

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ON MONDAY THE 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1909 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of 8th; and of the adjourned Stated Meeting of 12th February last were read and, on motion adopted.

Letter - Henry V. Smith, Secretary Ratepayers Assoc. urging Council to use it utmost endeavors to arrive at a satisfactory basis of purchase of the North Vancouver Ferry & Power Company's Business and assets (exclusive of Lonsdale Gardens) while the cancellation of the Provincial Ferry License is under consideration by the Government. In view of the fact that the wishes of the Ratepayers Association were being vigorously prosecuted by the Council at the present time. Alderman Dick moved that the letter be laid on the Table for future reference. The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and agreed to.

Letter - Geo. S. Hanes, City Engineer, recommending that a galvanized iron refuse Can be placed at the corner of Lonsdale Avenue and Esplanade for the deposit of all waste papers and other rubbish.
On motion of Alderman McNeish and Alderman Young referred to Public Health Committee with power to act.

Letter - City Engineer, reporting that he had ordered the necessary material for building railings to protect dangerous sidewalks; and the material necessary to repair the Bridge on Keith Road at Mission Creek. Filed.

Letter - Geo. H. Cowan, M.P., advising that Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company's Petition for Railway Charter Extension had been presented and received but that the printed Bill had not yet been introduced or distributed and suggesting that Council considered the advisability of sending a Deputation to Ottawa in the matter; also ensuring Council that he would watch the proposed legislation and promptly advise Council in any way it should appear adverse to the City's interest.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae the letter was laid on the table until the Public Meeting of Ratepayers called for tomorrow night to receive the report of the Standing Committee on Railway Charter Extension.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Braim, resolved that Alderman McNeish be appointed to accompany the Delegation from Vancouver City Council and other Public Bodies interested in the matter of Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Charter Extension; widening of First Narrows; Bridge across Second Narrows; and Vancouver Harbour Improvements; and further that the Council recommend to the Ratepayers the appointment of Mr. J. Balfour Ker as their Representative.

R.R. Bureton, appeared and asked Council to reconsider their decision regarding the application for a Street Arc Light to be placed at the corner of 4th Street and Lonsdale Avenue. On the Council being informed that the application for this had not been considered by the regularly constituted Fire and Light Committee of the Council. Alderman McNeish moved that the matter be referred back to the Fire & Light Committee for reconsideration and report.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Works and Water Works Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the Meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the following accounts, viz:

Board of Works

Workmen's Wages per payroll for 2 weeks ending February 10, 1909	\$100.12
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Water Works

Workmen's Wages per payroll for 2 weeks ending February 10, 1909	\$173.58
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The report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 11th February last was read and adopted.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 11th February current was also read and adopted.

Alderman McRae reported that the Finance Committee was not yet in a position to report on the matter of opening out 2nd Street between Block s143 and 153 and the remit to the Committee on this matter was continued.

On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Young, "resolved that the City's Aid to the Local Hospital be in the way of grant of \$25 per month and \$1 per day for the City's Indigent Patients, upon the condition that the said grant may be disallowed and cease upon it being shown that the treatment of City's Patients is unsatisfactory. That the Health Committee make monthly visits to the Hospital and report and generally exercise supervision in relation to the City's patients at the Hospital, with authority to investigate all complaints and all other matters appertaining to the interests of such patients".

The Chairman of the Board of Works Committee reported that the construction of a Bridge over Mission Creek had been completed; also that the opening out of a road through Heywood Park was nearing completion.

The Water Works Committee recommended that a water service be laid to Mr. E.J. Peck's residence on 11th Street. The Committee's recommendation was accepted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Young the matter of providing better means of Fire Alarm at Fire hall No. 2 was referred to the Fire & Light Committee to consider and report.

The Chairman of the Ferry Committee gave in a report regarding the result of a conference which took place last Saturday afternoon between the Citizens and Messrs. Perry and Miller, Eastern Shareholders of the Ferry Company.

Alderman Schultz addressed the Council on the desirability of selecting one day in the year on which to observe an Annual Celebration in North Vancouver and afterwards moved that the 1st Day of July be observed as such and that Committees from other Public Bodies in the City be invited to cooperate with the council in the matter. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to and the Mayor was directed to call a Public Meeting at some future date.

Alderman McNeish moved that the Council call Tenders for the supply of 200,000 feet of sidewalk material. The motion was seconded by Alderman Young and agreed to. Alderman Dick expressed himself as strongly opposed to the resolution and dissented for the finding of the Meeting. Alderman McNeish further moved that quotations be called for the supply of one ton 5" wire nails. The motion was seconded by Alderman Young and agreed to, Alderman Dick dissenting.

The Board of Works Committee was directed to look into the matter of providing suitable storage accommodation for tools and other material belonging to their Department. The Chairman of the Board of Works Committee reported that it was the intention to start repair work on Keith Road and St. Andrew's Avenue and moved that an order for sufficient gravel for this purpose be placed with the B.C. Electric Railway Company. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

The Clerk was directed to make application to the B.C. Electric Railway Company for Street Arc Lights to be turned on in the event of fire occurring during the night time.

On the Council being informed that the City Auditors refused to proceed with the auditing of the City Books and the preparation of the Financial Statement for the year 1908, Alderman McNeish moved that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be asked to interview the Auditors and report on Thursday evening. The motion was seconded by Alderman Braim and agreed to.

Alderman Schultz moved that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the City Solicitors and ask them to advise the Council regarding the costs of the City's action against the Ferry Company. The motion was seconded by Alderman Young and agreed to. The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor