

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ON MONDAY THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY 1909 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor William H. May presiding, Alderman William H. Braim, Alderman Wm. J. Dick, Alderman William McNeish, Alderman George W. McRae, Alderman Samuel D. Schultz; and Alderman H.W. Young

Each of the Aldermen elect having made the Statutory Declaration of Office and taken his seat, the Mayor in the course of an inaugural address outlined some of the most important questions which would come before the Council for consideration during the Year, particular mention being made of the Ferry controversy; the probable inauguration of a Sewerage System; the Completion of 3rd Street Local Improvement Contract; Frontage Tax under the Local Improvement Bylaw; and the Eight Hour Day Question.

The mayor stated he did not wish the provisions of the opening paragraphs of Clause 4 of the Procedure Bylaw to be observed in opening Council Meetings.

A certificate of the Returning Officer, previously engrossed in the Minute Book, setting forth the results of the recent elections for Mayor, Aldermen and City School Trustee, was read to the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Council held on 11th January last (copies of which had been previously sent to all the members of the Council) were read. Alderman Schultz moved that the recommendation of the former Council as contained in the above minutes respecting the City Engineer being permitted to visit Seattle and Tacoma, be referred to the Board of Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and unanimously agreed to. A discussion arose as to whether the Minutes should be adopted at this Meeting or laid over for another week. It was finally decided however on the motion of Alderman Dick, seconded by Alderman Braim (Alderman McRae dissenting) that the Minutes be adopted as read.

The Mayor then constituted the following Standing Committees for the year 1909 which met with the unanimous approval of the Council.

Finance Committee

Chairman - Alderman Geo. W. McRae
Alderman Schultz
Alderman McNeish

Board of Works Committee

Alderman McNeish
Alderman Dick and
Alderman Young

Water Committee

Alderman Young (Chairman)
Alderman Dick and
Alderman Braim

Fire & Light Committee

Alderman Braim (Chairman)
Alderman Young and
Alderman McRae

Public Health Committee

Alderman Dick (Chairman)
Alderman Braim and
Alderman McRae

Ferry Committee

Alderman Schultz (Chairman)
Alderman Young and
Alderman McNeish

A letter was ready from A.F. Beasley, notifying Council that it was his intention to hold the City responsible for damage done to his Property by the shutting off of the water in the Main on Sunday Evening last.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Schultz referred to City Solicitors for opinion.

Letter from Albert M. Bailey complaining of large tree standing on Mr. Hendry's Moodyville Property at corner of 3rd Street and Queensbury Avenue, which he considered dangerous to life and property. On the suggestion of Alderman Dick it was resolved that the Clerk request Mr. Hendry's permission to cut down the tree.

Letter from G.R. Hughes enquiring what steps had been taken in regard to Local Improvement Petition presented on 11th September last for a sidewalk to be constructed on 2nd Street between St. Andrew's Avenue and the Ravine on the West Boundary Line of Hammersley's Property.

On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Braim referred to Board of Works Committee; the clerk meantime to advise Mr. Hughes that the Petition in question would be dealt with in the order in which it was received.

Communication from A.S. Emmerson, Fire chief, reporting that on 17th January last a fire broke out at the resident of A.E. Kealy on 15th Street and that several of the Firemen had requisitioned the services of a Street Railway Car to convey

them to the scene of the Fire, but that the motorman and conduction in charge of the Car had ignored their request.

Mr. Perry, Local Manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co., who was present informed the Council that the Car on the day in question, was being operated by new Employees of the Company, who were not aware of the arrangements formerly made regarding the speedy conveyance of Firemen to fires. Mr. Perry assured the Council however that he would issue orders that all cars would be at the service of the Firemen when occasion demanded.

A Plan of sub-division of Lots 1 & 6, Block 17, D.L. 549, previously approved of by the Council, but omitted to have been registered in the Land Registry Office within the time limited by the Act, was again passed by the Council.

Alderman Braim enquired if the City had appealed its case against the Ferry Company, but as no definite information was to hand, the Clerk was instructed to enquire of the City Solicitors what proceedings, if any, had been taken on behalf of the City since Justice Morrison's decision in the Ferry Case. If any proceedings had been instituted, when, and the authorization for same.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Works (General and Local Improvement Account) and Water Works Committee on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the following accounts, viz:

Finance

Cemetery Clearing, J.D. Sinclair, Balance due on this Contract	\$350.00
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Board of Works

Workmen's Wages per Payroll for two weeks ending 14 th January 1909	31.64
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Water Works

Workmen's Wages per Payroll for two weeks ending 14 th January 1909	267.45
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On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Braim, authority was granted the Mayor and City Treasurer to sign cheques in payment of wages due discharged labourers; refund of Blasting Deposits, and interests on Debenture Coupons.

On the suggestion of Alderman Dick the City Engineer was instructed to employ as far as possible, none but Ratepayers and Citizens on Public Works.

A Certificate by the Returning Officer, previously engrossed in the Minute Book setting forth the result of the voting on the Money Loan By-Law and submitted to the Ratepayers at the recent Municipal Elections was read.

Bylaw No. 54 - "The School Site Loan Bylaw 1909" was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw, and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Bylaw No. 58 - "The Statutory Loan Bylaw No. 6 1908" was also read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

On motion of Alderman Braim seconded by Alderman McNeish, it was resolved that Meetings of the Council be held every Monday Evening at 8 o'clock; the Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month to be recognized as Regular Meetings at which the Monthly and Semi-monthly reports of Committees on due accounts would be passed.
It was further resolved that Committee meetings be held every Thursday Evening at 8 o'clock.

With reference to the Second Narrows Bridge Petition the Clerk was instructed to advise the Board of Trade that it was the desire of the Council to cooperate with the various Public Bodies interested in the matter of presenting a Petition respecting this Bridge to the Provincial Government at an early date and to request that the Council, as a Body, be permitted to sign the Petition further that it was the intention of the Council to specially memorialize the Government in regard to the Bridge.

Alderman Braim stated that the Motor Boat Transportation Co. had made an offer to the North Vancouver Ferry & Power Co. in as much that if the latter Company would undertake to maintain a regular half-hourly Ferry Service, the Motor Boat Co. would withdraw their boats but that this offer had been refused.

Mr. Duff enquired what progress was being made in regard to a Local Improvement Petition lodged some time ago for a 4' sidewalk to be constructed on Chesterfield Avenue between 16th and 18th Streets. Referred to Board of Works Committee to enquire into report.
The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: William H. May, Mayor