

**MINUTES OF STATED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1908 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present.

A letter was read from L. Edwin Dudley, requesting that Winch Avenue be opened up to connect with a Road which the District Council has agreed to build through District Lot. 599

A Report was read from Acting City Engineer McPherson in regard thereto. The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of Mr. Dudley's letter and the Engineer's report to the Proprietors of the Lonsdale Estate, and ascertain if they are willing to have Winch Avenue opened up under the Local Improvement System.

Letter from Mrs. Catharine E. Keene, complaining of water from ditches on 15<sup>th</sup> Street flooding her property.

On motion of Alderman May and Alderman Braim referred to Board of Works Committee with power to act.

Letter from H.V. Smith, Secretary, Ratepayers Association, enquiring why Street Arc Light ordered for the corner of St. George's Avenue and Esplanade had not yet been placed in position.

Clerk instructed to notify Mr. Smith that order for this light was cancelled upon later investigation it having been found that it could be done without.

The Clerk reported that a new Quit Claim to Bewicke Avenue Street End, had been issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in lieu of the one surrendered.

Messrs. W. T. Stein & Co., City Auditors returned Statement of Accounts of Dominion Day Celebrations Committee with Certificate endorsed thereon that same had been duly audited and found correct. Accepted.

Alderman Irwin reported that Messrs. Becker and Morrison, the Contractors for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sidewalks wished to be released of their contract owing to the fact that the work had been so long delayed and the Contractors having found it necessary to leave the City on other businesses. They were willing to accept One Hundred and Fifty (\$150) Dollars in full settlement of all claims.

The Acting Engineer gave in a Statement of all monies paid to the Contractors to date.

The Board of Works Committee reported that after consulting with the Acting City Engineer, they believed the Contractors were only entitled to received One Hundred And Twenty-five (\$125) Dollars in full settlement of all claims.

The Council decided to offer Messrs Becker & Morrison One hundred and twenty-five (\$125) Dollars as a final payment in full for any work done or material

supplied in connection with 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sidewalks contract, and to release them of their contract with the City.

One Hundred and Eighteen applications were received for the position of City Engineer and submitted to the Council. The names of the respective applicants were read to the Meeting, after which Alderman May moved that the Mayor appoint a Committee to consider the applications and select a short list therefrom. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to. The Mayor appointed Aldermen Irwin, Smith and Wheeler as a Committee with directions to report to the Council next Thursday Evening.

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Ferry Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> December last, at which the City Solicitor, Mr. A. Dunbar Taylor, was present, were laid on the table.

A letter was read from Mrs. A.M. C. Duff, notifying Council that on Sunday Evening she accidentally stepped off the sidewalk on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, between Chesterfield and Lonsdale Avenues, and sustained painful injuries, and that she held the City responsible for any damages which might arise therefrom. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman May, referred to City Solicitors to be dealt with.

On motion of Alderman May seconded by Alderman Irwin the Mayor and Treasurer were authorized to issue cheques in payment of the School Teachers Salaries for December, on 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

A report and recommendations by the Board of Works Committee on a due account was submitted and read to all the Meeting, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the following account:

Local Improvement Account	
11 <sup>th</sup> Street grading, Wm. Snider, further to Account of Contract	\$139.00

Alderman Irwin reported that the Board of Works Committee had that day ordered a portion of the old sidewalk on the North side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West, to be temporarily relaid for the convenience of foot-passengers.

Alderman Smith reported that the Water Works Committee was prepared to lay a 4' water main on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between Lonsdale and St. Georges Avenues so soon as the Board of Works Committee would open up that portion of the Street. Board of Works Committee to report at next meeting.

Mayor Kealy submitted a copy of a letter forwarded by the City Solicitors on his instructions to the United Wireless Telegraph Co. notifying them that they were bound to maintain the Wireless Station at North Vancouver for the full term of the Agreement, viz five (5) years.

On the recommendation of the Fire & Light Committee the Council decided to install Street Arc Lights at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Mahon Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Chesterfield Avenue.

Signed:       Arnold E. Kealy, Mayor  
                  December 21, 1908