

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 20th DAY OF JULY 1908 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present, excepting Alderman Crickmay, from whom an apology for unavoidable absence was intimated.

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June last of the Regular Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July; of the Special Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July; and of the Stated Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July current (copies of which had been previously sent to all the members of the Council, and being held as read) were adopted.

Letter from J. Walden desiring Council to open up Wagon Trail to Lots 12 and 13 in Block 71, D.L. 271. Mr. Walden was prepared to comply with the provisions of the Local Improvement Bylaw in respect to the erection of a building costing not less than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars. On motion of Alderman Wheeler and Alderman May referred to Board of Works Committee for consideration and report.

Communication from Maurice Gintzburger informing Council that blasting operations referred to in his letter of the previous week were not conducted by Mr. Maclennan, but under the direction of Messrs. Loutet and Runkle, and seeking the protection he considered he was entitled to as an Owner and Ratepayer in the City.

Clerk instructed to notify Mr. Gintzburger that the Council are still of the opinion that his case is one for civil action against Mr. Maclennan, to whom the blasting permit was issued; but that in the event of Messrs. Loutet and Runkle having personally carried out the blasting operations, that he might take recourse against them for a contravention of the Blasting Bylaw.

Circular letter from H. Bose, Hon. Secretary Union of B.C. Municipalities, sending copies of constitution of Union as amended February 1908, and soliciting remittance of current year's subscription.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Irwin, resolved that membership fee of Ten (\$10) Dollars for the current year be forwarded to the Union.

A letter from the City Solicitors stating that they did not consider there was any binding contract against the City to carry out the Ferry purchase was laid on the table.

A Petition signed by fourteen Property Owners and two Tenants asking for street lights to be placed at the corner of St. Andrew's and 9<sup>th</sup> Street at the corner of St. Andrew's and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and at the corner of Ridgeway and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, was referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

Letter from A. Brimacombe resigning the office of Poundkeeper, Fire-warden and Caretaker.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Irwin, resolved that resignation be accepted.

Mr. W.A. Gibson appeared and complained of incombustible material and rubbish laying on lot adjoining his property as being dangerous to his house in the event of fire.

On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman May resolved that owner of Lot 13 in Block 140 be notified under the provisions of the Fire Prevention Bylaw to clear his property.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of 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:

Finance

Messrs. W.H. Stoney & Co. on account of Contract and extras painting City Hall	\$155.00
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Board of Works

Workmen's Wages per Payroll for two weeks ending 15 <sup>th</sup> July 1908	\$172.76
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Water Works

Workmen's Wages per Payroll for two weeks ending 15 <sup>th</sup> July 1908	<u>\$ 83.15</u>
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\$410.91

The applications received for the position of Assessor were again considered by the Council, and on a ballot being taken, the vote resulted thus,

D.W. Elder - 5 votes

R. Dunn - 1 vote

On motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman Wheeler, resolved that Mr. Elder be appointed Assessor.

On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Wheeler the printed form of Local Improvement Petition was finally approved of by the Council.

A remit was made to the Water Works Committee to investigate and report the circumstances attending the engagement of another caretaker at the Water Works Intake in place of Mr. Telford, without Council having been first informed as to same.

Alderman Smith gave in a Report recommending that the office of Poundkeeper, Plumbing Inspector and Septic Tank Inspector be undertaken by one man, but as

it was found that this matter had not been considered by the full Committee appointed at last meeting, the subject was referred back to the Committee for full consideration and report.

The Council decided to offer the caretaking of the City Hall to Mrs. Brimacombe at a salary of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per month.

Alderman Wheeler suggested that Mr. Walen be notified to attend a meeting of the Council in Committee to state upon what terms he would be prepared to carry out the duties of Plumbing Inspector in the City.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Irwin resolved that Mr. Walden be asked to appear before the Council on Thursday night for that purpose.

Treasurer Woods gave in a report of the result of a search in the Land Registry Office, re the alleys in D.L. 274, when he was instructed to have a deed or deeds conveying the alleys or portions thereof to the City prepared and forwarded to A. St. George Hamersley for signature.

A recommendation by the Board of Works Committee that the salaries of the City Engineer and his Assistant be increased by Twenty (\$20) Dollars per month, commencing as from 1<sup>st</sup> July as unanimously agreed to by the Council.

Letter from S.G. Faulkner, President, British Canadian Wood Pulp and Paper Company, stating that his Company proposed to establish a manufactory of Pulp of which gas would be a by-product, and desiring to obtain the right to lay pipes through the Streets in the City for the supply of gas to residents for heating, lighting and manufacturing purposes. Mayor Kealy appointed Aldermen Wheeler, May and Irwin, a committee to meet representatives of the Company next Thursday evening to discuss the terms and conditions upon which a franchise may be granted to the Company.

In view of a subsidy of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars having been granted by the Dominion Government towards the construction of a Railway Bridge across the Second Narrows, the Council after discussion decided to endeavour to obtain for their guidance from Mr. Hendry of the Railway Company, a blueprint or other profile of the structure proposed to be erected across the Second Narrows.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Smith, Mayor Kealy was appointed to keep watch over and report any decisive action which might be taken towards making Vancouver a Free Port.

On motion it was resolved to ask Mr. Nichol Thompson to consider the opportunities afforded on the water front of North Vancouver for the construction of Dry Docks especially on the Tidal Flats west of the Indian Reserve.

The Council having learned that trees for the adornment of the Parks and Boulevards throughout the City could not be obtained from the Experimental Farm, Agassiz, it was decided to approach the Horticultural Association with a suggestion that the propagation of a variety of trees be conducted by the Directors of the Association on the Horticultural Grounds.  
The Council to assure such reasonable financial assistance as may be in their power.

Signed: William J. Irwin, Acting Mayor  
August 3, 1908