

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 1933 AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on Monday, December 19, 1932 together with the minutes of an adjourned meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 27, 1932, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Cartwright 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:

#1358 entitled "The City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1932 No.8."

#1359 entitled "The City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw, 1932 No.9."

FILED

From the Hon. The Provincial Secretary, certified copy of a minute of the Executive Council approving Bylaw No.1357, "The City of North Vancouver Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1921 Amendment Bylaw 1932."

FILED

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade calling attention to the bad condition of street crossings where streets cross the B.C. Electric Railway tracks.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the communication be laid on the table and considered later in the meeting at the same time as a report from the Engineer on the same subject.

From the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters registering a protest at the inadequacy of the present scale of relief granted families of the Unemployed.

Moved by Alderman Page seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the same procedure be followed as was done in the case of a similar resolution from the St.Andrews and Caledonian Society and the local lodge of the Foresters advised that the Council has done everything in its power to protest the present scale to the Government.

From the Minister of Railway advising that a hearing concerning the operation of one-man cars has been postponed until the complete demonstration has taken place.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the communication be received and filed for reference.

From the Engineer reporting that Street crossings over the tramway tracks throughout the City are in fair condition, but that the following crossings require alterations and repairs:-

Queensbury Avenue, at 8th, 11th and 12th Streets.

On First Street at Semisch and Mahon Avenues.

On Mahon Avenue at 4th and 5th Streets.

On Fell Avenue at 15th Street.

On Lonsdale Ave. and 2nd and 3rd and 4th Streets Upper Keith Rd. and 15th Street.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the B.C. Electric Railway company be notified of the City's intention to proceed with necessary repairs which will involve liability on their part for work on either side of the rails, and that the actual authority to proceed with the work be referred to the 1933 Council.

From the Engineer submitting a report on Pole lines within the City which in part states "that some of the poles in the lines, which were installed some 25 to 26 years ago, are practically rotted off at the ground level and are only held in place by the wires. These poles are therefore a danger and a menace to life and property and liable to collapse during extra heavy wind storms."

The Engineer further recommends that the Vancouver Power Company and the B.C. Electric Railway Company be notified to place their pole lines in a proper state of repair.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Engineer's recommendation be adopted and the Companies concerned notified subject to the advice of the Solicitor.

From the Engineer reporting that a house recently constructed at 318 18th Street East, had plumbing installed by the Owner without taking out the necessary plumbing permit and that the owner afterwards laid and covered a septic tank without approval. The plumbing will not pass inspection and the septic tank does not comply with the Bylaw, states the Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the communication be referred to the Solicitor for necessary action.

From the Engineer reporting that a suitable sign board can be constructed on the East side of the North Vancouver Ferry Wharf adjoining the fence of the Burrard Drydock Co. Ltd. for the sum of \$30.00

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be referred to the Ferry Committee with power to act.

From the North Shore Drydock Company Ltd. submitting a list of men employed for the month of November 1932.

The Clerk reported the Company had employed during the month the required number of City residents but that the number of working hours performed by City workmen, was less than 75% stipulated in the agreement, due largely to the foreman or key position men being resident in Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Company's attention be drawn again to the matter requesting full compliance with the terms of the Agreement.

At this stage of the proceedings Alderman Wilson took his place at the Council table. Whereupon the Mayor reviewed the application of G. Lyall Fraser for the appointment of a commissioner to administer the affairs of the City and explained the situation as discussed in Committee, inviting Alderman Wilson to express his views regarding the petition.

Alderman Wilson said he believed it to be unquestionably in the interests of the ratepayers to pay the coupon, comparing the position of the local merchants who are cheerfully carrying the City for large sums in comparison with the petitioner who happens to be in possession of an overdue Interest coupon for \$30.00. The Alderman said these were difficult times and a Bondholder should have no unjust or unfair advantage.

At the request of Mayor Bridgman, the solicitor gave a ruling on the words in the petition "failed to provide" stating a recent Supreme Court decision had interpreted the words as meaning "failure to pay".

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page that Mr. Donaghy be and is hereby instructed to pay the \$30.00 overdue interest coupon recited in the application of G. Lyall Fraser and take whatever steps are necessary to that end.

VOTING FOR: Aldermen Huggett, Page & Wilson
VOTING AGAINST: Aldermen Anderson, Brown & Cartwright

His Worship the Mayor said he was in favor of the motion and declared the question resolved in the affirmative and minuted as Carried.

Alderman Wilson asked to be excused and His Worship tendered the thanks of Council to Alderman Wilson for coming down to the meeting.

A lengthy communication was read from Mr. J.A. Jones, 326 East 27th Street, relating to the administration of affairs at the Canadian Institute for the Blind, 1101 Broadway West, Vancouver, BC.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that a copy of the communication be mailed to the Hon. The Provincial Secretary, with the observation that in view of the amount of the Government subsidy, the statements contained in Mr. Jones communication would seem to warrant further inquiry.

PETITIONS

From N. Richardson and ten others protesting against the alleged unsightly building situated on Lot 15, Block 46, D.L. 271 corner of 14th Street and Jones Avenue.

The Clerk stated that the building in question was privately owned and was erected in 1913 of corrugated iron construction. The Building Inspector reports that the premises are in fair condition and in use by the B.C. Wood and Coal Company for the storage of Wood and Coal. Contravention of existing Bylaws is not in dispute.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the petitioners be advised that as there is no violation of the City's regulations, the building does not come within the jurisdiction of Council.

TENDERS

From C.C. Smith, 881 15th St. East offering the sum of \$50.00 for the E1/2 of Lot 6, Block 11, D.L. 616.

The Assessor reported that the lot in question was approximately one half acre in extent with a frontage of 60' on 14th and 15th Streets, the Easterly boundary being 250' from Rufus Avenue. There was no lane dedicated through the property and 33' had to be reserved for the widening of 14th St. 15th Street was opened with light and water available. Assessed value \$545.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the offer be accepted, subject to the necessary street and lane allowances being first dedicated to the City at the expense of the purchaser, on his acceptance of these conditions the necessary Bylaw be then prepared and submitted to the Council.

DUE ACCOUNTS – Reports and recommendations of the Finance, School, Police, Board of Works, Ferry, 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	\$2,347.40	
	<u>785.00</u>	3,132.40
Schools	11,960.12	11,960.12
Police	1,035.00	1,035.00
Board of Works	164.00	
	<u>1,604.12</u>	1,768.12
Ferry	5,087.87	
	5,044.00	
	<u>5,121.71</u>	15,253.58

Fire & Light	1,522.89	
Waterworks	148.00	
	451.31	599.31
Parks	103.00	
	<u>159.87</u>	262.87
Health	2,059.58	
	287.00	
	<u>255.35</u>	2,601.93

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Reading of a petition from G. Lyall Fraser seeking the appointment of an Administrative Commissioner to handle the affairs of the City for the reason that the City had failed to provide interest due on debentures issued by the Municipality led to discussion in Committee.

Mayor Bridgman declared that the application was a deliberate attempt to put the City out of business and reminded the Council that the appointment of a Commissioner was not going to solve the bondholders or any other problem. The Council could do all that a Commissioner could do and no demand had been received from the Ratepayers to place the City in the hands of a Commissioner he was absolutely opposed to permitting the application to go by default.

Alderman Huggett and Alderman Page declared themselves in favour of fighting the application on the grounds that it would be grossly unfair to permit all of the ratepayers to be disfranchised without the most strenuous kind of opposition being made by their elected representatives, particularly while there seemed to be a chance of finding some other way out of the present difficulty.

Alderman Anderson considered that by trying to meet the obligation, the Council was only stepping from one difficulty to another and in any case the application of the Municipal Act in its present form was admittedly unsuitable to present day conditions and considering the additional fact that the City had objected before its enactment to the specific legislation under which a commissioner could be appointed. The Council should make no attempt to evade the Government's taking over the responsibility of enforcing the statute it had deliberately created.

Alderman Brown and Alderman Cartwright considered that to meet the present obligation was only inviting a continuance of our troubles. Other coupons would no doubt be presented and it was common knowledge that the City could not possibly meet its interest, indebtedness under present conditions.

In their opinion no purpose would be served by opposing the present application when only 60% of the current year's taxes had been collected and a large number of our taxpayers were on Direct Relief.

Moved by Mayor Bridgman that the Solicitor be instructed to meet the obligation and the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to provide the funds for that purpose.

On a division the Ayes and Nays were equal in number leaving the question undecided by the Committee.

A statement was submitted showing that the 1932 Tax collections amounted to \$248,201.12 or 59.89 of the total to collect (\$414,381.82) together with a statement showing that there were sufficient funds in the Treasury to pay School, Ferry, and General salaries to November 30th and outside payroll up to December 17th (In amount \$12,579.19).

Recommend that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay all of the salaries and wages to the amount above stated.

Recommend that the following particulars relating to Government grants be minuted and a further statement prepared showing the amount received from the same sources in 1931.

LIQUOR PROFITS	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
	\$8,699.84	\$7,134.64	\$1,565.20
	<u>7,189.33</u>	<u>4,620.37</u>	<u>2,568.96</u>
	15,889.17	11,755.01	4,134.16

MOTOR LICENSES	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
	10,850.88	\$9,331.44	\$1,519.44
PARI-MUTUEL	<u>2,671.51</u>	<u>2,783.06</u>	<u>111.55</u>
		Net Difference	\$1,407.89

<u>ESTIMATE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Liquor	\$15,000.00	Liquor	\$11,755.01
Pari-mutuel	3,000.00	Pari-mutuel	<u>12,114.50</u>
Auto License	<u>10,000.00</u>		
	\$28,000.00		\$23,869.51
Difference between Estimates & Receipts	-		\$4,130.49

RECOMMEND that the information contained in a letter from the Commissioner of the District of North Vancouver stating his inability to promise when an amount of approx. \$15,000.00 due to the City would be paid, be conveyed by letter to the Honorable the Minister of Finance at Victoria, B.C. with the suggestion that assistance be given by the Government to the District in obtaining the necessary funds and thus allow the City to ease the position with its creditors.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the form of reply to the Right Hon E.N. Rhodes, Federal Minister of Finance, Ottawa, as prepared by the Finance Committee and now read by the Chairman be approved and forwarded as the view point of Council following his observations on the Winnipeg resolution.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright.

WHEREAS Economic conditions in B.C. have completely changed during the last three years, indicating the collapse of the Industrial system and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act of B.C. is obsolete and inapplicable under present day conditions:

- 1st In the imposition of Tax Levies, based upon Assessment Values, which are neither sound nor reasonable.
- 2nd In the penalties, which shall be imposed upon delinquent Tax Payers.
- 3rd In the care of and reasonable provision for Poor and Destitute, and

WHEREAS the continued enforcement of the B.C. Municipal Act will place an insupportable burden upon the Tax Payers, eventually depriving them of their homes, and destroying the life's savings of thousands of good, industrious citizens, and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government of B.C., is a body having power to constitutionally amend the Municipal Act so that it would reasonably accommodate present day conditions, and

WHEREAS recent amendments to the Municipal Act have been made by the Provincial Government, which instead of relieving Municipal Tax Payers will increase the burden of taxation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of North Vancouver, request the Provincial Government, themselves or their agents, to assume the full responsibility of attempting to enforce the Municipal Act of B.C. in its present form, in the City of North Vancouver.

Copies of the above motion to be struck off and mailed to each member of the Council and brought up for discussion at an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday, the 9th instant at 7 p.m.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Water Purchase Bylaw 1932" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the procedure bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Water Purchase Bylaw 1932" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Water Purchase Bylaw 1932" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Water Purchase Bylaw 1932" be now read a third time.

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

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of Council a Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Prepayment of Taxes Bylaw 1933" and that the said Bylaw receive three readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such three readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the procedure bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Prepayment of Taxes Bylaw 1933" be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Committee Proceedings in respect to the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Prepayment of Taxes Bylaw 1933" be dispensed with.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Prepayment of Taxes Bylaw 1933" be now read a third time.

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

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Unemployment Relief Debenture Bylaw #1, 1932" 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.1360.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn until Monday, January 9, 1933 at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m.

E.H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR