

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY THE 4th DAY OF JANUARY 1909 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present excepting Alderman May.

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of 28th; and of the Special Meeting of 30th December last; also of the Regular Meeting held on 4th January current (copies of which had been previously sent to all the Members of the Council and being held as read) were, on motion adopted.

A letter was read from H.V. Smith, Secretary of the Ratepayers Association, advising Council of Public Meeting taking place that evening under the auspices of the Association, and inviting Aldermen who are Candidates at the pending elections to attend. Received and filed.

The delayed letter from A.G. Perry, Local manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co., in reference to improved lighting and power services was read to the Meeting, and the Clerk instructed to send a suitable reply.

A communication received from Postmaster J.A. McMillan, explaining cause of delay in delivery of the above letter, was also read to the Meeting. Received and filed.

The North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. Ltd. Liability wrote intimating that they had dedicated to the City as a lane space the property described as Lot "A", Block 66, D.L. 271 in respect of which they would no longer be liable for taxes on this property. Referred to City Solicitors for opinion.

Manager A.G. Perry of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. wrote advising that as desired by the Council a Railway Crossing at the corner of 4th Street and Queensbury Avenue had been placed in position the following day. Thanks of Council to be tendered to Mr. Perry for prompt attention.

The first annual report of the N.V. General Hospital was submitted and read to the Meeting. The report was received and considered very satisfactory.

Mayor Kealy gave in a verbal report of the business transacted at the Annual Convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities. Special mention being made of the Union's endeavours to urge upon the Dominion and Provincial Governments to prepare a uniform system of Municipal accounting; also to more clearly define the qualifications of a "householder" under the "Municipal Elections Act" and the choice of North Vancouver as the place of Meeting for the next Annual Convention.

Alderman Irwin supplemented the Mayor's remarks. The report of the Delegation was received and a hearty vote of thanks accorded Mayor Kealy and Alderman Irwin for their services.

Alderman Crickmay (Chairman of the Fire & Light Committee) reported that after consulting with the Architect, he had ordered a stove to be installed in the dormitory at the Fire Hall. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Wheeler this action was confirmed by the Council.

Alderman Smith reported that the recent difficulty which had presented itself in connection with the Water Works System had been caused by anchor ice blockading the stream at the intake, but that the difficulty had now been overcome, and the System was again in proper working order.

After a general discussion as to providing means for the better protection of Water Service Pipes, the Water Works Committee submitted the following recommendation:

"That the Water Mains and Service Pipes be laid a depth of not less than 2' beneath the surface; and that pipes running into basements be properly boxed with sawdust or other material as a preventive against frost, and that service pipes in every case be fitted with stop and waste valves at easily accessible points and that no taps be allowed to run continuously".

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted and referred to next year's Council.

Bylaw No. 53 concerning North Vancouver Light, Heat and Gas Power, was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign and seal the Bylaw should the Solicitor not consider any important changes necessary.

A recommendation by the Board of Works Committee to the effect that the new Council be respectfully requested to permit City Engineer Hanes to acquaint himself with the conditions in Seattle and Tacoma before proceeding to prepare plans of grades on local street intersections, was accepted by the Council.

City Treasurer Woods submitted and read a preliminary report of the receipts and expenditures of the various departments for the year 1908.

It was decided on the motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Irwin that the Chairman of each Committee submit a report of the work done in his Department during the year 1908 at the Ratepayer's Meeting to be held on Wednesday next.

On motion, Mayor Kealy was requested to vacate the Chair and Alderman Smith was appointed Interim Chairman.

Alderman Irwin moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mayor Kealy for his highly efficient conduct in the Chair during the past year.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Wheeler supported by Alderman Crickmay and passed unanimously.

Mayor Kealy returned thanks and the Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: William H. May, Mayor