

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1932 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 6th, 1932, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Cartwright adopted.

From the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. submitting a list of men employed by them during the month of July 1932.

The Clerk reported that 75% of the men employed were bona-fide permanent white residents of the City of North Vancouver and that 75% of the working hours had also been performed by North Shore workmen.

Received and Filed

From the Pressure Pipe Company of Canada Ltd. submitting a list of men employed by them during the month of August 1932.

The Clerk reported the particulars of employment to be the same as in the case of the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd., and the details in accordance with the agreements between the City and the Company.

Received and Filed

From the District of Pitt Meadows deploring the action of the Provincial Legislature in saddling Municipalities with the burden of Social Service costs.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the Council endorse the resolution and again reiterates its opposition to any portion of Social Service costs being imposed upon Municipalities.

From the District of Maple Ridge protesting against the rise of two cents per gallon in the price of gasoline, believing that the burden imposed upon consumers is entirely unjustified.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Council endorse the communication and join in a concerted movement for relief by sending a copy of same to the Federal and Provincial members for the Constituency.

From Frank Giampa, applying to have six trees cut down on the Boulevard, East of his property, at the corner of 8th Street and St. Andrew's Ave., Lots 12 and 13, Block 97, D.L. 274-549.

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

From the Engineer certifying that in his opinion the clearing of City lots and Street allowances on contract is economically sound as a measure of relief for the unemployed and that the work would be of permanent benefit to the City and the public in general.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that a copy of the communication be mailed to the Provincial Government with the advice that the scheme can be got under way whenever the funds are available.

From the Engineer recommending that a new railing be constructed at a cost of \$35.00 to protect the City's ten inch Water main at Centre Road.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the recommendation be referred to the Waterworks Committee with power to act.

Reference the vacant building at 1841 Larson Road.

Dr. Amyot reported a dry toilet, inadequate plumbing, and the building in bad repair with signs of the presence of rats.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the building in its present state be deemed a nuisance and a danger to public health and that the Solicitor and Clerk take requisite action on same whenever the City is entitled to do so.

From the Superintendent of the Western Division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind suggesting a meeting with the Committee of Council at the Institute, 1101 Broadway West, on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 21st at 3.30 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the Committee postpone the appointment until such time as an opportunity has been given the Board of Management of the Institute to consider a reply to the questionnaire.

From Ralph W. Jackson, 423 Keith Road, East, applying for permission to cut dry snags and windfalls, suitable for shingle bolts on District Lot 856.

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

The Report of the President of the Union of B.C. Municipalities was submitted on the Calgary Conference, held Tuesday, September 6th, 1932, re Unemployment.

Referred for consideration to Committee of the Whole.

From the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. and the Engineer with reference to the condition of the Chesterfield Ave. wharf.

The Engineer recommended

1. That the Dominion Tug and Barge Co. be notified not to use the dock for gaining access to tugs.
2. That the counter-weights and slip dock portion be dismantled at an estimated cost of \$60.00.
3. That the portion of the dock used by the City in connection with the pontoon work be fenced off with a railing or fence.
4. That the portion used by the City in connection with the pontoon work be reconstructed at an estimated cost of \$250.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Engineer's recommendations be adopted and the work proceeded with.

From the Common Good Co-operative Association submitting particulars of their progress to date and applying for the use of the City's Dual Tired truck to deliver about forty cords of wood to the members, on account of difficulty experienced in using the single dual tired truck.

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

From D. Donaghy, K.C. with reference to the demand made upon the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners for payment of arrears of taxes, advising that their Solicitors had written to him, stating that the Board refuses to pay anything in respect of penalties.

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

From the Executive Council on Unemployment Relief concerning the domicile of relief cases and further advising that any property owner with dependents applying for relief will be a responsibility of the Municipality wherein the property is situated.

AND

From the North Vancouver Unemployed Association, requesting that relief to single unemployed men be increased to \$3.00 per week instead of \$2.50 as is now paid.

The reading of the two communications opened up a general discussion on the system of relief, during which a motion was introduced that the Government arrange a loan to property owners who are in need, taking as security the real property of the applicant.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the following telegram of protest be and is hereby endorsed and that copies of same be forwarded to all other Municipalities of the Province.

“North Vancouver City Council strongly protests against new ruling that any property owner with dependents, applying for relief, will be a Municipal responsibility.

The City Council believes that in practically all such cases investigation will show that the property owner’s interest in such property will not realize anything on either sale or mortgage.

Thirty seven per cent of those on relief in this City are property owners and in these cases Government Inspectors are invited to check up on possibility of anything being realized out of such property”.

The Clerk reported that a new amendment to Section 224 of the “Municipal Act” placed the responsibility upon the Council of designating a date for the Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll between the 1st and 15th days of February of each year, prior to the transmission of the assessment notices.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the first sitting of the Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll be held at the City Hall North Vancouver, on Monday, the 6th day of February 1933, at 10 o’clock a.m.

From Harron Bros. And Williamson, drawing a tension to the bad condition of 6th St., from Lonsdale Ave., West, to the front of their Undertaking Parlors, and further expressing a willingness to pay the labor costs of laying a concrete sidewalk in front of their property, if the City will provide the materials, the cost of which they are prepared to pay, if the City will agree to the amount being credited to the 1933 Tax Account.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the question of necessary repairs to the roadway be referred to the Board of Works Committee with power to act.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the proposal to lay a concrete sidewalk be reported on by the Solicitor and Engineer.

The Chief of Police introduced an application from the Yorkshire and Pacific Securities Ltd., that “No Parking” signs be established opposite the premises at 109-111-1st. St., West.

The Clerk reported that Bylaw 891 prohibited parking on the north side of 1st Street, for a distance of 50’ west of Lonsdale Ave., and that the prevailing conditions on First Street, were largely the result of parking regulations on Esplanade.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Chief of Police & Engineer to arrange a sensible agreement with the parties interested.

PETITIONS

From E.C.W. Harper, 416-6th St., West, and two others complaining about the nuisance created in that neighborhood by crowing roosters.

The Sanitary Inspector investigated the complaint and reported that some steps had already been taken to lessen the noise complained of.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Engineer and Solicitor look into the provisions of the "Town Planning Act" with respect to the keeping of poultry in that area. On the Mayor's suggestion, the Chief of Police promised to attempt a satisfactory settlement of the present perplexing state of affairs.

ENQUIRIES

Alderman Wilson enquired when a review of the Civic Staff was to be undertaken.

The Mayor stated that any decisions concerning the staff would be to a large extent dependent upon the arrangement completed with the bank for financing the City for the balance of the year, which was still an open question, although a definite understanding was expected to be reached in the very near future.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the subject be placed on the Agenda for a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, September 26th next at 8 p.m.

TENDERS

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

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

Pacific Salvage Co. Ltd.	\$420.00
Vancouver Pile Driving & Contracting Co. Ltd.	\$490.00
McKenzie Barge and Derrick Co. Ltd.	\$370.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the tenders be referred to the Engineer for tabulation and report.

The Engineer later reported and recommended that the tender of McKenzie Barge & Derrick Co. Ltd. at \$370.00 be accepted.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and the contract awarded to the firm of McKenzie Barge & Derrick Co. Ltd., Vancouver, at the price of \$370.00.

DUE ACCOUNTS: Reports and recommendations of the Finance, Police, School, Ferry, Board of Works, Fire & 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 amounts:

Finance		\$3,173.69
School		\$750.03
Police		\$335.78
Ferry	7,501.37 1,694.52	\$9,195.89
Board of Works		\$363.47
Fire and Light		\$2,133.97
Waterworks		\$241.41
Parks		\$48.19
Health	3,244.95 881.65 100.00 1,064.57	\$5,291.17

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Recommend the adoption of the report of Relief distributed during the month of August, in the amount of \$7,798.95.

SUMMARY

Relief to Unemployed	\$6,778.75
Relief to Indigents	650.24
Monthly Pensions	40.00
Institutional cases	<u>329.96</u>
	\$7,798.95

Less amounts to be recovered
From the Federal and
Provincial Governments \$4,765.30

Net cost to City \$3,033.65

Recommend that the following arrangement arrived at between the Finance Committee and McDermid, Miller & McDermid be confirmed:

McDermid Miller & McDermid Ltd. buy from the City:

£28,000.00 Dominion of Canada (Guar. Grant Trunk Rly.), 4% Perpetuals at 73.24.

City of North Vancouver buy from McDermid Miller & McDermid Ltd., \$40,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 6% bonds, due 1940 at 97.50.

And:

\$60,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 6% Bonds, due 1952 at 97.7-8.

Accrued interest and Sales Tax to be adjusted.

And the customary authority be given to the Mayor and Clerk to complete the exchange.

Recommend that the offerings from the following firms be laid on the table:

McDermid Miller & McDermid Ltd.
Pemberton & Sons, Vancouver Ltd.
A.E. Ames and Co. Ltd.

The Committee reported on a meeting with the Supervisor of the Royal Bank of Canada, the details of which had been submitted to Montreal. It was confidently expected that a credit of \$47,000.00 would be available, when approved by the Head Office, which was expected before the end of the week.

Recommend that the time of issuance of Salary cheques to the Staff and payment of Trade accounts be left in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Recommend that enquirers on behalf of the holders of Interest Coupons which fell due on and after September 1, 1932 be informed that the Council is trying to arrange a credit with the Bank and expect to have funds set up to meet payments at an early date.

Recommend that the letter from Mrs. F. Crowley, 338-1st St., East, be dealt with by the Solicitor and Relief Officer.

Recommend that the question of printing or mimeographing the 1932 Tax Sale List be left in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee.

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

Recommend that the claim of Mr. James Hastings, 1115 Richards St., Vancouver, for alleged damage done to his car as a result of an accident on No.4 Ferry, at 4.45 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 1932 be referred to the Solicitor.

Recommend that the Superintendent again draw the attention of all Officers on the City Ferries to the necessity for extending the utmost courtesy to passengers, and that Mate Rush be asked to appear before the Committee in connection with his reported conduct towards Mr. James Hastings.

The request for an adjustment of rentals on the Ferry Refreshment stands held by W.F. Smith and Mr. K.A. Ray, was laid over.

Recommend that the application of Mrs. Clifford Smith for free transportation on the City Ferries for Cecil Garland, a blind veteran and his guide be laid on the table pending further information on the purpose of Mr. Garlands' travels.

Recommend that the Vancouver Matriculation Academy be advised that students attending the school cannot be granted Students tickets on the City Ferries, the work done being regular High School grades, which are already available under the auspices of organized School Boards.

Recommend that the "Ferries" fall and winter schedule submitted by the Superintendent be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday the 22nd inst. at 3.30 p.m.

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

Recommend that in view of changed conditions, the North Shore "All Blacks" Rugby Football Clubs, application for five Saturday games at Confederation Park between October & December of this year be favorably considered. Alderman Page undertaking to arrange the matter between the interested parties.

Recommend that the application of the North Shore "Canadian" Rugby Team for the use of Confederation Park on three Saturdays during the season and time for practice games in Mahon Park throughout the season be left in the hands of the Chairman to do the best he can for the applicants.

Recommend that the account for paint and varnish recently used at the Hospital grounds be paid for by the City and later billed to the Management of the Hospital.

MOTIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Cartwright that:-

In view of the fact that there is no really definite information in regard to construction of the Second Narrows Bridge, and in view of the fact that this bridge has now been down for practically two years, resulting in the loss of thousands of dollars to the business people of North Vancouver, and has resulted also in a goodly number of residents moving out from the City of North Vancouver, and further that there has been no movement in industrial activities during the whole of these two years as a direct result of the lack of rail transportation between the two shores, and whereas, a review of the terms of contract between the Receiver and the Stewart Cameron Company is so woven, as to provide all kinds of loop holes, and leave, many strings untied, and in connection with which, public opinion is suspicious, that there exists causes, for what appears to be unwarranted delay, so that the air is surcharged with all kinds of critical comments.

AND IN ORDER THEREFORE, that the matter may be brought to where reconsideration can be given the whole matter, be it resolved, that this council recommend that such procedure shall be taken as may be necessary so that the contract existing shall be nullified, unless definite and ample proof can be given by

Stewart Cameron Company that the work can be commenced not later than the end of September.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the work is not proceeded with as outlined in former resolution, that the Receiver call a meeting of appointed representatives of all the interests concerned, in order that the matter may be thoroughly discussed and a possible solution formulated.

Following discussion it was moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the resolution be laid on the table until October 1st next.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the positions of Relief Officer and Building Inspector held by Mr. H.C. Wright be and are hereby declared vacant.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Infants Admission to Nursing Home Bylaw 1932" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Page seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered be now finally adopted by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1345.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "City of North Vancouver Adoption of Certain Provisions of the Municipal Act Bylaw 1932" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted by the Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1346.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Submitting lease for a period of three years dated December 30, 1932, at a monthly rental of \$50.00 payable in advance, between the City and Colin Massie Astbury, covering Lots 1-6, inclusive and Lots 25-30 inclusive, in Block 164 D.L. 271, reserving for the City's use the stable and other buildings with power to enter upon and pass and re-pass the City's horses wagons, etc.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the lease as read be approved and is hereby adopted by the Council signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Alderman Huggett on learning that Alderman Page had been appointed a member of the Waterworks Committee during the absence of Alderman Brown, stated that the report of the Water Works Committee would be ready for submission at the Special Meeting of Council to be held on Monday next.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page 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 Page and resolved that the foregoing report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

E. H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR