

## MARCH 1934

1<sup>st</sup> Cheques issued to all civic employees in full of February salaries.

Ferry receipts for the month ended February totaled \$20,292.55 – an increase of \$4,299.75 from the corresponding month of 1933.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mailed copies of the Financial Statement and Annual Report to the Hon. the Attorney General and Inspector of Municipalities at Victoria.

Received copy of Bylaw exempting the Vancouver Ferry Terminal from taxation for the year 1934 by the Vancouver City Council.

In accordance with advice from the Provincial Administrator of Unemployment Relief granted 10% additional contribution for food allowance to the registered unemployed – effective March 15<sup>th</sup> next.

Filed with the Department of Education at Victoria, February returns for the Special Manual Training Class together with a copy of a report on Technical studies generally from the Chairman of the Special Committee under whose auspicious classes have been organized.

Ordered 500 packages of Garden Seeds for distribution amongst the more deserving of the registered unemployed.

Granted permission to the Lumber Workers Industrial Union of Canada to sell Tags at both Ferry terminals on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the months of January and February compared very favourably with the corresponding months of last year, possibly indicating that Economic conditions are bettering.

3<sup>rd</sup> Report on School enrolment and attendance for the month ended February 1934.

	Boys	Girls	Total
High School	212	209	421
Queen Mary	309	310	619
Ridgeway	306	280	586
Elem. In H.S.	<u>46</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>75</u>
	873	828	1701

The Commissioner could not see his way clear to grant financial assistance to the Campaign of the Canadian Association of Seamen urging that ships of Canadian Registry subsidized by the Federal Treasury be manned by Canadian Seamen.

5<sup>th</sup> A number of the unemployed paraded in front of the City Hall and a delegation presented claims for extended consideration. These were not possible of fulfillment and the Secretary of the Group was so advised.

Approved renewal of the application of W.F. Rogers under the terms of the "Motor Licensing Bylaw, 1920" for a license to operate for hire 13 taxis in The City of North Vancouver for the period ending July 15<sup>th</sup> next. Taxi License # B.C. 68-210.

6<sup>TH</sup> Notified the Deputy Minister of Mines that a sufficient number of would-be pupils had signified their intention of joining a mining class if same were made available to them in The City of North Vancouver.

Met delegation from the local branch of the Red Cross Society in connection with extending clothing relief to the City's unemployed.

Approved: three year lease of the Northeast tennis court at the Horticultural Grounds to the High "Y" Club.

Renewal of water services to five houses on Ridgeway Avenue, between 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Minor changes as agreed upon to the Cricket pitch and Pavilion at the boulevard park.

7<sup>th</sup> Following complaint from the Home Oil Co. Ltd. approved the Engineer taking steps to control flood waters in Mosquito Creek by the removal of gravel and the forming of revetments faced by boulders.

Accepted tender of the Burrard Dry Dock Company Ltd. to carry out repairs and renewals to Ferry #2 at a cost of \$5,425.00 – time 11 working days (unseen extent of repairs in Clauses 10 & 11 of the Specifications to be done on a time and material basis at the City's option).

The Fire Chief reported six fire alarms for the month ended February with no fire loss in the City (two of the alarms occurred within the District of North Vancouver, one house being completely destroyed).

8<sup>th</sup> Accepted tender from the Clarke and Stuart Co., Ltd. for City School supplies.

General	\$459.26
Primary	84.30
Lavatory	<u>175.30</u>
	\$718.86

(this tender was low out of five submitted)

The following report was submitted covering Direct Relief distributed during the month ended February 1934.

1696 Municipal Residents	\$9,245.70
77 Transients	400.60
94 Single Men	707.30
<u>27 Single Women</u>	<u>229.79</u>
1894	\$10,583.39

Number of individuals given employment - 114  
Number of Man days work provided - 599

Referred to the respective Clerks the application of the North Shore Cricket Club for permission to erect a small addition to the pavilion on Boulevard Park.

9<sup>th</sup> Appealed to former subscribers to renew subscriptions to purchase garden seeds for those on Direct Relief.

Had conference with press in connection with audited accounts on Municipal Finance for the year 1933.

Got in touch with a suitable instructor for the proposed night school Mining Classes that are to be established at Ridgeway Annex in the very near future.

10<sup>th</sup> Found conditions satisfactory at the City Dump – arranged direction of fill for the summer months.

12<sup>th</sup> A number of the registered unemployed congregated outside the City Hall. Shortly afterwards a delegation called upon me and proposed several changes in the method of distribution and kind of articles to be obtained under the heading Relief. The proposals submitted are being carefully considered.

13<sup>th</sup> Completed arrangements with the Department of Mines for Mr. Louis G. Millward to act as Lecturer to the Mining Classes now being formed in the City at a Provincial remuneration of \$4.00 per lecture of approximately 2 hours each – 2 lectures per week. The course to be of ten weeks duration and accommodation only to be provided at the expense of the Board of School Trustees.

14<sup>th</sup> During the annual overhaul, the unseen work on #2 Ferry has developed into quite a large undertaking which will involve considerable expense in excess of the actual contract price. This condition is largely due to the disclosure of defects in the framework under the boilers and the woodwork in the sides and upper hull. (Expense about \$7,000.00).

15<sup>th</sup> The monthly narrative and statistical report of the North Vancouver Health Unit was received and filed. The report stated that the general health of the community was good for this time of year, Scarlet Fever is higher among the communicable diseases although the cases under observation are mild. A few

cases of Mumps, Chicken Pox and Whooping Cough are recorded. Control measures are proving successful.

Held meeting with group interest in the formation of Mining Classes. Decided on evening lectures at Ridgeway Manual Training Centre, Monday & Thursday of each week at 7 pm.

16<sup>th</sup> Reiterated the opinion to the locals of the Ferry employees that the existing agreement stand for the present as the re-opening of the Second Narrows Bridge in the very near future would materially change the whole position.

17<sup>th</sup> Commenced the distribution of Garden Seeds to approved cases among the registered unemployed.

19<sup>th</sup> Mailed copies of the Auditors Report on the City's financial position as at December 31, 1933 to all representative public bodies on the North Shore.

Night Mining classes opened at Ridgeway Manual Training Centre – Attendance 114.

20<sup>th</sup> Adopted principles of following wire from Provincial Relief Administrator:

“Effective next distribution of relief subject, your discretion present food allowance for dependents is increased on dollar per month from two seventy five to maximum of three seventy five. Forty percent still applies on original basic food allowance only.”

Number of dependents in City as shown on February returns – 1327.

Conferred with Solicitor on amendments to the “Public Schools Act, Amendment Act, 1934.”

14<sup>th</sup> DUE ACCOUNTS: Finance, Board of Works, Waterworks, Parks, Health, Fire & Light, Police, Schools, Ferries, and Authorization Warrants were submitted and authorized to be paid in the following amounts:

Finance	\$ 584.81	
	<u>2,592.48</u>	\$3,177.29
Board of Works	1,742.54	1,742.54
Fire & Light	2,407.37	2,407.37
Waterworks	721.85	721.85
Parks	354.34	354.34
Police	861.70	861.70
Schools	8,527.29	8,527.29
Ferries	9,678.92	
	2,477.04	
	<u>10,212.36</u>	22,368.32

Health	1,355.13	
	2,002.08	
	<u>8,898.34</u>	12,255.55
Authorization	1,152.70	<u>1,152.70</u>
		<u>\$53,568.95</u>

Inspector's report on High School states that Management, Control and Teaching is satisfactory.

22<sup>nd</sup> Arranged that one or more responsible members of the mining class be delegated in a general way to perform the duties of Monitor, subject to understanding with lecturer.

The Engineer estimates cost of necessary repairs during 1934 on the North Vancouver Ferry dock at \$3,000.00 and the Vancouver Ferry dock at \$4,500.00 if the work is done with relief labour.

23<sup>rd</sup> Completed mailing to those parties interested printed copies of a review of the 1933 administration together with a copy of the financial statement in cases where same was considered necessary.

Attended meeting of the Greater Vancouver Water District.

24<sup>th</sup> Following the annual overhaul, the #2 Ferry was re-floated at noon today. The Ferry Superintendent reports repairs will be fully completed on Tuesday and the vessel back on the run Wednesday morning March 28<sup>th</sup>.

26<sup>th</sup> Mailed printed copies of the City & District accounts to London, England in order to enable the office of the Agent-General to intelligently answer any enquiries received regarding both Municipalities.

On account of interlocking roads an enquiry was made from the Chairman of the Board of Harbour Commissioners as to when the Second Narrows Bridge will be re-opened to the Public.

27<sup>th</sup> Mailed to the Rev. Wm. Stott, Chairman of the Special Committee on Manual Training and Home Economics, cheque in the amount of \$60.00 (February grant as received from the Department of Education).

28<sup>th</sup> Recommend that the following works be undertaken – the men employed to be taken from the ranks of the registered unemployed.

- (a) Improving the amenities of the West side of the Hospital Grounds.
- (b) Widening the bottle-neck on Forbes Avenue running from Esplanade to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street by extending the roadway in an easterly direction and remedy a similar condition prevailing on the North side of the roadway from Bewicke to Fell Ave. by moving the tramway tracks, extending the culvert at Mission Creek and widening the existing roadway in a northerly direction – subject to submission and approval of the Engineer's estimated costs.

29<sup>th</sup> General business – Delegations re Relief.

30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday – Office closed.

CHARLES E. TISDALL  
COMMISSIONER

April 3, 1934