

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ON MONDAY THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 1909 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

In welcoming Alderman McNeish on his safe return from Ottawa the Mayor announced that the Committees of the Council would stand as originally constituted.

The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> and of the Adjourned Stated Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> March current were read and on motion adopted.

A letter was read from the Medical Health Officer reporting that he had visited the Local Hospital and found that the accommodation and facilities provided therein were suitable for the reception and treatment of all cases; also, that it was quite possible to undertake a major operation at the Hospital. On motion of Alderman McRae and Alderman Dick, filed for future reference.

Letter - Elder, Murray, requesting on behalf of Owner of Lot 16, Block 8, D.L. 616, that William Street be opened out from 17<sup>th</sup> Street South to 15<sup>th</sup> Street. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Young, resolved that on satisfactory guarantee being obtained from Owner that erection of suitable building will be commenced, and completed within a reasonable time, that a suitable trail be opened out to the property.

Letter - City Engineer, reporting that he had prepared estimates of the probably cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Local Improvement; and the proportion thereof to be borne by the City, also an alternative estimate of crushed rock being substituted for gravel on the Roadway. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McNeish resolved that Council receive Engineer's report in Committee of the Whole and that a joint Meeting of the Council and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street property owners be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> inst. at 8 o'clock.

Letters - City Engineer, submitting list of supplies necessary for the construction of Queensbury Avenue water mains and main on 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Queensbury and Sutherland Avenues. On motion of Alderman Young seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that the Engineer be instructed to call for quotations on the list of supplies as submitted.

Letter - A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. requesting a settlement of account of B.C. Anchor Fence Co. for \$28 for repairing fence at Horticultural Grounds damaged by a City Contractor in 1907. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Young referred to Finance Committee.

Letter - Mr. Perry wishing to know what had been done in the matter of St. David's Avenue widening. On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman McRae, Clerk instructed to ask Messrs. Taylor, Hulme & Innes to report.

Letter - Mr. & Mrs. C. Mann, asking Council to open up Rufus Avenue and lay water service to Lot 8, Block 8, D.L. 616.

Alderman Young moved seconded by Alderman McRae that the request be referred to the Board of Works Committee. Alderman Schultz moved as an amendment that Mr. Mann be communicated with, and on a satisfactory guarantee, in writing, being obtained, that he is to construct a suitable dwelling with a reasonable period of time that the Board of Works Committee act in the matter of opening out a Wagon Trail. The Amendment was seconded by Alderman Dick.

On a division there voted, -

For the Amendment,

Alderman Schultz

Alderman Dick

Alderman McNeish

Alderman Braim 4

and for the motion

Alderman Young

Alderman McRae 2

The amendment was declared carried.

Letter - Baglow & Thorpe, desiring permission to place small showcase on Electric Light Company's pole opposite Junction Block.

On motion of Alderman Young seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that permission be granted. The Showcase to be erected under the direction of the City Engineer, and the Council to reserve the right to order its removal at any time.

Petition from 86 Ratepayers asking Council among other things to settle all claims against the Motor Boat Transportation Co., as soon as possible, in order that all questions in connection with the Ferry may be finally disposed of.

Mr. J.R. J. Murray was heard on behalf of the Petitioners.

A letter was also read from Mr. Bunbury advising that Messrs. Davis Marshall & MacNeill had expressed their intention of issuing immediate execution against the Defendants in the action North Vancouver Ferry 7 Power Co. V. Bunbury et al and wishing to be advised of the Council's intention in respect to the settlement of the claims against the Motor Boat Transportation Co.

Laid over for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Fire Chief Emmerson addressed the Council in reference to the urgent necessity for the installation of a suitable Fire Alarm System. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Young referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, 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:

Finance

Bank of British North American Commission on Sale of \$173,700 City Debenture	\$325.68
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Board of Works

Workmen's Wages per payroll for 2 weeks ending 10 <sup>th</sup> March 1909	\$185.64
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Water Works

Workmen's Wages per payroll for 2 weeks ending 10 <sup>th</sup> March 1909	\$310.27
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The report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minute of 11<sup>th</sup> inst was read and adopted. Alderman Dick dissenting.

Alderman McRae and City Engineer Hanes gave in reports regarding arrangements being made by the Joint Committee for advertising the City and District at the A.Y.P. Exposition.

Mayor May reported result of interview the Manager, Bank of B.N.A., in reference to offer for purchase of Ferry Debentures, and that for obvious reasons the offer received from the \$70,000 Debentures had been accepted.

The Fire & Light Committee recommended that the application for a light in the vicinity of St. Andrew's Church be deferred until next lighting season. The Committee's recommendation was accepted by the Council.

Alderman McNeish gave in a lengthy verbal report of result of Delegation interview with Government at Ottawa.

On motion of Alderman Young seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East be repaired.

The Tenders received for the supply of 200,000 feet sidewalk material were next discussed. Alderman McNeish moved that the offer of Diplock Wright Lumber Co. at \$2,580 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Young and on being put to the Meeting Alderman Dick, Alderman McRae and Alderman Braim voted against it.

There being an equality of votes the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Alderman McNeish moved that the Engineer be instructed to prepare specifications and call Tenders for the construction of all sidewalks in the City during the year 1909.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Young and on being put the Meeting, Alderman Dick, Alderman McRae and Alderman Braim voted against it. The Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was declared carried.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman McNeish resolved that meeting adjourn till Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Council afterward convened in Committee of the whole and appointed the Mayor, Manager, pro tem of the Ferry Service with full power to appoint all Officers and Employees required to operate the Service.

The Mayor was granted authority to engage the services of Mr. J.H. Senkler, Barrister as Solicitor for the City and to adjust all accounts in the Bill of Sale. The Chairman of the Board of Works Committee, the City Engineer and Mr. T.. Heard the present Manager were appointed a Committee to report on the safety of Lonsdale Avenue Wharf.

Signed: William H. May, Mayor