

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1908 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Council again took up consideration of the letter received from the District Council suggesting that a Joint Invitation be extended to Admiral Evans of the United States Fleet to visit Burrard Inlet, and after some little discussion, Alderman Wheeler moved, seconded by Alderman Braim that the letter be laid over for another week.

The motion was agreed to.

A letter was read from the City Solicitors advising the Council of their liability in guaranteeing Debenture Bonds of the Wallace shipyards.

The letter stated that in the event of the City guaranteeing the Debentures of the Company it would not create a debt which would require to be included in the City's indebtedness in issuing Debentures and would not therefore interfere with the City's borrowing powers.

In view of this opinion Alderman Irwin moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare a Bylaw guaranteeing Debentures of the Company to the extent of \$50,000. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Irwin gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to establish a permanent grade on First Street from the east side of Lonsdale Avenue to the west side of the Bridge east of St. Andrew's Avenue; and on Lonsdale Avenue from the North line of the Esplanade to 8th Street.

Alderman Irwin, with the consent of the Council first obtained, introduced a Bylaw to amend Sections 2, 3 and 5 of the Local Improvement General Bylaw 1907. The Bylaw received its First, Second and Third readings and was passed by the Council.

The Report of the Water Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 20th February last was read and adopted.

The Report of the Fire and Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 20th February last was also read and adopted.

Alderman Braim reported the result of an investigation into the service of nuisance existing in the Alley west of Lonsdale Avenue between the Esplanade and First Street, complained of by Mr. Menray and of his having found that it was caused by drainage water flowing from the Keith Block at the corner of First Street and Lonsdale Avenue.

After discussion it was decided that the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. Ltd. be asked to grant the Council permission to construct a box drain in the Alley to carry away the surface and drainage waters, the drains to be connected with the channel on the Esplanade and the Board of Works Committee was instructed to have the work carried out if a satisfactory assurance was received from the Land Co.

Several clauses of the Fires suppression and prevention Bylaws as altered and added to in accordance with the wishes of the Council were read to the meeting by Alderman Irwin.

Thereafter on motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman May, it was resolved that the Bylaw be submitted to the City Solicitors for revision before final adoption.

The Report of the Hospital Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 6th February last was again submitted and read to the Council, and after due consideration of the contents of the Report the Council passed the following resolution in relation thereto, and instructed the Clerk to forward a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Committee.

Resolved that after due consideration of the Report received from the Hospital Committee this Council would recommend that arrangements be made to rent a room in some central locality to be retained, looked after, and keep in such a condition that same may be of service in cases of emergency the upkeep of same to be borne equally by both Councils or their representatives until such time as a fully equipped Hospital is found necessary or established.

Mr. Peter Larson was heard in reference to the necessity for a culvert being constructed across the ravine on the Esplanade at Roger's Avenue, when on the motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Wheeler, it was resolved that tenders be called for the construction of a cedar culvert at the point mentioned.

Alderman Braim submitted, and the Council approved of, a Scale of Fees to be charged by the Wiring Inspector for the discharge of his duties. Instructions were given to have the same included in the Wiring Bylaw when introduced.

Mr. Clement having made application for his fee in connection with the Report received from Engineers on the Street grades throughout the City, the City Treasurer was authorized to send a cheque for \$50 to Mr. Clement, and to the other three Engineers if they applied for same.

The Council resolved that the management of the Ferry Co. be requested to permit an Auditor appointed by the Council to make an audit of the Ferry Co.'s Books with a view to the City being placed in a position to independently verify the Statement of the profits earned during the year 1907 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Directors of the Ferry Co.

The Council further resolved that Mr. Wallace be informed that Council has given instructions for a Bylaw to be prepared in connection the guaranteeing guaranteeing of his Company's Debentures but that Mr. Wallace be requested to grant the Council permission to appoint an Auditor to look over the Company's Books so that the Council may satisfy themselves and the Ratepayers as to the standing of the present business.

Signed: A.E. Kealy, Mayor
 2 March 1908.