Council, Minute Book 14, Page 2, Paragraph 5, be reconsidered.

“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 Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the aforementioned resolution following reconsideration be and is hereby rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that the Royal Bank of Canada be advised that the modification to the aforementioned resolution expressed to the Bank in a letter under date of December 16, 1931 is hereby cancelled.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that until further notice all City Debentures and all interest coupons on City Debentures will only be paid in Canadian Funds and that the Royal Bank of Canada be notified accordingly.

Reference was made to the proposed set up of a statement in regard to policing costs to be published under authority of the Council for the information of ratepayers.

BY-LAWS

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER PROVINCIAL POLICE REFERENDUM BY-LAW" and that the said By-law receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure By-law.

Whereupon the By-law was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER PROVINCIAL POLICE REFERENDUM BY-LAW" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect of the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER PROVINCIAL POLICE REFERENDUM BY-LAW" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the By-law entitled "CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER PROVINCIAL POLICE REFERENDUM BY-LAW" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the By-law was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

His Worship the Mayor introduced for consideration as a possible means in helping the City to finance in 1932, the preparation of a by-law for the payment of taxes on account and for payment of interest on the same, more general in scope than the by-law under which the City accepted money in prepayment of taxes during the current year – citing the plan adopted in the City of Victoria, which had proved very successful, 3,724 persons having paid their taxes in advance in that City in the year 1931.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the proposal be referred to the Solicitor for study with instructions to prepare a by-law making it lawful for the Corporation to accept moneys in amounts of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be applied on account of payment of current general taxes in any year at a date which may be determined by by-law of the Council.

From the Department of Public Works, Victoria, requesting further particulars in respect of an estimated cost of \$2,000.00 for overhead engineering etc. included in the City's statement of proposal of works being carried out under the "Unemployment and Farm Relief Act 1931" indicating that under Clause 16 of the agreement the Municipality must bear the entire cost of overhead and administration connected with the undertakings.

The Council agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk to adjust with the Department with the request that in the event of the item being disallowed the transfer of the sum of \$2,000.00 be added to the amount allowed for employment.

DIRECT RELIEF

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Clerk prepare and submit to Council a schedule for approval covering the estimated amount required to cover all the costs of Direct Relief in accordance with the regulations set forth in a letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary under date of December 17, 1931.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Ferry superintendent notify all Captains and Navigating Officers on the City Ferries that under no circumstances is any person to be permitted in the Pilot House of the vessel when in motion except those who are required there in the performance of their official duties and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that at no time is anyone but an authorized person to be allowed in the Pilot House of any of the Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

E.H. Bridgman
Mayor