

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 11TH DAY OF MAY 1908 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: Acting Mayor Irwin, presiding and all the Aldermen present.

Communication from Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Union of Canadian Municipalities, giving notice of Eighth Annual Convention of Union to be held at Montreal on July 15th, 16th and 17th next and extending an invitation to the Council to be present. On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Irwin left over for future consideration.

Invitation from Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Nanaimo requesting Mayor and Aldermen to attend celebrations in their City on Victoria Day. On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Irwin resolved to accept the invitation with thanks.

Letter from K.L. Docherty, Secretary, Horticultural Association requesting ditch in front of Society's grounds to be deepened and boulevard to be cleared. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Braim referred to Board of Works Committee to attend to the deepening of the ditch and to report to next meeting on the matter of clearing the boulevard.

Communication from James P. Fell wishing to know whether Council consider it advisable to include western section of D.L. 553 within the City area, and if so, whether the Council would lay a water main along Sutherland Avenue. On motion of Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Irwin referred to Water Works Committee to consider and report.

Report from City Auditors on financial standing of Wallace Shipyards Ltd. and stating that subject to the provisions of the Agreement being carried on that (1) the assets afford excellent security for the amount of Debenture Bonds to be guaranteed (2) the financial position of the Company is satisfactory and (3) the earning capacity of the Company is such that it can easily provide interest and sinking fund for the proposed issue of Debentures.

The Report was considered very satisfactory and filed.

The Report of the Finance Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minute of 7th May last, was read and adopted.

The Report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committees Minutes of 7th May last was also read and adopted.

The Report of the Medical Health Officer on the health of the City for the four months ending 30th April last was read to the meeting.

The Report stated that there had been one case of Scarlet Fever and four of Measles reported during that time, and twelve notices served to abate nuisances.

In his Report the Medical Health Officer suggested that more suitable drainage should be provided in the manner of roadside ditches especially where several Septic Tanks drain into them.

The Report which was considered very satisfactory was, on motion received and filed.

Local Improvement Bylaw NO. 1, relating to the maintenance of Ottawa Gardens and their equipment was reconsidered by the Council, and finally adopted, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Wheeler resolved that City Engineer and City Clerk be authorized to call for Tenders for the work of properly maintaining the Gardens during the year 1908.

Alderman May moved, seconded by Alderman Braim, that the Ferry Company be notified that the present negotiations with the Company re the purchase of the Ferry for \$175,000 be cancelled.

Alderman Irwin moved as an amendment that as the purchase of the Ferry Service and the Company's assets was duly authorized by the Ratepayers by an overwhelming majority vote, and as the time limit of option to purchase has not yet expired, that the Council obey the mandate of the Ratepayers of North Vancouver, and as far as practical take the necessary steps to complete that purpose; and further that the Council deplores and condemns the action of the Ferry Co. in curtailing the Ferry Service especially at this season of the year, and demands an immediate resumption of the half-hourly service as being absolutely necessary. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Smith.

On a division there voted:

For the amendment	
Alderman Irwin	
Alderman Smith	
Alderman Crickmay	3

and for the motion

Alderman May	
Alderman Braim	
Alderman Wheeler	3

There being an equality of votes the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment which was declared carried.

Alderman Irwin, in the form of a petition, introduced his motion of which notice had been previously given in reference to approaching the City Council of Vancouver requesting that they expropriate a certain piece of land which lays in the way of a direct entrance to the public Ferry Terminus in the City of Vancouver; and also issue the necessary authorization to the B.C. Electric Railway Company to run at least one of their car lines in Vancouver on Alexander Street in both directions.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to unanimously.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Wheeler the Ferry Committee along with the Mayor were appointed to wait upon and present the Petition to the Finance Committee of Vancouver City Council at their next meeting.

Bylaw No. 35, The Electric Wiring Bylaw, was reconsidered by the Council and, on motion, finally adopted. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate seal thereto.

A deputation representing a system for numbering houses in the City was heard, and after discussion the Council resolved, on the motion of Alderman Wheeler and Alderman Braim that the project be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

A form of Bond to be attached to the General Form of Contract and Specifications to be used by the City, as revised by the City Solicitors, was read to the Council and referred to the Chairman of the Board of Works and Water Works Committees' for final approval.

The Regular Meeting of next Monday was postponed until the following Thursday; and the Mayor and Treasurer were authorized to sign the cheques for the payment of Workmen's wages.

Bylaw No. 25, The Public Health Bylaw, was reconsidered by the Council, but latterly referred back to Alderman May for further information and report.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next at 8 p.m.

Signed: A.E. Kealy, Mayor
 May 21, 1908