

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ON MONDAY THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY 1909 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of Council held on 18th January last were read and adopted.

Communications were received from the City Solicitor and disposed as follows:

1. Advising that they did not think, upon the statement of facts given, the City was responsible in the matter of the Claim for damages made by Mr. A.F. Beasley.
On motion of Alderman Young seconded by Alderman McNeish, resolved to notify Mr. Beasley that City refuses to entertain his claim.

2. Advising that no proceedings had been taken in the Ferry Case since the judgment rendered by Mr. Justice Morrison, deciding that he had no jurisdiction to hear the Council's Petition for the cancellation of the sub-lease, and stating further than Mr. Taylor, along with Mr. Joseph Martin K.C., the other Counsel in the case were of the opinion that the proper course to force a hearing was to apply for a mandamus to compel the Judge to hear the Petition; but that no actual proceedings had been taken in this regard owing to Mr. Martin having been absent in Victoria.

After some discussion in which it was suggested that it might be well for the Council to delay proceedings until after the trial of the case pending between the Ferry Company and the Motor Boat Co., it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Schultz, seconded by Alderman McRae, to notify the City Solicitors to take no further steps in the matter meantime.

3. Advising that the Registrar had declined to register the dedication notice received from the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company of Lot "A" Block 66, D.L. 271, and that a form of conveyance was necessary.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Young, resolved that the Mayor be appointed a Committee to interview the Registrar on this subject.

Letter from Messrs. W.T. Stein & Co., City Auditors, asking for instructions in regard to certain claims made by the District Council in the final adjustment of the Account between the District Municipality and the City. Laid on the table for later report by the Finance Committee.

Communication from T.M. Heard, Manager, North Vancouver Ferry & Power Company Limited, denying that any offer had been made by the Motor Boat Company to his Company, and contradicting the statement made by Alderman Braim at last Council Meeting to the effect that if the Gerry Co. would guarantee a regular half hourly service the Motor Boat Company would withdraw their boats. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Young resolved that communication be filed.

Letter from J.R.J. Murray, Secretary, Board of Trade, forwarding copy resolution passed at regular meeting of the Board, condemning the septic Tank System now in operation in the City and pointing out the urgent necessity for the installation of a suitable Sewerage System.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that communication be filed for future reference. The Board of Trade to be informed that the question will receive the careful consideration of the Council in the very near future.

Letter from Alex Law complaining of bad condition of road leading from Mahon Avenue to his house 321-4th Street, a distance of 250' or thereby, and urging the Council to take immediate steps to construct a 3 plank sidewalk on that part. On motion of Alderman Braim and Alderman McRae, referred to Board of Works Committee to investigate and report.

Letter from Jeannie B. Hickman, complaining of dangerous standing timber near her house on 20th Street.

On motion of Alderman Young and Alderman Dick referred to Board of Works Committee to enquire into and report.

Communication from Mayor Douglas, Vancouver intimating that he had appointed a Special Committee to take up the question of Harbor Improvements and asking for the cooperation of the City Council of North Vancouver in the movement and requesting Mayor May to appoint a Special Committee to confer with the Harbor Committee of Vancouver on the matter.

After some discussion, in which it was suggested that the Committee appointed from this Council might act jointly with Committees from the Board of Trade and Ratepayers Association.

The Mayor appointed Alderman Dick, Alderman Young and Alderman McNeish as a Committee to act in this matter.

Letter from W.P. Peacy, Secretary, Board of City School Trustees forwarding letter received from Messrs. Alexander and Townsley containing terms of School Site Purchase and requesting the Council to make the necessary arrangements for a speedy settlement.

The Mayor reported that the Bond authorized by the School Site Loan Bylaw would in all probability be sold this week, but if they were not, he had been

assured by the Manager of the Bank of B.N.A. that the money necessary to make a cash settlement would be forthcoming.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Braim, referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

Letter from Secretary, School Board, requesting Council to construct a 6' sidewalk on the South side of 4th Street for the accommodation of Scholars attending the Public School.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae referred to Board of Works Committee with power to act.

Letter from Alex Philip C.M.C. intimating that the District Council purposes opening out the road through D.L. 599 if there is any likelihood of Winch Avenue being opened out through D.L. 552. On motion of Alderman Braim and Alderman Dick referred to Board of Works Committee to enquire into and report.

An application by Mrs. Jessie Fowler for a Street Arc Light to be placed at the corner of St. George's Avenue and Esplanade, was referred to the Fire & Light Committee to report upon.

Letter from John H. Brown making application for a road to be opened out to his property, Lot 5, S.D.. 4, Block 229, D.L. 545, a distance of 240' or thereby. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Braim referred to Board of Works Committee to report.

A Petition received from nine residents and ratepayers asking for a Street Arc Light to be placed at the corner of 4th Street and Lonsdale Avenue was referred to the Fire & Light Committee to enquire into and report.

Circular letter from C.J. Fegan, Secretary Anti-Tuberculosis Society, notifying Council that a Meeting of the Court of Governors of this Society would be held in Victoria, on Wednesday, 10th February at 8 p.m. and earnestly requesting Council to become Associate Members of this Society, and to nominate a Governor to attend this meeting.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Schultz resolved that communication be filed for future reference.

Letter from E.J. Peck complaining of unfair treatment received at the hands of former Council in dispensing with his services as Water Works Foreman and claiming a month's salary in respect of insufficient notice having been given him. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McNeish, the letter was laid on the table to be considered at next meeting.

Letter from C.E. Lawson, Secretary, Sons of Scotland, extending invitation to Mayor and Aldermen to attend the "Burns" Haggis Supper and Dance, taking place that evening and the Horticultural Hall. Accepted with thanks.

Mr. Wm. Morden waited upon the Council and asked on behalf of the N.V. Bowling Club, if a lease of a portion of Ottawa Gardens could be obtained for the purpose of laying out a Bowling Club and Tennis Courts. On the suggestion of Alderman Dick, it was resolved that the Mayor confer with Mr. Morden and Mr. Mahon, President of the North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company, the Donors of the Gardens in regard to the proposal and report.

Mr. J.C. Gill, Secretary of the newly incorporated Twin City Transportation Co. appeared before the Council and asked to be advised if the Ferry Company had a right, under lease, to use the Westerly 17 feet of Lonsdale Avenue Street End for Wharf purposes. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Braim referred to Ferry Committee to investigate and report.

A message was received from Mayor Douglas, Vancouver, advising that the Government had arranged to receive the delegation with reference to the Second Narrows Bridge Petition, at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Friday 29th inst at 11:30 a.m.

The Mayor and Alderman Schultz were appointed Delegates from this Council.

Messrs Geo Dennis and G. Farrow, Residents on 8th and 9th Streets respectively appeared and complained of the inefficient Water Service at present being served residents in that part and requested the Council to lay permanent water mains in place of the temporary half inch pipes now in use. Referred to Water Works Committee to investigate and report.

The Report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of this date was read and adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 25th inst. was also read and adopted.

Alderman Young reported that it had come to his knowledge that application was being made to have a Police Magistrate appointed for this City under salary. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McNeish it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Attorney General and enquire if any application had been made to his Department for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the City of North Vancouver under salary, and if so to request him to defer taking any action until the Council had an opportunity of again communicating with him.

The Mayor stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Jas. P. Fell, London, England, enquiring how soon the Council intends laying a water main along Sutherland or Queensbury Avenue.

He also reported that certain parties were applying for 340 acres of land at Rice Lake, the Water rights of which are owned by the City. They were willing to protect these rights for the city. Water Works Committee to report.

On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Dick, Alderman McRae was appointed Acting mayor during Mayor May's absence in Victoria. The Council thereafter adjourned till Thursday next, 28th inst at 8 P.M.

Signed: William H. May, Mayor