

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 1908 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> and of the Stated Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February last (copies of which had been previously sent to all the members of the Council and being held as read) were adopted.

A communication was read from Alex Philip, C.M.C. wishing to know whether the Council approved of a suggestion by his Council that a joint invitation be extend by the surrounding Municipalities to Admiral Evans of the United States Fleet to visit Burrard Inlet with the Fleet under his command on the occasion of their visit to Puget Sound, and if so, to be furnished with the names of Representatives to act on a Joint Committee under Convener ship of the Mayor of Vancouver. On motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Braim, left over for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Application from William Whyte requesting Council to open up Semisch Avenue between First Street and Esplande as it was his intention to proceed with the building of a cottage of Lots 1 and 2, in Block 163, D.L. 271. On motion of Aldermen May and Braim referred to Board of Works Committee to consider and report to next meeting.

Letter from James Morray in reference to notice served on him by Dr. Campbell calling upon him to prevent the waste water from the sink in his house on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street flowing into the Alley. On motion of Aldermen Irwin and May referred to Public Health Committee to consider and report to next meeting.

Letter from Robert L. Docherty, Secretary, Horticultural Association, requesting grade to be established on Lonsdale Avenue between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets, also on 21<sup>st</sup> Street east as far as abutting on the Horticultural Associations grounds. On motion of Alderman Crickmay and Alderman Braim referred to Board of Works Committee and City Engineer to report.

Report from J.J. Woods, Interim Assessor, submitting valuation of Lot 17, in Block 152, D.L. 274, at \$900. The valuation was accepted and approved of by the Council.

There was submitted and read to the meeting an additional report by the City Engineer on Local Improvement Petition No. 1 in which was stated inter alia that he had made inquiries as to the course usually adopted by other Cities in arriving at the lifetime of Local Improvements and found that the period over which Local Improvement Debentures are issued was not so much based upon the time the

Improvement would last as upon the wishes of the Petitioners - the Assessment being considered a lien on the property irrespective of the lifetime of the work. On motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Wheeler, resolved to approve of the Report as a whole and to take the necessary steps for the improvement being proceeded with.

The specifications for the cleaving and grading of 11<sup>th</sup> Street as altered and added to by the City Engineer were again submitted and read to the Council. The specifications were generally approved of with the exception of the Clause providing for the City relaying the water sub-main. The Engineer was instructed to insert in its place a Clause calling upon the Contractor to trench for and relay the water sub-main and to add the approximate cost thereof to his previous estimated cost of the improvement.

Communications were read from the Honorary Sec-Treas. and Assistant Secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities acquainting Council of the annual Convention of the Union to be held in the City of Medicine Hat, Alberta in July or August next. Filed.

Letter from H.G. Turn, Manager, North Vancouver Ferry and Power Co. Ltd., with cheque for \$1,069.52 made payable to the City, being the amount recovered from the Insurance Co. in full settlement of the damage done by fire to the "SS North Vancouver".

On motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman May, authority was given the Treasurer to endorse the cheque and make same payable to the order of the Ferry Company.

Reports and recommendations by the Board fo Works and Water works Committees on due Accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the following accounts, viz:

Board of Works

Workmen's wages per Payroll for two weeks ending February 12, 1908	\$101.36
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Water Works

Workmen's wages per Payroll for two weeks ending February 12, 1908	\$65.51
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The Report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February last was read and adopted.

The Report of the Water Works Committee, as contained in the Committees Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February last was also read and adopted.

On motion of Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Crickmay the Council passed the following resolution, viz:

Whereas, under Bylaw No. 2, passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day June 1907, in pursuance of the power and for the purpose therein set forth, it has been found impossible to pay the liability thereby created out of the Municipal Revenue for the year 1907 owing to the non-payment of the rates and taxes for the said year, therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver doth hereby agree that Bylaw No. 19, passed on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1908, was passed on the understanding that the same was to assume and take up the unpaid portion (\$10,050.95) of the liability created by the Bylaw first above mentioned, also an Overdraft from the Bank amounting to \$5,259.46”.

On motion of Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Crickmay, it was resolved that the City Solicitors be authorized to tender to the Owner of Lot 17, Block 152, D.L. 274, the sum of \$900.00 as the value of the said Lot expropriated for Street widening purposes by the Bylaw dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1908. The appointment of an Arbitrator was meantime deferred.

Mr. Owen appeared relative to his request for a permanent grade being established on First Street east.

The Engineer reported that the profile was in course of preparation and asked to be guided in the establishment of the grade at the intersection of First Street with Lonsdale Avenue.

This led to considerable discussion and expression of adverse opinions relative to the Policy adopted by the previous Council, after which Alderman Irwin moved, seconded by Alderman May, that the Council recognize the grades already given immediately north of the North side of First Street and establish the grade at the intersection of First Street with Lonsdale Avenue by a continuous grade from the grade given the Keith Block on the South side of the Beasley block on the North side of the Street.

The motion was agreed to unanimously. The Engineer was instructed to give Mr. Owen a grade on that bases the following morning.

Ex-Alderman Dick was present, and entered a protest against the action of the Council in passing foregoing resolution holding that it was a departure from the fining of the previous Council.

The Minutes of a meeting of the Committee appointed to consider extensions to the City Hall, held on 13<sup>th</sup> February last, and engrossed in the Finance Committee Minute Book, were read and adopted.

The resolution passed by the Members of the Council, present at the Committee meetings on Thursday evenings last, authorizing the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee to arrange for the disposal of the balance of the Debenture Bonds was also read and adopted.

In this connection the Mayor read a letter received by him from Colin F. Jackson, at present in England, regarding his efforts to place sufficient Debentures for the purchase of the Ferry. On motion of Alderman Wheeler, seconded by Alderman Braim, resolved that Mr. H.R. Heffell, Local Manager of the Bank of B.N.A. be granted an option for 30 days in which to dispose of the balance of the City's Debenture Bonds, at 90% net to the City, exclusive of the Ferry Debentures.

Alderman Wheeler reported his having received numerous complaints about the source of public danger created by two dogs owned by Mr. James on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief of Police Davies was instructed to request Mr. James to keep the dogs in close confinement.

On motion of Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Irwin, resolved that Alderman Smith be given full power and authority to carry out the provisions of the Pound Bylaw, and arrange for the completion of the Pound building at the west end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

On motion of Alderman Braim, seconded by Alderman May, resolved that Mr. Parkins services be retained as Wiring Inspector in the City, and Alderman Braim was instructed to prepare and submit for the approval of the Council, a scale of remuneration for performing the duties of that Office.

The matter of entering into an Agreement with the B.C. Electric Railway Co. relative to the opening up of the Road located through the Park area in D.L. 552 and the taking of gravel therefrom was left in the hands of the Board of Works Committee.

Bylaw No. 23, "The City of North Vancouver Temporary Loan Bylaw No. 2, 1908" was reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk was authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate seal thereto.

An informal discussion took place on the estimates for the current year after which it was decided on the motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman May, that the rate to be levied for this year be not less than 18 mills on the dollar.

Signed:       A.E. Kealy, Mayor  
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