

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL, ON THURSDAY THE 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1907 AT 8:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present.  
There was also a large number of Ratepayers present.

The Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Works Committee held that evening, referring to the Mayor and Aldermen in open Council assembled, letter received by Chairman of the Committee from W.E. Thompson and excerpts from Minutes of former Councils re Lonsdale Avenue grades were submitted and read to the Meeting.

The Council decided to lay the whole question open for discussion, and the letter and excerpts from Minutes above referred to were read as also were letters received from J.W. Horne and the North Vancouver Land Improvement Co., expressing their several opinions and protesting against the introduction of the terraced grade system. The Council then invited the Ratepayers present to express their views on the subject when several opinions were given both for and against changing the grade on that part of Lonsdale Avenue in question.

Mr. Bumbury of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. was again present and explained that his Company did no object to a terraced grade being placed at the intersection of First Street with Lonsdale Avenue but that it was strongly opposed to the system being introduced further north of 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

The aldermen themselves thereafter expressed opinion on the question.

Alderman Irwin took exception to the legality of the Councils former resolution to change the grade when Alderman Dick gave notice that he would introduce, at next Council meeting, a Bylaw to establish a permanent grade on Lonsdale Avenue from the Waterfront at the North side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street if it was found on enquiry from the City Solicitor that same was deemed necessary.

On motion of Alderman Jordan, seconded by Alderman Irwin, the Council resolved to defer further consideration of the matter until their next Meeting to afford an opportunity of obtaining the City Solicitor's opinion on the whole question.

The Park Boulevard, and Streets Grant and Loan Bylaw 1907, having received the necessary assent of the Electors, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October last, was reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign the same and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor and Clerk were also authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City the Agreement with a Conveyance from the north Vancouver Land and Improvement Company, annexed as Schedules to the Bylaw.

At the request of the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co., the Council passed the following resolution, viz:

“Be it, and it is hereby resolved that a Conveyance of Block 110a in District Lot 548, Group one, Vancouver District, from the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. Ltd. Liability, for the purpose of a Public Park and recreation ground, be accepted upon the trusts and subject to the declarations and stipulations contained in said Conveyance, a copy of which has been submitted to the Council, and is identified under the hand of the City Clerk, and that said Conveyance be sealed with the seal of the City and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

On the motion of Alderman Jordan, seconded by Alderman Irwin, the Council further resolved that, as by arrangement and condition of Conveyance, the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque in favor of the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co., for the whole aggregate taxes paid by said Company on Block 110a, D.L. 548, being that part of Victoria Park west of Lonsdale Avenue.

A communication was read from Alex Philip submitting an option which he though might be obtained for the remaining portion of Debenture Bonds to be issued by the City. The Council, although favoring the proposal submitted by Mr. Philip, considered it advisable to advertise the Bonds and instructed the Finance Committee to have inserted, in such papers as the Community through fit, an advertisement calling for Tenders for the whole or any part of the Bonds yet to be issued to be lodged on or before the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December next.

The Mayor reported result of interviews which he and Alderman Irwin had with the City Solicitor in reference to the unfinished Lonsdale Avenue Contract, when the Council decided to arrange for Messrs. Larson & McMillan and the City Engineer being present at this meeting.

Those Ratepayers who opposed the idea of changing the grade on that part of Lonsdale Avenue in question were, G.A. McBain, J.R.J. Murray, William Morden and H.C. Wright.

W.R. Owns and H. Dick favored the change.

Signed:       A.E. Kealy, Mayor  
                  2 December 1907