

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1909 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

Letter - Wallace Shipyards Limited requesting sidewalk as far as entrance to their yard as well as repairs to the street.

Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

Letter - George A. Skene complaining of damage done to property by flooding owing to defective drainage on 4th Street.

Referred to Board of Works to investigate and report.

Letter - Colin F. Jackson directing Council's attention to the fact that the Hill brigade was not called on to the recent fire at Mr. Martin's house on 13th Street and expressing dissatisfaction with other matters in respect to the local fire extinction system. Fire & Light Committee directed to conduct thorough investigation and report.

Letter - City Engineer Hanes reporting fully on damage done to Water Works System during _____ of past few days. Received and filed.

A sketch of a proposed resubdivision of Blocks 2 and 5, D.L. 616 was submitted for approval.

In connection with this Plan a letter was read from Messrs. Martin and Smith, stating that the owners purpose clearing the Streets through the property and asking that the City open up 19th and 20th Streets from Sutherland Avneue east to connect with the Streets the owners are making and to open Willilams Avenue from 19th Street to 18th Street.

The Plan was approved and the application for the opening up of Streets was referred to the Board of Works.

A.G. Perry, Local Manager of the B.C. Electric Rly Co. appeared and intimated that his Company would be glad if the Council would give an order to have certain trees felled which interfered with the overhead work of the Lynn Valley extension at the upper end of Queensbury Avenue. Board of Works to report.

T.C. Cooper complained of defective drainage in front of his property on the Esplanade east and of obstruction of the roadway by vehicles.

Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

T.A. Martin, on behalf of St. John's Church requested that a street arc light be placed at the corner of 13th Street and Chesterfield Avenue.

Fire & Light Committee to report next meeting.

J.N. Hoare complained of insufficient drainage on 5th Street causing damage to his property. Referred to Board of Works with poer to act.

Letter - Wilson & Bloomfield with Memorandum of fees as Solicitors to the Council made up to date and Statement showing a balance of \$783.50 was due them. Referred to the City Solicitor, Mr. J.H. Senker.

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

Finance (General)	\$240.00
Finance (Police)	310.00
Board of Works	1,165.41
Water Works	75.00
Fire & Light	30.00
Public Health	25.00

In connection with the Water Works accounts, Alderman Young reported that owing to pressure of work in the Department the semi-monthly payroll for Workmen's wages had not been returned and moved that on its being turned in the following morning by the Foreman, certified correct by the City Engineer, the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to issue cheques for the amount of wages due. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

Alderman Young called attention to the fact that Prize Fights or Boxing Contests were being held in the City periodically and advocated their prohibition. After considerable discussion as to the powers of the Council in this respect the Chief of Police was requested to bring in a recommendation on the question at next meeting.

Alderman Dick called attention to the desirability of inaugurating some method of warning all residents when the water is to be turned off at any time, and a motion was passed directing the Water Works Foreman to depute a man for this purpose in future.

On the recommendation of the Water Works Committee a resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of three additional pressure reducing valves.

The Council then took up consideration of a lengthy Report by City Engineer Hanes on the present Water Works system in which he recommended:

1. That cast iron water mains be used in future.
2. That a map of the City be prepared by the City Engineer showing thereon a system of mains for each Street with sufficient gate valves and hydrants,

and that in constructing water mains in any block it should be carried out as part of this general scheme.

3. That all mains should be laid on the lower side of the Streets or Avenues.
4. That the mains in the business sections should be not less than 8 inches in diameter, and not less than 6 inches in the residence districts, with mains of larger size on the avenues.
5. That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare Plans and Estimates of the following work so that if satisfactory to the Council a Bylaw may be submitted to the Ratepayers authorizing the Council to borrow Sixty or Seventy thousand dollars to carry out the said work:
 - (a) For constructing anew Water Works Intake.
 - (b) For constructing a high level and low level Reservoir.
 - (c) For the purchase of sufficient ground suitable for the location of these reservoirs.
 - (d) For constructing anew concrete settling basin at the Intake with overflow and screens.

The Report was discussed at some length by the Council and a resolution was passed directing the City Engineer to prepare the Plans and Estimates mentioned therein.

A resolution was also passed authorizing the Water Works Committee to purchase the required number of gate valves and other necessary equipment for the better protection of the Water Works System; also to ascertain and report the monies at the disposal of the Committee for Reservoir purposes.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor