

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1909 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.**

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present excepting Alderman Braim.

The Mayor read a Report embodying the terms of a verbal agreement arrived at between the City Council and the representatives of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. at a conference held last Thursday Night in re improvements to be carried out by the Company on the Local Tramway System.

The report was in the following terms:

“That to restore Public Confidence in the matter of the safe conveyance of passengers on the Local Tramway Cars, the Council asked the B.C. Electric Railway Co. to install additional brakes on all the Cars used in connection with their service in North Vancouver, and while the Company did not consider additional braking gear necessary, they at once acceded to the wishes of the Council and are meantime arranging to place a duplicate set of Brakes on the Lonsdale Avenue Cars, and an additional Chain, and rod back to the brake beam, on the Cars running East and West.”

The Council was further assured that by February of next year the Company would have Double Truck Cars, similar to those in operation in Vancouver, placed on all the North Vancouver Lines.

At the Conference the following facts were also made clear, that the Cars at present have three brakes, consisting of an ordinary brake, an emergency brake, and an electric brake - a duplication of the brakes as arranged would make the braking power on the Cars four times as strong.

A letter was read from T.M. Heard, Manager of the North Vancouver City Ferries Limited requesting Council to give to the Company, the permanent Grade at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue in order that the plans of the Company's proposed new wharf may be made to conform to such grade. After considerable discussion as to the difficulties arising in establish a Permanent Grade at this point the matter was referred to the City Engineer for report.

Alderman Young gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to Repeal Bylaw No. 27 of the City, being a Bylaw establishing a general grade on Lonsdale Avenue from the Esplanade to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Capt. C.H. Cates and A. G. Perry, addressed the Council, and suggested that a Banquet be given to the Officers of the “S.S.Lonsdale”, being the first Ocean Going Vessel to berth and discharge cargo at the Port of North Vancouver.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Young, it was resolved that a Complimentary Banquet and Dance be tendered to the Officers, on some evening to be arranged later.

Mayor May, Alderman McNeish and Alderman Schultz were appointed a Committee to act with President D.G. Dick, Vice President Irwin, and Acting Secretary Anders of the Board of Grande and Messrs. Alex Philip and A.G. Perry, to complete arrangements.

The matter of preparing a Programme for the approaching Convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities was then taken up.

Mr. Alex Philip C.M.C. as representing the District Council was invited to take part in the discussion relative thereto.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Young, His Worship Mayor May and Alderman McNeish were appointed Delegates from this Council to the Convention.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McNeish, it was resolved that a Programme & Entertainment Committee be constituted consisting of a Committee of the Whole of both the City and District Councils.

The following subjects were then discussed at length and resolutions passed or directions given to have same drafted so as to place same on the order of business at the Convention:

#### Qualifications of Householders to vote:

Resolved that persons paying a rental or a rental value of not less than \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year and having been Residents within the Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ months prior to their making a Statutory Declaration in some suitable form be entitled to vote as Householders at the Annual Municipal Elections.

#### Sub-division Plans

Resolved that the Government be asked to invest Municipal Councils with more discretionary powers with regard to the passage and approval of sub-division plans. Alderman Schultz was directed to draft a form of Resolution in this respect for submission to the Convention.

#### Uniform Assessment

Alderman Young brought up the question of the adoption of a system of uniform assessment and was invited to bring in a Resolution for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

#### Local Improvement General Act

On the suggestion of Alderman Dick it was resolved that the Government be asked to pass a Local Improvement General Act applicable to the entire Province.

## Revision and Consolidation of the Municipal Clauses Act

On the suggestion of Mr. Philip, it was resolved to bring forward at the Convention a resolution to request the Government to appoint three experts to draft a new Municipal Bill with a view to its adoption by the House.

Alderman Dick moved, seconded by Alderman McNeish, that the City Solicitor be instructed to withdraw the information laid against the Hotel Proprietors upon their undertaking to close the Bar-rooms of their Licensed Hotels during the prohibited Sunday Hours. After a lengthy debate the Mayor refused to put the question to the Meeting on the ground that the matter was at present being dealt within the Police Court.

The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor