

MINUTE OF STATED MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE CITY HALL, ON THURSDAY THE 28TH DAY OF MAY 1908, AT 8:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present.

Letter from J.G. Bressey asking permission to cut and carry away cedar poles on St. George and St. Andrew's Avenues between 17th and 21st Street; in consideration of his being granted such right he was willing to pay at the rate of one cent per lineal foot for all timber cut.

On motion referred to Board of Works Committee to report at next meeting.

Letter from W.N. Peacey requesting permission on behalf of Mr. Herbert Warr to pitch a tent at end of St. George's Road between the Esplanade and the Beach during the summer months.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Wheeler resolved that permission requested be granted on the understanding that tent will be removed on request of the Council.

Communication from Gordon M. Grant, Secretary, Asiatic Exclusion League protecting against any special privileges being granted the proposed Japanese Tea Gardens in respect to their request for free water and exemption from payment of taxes; and asking Council to use its influence with the B.C. Electric Railway Co. to secure the cancellation or a modification of the lease.

On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Crickmay resolved that communication be received and filed.

A letter was read from the Ferry Company's Solicitors stating that, as previously decided, the Company refused to pay the bill of \$2,000 and that they had been instructed to accept Writ on behalf of the Company. City Solicitor Taylor was present and advised the Council.

Thereafter on motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Smith, the Council resolved that the City Solicitors be instructed to institute proceedings against the Ferry Company and issue a Writ for the non-payment of the Bill amounting to \$2,000.

Alderman May and Alderman Braim dissenting.

On motion of Alderman Crickmay, seconded by Alderman Braim, resolved further that the City Solicitor be instructed to take immediate proceedings under the Statute or otherwise to secure the cancellation of the Agreement between the Ferry Company and the City.

Mr. Jones of Messrs. Albertson & Jones addressed the Council on behalf of local merchants asking that a Bylaw be passed prohibiting outside parties from pitching stands on the streets especially on holidays, without first obtaining a permit.

Alderman Smith consented to introduce a Bylaw dealing with the matter at next meeting.

The Report of a Committee on Railway Charter extension and five resolutions passed at a meeting of Ratepayers held the previous evening were submitted to and accepted by the Council.

Instructions were given the Clerk to carry out the purport of the Report and resolutions.

Acting upon resolution No. 4 the Council appointed Mayor Kealy to attend the Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities to be held at Montreal on July 15th, 16th and 17th next.

Secretary Murray handed in a resolution, passed by the Special Committee appointed to select an Independent Auditor, soliciting the Council's consent to permit of the audit and investigation extending over the period from 1st January 1905.

On motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Wheeler, it was resolved that so far as the City Council are concerned they have no objection to the Committee making their own arrangements with the District Council for conducting an audit of the Books from that date, the City to bear no part of the expense.

Bylaw No. 40 - The Street Signs and House Numbering Bylaw, was introduced by Alderman Irwin.

The Bylaw was read a First, Second and Third time and passed by the Council.

Communication from Mr. Godfrey requesting extension of Mr. Heffell's option on Bonds from 31st May to 15th June.

On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman May resolved that extension requested be granted.

Alderman Irwin reported result of joint meeting of Finance Committees of City and District Councils in regard to liabilities being carried by District on behalf of the City.

The Finance Committee was asked to report whether Council was in a position to pay anything on Account.

Alderman May brought up question of Mr. Brimacombe being furnished with a Street Car pass to enable him to carry out more expeditiously his duties as Pound Keeper and Fire Warden.

On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Braim referred to Chairman of Finance Committee and Alderman Smith to report upon.

The Board of Works Committee gave in the following Report regarding the extension of the train line between 21st and 23rd Streets.

That the City undertake to remove all puncheon, that the extension of the line be continued practically in a straight line, that the Railway Company construct a culvert at the North West corner of the Horticultural Grounds and Lonsdale and that the Board of Works men be engaged to add to it for the benefit of Street traffic; that the walls of the culvert be built of stone and timbers laid across; the B.C. Electric Railway Co. agreeing to haul all necessary materials free. The Report was unanimously agreed to by the Council.

A certified audited Statement received from the City Auditors showing extraordinary expenditures to 31st December, 1907 was submitted to the Council and instructions given to publish an extract from same in next issue of the Express.

Signed: Arnold E. Kealy, Mayor
 15 June 1908.