

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1932

PRESENT:

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, November 7, 1932, together with the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 9th 1932, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Anderson adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, being receipt for Bylaws numbered:

1350 "The City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1932, No.7".

1351 "The City of North Vancouver Hypothecation of Debentures Bylaw 1932, No.3, (Chesterfield Avenue Sanitary Sewer).

1352 "The City of North Vancouver Hypothecation of Debentures Bylaw 1932, No.4, (Eighteenth Street Sanitary Sewer).

1353 "The City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw No.2 1932".

RECEIVED AND FILED

From the City of Winnipeg the under noted resolution:

"That the City Solicitor be instructed to memorialize the Dominion Government to so amend the Bank Act as to enable banks doing business in Canada to loan money to municipalities in cases of emergency such as widespread unemployment for the purpose of constructing, repairing or purchasing or assisting in constructing, repairing or purchasing any public work or undertaking within the jurisdiction of the Council of the municipality to perform or undertake, including all the lands necessary for same or incidental thereto, to charge interest on all such loans at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum; and to take security from the Municipalities on the strength of such works or undertakings and any such lands as aforesaid in connection therewith.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the resolution as submitted, be endorsed, the Dominion Government memorialized to that effect and a copy sent to the Federal member for the Constituency.

From the Property Owners Association submitting two communications:

1. That the Provincial Insurance Act be amended to permit the premium that has been paid on amounts in excess of the amount that is paid at the time of loss, be refunded to the insured with interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the resolution be endorsed and forwarded to the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

2. Expressing disapproval of the action of Council in appointing a non-taxpayer to a recent position in the City Clerk's office.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be filed.

From J.A. Fairbanks, 736 Granville Street, Vancouver, applying for permission to load pulpwood on scows at the foot of Fell Avenue.

The Mayor explained that the applicant had interviewed him and the intention was to employ a number of the local unemployed in cutting the wood on a piece work basis.

The Engineer stated that he had looked into the matter and suitable arrangements could be made for loading at either Fell or Bewicke Avenues.

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

Any arrangement entered into must be subject to agreement, nominal rental and removal clause.

From J.H. Houlden, Lynn Valley, applying for the business of decorating the Ferry Wharf and Lonsdale Avenue North to First Street at the Christmas season, roping and trimmings 10 cents per foot. (If contract is granted the applicants undertake to donate \$15.00 to the Christmas Cheer Fund).

The Clerk reported there was an offer from another party to be submitted later in the meeting and the communication was laid on the table until that time.

From the Pacific Salvage Company Limited, submitting list of persons who were employed at their North Vancouver plant during the month of October 1932.

The Clerk reported that the number of hours worked by residents of the City was slightly short of requirements, probably due to the fact that a full month had not elapsed since they were notified to comply with the terms of the Bylaw.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the communication be filed and the Company notified again that the agreement must be complied with.

From the Fire Chief submitting report of the Fire Department for the month ended October:

Number of Alarms	7
Total risk	\$1,600.00
Total Insurance	\$1,500.00
Total loss	\$1,321.00

RECEIVED AND FILED

From St. Andrews United Church complaining of the bad condition of the wooden sidewalks surrounding the Church building at 10th & St. George's and applying to have the existing sidewalks replaced with concrete sidewalks.

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

From the North Vancouver Unemployed Association urging that the provision of food, shelter and clothing to the unemployed be placed on a more efficient and definite basis.

From Fred King Bailiff, urging that the City undertake to pay rent to his Client, for a tenant who is on relief, same to be credited to the Owner's taxes and water rates.

From the Executive of the Union of B.C. Municipalities submitting memorial on "Unemployment Relief" as presented to the Committee of the Executive Council at Victoria on Friday, November 18, 1932.

All of the above three communications were referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the Department of Public Works advising that the Federal Government had signified their approval to the revision covering totals in Agreement 34 as hereunder.

Labor	\$94,051.44
Material	\$24,698.56

Subject to submission of revised agreement, schedule of works, and an increase in the Municipal costs from \$34,187.50 to \$35,862.14.

The Clerk pointed out that the Municipality would benefit to the extent of \$5,023.92, under the revised agreement.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the proposals be approved and the necessary documents prepared signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

From the local committee for "Education Week" extending an invitation to the Mayor and members of the Council to attend the First Annual "Oratorical Contest" at the High School, on Friday evening, November 25 at 8 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the invitation be accepted with thanks and as many members of the Council attend as possible.

From the Solicitor with reference to the communication from the B.C. Motor Transportation Limited, complaining of alleged loiterers at their Stage Depot stating that the Company were in fact requesting that the police act as caretaker of their depot and that the police have no right to interfere with the movements of people unless the people are committing an offence.

From the Chief of Police stating that he had instructed the officers on duty to check upon possible disturbances or loiterers causing an obstruction at the depot and so far everything had been found to be orderly.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that copies of the communications be mailed to the complainants.

From the Canadian Legion, Lynn Valley branch, submitting an offer to install and remove Christmas decorations from the Ferry gates to First Street at a cost of \$33.75.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the offer together with that of Mr. Houlden be referred to the Engineer for opinion.

From the Building Inspector and the Medical Health Officer with reference to the dangerous and unsanitary condition of the frame building situated on Lot 21, Block 153, D.L. 274, formerly known as the Tireman Block.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the building be declared a nuisance and dangerous to the public safety and health and that service be made upon the owners ordering same to be pulled down and removed.

From the North Vancouver General Hospital requesting the sum of \$2,400.00 towards the hospital account. A request for a like amount having been sent to the District of North Vancouver.

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

From J.A. Jones, 326-East 27th Street, with further reference to his being reinstated in the Broom Factory of the Institute for the Blind.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

TENDERS

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

Whereupon the following tenders were opened.

From Wm. G. Beach, 2504 Chesterfield Ave., offering the sum of \$300.00 on terms of \$25.00 Cash and \$25.00 every three months with interest at 7% per annum for Lot 8, Block 11, D.L. 616.

The property in question is situated on the Southwest corner of 15th Street and Rufus Avenue, 125' x 387.9. 15th St. opened, water and light available.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer be accepted on option agreement, subject to the necessary procedure being taken in posting the lot for sale at the price and terms stated and that the necessary Bylaw be prepared and submitted to Council.

From Irwin & Billings co. Ltd., agents for Mrs. A.R. Grace, offering the sum of \$60.00 cash, for Lot 16, Block 15, D.L. 550. The property is situated on 18th St., 110 East of Moody Avenue, 50' x 147' on an open street, water and light available.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the offer be accepted, subject to the necessary procedure being taken in posting the lot for sale at the price stated and that the necessary Bylaw be prepared and submitted to Council.

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 amounts:

Finance		\$587.64
Police		\$179.38
Ferry	1,020.92 4,978.07	\$5,998.99
Board of Works		\$307.74
Fire and Light		\$1,294.32
Waterworks		\$44.47
Parks		\$11.96
Health	2,399.36 2,560.22 2,638.90 753.99 99.50	\$8,451.97

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE be adopted.

RECOMMEND that consideration of increased remuneration to the Auditors be referred to the incoming Council, the increase in the volume of work on the audit of the City Hall books (exclusive of the Ferry and Schools) being 1927-819 hours, 1931-1213 hours (This does not include stenographic and other office services).

RECOMMEND the adoption of the report of Relief distributed during the month of October, in amount of \$8,086.14.

SUMMARY

Relief to Unemployed	\$7,118.96
Relief to Indigents	714.92
Monthly pensions	30.00
Sundry Institutional cases	<u>222.26</u>
	\$8,086.14

RECOMMEND that City Relief orders be issued so as to ensure a better distribution among the local merchants and that in all cases where the recipient is in debt to a local storekeeper that business as far as possible be carried on at the same store.

RECOMMEND that the congratulatory message from McDermid Miller and McDermid Ltd. Vancouver be filed.

RECOMMEND that the under noted matters be considered in Committee of the Whole:
Store Licenses, Common Good Cooperative Association Liability for Tax Penalties, Vancouver Harbour Commissioners.

Lowe family, father prisoner in Okalla

RECOMMEND that suitable temporary help be engaged to check up on admissions to the Provincial Mental Hospital cases dating back to 1908 for which the City is charged under the public Institutions Indemnification (Municipal) Act.

RECOMMEND that the Knights of Pythias Hall be engaged, as a City Expense, for the Annual Stewardship meeting, Monday, January 9, 1933.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following report of the FERRY COMMITTEE be adopted.

RECOMMEND that the Engineer be authorized to have the building at the rear of the Weigh scales moved 25 feet northward at an estimated cost of \$60.00.

RECOMMEND that the Star Meter Cab Limited be granted lease of space at the Vancouver Ferry Terminal for parking one taxi cab, rental \$10.00 per month, light sign and telephone arrangements to be worked out with the Engineer.

RECOMMEND that the communication to the local Steamship Inspector and instructions from the Superintendent to the Officers of No.2 & 3 ferries regarding the loading of automobiles, be laid on the table pending approval or otherwise by the Steamship Inspector.

RECOMMEND that the proposal of Reckitts (Oversea) Limited to furnish free of charge the necessary cleaning outfits and supplies together with a movable stand to shoe shine operators on the City ferries be investigated by the Superintendent subject to report to the Committee, and the proposal be drawn to the attention of the Common Good Cooperative Association.

RECOMMEND that the proposal to establish a Public Notice board of large size at the North Vancouver Ferry Wharf be reported on by the Superintendent and studies by the Committee.

RECOMMEND that the suggested refund to the Superintendent of supervision fees arising out of damage claims be further studied and reported on by the Committee.

RECOMMEND that subject to the statement of Mr. Charles Price being fully substantiated with respect to the alleged conduct of Mr. Mate W. Neville towards him on the 11.40 a.m. trip of Ferry No.2, Sunday, November 20th, it is hereby recorded as the unanimous recommendation of Council that Mate Neville be suspended without pay for a period of one week.

RECOMMEND that in order to clear the obscurity regarding who occupies the position of senior Captain on the City ferries, the Superintendent examine the record of such appointments and take whatever steps are necessary to rectify the prevailing misunderstanding.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mayor Bridgman reported on his trip to Victoria and the proposed changes in the scale of Unemployment Relief to be enforced by the Government on December 1st next:

Maximum amount	\$9.00 Head of family
	\$3.50 Second Adult
	\$2.50 each dependent under twenty-one years of age

with 40% of the food allowance in approved cases for shelter, clothing and fuel. No allowance is made for sickness, water, light, etc. and no charge for taxes of any kind can be made against relief funds. His Worship suggested that a written opinion be obtained from the Solicitor regarding the City's position should the principle of work in return for Direct Relief be insisted upon and further suggested that in view of the City's financial position application be made to Victoria for sufficient funds to carry the City's

share of Unemployment Relief for the months of October, November and December, in amount of \$10,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the Mayor be thanked for his efforts and the necessary particulars submitted to Victoria together with application to the Minister of Finance for a loan of \$10,000.00 for the purposes stated.

The Mayor also reported that he had interviewed the Premier, Dr. Tolmie, in regard to the proposed sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. The Premier had assured him that the North Vancouver Squamish end of the line was not being overlooked in the present negotiations.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that:

Whereas the Provincial Government of B.C. has declared its determination to contribute to unemployment relief, after Dec. 1, 1932, only on a scale wholly inadequate to maintain destitute families on a reasonable standard of living.

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government suggests that such inadequate provision be augmented by Municipal Councils out of General Municipal Revenue.

AND WHEREAS the condition of the Treasury of the City of North Vancouver precludes all possibility of so augmenting the amounts paid on relief, and also meeting the interest payments on Bonded debt.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council advise the Provincial Government of B.C. that North Vancouver City will be compelled to default on interest payments, if the Government persists with its proposed reduction in relief contributions.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that Mr. C.D. Jermyn be and is hereby appointed Acting Treasurer and Collector as and from the 1st day of November 1932 and for such time or times as Mr. H.R. Straw, Treasurer, and Collector may be away on account of sickness or leave of absence and that the Corporation cheques when validly made during such period will be in order when signed by E.H. Bridgman as Mayor and C.D. Jermyn as Acting Treasurer.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Hypothecation of Debentures Bylaw, 1932, No.5 (Victoria Park East Sanitary Sewer)" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright 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.1354.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Hypothecation of Debentures Bylaw, 1932, No.6 (17th Street Sanitary Sewer)" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Page 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.1355.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a meeting be arranged at the call of His Worship the Mayor with Mr. Linn of the Supervisors Office, Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following resolution from the North Vancouver General Hospital be and is hereby endorsed subject to legality:

BE IT RESOLVED: That formal application be made to the Provincial Secretary for an advance out of the special Hospital Appropriation in the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of defraying past deficits and assist in operating the North Vancouver General Hospital to March 31, 1933, and that such loan be secured by the promissory note of each Municipality for the half thereof, and by an agreement to set up in a special account, all collections on unpaid accounts now owing to the Hospital to September 30, 1932. The whole of the deposits in such account to be applied solely to making payment to the Government on account of such loan.

Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Council request Mr. Donaghy to collaborate with Mr. McDougall, Solicitor, for the District in the matter of the examination of the Hospital agreement to ascertain if legal exemption can be granted on that portion of the Hospital area formerly known as the Shannon MacNaghten property.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the proposal recently discussed at a meeting of the Joint Councils of the City and District to pay .70 cents per day for all patients entering the Hospital from the respective Municipalities and the remainder of the Hospital liabilities to be shared on a fifty fifty basis be referred to the incoming Council.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the amended schedule of water rates as prepared at the meeting of the Joint Councils be approved, together with the agreed upon discount of 10% and that the Solicitor prepare and submit to Council the necessary Bylaws to enable the City to purchase and sell water to the District of North Vancouver.

At this stage of the proceedings the Engineer reported on two offerings submitted for Christmas decorations on the lower portion of Lonsdale Avenue stating that the offer of the Lynn Valley Branch of the Canadian Legion was the lowest.

Mr. Houlden, the other bidder for the work, was permitted to address the Council and said that he had carried out similar work for the City in past years and also had on hand the required shields and emblems to put a finishing touch to the work. With the Council's approval he was willing to place the necessary rope on the Ferry Wharf free of charge.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Canadian Legion be communicated with as to the offer having the general support of the branch and thereafter reported on to Council.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

E.H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR