

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1908 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Secretary North Vancouver Board of Trade Executive forwarding resolution passed by the Executive recommending that the City and District Councils each contribute an amount not to exceed Fifty (\$50) towards defraying the expense of circulating the Petition to the Provincial Government respecting the Combined Second Narrows Bridge.

On motion it was resolved to acquiesce in the request.

From H. L. McPherson tendering resignation as Assistant City Engineer to take effect on 7th December next. Accepted with regret.

From E.J. Peck Ex-City Water Works Foreman informing Council that he could not see his way to hand in his resignation as no valid reason had been given for demanding it, and stating that as he had been a monthly employee of the Council he expected to receive one month's salary in lieu of notice. Filed.

From M. S. McDowell, forwarding Statement of Accounts of Dominion Day Celebration Committee. Referred to City Auditors for examination and report.

From W. Godfrey, Manager, Bank of B.N.A. offering 90, and accrued interest for \$20,300 worth of Local Improvement Debentures, subject to their legality and the principal and interest being guaranteed by the City Municipality at large, and that the North Vancouver Branch be allowed the small commission usually given them.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Wheeler this offer was accepted.

Mr. Bunbury, Local Manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. was present and urged Council to hasten expropriation proceedings of property at corner of 1st Street and St. David's Avenue. It was explained that applications had repeatedly been made for the appointment of a third arbitrator, but that the arbitrators had failed to mutually agree upon one. The Council decided to submit the name of Mr. Geo. A. McBain, failing whom, that of Mr. J. Balfour Ker as such.

A subdivision plan of the North and South Easterly portions of Block 88, D.L. 549, previously certified correct by the City Engineer, was submitted for Council's approval. As the Plan showed the Alley running through the Property as closed and marked Lot 'A', the Clerk was instructed to enquire of the owner whether he would not consent to the alley being left open.

Bylaw No. 50 - A bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 49 of the City, was reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council, 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 seconded by Alderman Crickmay, it was resolved to place Street Arc Lights on 3rd Street at the intersection of Chesterfield and St. George's Avenues, to be removed on the completion of 3rd Street Contract. The Council concurred in a suggestion made by Alderman Braim that in the execution of large Local Improvement Contracts, an effort should be made to have the work carried out in sections.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Smith, the Council decided to install Cross Drains on Lonsdale Avenue at the Intersection of Lower Keith Road and 5th Street.

The Board of Works Committee was directed to have a protection rail placed on each side of the culvert on 3rd Street West of Lonsdale Avenue.

On request, Alderman Irwin was granted one month's leave of absence to date from 19th inst.

Alderman Wheeler was appointed Acting Chairman of the Board of Works Committee and Alderman Braim name was added to the Committee.

Alderman Crickmay reported that two meetings had recently been held for the purpose of reorganizing the Volunteer Fire Brigade at No. 2 Firehall but without result.

It was suggested that Fire Chief Emmerson be engaged to make a personal canvas of the Residents in that District, and the matter was left to the Chairman of the Fire Committee to arrange in that way.

Alderman Smith and Alderman Wheeler were appointed a Committee to confer with the District Council in regard to the purchase of a Steam Road Roller and Rock Crusher.

On the suggestion of Alderman Wheeler it was decided to extend the old sidewalk on the North side of 3rd Street, as far as the residence of Mr. Foster.

The Clerk was directed to call applications for the position of City Engineer, to be lodged not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on Monday 14th December next.

Applicants to state qualifications and salary expected, and to lodge copy of testimonials.

Signed: Arnold E. Kealy, Mayor
December 7, 1908

