

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

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1st and of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of 8th November last were read and, on motion, adopted.

Letter - North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd., agreeing that the personal property tax on the Company's Vancouver premises for the year 1909 should be borne by the Company. Filed.

Letter - John G. Farmer, Secretary, Board of Trade, again urging the Council to appoint Representatives to a Joint Civic Committee for the purpose of protecting the interests of the City and District in the matter of Railway and Harbour legislation. Filed.

Letter - City Engineer Hanes, reporting that the District Council had installed four new water meters in Lynn Valley, the design of which did not meet with his approval as they would allow of water being used for fire purposes and it was the distinct understanding between the Councils that the water would be used for household purposes only.

He had notified the District Council that he did not approve of the manner in which the meters in question had been installed.

On motion the action of the City Engineer was sustained and his Report laid on the table until District Council heard from.

Letter - A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C.E.R. reporting that a hydrant stands in the center of the track grade of the tram line extension to Lynn Valley and asking that same be moved also that the water main be placed a uniform distance of nine feet from the center of the track. Referred to Water Works Committee to report.

Letter - J.M. Gogan asking permission to cut cord wood on Queensbury Avenue, north of 19th Street.

Applicant to be informed that Street not yet conveyed to the City.

Letter - A.H. Newgreen asking for a wagon road to be opened up on Western Avenue from 23rd Street to N ½ of Lot 24, Block 228 for building purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

Letter - E. Davie complaining of delay in opening up road to his property - 18th Street East. Board of Works directed to act.

Letter - J. D. McLean, Secretary Indian Affairs, in regard to proposed extension of the Esplanade from Forbes Avenue to Bewicke Avenue and advising that as the riparian rights of the Indians to the foreshore of the Reserve could not be interfered with without their consent given in a formal surrender and as the Provincial Government claims a reversionary interest in all Reserves in the Province it was not advisable that any action should be taken having in view alienation of the land in question, until the outstanding question between the Dominion and the Provincial Governments had been decided. To be acknowledged and filed.

Letter - Jordan Wells Railway Supply Co. stating that they proposed to immediately erect a factory smithy and foundry for the purpose of manufacturing nuts, bolts, rods, bridge iron etc etc. That considering the potential advantages of North Vancouver's situation they and decided to locate here provided the Council could grant them a site with an outlet to the waterfront and exempt same from taxation for a period of years.

Mr. H. Clay Jordan, President of the Company who was present addressed the Council in reference to the proposal.

It was explained that the City had not waterfront property except the Street ends and that no inducements as to site, exemption from taxation etc could be given without a vote of the people.

Alderman Dick informed Mr. Jordan that a suitable site could be obtained on lease based on the assessed value of the property with the right to purchase at the termination of the lease at the then assessed value.

It was ultimately decided to call a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the Company's proposition.

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

Finance (General)	\$95.33
Police	12.15
Board of Works (General)	996.45
3 rd Street Local Improvement	462.18
Water Works	602.93
Fire & Light	226.69

The Mayor reported that the Committee appointed for the purpose had waited upon the B.C.E. Railway Co. and as a result of their efforts the Company had agreed to inaugurate the white ticket system in this City on and after tomorrow (Tuesday).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Company also to Alderman Schultz who brought the matter to Council's attentions.

Mayor May asked the Finance Committee to consider the advisability of investing \$13,500 now at the credit of Sinking Fund a/c in the purchase of City Local Improvement Debentures.

The matter of placing a suitable wire railing around the Treasurer's counter in the City offices was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Alderman Young reported that the Waterworks Foreman had standing instructions to lower all water service pipes in danger of freezing and if Householders would report such cases the matter would be attended to.

Mayor May reported that the Indians at the Mission were prepared to meet the Council with reference to the extension of a Street through the Reserve so soon as the Council would state definitely it was desired to extend. After discussion The Mayor, Alderman McNeish and Alderman McRae were appointed a Committee to report.

The Finance Committee was appointed to cooperate with a Committee from the District Council in the matter of watching over Railway and Harbour Legislation at Ottawa.

Alderman Young reported that the Water Works Committee was of the opinion that the Waterworks Foreman should be appointed on a monthly salary and it was left to the Committee to bring in a recommendation.

On enquiry being made by Alderman McRae, Mayor May reported that the City Engineer had just completed a set of Plans showing a complete sewerage system for the entire City and that they would be laid before the Council at next meeting.

The Council thereafter went into Committee of the Whole and heard a Report from Mr. Mahon with reference to steps being taken to form a Company to build a service railway along the Waterfront and a bridge across the 2nd Narrows.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor