

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1932 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on Monday, December 21, 1931 – the Minutes of an adjourned meeting of Council, held on Tuesday, December 22, 1931 – together with the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Council, held on Wednesday, December 30, 1931 - copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council – were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Brown adopted.

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

From the Deputy Provincial Secretary, enclosing a certified copy of Order-In-Council number 1553 approving:

“THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER FERRY LOAN BY-LAW 1930, REPEAL BY-LAW 1931”.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the receipt be minuted and the communication filed.

From B.C. Motor Transportation Ltd. stating that on account of contemplated changes in the near future they are unable to make a definite decision in regard to the use of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway depot as a Waiting Room for Street Car passengers.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the District of North Vancouver, advising that the appropriation for repairs to the Cemetery Road from Keith Road North had been finally set at \$1,500.00.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

From the Fire Chief, advising that Captain Humphrey's Master of the Harbour Fire Boat had verbally informed him that a free Fire Boat service has been provided and is now available in the interests of all the property on the waterfront of Burrard Inlet and Chief requested authority of Council to call the Fore Boat as and when required.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that in view of the circumstances attached to the understanding the matter be left in the hands of the Fire Chief without decision by Council.

From McGinitie and McDonald, Marine Surveyors, Seattle, offering for sale at the price of \$18,000.00 U.S. funds a forty car, a semi-tunnel – double-end-double-clutch Ferry – one hundred and forty-four feet long – forty-four foot beam – and 10.71/2” depth. The vessel was built in 1927 – powered with a 250 B.H.P. Atlas Imperial four cycle, full diesel engine, and has a speed around twelve miles. Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the offer be referred to the 1932 Council.

From W.McNeill, Dominion Government Inspector, under the 1931 Unemployment Relief Act, advising that the City’s second proposal of works amounting to \$100,000.00 is to be placed by Mr. McGeough before the Department at Ottawa. Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the communication be received and filed.

From the Secretary of the North Vancouver Unemployed Workers’ Association in respect to the methods employed and the limitation of men’s’ working time to shorter periods than a five day week, with a further suggestion that they be fully advised regarding the dependability of relief work being continued, and suggesting that they can and will bring matters to a head at Victoria through an investigating Committee.

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

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

VOTING FOR THE AMENDMENT – Alderman Anderson and Alderman Wilson

AGAINST

- Alderman Brown, Alderman Cartwright,
- Alderman Huggett, and Alderman Loutet

His Worship then put and declared the motion adopted to file the communication.

From the Ferry Superintendent submitting his annual report for the year 1931 – 707,099 vehicles and 3,393,740 passengers being carried during the year. The regularity of the service and the boats and equipment being well maintained.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the report be filed for reference.

From the Sanitary Inspector reporting that the garbage dump at the foot of Chesterfield Avenue was filled to capacity, and that City garbage was at present being hauled uphill with a horse team to a temporary location at Eighteenth Street and Jones Avenue. This was not practical and the Inspector recommended the acquiring of a suitable truck for two days a week at a cost of \$5.00 per day until such time as arrangements have been completed for a permanent location.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be laid on the table to be considered at the same time as a petition from residents objecting to the location of the dump.

From Jas. R. Campbell, 278-3rd Street East, requesting that enquiry be made regarding the purpose for which the Ladies Auxiliary to the Army and Navy Veterans used or intended to use the 1931 grant of \$100.00 made by Council.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a copy of Mr. Campbell's letter be forwarded to the Christmas Cheer Committee of the B.P.O.E. and a statement be furnished by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Army and Navy Veterans and any other organizations that have not already done so, showing the disposition made of the annual grant allowed by Council.

From the Assessor of the District of North Vancouver advising the 1932 Assessment of property held by the City in the District at

LAND \$21,805.00 IMPROVEMENTS \$5,000.00

The Clerk reported there was a reduction from last year in the Land value of \$10,979.00 and Improvements remained the same as in 1931.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the District Assessment for the year 1932 be accepted without protest

From the Assessor reporting that the Gross Assessment of the City for the year 1932 is \$15,250,006.00 arrived at as follows:-

	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS
Dominion Government	\$1,293,175.00	\$ 64,100.00
City Parks	328,725.00	8,050.00
City Property	131,575.00	54,750.00
City Schools	115,105.00	374,400.00
Hospitals	12,500.00	170,000.00
Provincial Govt. Pacific Great Eastern Rly.	6,200.00	2,000.00
Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. Fixed Assessment	93,000.00	
North Shore Drydock Co. Ltd. Fixed Assessment	45,000.00	
Churches partly exempt by By-law	6,749.49	49,600.00
TOTAL:	\$2,032,029.49	\$722,900.00
Tax Sale Lands	1,732,485.00	4,250.00
Net Land & Improvements	5,203,196.51	5,555,145.00
GROSS LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$8,967,711.00	\$6,282,295.00

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the report be referred to the 1932 Council.

From the engineer reporting that he had made an examination of the Mott property at 625-3rd Street East and recommended that the recent damage done to the land by surface water be repaired as a city expense.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and the work proceeded with.

PETITIONS

From Jean Irvine, 244-18th Street West, and twenty-five others petitioning against the dumping of garbage in the neighbourhood of Mahon Ave. and Eighteenth St.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the petition be considered in Committee of the Whole.

ENQUIRIES

Alderman Cartwright spoke in regard to the bad condition of the roadway at Twenty-third Street and Chesterfield Avenue and the large number of streets throughout the City that have recently been graded and leveled by Unemployed Relief workers, that are now unfit for public use largely on account of the rock surfacing not being done on the heels of the grading gangs.

It was pointed out that there remained a sum of approximately \$2,500.00 available under the agreement for materials and that the funds provided under the agreement for all purposes would be fully expended by January 21st next.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Board of Works committee and the Engineer the following morning, go fully into the cost and availability of the amount of rock required to finish all of the streets on which work had already been commenced, and that His Worship the Mayor also take up with the Department at Victoria, the question of necessary adjustments or the immediate approval of the City's recent application for a further amount of \$100,00.00 for Unemployment Relief works.

TENDERS

From Mrs. Martha Beach, offering the sum of \$60.00 cash for Lot 33, Block 7, D.L. 552, subject to existing services and compliance with the City regulations and By-laws regarding the erection of a residence on the property.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the offer be accepted subject to the required procedure having been taken in posting the lot for sale at the price of \$60.00 cash and that the necessary By-law be prepared and submitted to the Council.

ALDERMAN LOUTET VOTING AGAINST.

From Mrs. L.B. Howard, on behalf of a client, resubmitting an offer of \$125.00 cash for Lot 13, Block 82, D.L. 550.

Discussion took place on the question of taxes for the current year. The Solicitor ruling that if the property was shown as exempt from taxes on the last revised assessment roll the question of taxes did not property come before the Council.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Loutet and resolved that Lot 13, Block 82, D.L. 550, be offered for sale at the price of \$175.00 cash and that Mrs. L.B. Howard be notified accordingly.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

From Irwin & Billing Co. submitting a Surveyors subdivision of Lt 14, Block 242, D.L. 544 – Owner A.C. Marshall.

The Clerk reported that the Engineer had examined the plans and attached his signature and further recommended approval by the Council subject to payment of the prescribed plan fee of \$2.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and the plan of Lot 14, Block 242, D.L. 544, as submitted be and is here approved.

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 Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts in the following amount :-

Finance	\$1,694.05	
	929.85	\$2,623.90
Police	1,319.42	
	55.43	1,374.85
School		13,894.05
Ferry	11,174.48	
	5,817.44	
	5,553.66	22,545.58
Board of Works	426.59	
	925.97	
	25,631.57	26,984.13
Waterworks	309.20	
	247.75	556.95
Fire and Light		1,937.00
Health	54.00	
	172.00	
	194.00	
	280.00	
	683.78	1,384.04
Parks	171.30	
	96.15	267.45

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 report of Relief distributed during the month of December in amount \$912.44 be received and filed.

SUMMARY

Relief of Unemployed	\$ 513.93
Relief to Indigents	474.07
Monthly Pensions	40.00
Payment to Institutions	208.14
Burial of Indigents	<u>30.00</u>
	<u>Sub Total = \$1,266.14</u>
LESS amount be recovered from the Provincial and Federal Governments	\$353.70
	\$912.44

The Clerk briefly reviewed the net registrations in connection with Unemployment Relief – 724-525 men with dependents and 170 without dependents, and submitted a statement showing the approximate total amount required for Direct Relief for the period from January 1, 1932 to May 1, 1932 in accordance with regulations recently promulgated by the Government and further stated that the estimate would only take care of the known minimum requirements.

- (a) Provincial responsibility – 117 persons - \$6,040.00
- (b) Municipal responsibility – 450 persons - \$11,750.00

RECOMMEND that the Municipal costs be again closely analyzed as in the opinion of the Committee they are understated in view of Unemployment Relief work closing down at January 21 next, and that the statement, subject to an upward revision of Municipal charges to at least 550 persons, be approved and forwarded to Victoria.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Harvey spoke on behalf of certain petitioners, who in July 1931 complained of the conduct of a family residing in the three hundred block 14th Street West, which action had since involved some of the petitioners in legal expenses. The delegation considered that in view of the fact that the City was responsible for policing and the preservation of law and order and the absence of positive results from several complaints made to the Police, they were of opinion that some official recognition should be given to the City to the fight in which they find themselves involved.

RECOMMEND that a Special Committee be appointed to confer with the Solicitor in the matter.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED:- Alderman Anderson and Alderman Loutet.

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

RECOMMEND that the Chairman of the Committee be given power to act in having an Oil heater installed in the pilot House of No.4 Ferry, provided Paine Hardware Ltd. obtain permission in writing from Captain Clarkson, Chief Surveyor of the San Francisco Board of Marine Underwriters, that this type of heater is satisfactory to the Board and is permissible under their regulations.

RECOMMEND that the question of motorcycle fares on the City Ferries be referred to the 1932 Council.

RECOMMEND that approval be given to a monthly tenancy of the Ferry Refreshment Stand adjacent to the West Vancouver Waiting Rooms from January 1, 1932, to K.A. Ray, at a rental of \$15.00 per month, payable in advance.

RECOMMEND that the application of Mr. Arthur Davies, 208 Bewicke Ave., to rent space at the North Vancouver Ferry Wharf, for the purpose of conducting a confectionery and tobacco stand, be not entertained.

RECOMMEND that the report of Captain Gibson concerning Ferry No.3 fouling the two lines of a gas boat on the 1:30 a.m. trip from Vancouver on the morning of December 28 last, be received and filed.

RECOMMEND that the Superintendents report dealing with the number of times the docks had been hit by vessels under the charge of Captain Marshall, and the Engineer's report as to the damage done on these occasions, be referred to Committee of the Whole.

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 communication from Geo. F. Beattie in regard to use being made of his three yard capacity truck be laid on the table pending approval of rates for a truck of that size by the Government, and that the Engineer be instructed as far as it is possible, to confine the hiring of trucks to persons who are not actively engaged in any other line of business.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Provincial Police Referendum Bylaw" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No. 1326.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Interest on Partly or Fully Prepaid Taxes Bylaw 1932" and that the said bylaw receive two readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such two readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the Procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Loutet, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Interest on Partly or Fully Prepaid Taxes Bylaw 1932" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time and referred to Committee.

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

Alderman Loutet was appointed Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Huggett 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 the Committee proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Interest on Partly or Fully Prepaid Taxes Bylaw 1932" be now reported upon.

Whereupon the Committee proceedings were conveyed to Council.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Interest on Partly or Fully Prepaid Taxes Bylaw 1932" be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council subject to reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until 7:00 p.m., on the evening of Monday, January 11th next, at which time the Council will meet again to consider and adjust the Committee expenditures for the year 1931.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

E.H. Bridgman
MAYOR.