# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1932 AT 8:00 P.M.

#### PRESENT:

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, January 18th, 1932, together with the minutes of the Statutory meeting of Council held on Thursday, January 21st, 1932, 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 Registrar, County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for Bylaws numbered:

1327 "City of North Vancouver Interest on Partly or Fully Prepaid Taxes Bylaw 1932"

1328 "City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1932, Number 1"

#### Received and Filed

From the Board of School Trustees submitting a copy of Auditors report on the books and accounts of the Board for the year ended December 31, 1931, with the request that the detailed audited statement of all receipts and expenditures for school purposes for the year ended December 31, 1931 be included in the Annual Report and Financial Statement to be published by the City for the year 1931.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the audited reports of the School Board for the year ended December 31, 1931 be received and filed and a copy of same published in the City's Annual Statement for 1931.

From the North Vancouver Health Unit, submitting the budget under which the Unit is to operate from September 1, 1931 to August 31, 1932, the proportion chargeable to the City, including the School Board being \$2,820.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the proposed budget be referred to estimates.

From W.A. Tolmie & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vancouver, submitting the audited report and statement for the North Vancouver General Hospital as at December 31, 1931.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the report be received and filed.

From the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners agreeing to the City's proposal to establish a garbage dump on the sixty-six feet of waterfront immediately west of Fell Avenue, providing preventive measures satisfaction of the Harbour Master.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that a copy of the communication be furnished to the Special Committee who are to consider the application of the Pressure Pipe Co. of Canada Ltd. who are at present negotiating for an industrial site at approximately the same location.

From the A.1. Fuel Co. complaining that the City's relief orders for coal are not being evenly distributed and that recently there had been mistakes in the addresses on orders issued to them.

The Clerk reported that the 1931 distribution was as follows:

| A.1 Fuel Co.                    | \$54.25 |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| B.C. Coal Co.                   | 8.25    |
| Canadian Transfer Co.           | 3.25    |
| Chesterfield Wood and Coal      | 16.50   |
| Clarkstone Bros.                | 80.50   |
| D.A. Doyle                      | 49.00   |
| Great West Coal & Supplies Ltd. | 71.75   |
| North Van Cartage Co. Ltd.      | 48.75   |
| J. Ralston                      | 26.00   |

And for the month of January 1932 as follows:

| A. 1 Fuel Co.               | \$16.25 |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Clarkstone Bros.            | 12.50   |
| Evans, Coleman & Evans Ltd. | 20.50   |
| B.C. Coal Co.               | 3.00    |

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the information conveyed to the Council be forwarded to the A.1 Fuel Co. in reply to their letter and instructions issued to those responsible to use care in furnishing the correct name and address.

From C.W. Calhoun, 942 Pender St., submitting a proposal in regard to advertising on the City Ferries and Approaches.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the application be referred to the Ferry Committee for discussion with Mr. Calhoun and report back to Council.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade requesting Council to favourably consider and endorse a resolution submitted opposing any increase in the gasoline tax. Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that consideration be taken up in Committee of the Whole.

From the Allied Printing and Trades Council, Vancouver, enclosing a list of firms using the Union label and urging that when orders for printing are being dealt with only firms operating under Union conditions be considered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the list of Union firms be filed in the Comptroller's office for reference.

From the Assessor for the District of North Vancouver notifying the Council that an appeal had been lodged by John Moir against the assessment of improvements on the lands owned by the City and known as Blocks 3 to 11, inclusive, and Blocks 23 to 28 inclusive, D.L. 855, Municipality of North Vancouver, in that the said improvements had been valued at too low an amount.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the appeal be referred for protest to the Chairman of the Waterworks Committee and the City Engineer who will arrange for attendance at the Court of Revision.

From the North Vancouver Ratepayers and Residents Association:

- 1) That in view of the urgent need for economy that this Association ask the Mayor and Council to reduce their indemnities to \$1,000.00 per year for the Mayor and \$300.00 per year for Aldermen.
- 2) Are the Superannuation regulations in regard to the ages of City employees in all departments being carried out, if not, why not
- 3) Will the City Council ask for legislation to enable the City to extend the time for payment of taxes on taxpayers homes so that the property may not be compulsorily sold at the tax sale.
- 4) That this Association urge the Council to cancel all passes on City Ferries, and substitute expense accounts for those officials who use the Ferries on strictly City business.
- 5) This Association goes on record as being heartily in favour of the idea of a Metropolitan Police Force as sponsored by Alderman H.J. De Graves in the Vancouver City Council, and urge this Council to co-operate to the fullest extent to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

6) That the Council ask the Provincial Government to take over and operate the Superannuation Act as in force at the present time in all departments of the City.

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

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade requesting an appointment for a delegation to be heard in regard to the continuance of the Annual Civic grant.

Mayor Bridgman referred to the difficulty experienced in meeting current expenses and the necessity of an early arrangement being made with the Bank in regard to financing for the year.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that a Special Meeting of the Council be held in the City Hall, at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 1932, to which the Board of School Trustees and the Board of Police Commissioners be invited and at which the estimates of the respective bodies for the current year will be considered.

From the Montreal Trust Co. demanding that the City provide the amount necessary to meet interest coupons due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March next on the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company's Bond issue.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the request be referred to and considered with estimates at the Special meeting on Monday next.

From the North Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club applying for permission to remove the old Club House erected on land leased from the City and commonly known as the Bowling Green enclosure in Block 207, D.L. 545.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Parks Committee with power to act.

From F.J. Bayfield, Barrister, Vancouver, advising that he is prepared to settle without suit for the sum of \$250.00 Mr. Musson's claim for alleged damages.

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Co. had been notified and that the injuries in question were said to have been sustained while leaving a Ferry on August 8<sup>th</sup> last and that the matter was thought to have been disposed of in October of last year.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the correspondence be referred to the Solicitor.

From F.H. Fallows, 1504 St. Andrew's Avenue, claiming damages to his automobile while boarding a Ferry on the morning of Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> last, by skidding on to the steelwork of the bridge due to the absence of sand on the roadway.

From Mate Rennolf describing the accident.

From the Engineer stating that the ascertained facts are at variance with Mr. Fallows' complaint and as Mr. Fallows did not have his vehicle under control the Engineer recommended that an account for \$2.50 be forwarded to Mr. Fallows for damage done to the railings.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the correspondence be referred to the Solicitor with power to act.

From Mrs. Anna Holtz, complaining of lack of attention in settling certain troubles with her tenants.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the communication be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

From the Medical Health Officer again drawing attention to the necessity of having a sewer connection laid to the house occupied by Mr. Jacobson situated on Lots 23 and 24, Resub 2, 3, and 4, Block 18, D.L. 549, City of North Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the City proceed at the owners expense to lay a sewer up to the property line and if the owner fails to connect up with the sewer when so laid the necessary legal steps be taken to compel the condition or nuisance complained of to be abated.

From the Union of B.C. Municipalities advising that a Special Convention will be held in the City of Victoria at the time the Legislature is in session for the purpose of discussing Government grants, Unemployment, and other matters affecting the Municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Special fee of \$10.00 covering the union expenses be paid, the delegates to represent the City and the preparation of the date being left for discussion at a later date.

From the Union of B.C. Municipalities, submitting copy of a telegram sent to the Prime Minister of Canada in respect to Unemployment following a conference between representatives of thirty-five B.C. municipalities of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island and the Provincial Cabinet.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the contents be endorsed and copies forwarded to Senator A.D. McRae, The Hon. H.H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. A.E. Munn, the Federal member of the riding.

From the Home Oil Distributors Ltd. requesting that more permanent road repairs be made on Bewicke Ave. between Third St. and Oil Refinery.

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 J.H. Shairp, 1945 Mahon Ave., applying for permission to cut two fallen trees lying in Mahon Park immediately behind Confederation Park.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the application be referred to the Engineer with power to act.

From E. & E. Musgreave, applying for a lane to be opened at the rear of their property adjacent to the building commonly known as the "Old Model Bakery".

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

From the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor conveying the request of Mrs. Fordham Johnson that Empire Day be observed as a day upon which food products in the British Empire shall be used exclusively by Householders, Clubs, Hotels, and Restaurants in British Columbia.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the suggestions contained in the correspondence be referred to the Publicity Committee for study and report.

From W.G. Swan, Consulting Engineer for the Harbour Board, applying for a renewal of his Ferry Pass for the year 1932.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be laid on the table.

From the Department of Public Works, Circular letter dealing with Payrolls, Materials, and Schedule of works being carried out as Unemployment Relief work under agreement with the Province.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the circular be referred for study by the Special Committee dealing with Unemployment Relief.

From the Engineer drawing attention to certain names on the Unemployment Relief payroll for the week ending January 14<sup>th</sup> 1932, that he believes are not entitled to relief under the regulations.

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

From the Engineer recommending that the sum of \$1,500.00 be temporarily allocated to the City's portion of relief funds for work yet to be carried out under agreement numbered 23. Reimbursement to be made on settlement of City's claim for rental of tractor etc.

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

From B.C. Motor Transportation Ltd. requesting permission to place an illuminated sign over the Grey Cab Phone box at the Vancouver Ferry Wharf, the Cab Company agreeing to pay the cost of wiring and a flat rate of 50 cents per month for light.

The Clerk reported that some urgency had arisen in the matter and that the work had been carried out after approval had been given to the proposal by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Ferry Committee and the City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the action be confirmed and a satisfactory undertaking in regard to payment of the monthly light account obtained from B.C. Motor Transportation Ltd.

Arising out of the application made by Mr. Gilbert Dale to have the guy wires removed from a telephone pole at Fourth and St. George's so that proper access could be provided to his building on Lot 20, Block 126, D.L. 274, the Solicitor advised that the Statutes gave the B.C. Telephone Co. the power to place poles and wires upon public highways but that the Council had power to pass a Bylaw for regulating (notwithstanding anything contained in any special or private act) the placing of poles and wires and regulating the replacing of poles upon construction of permanent sidewalks or permanent works and for compelling, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, the removal of any poles or wires which may be considered by the Council dangerous to the public safety.

The Clerk reported the application was at present under negotiation with the B.C. Telephone Co. but that no decision had so far been given in the matter.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Engineer arrange an interview with the local representative of the Telephone Co. with a view to expediting action in the matter.

From the North Vancouver Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association applying for a permit to stage a boxing and wrestling exhibition at the K.P. Hall in about two weeks time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that permission be granted to the North Vancouver Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association to stage a boxing and wrestling tournament in the K.P. Hall about the time stated and that the customary notice be given to the Chief Constable in the matter.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade submitting the following resolution:

"That the secretary write to the City Council in regard to establishing a safety zone at the foot of Lonsdale Ave., where the Street Cars stop to safeguard passengers when dismounting and mounting "B.C. Electric Cars".

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the application be referred to the City Engineer and Chief of Police for study and report.

#### **TENDERS**

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the tenders be opened.

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

# REPAIRS AND RENEWALS TO NO. 3 FERRY

Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. \$3,275.00 Time for completion, 5 ½ working days

B.C. Marine Engineers and Shipbuilders Ltd. \$3,450.00 Time for completion, 6 continuous working days

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the lowest tender be and is hereby accepted namely that of the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. at the price of \$3,275.00 the vessel to go on the ways during the month of February.

# BINDING COLLECTORS' AND ASSESSMENT ROLLS

G.A. Roedde Ltd. \$60.00

Clarke and Stuart Co. Ltd. \$119.00

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the lowest tender be and is hereby accepted namely that of G.A. Roedde Ltd. at the price of \$86.00.

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        | 919.25   |             |
|----------------|----------|-------------|
|                | 903.65   | \$1,822.90  |
| Police         |          | \$1,241.92  |
| School         |          | \$12,143.45 |
| Ferry          |          | \$5,617.06  |
| Board of Works | 465.31   |             |
|                | 1,490.97 | \$1,956.28  |
| Fire and Light |          | \$1,941.50  |
| Waterworks     | 311.08   |             |
|                | 244.95   | \$556.03    |
| Health         | 198.50   |             |
|                | 275.62   | \$474.12    |

| Parks | 163.00 |          |
|-------|--------|----------|
|       | 78.78  | \$241.78 |

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A communication was read from Mr. J.P. Fell with reference to negotiations to lease seven acres of property on the Northwest portion of the Fell FILL to the Pressure Pipe Co. of Canada Ltd. for industrial purposes subject to the City meeting the following conditions.

- 1) To repair and keep in proper condition the retaining wall on the west side of the Fill, which is on the center line of the road allowance.
- 2) To repair a portion of this retaining wall, beginning at the southern boundary of the property extending north a distance of 300 feet.
- To grant to the Pressure Pipe Co. right of occupancy of this roadway for handling materials from the dock to the plant, it being understood that the Pressure Pipe Co. will not block the roadway completely but will always provide access for tenants located on the south of the property.
- 4) To grant permission to build and extend a wharf across the roadway and extending approximately ten feet into the channel for a length not exceeding 300 feet. The City of North Vancouver to grant perpetual right of free access to this property by water through a channel not less than 66 feet in width, at all stages of tide. The City of North Vancouver to arrange for necessary dredging which will permit of scow reaching the Company's said wharf through the above mentioned channel.

His Worship the Mayor asked to be excused while the proposal was being discussed and Alderman Anderson was appointed to the Chair.

Mr. R. Ker-Houlgate, Colonels O'Leary, Mitchell and McLean were in attendance and outlined the original and purpose of the group. In discussing the details it was stated that all labour, except supervision, together with the bulk of the materials would be purchased locally and that an expenditure of \$75,000.00 was contemplated on the construction of the plant with a probable permanency of the industry as a full time working unit if the business offering warranted same, about forty men would be employed at the plant.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a Special Committee of three be appointed to act with the Solicitor and Engineer in ascertaining the cost to the City and making a further examination of the proposal.

Alderman Anderson thereupon appointed the following Committee:
Alderman Brown, Alderman Huggett, and Alderman Anderson

His Worship the Mayor reported on his trip to Victoria, Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, stating the question of Unemployment Relief together with the proposed reductions in Municipal and Educational grants were discussed with the Government by representatives of the municipalities.

The Council had before them a copy of the wire sent to the Prime Minister of Canada through the Union and he would recommend that a resolution be passed urging the local member Mr. Jack Loutet, to support the Municipal Councils and Boars of School Trustees in their demand for no reduction being made in Municipal and Educational grants.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the thanks of Council be tendered to the Mayor for his services at Victoria and the Clerk forward to the local member the unanimous request of Council to support the demand for no reduction in grants.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the <u>Finance Committee</u> be adopted:

Recommend that the January report of Relief distributed be received and filed, in amount \$1,200.28

# <u>SUMMARY</u>

| Relief to Unemployed                 | \$449.75        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Relief to Indigents                  | 457.02          |
| Monthly Pensions                     | 40.00           |
| Payment of Institutions              | <u>253.51</u>   |
|                                      | \$1,200.28      |
|                                      |                 |
| Less amount to be recovered from the |                 |
| Federal & Provincial Governments     | <u>\$299.84</u> |
|                                      |                 |
|                                      | \$900.44        |

Recommend that the arrangement made with Mr. J.W. Scott through the office of A. Smith & Co. to rent the house at 128 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, at a rental of \$22.50 per month, payable in advance, be confirmed and that the finishing work to an attic bedroom to be done by the tenant for the sum of \$21.50 be and is hereby agreed to, and adjustment made on the first month's rent.

Recommend that a refund of \$6.00 be allowed for water rates on the premises at 206 27<sup>th</sup> Street East. The owner who resides in Victoria, having paid water rates for the past six months during which time the premises were and have been continuously vacant.

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

Recommend that the application for renewal of Marine Insurance from B.L. Johnson Walton Co. Vancouver and the application from the North Shore Real Estate Association for the Marine Insurance on No.3 Ferry be further studied by the Committee, both applications being subject to existing rates and conditions.

Recommend that the offer made in December last by McGinitie and MacDonald, Marine Surveyors, Seattle, to sell a double-ended 40 car ferry at the price of \$18,000.00 cash in U.S. Funds be filed for reference.

Recommend that the application from J.P. Hodgson, for reduced motorcycle fares on the City Ferries be laid on the table pending a contemplated general revision of vehicular rates on the Ferries.

Recommend that in addition to the present incumbent Mrs. M. Firth be engaged for a half-shift daily in cleaning the women's cabins o the Ferries, details to be left in the hands of the Ferry Superintendent.

Recommend that the proposal to extend the passenger accommodation on No. Ferry at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00 be and is hereby abandoned.

Recommend that the Ferry Superintendent and Engineer report upon the feasibility and cost together with plans for installing Side gates for foot passengers on No.2 and 3 Ferries, along the lines discussed at a recent conference between the Ferry Committee and the Transportation Committee of the North Vancouver Board of Trade.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the following report of the <u>Fire & Light Committee</u> be adopted:

Recommend that no change be made in the insurance carried on fire apparatus which at present covers public liability only and does not take care of collision damage. Experience over ten year period shows that the additional cost of insurance would be unwarranted.

Recommend that a monthly report be furnished by the Collector showing the accounts rendered and the collections made for Ambulance services.

#### <u>MOTIONS</u>

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that free passes on the City Ferries be suspended the year 1932.

Alderman Wilson in speaking to the motion said that as in all privileges abuses had crept in and the logical action was to abolish the privilege. Instances were cited in

connection with the use of passes which had come under his observation that he could not look upon with favour.

Alderman Cartwright stated that although he had seconded the motion he was satisfied the Council's objective would be obtained by purging the present list.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the question of free passes on the City Ferries be investigated and reported on jointly by the Finance and Ferry Committees.

Voting for the Amendment Aldermen Anderson, Brown, Cartwright, Huggett and

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Voting for the Amendment As the Main Motion

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Alderman Wilson Voting Against

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment carried as the main motion.

The Clerk reported that arrangements had been completed with the Supervisor of Unemployment Relief for the City to send twenty-five registered single men on Direct Relief to Government Unemployment Relief to Government Unemployment Relief Camps. Men in excess of that number had been notified and all of them had refused to go. Notice had been served at the same time by the supervisor of Unemployment Relief that in the event of refusal the Government could no longer accept responsibility for any share of relief granted by the City to the men. The Clerk proposed that the Council pass a resolution declaring that single men who were registered and had refused camp be granted no further relief and that they be left entirely on their own resources.

Discussion followed concerning transportation, conditions obtaining at and the location of the camps, etc.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Clerk get the fullest particulars on the subject possible and if conditions, in the circumstances are considered reasonable, the City assume no further responsibility for those men who refused to go to camp.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An agreement was submitted between the Postmaster General of Canada and the City for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mail twenty-five times per week each way between North Vancouver Wharf at North Vancouver, in the manner and on the days and at the hours specified, for a term of five years, terminating 30<sup>th</sup> June 1936 at the rate of

\$1,250.00 per annum, subject to the right of the Postmaster General to terminate the agreement by giving three months notice in writing of his intention to do so.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the agreement be entered into finally adopted and ordered signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the subjoined resolution from the City of Edmonton be considered in Committee of the Whole.

"THAT this Council urge upon the Federal Government the need of calling an economic congress to which representatives of all the representatives bodies in Canada be called together with such other representatives as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of considering ways and means of eliminating the causes of unemployment".

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Solicitor review the correspondence and files concerning the non-payment of Local Improvement assessments by the Department of Indian Affairs for the construction of a sanitary sewer laid in front of Block 123, D.L. 271.

Matters arising out of His Worship the Mayor's Inaugural address were dealt with as follows:

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that Mr. Donaghy be and is hereby authorized to select and consult with some eminent K.C. to the end that unoccupied lands the fee of which is in the Crown in the right of the Board of Harbour Commissioners may become subject to City assessment and taxation.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Board of Works Committee investigate the feasibility of calling public tenders for supplies required by the department at three month intervals. Alderman Cartwright suggested that the Engineer prepare a list covering requirements for the stated period.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Treasurer be requested to prepare and submit to Council the estimates for the year 1932 at the Special meeting called for Monday next February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a Special meeting of the Council be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 1932, at 8 p.m. to meet invited representatives of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild Inc., the National Association of Marine Engineers, and the Federated Seafarers Union, to discuss pay and conditions that are to obtain among the Ferry employees under the 1932 agreements.

At this stage of the proceedings His Worship the Mayor read copy of a letter he had addressed to the Hon. R.H. Pooley, Attorney-General Victoria, confirming an interview on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

- 1) That permissive legislation be granted to Municipalities to reduce the tax penalty to ten percent.
- 2) That power be given to Municipalities to hypothecate Sinking Fund securities to the Bank to enable them to take care under certain circumstances of the repayment of securities falling due.
- 3) Enact legislation to prevent the actual homes of taxpayers from being sold for taxes following judgment in the matter by a competent authority.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the letter be endorsed as the opinion of the Council, and the essential points conveyed to the Secretary of the Union of B.C. Municipalities for consideration at the Convention to be held at Victoria.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Ferry Committee have power to act in the matter of arranging the hire of the "Harbour Princess" if that is found necessary, at the time No.3 Ferry is on the ways for the annual overhaul.

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

Alderman Wilson 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 Brown seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that this meeting of council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

E.H. BRIDGMAN MAYOR