

Friday - December 18th, 1931.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held at the Municipal Hall on Friday, December 18th, 1931 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: His Worship the Reeve in the chair.

Councillors Rylett, Lambert, Lench, Gray, Wheatley and Wilson:

His Worship the Reeve advised that the agreement re Unemployment relief programme had not as yet been received from the Provincial Government.

His Worship the Reeve read copy of lettergrams sent to the Honourable the Premier at Ottawa and the Honourable the Premier at Victoria dated December 17th, 1931 as follows:

Together with members of the Council and officials of Burnaby I interviewed the Hon. the Minister of Finance on Tuesday the 15th instant at Victoria when draft agreement was discussed and agreed upon. The Minister assured us that the agreement would be immediately printed and necessary Order in Council passed the following day so that we would receive the agreement for signature Thursday, 17th instant. We were informed that no monies could be paid us until agreement was signed and vouchered accounts had passed Audit Department. Vouchered accounts amounting to One Hundred and forty thousand dollars already in hands of Public Works Department. Deputy Minister of Finance today advises that Executive Council has not met and agreement held up indefinitely. Situation such that unless a substantial payment is made this week on account by Government, payrolls cannot be met. Bank refuses to advance further credit to finance relief works, and unless Government forwards funds immediately all work will be stopped. Fifteen Hundred workmen and families dependent on relief works. Our credit has been strained to the limit in financing Government share of relief works and direct relief. Failure to meet payroll at this time and the complete shut down of the works will cause great suffering. Impossible for Municipality to carry on any longer unaided.

W.A.Fritchard Reeve.

His Worship the Reeve read telegram received from Deputy Minister of Finance dated December 18th, 1931 as follows:

"Cannot complete agreement until further reply from Ottawa stop  
Expect to forward same tomorrow stop are doing out utmost to rush it through."

Signed E.D. Johnson.

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Moved by Cr. Rylett, Seconded by Cr. Lench: "That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to convey the text of the telegram from the Deputy Minister of Finance to the Royal Bank of Canada and that the said Treasurer be and is hereby authorised to negotiate with the said bank for such further financial assistance as may be necessary."

Carried - Cr Wilson against.

The Council then adjourned until 7.30 p.m. Monday, December 21st, 1931.

Confirmed.

*W.A. Fritchard*

Clerk.

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Reeve