

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD
WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ON THURSDAY THE 20TH DAY OF MAY
1909 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Mayor presiding and all the Aldermen present, excepting Alderman Braim.

Mr. D.G. Dick, President of the Board of Trade, waited upon the Council and explained that as a result of a Notice appearing in the "Public Press" disclosing the fact that the Mayor of Vancouver had been instructed by the Departemnt at Ottawa to have drafted and presented to the Government, a Bill creating a Harbour Commission for the Port of Vancouver.

The Executive of the Board of Trade had met that afternoon and passed a Resolution in the terms of a copy submitted. Mr. Geo. H. Morden was also heard in reference to this question. Alderman Dick moved that the prompt action of the Board of Trade in this matter be endorsed by the Council, and that the Board be informed, that the Council will immediately formulate and forward to the proper quarter, along similar liens.

A resolution in the following terms was later passed by the Council:

"WHEREAS it has come to the knowledge of this Council that the Mayor of Vancouver has been instructed by the Department at Ottawa to have drafted for presentation to the Dominion Government a Bill embodying the powers, authority, jurisdiction, rights and duties of a Harbour Commission for the management and control of The Port of Vancouver.

AND WHEREAS, it is by this Council, considered imperative in the Premises that the right of North Vancouver to participate upon a basis of, at least, equality with the City of Vancouver with respect to all matters pertaining to the appointment of a Harbour Commission, be conceded, in view of the fact that by far the largest and best available Water Frontage for industrial and other purposes is on the North side of Burrard Inlet.

THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Dominion Government be requested to consult the City of North Vancouver, as a first party, before any definite action is taken with regard to the Adoption of a Bill constituting a Harbour Commission for the Port of Vancouver.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada, The Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, The Hon. R.L. Borden, M.P., The Hon. Wm. Templement, M.P. Ralph Smith, M.P. and Geo. H. Cowan, M.P."

On further motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Young, the Council resolved to ask the co-operation of the Ratepayer's Association in this matter.

The Ferry Committee appointed by the Ratepayers were in attendance, and along with the Council proceeded to consider the terms of the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association of the proposed Limited Company, but on motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Mr. McBain, it was resolved that the Meeting adjourn until Saturday evening next at 7 o'clock, and the Clerk was directed to furnish each Member with a copy of the Documents in the interval.

The City Engineer was instructed to prepare and furnish a description of Lonsdale Avenue Street End.

An informal discussion took place with regard to obtaining from Mr. & Mrs. Hammersley, a conveyance of the lanes in D.L. 274, and the acquirement by the City of the unopened portion of 2nd Street lying between Blocks 143 and 153.

A letter was read from the City Solicitor advising that the Council at once notify the Motor Boat Company and its Solicitors that the City abandons any claim it may have for damages obtained by the Ferry Company against the Motor Boat Company, and since assigned to the City; and further advise the Ferry Company's Solicitors that this had been done, and that they will have to look after the appeal.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Young, resolved that the above parties be notified accordingly.

Letters received by the Mayor and City Clerk from Alex Philip, C.M.C. in reference to supplying Residents in Lynn Valley with water were read to the Meeting, and after a general expression of opinion, Alderman Young moved that the District Council be notified to the effect that the City Council intends, six months from this date, to cancel the existing Agreement between the City and the District in reference to the interchange of Water Supply.

Alderman Schultz on behalf of the Joint Civic Advertising Committee; reported that the Vancouver Tourist Association and Information Bureau intended directing a campaign at the A.Y.P. Exposition for the purpose of advertising the Cities of Vancouver and North Vancouver and surrounding Municipalities as manufacturing, business and residential centers by distributing literature and diffusing information respecting the advantages of the Municipalities concerned, and the resources of the Province of British Columbia generally and moved that the Council urge the Provincial Government to grant a liberal sum of money to be expended for this purpose.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and unanimously agreed to.

The Mayor reported that it was his intention to inaugurate a continuous half hourly Ferry Service from six am. until twelve midnight on Saturday next. The Council thereafter adjourned until Saturday the 22nd inst. at 7 o'clock p.m.