

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 6<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 1909 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.**

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup>, of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> and of the Special Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> November last were read and on motion, adopted.

The regular order of business was suspended and Mr. P. Larson was heard with reference to the legitimate character of the boxing contests held in this City from time to time.

He laid on the table a full complement of tickets for the Mayor and Aldermen and urged upon them to adjourn to the Pavilion and witness the Contest being held there that evening. A report was read from Chief of Police Davies stating that Boxing Contests are not unlawful, and that the Police cannot interfere unless they become brutal. That the only way the City could control these contests would be to license them. He recommended that the Council pass a Bylaw licensing all professional Boxing Contests and thus not infringe upon the Local Clubs liberty as Amateurs.

Alderman Young gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to govern Boxing Contests.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Braim the Finance Committee was requested to ascertain the method adopted by other Cities to regulate such Contests and report back to the Council.

J.J. Device presented a Petition signed by 18 property owners requesting that the sidewalk on St. George's Avenue be extended from Keith Road to Eleventh Street.

Alderman McNeish, Chairman of the Board of Works, while admitting the great need for a sidewalk on the Avenue in question regretted that the Board of Works had no funds with which to do any further work this year.

Communication - Lewis Printing Co., soliciting Council's subscription to the 'Ratepayer' a new weekly paper published in the interests of municipalities, towns and cities in B.C. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter - Reeve Bose, Hon. Sec., U.B.C.M., informing Council of postponed August Meeting of Union to be held at North Vancouver on Thursday, December 16, 1909 and requesting to be furnished with a copy of any resolutions which Council wished to have brought before the Convention. Filed.

Letter - A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C.E.R. advising that street light ordered for 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Jones Avenue had been duly installed and was in operation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. Filed.

Letter - A.G. Perry requesting the removal of a hydrant which stands in the center of the grade of the Lynn Valley tramline extension.

Referred to Water Works Committee with power to act.

Letter - Alex Philip, C.M.C., requesting on behalf of District Council that the bypass pipes put in at the different meters on the Lynn Valley Water Works System be allowed to remain available in the case of fire, provided the valves are duly sealed to City Engineer's satisfaction and that when seal is broken at any time for fire purposes an immediate report be made to the City Council of the fact.

Referred to Water Works Committee to act with especial reference to the Agreement.

Letter - J. Kirkland, requesting that a new residence be provided for himself and family at the Water Works Intake and complaining of the untenable condition of the present building on account of cold. Referred to Water Works Committee to prepare plan and estimate and report, suitable heating apparatus repair which to be installed in present building.

Letter - T.M. Jefferson, advising of his intention to build a residence on Lot 23, Block 8, D.L. 273, and requesting that a suitable roadway be opened up to the property. Referred to Board of Works.

Letter - City Engineer Hanes reporting that the extra cost for maintenance of the Water Works System caused by heavy rains on Saturday and Sunday last will amount to about \$250. Filed.

A Report by the City Engineer on the cost of completing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sidewalks was referred to the Finance Committee to deal with.

Letter - City Engineer reporting that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street grading by day labor had been completed, the estimated cost of which was \$10,000 while the actual cost was \$10,008.57.

The Report was accepted by the Council and the Engineer complimented on the results both as to the work and the cost.

Letter City Engineer Hanes reporting that the Contractors for Lynn Valley tramline extension had uncovered the City's Water Main in several places and used the earth to make the sub-grade of the railway. Strong protest to be sent to the B.C. Electric Rly Co. against its contractors interfering with the Water Main and the Company advised that it will be held liable for the expense of restoring the main to its former condition, the work to be undertaken by the City and carried out under the direct supervision of the City Engineer.

Letter - City Engineer reporting that the Contractors for the extension of the Lynn Valley Street railway had constructed a culvert under the railway road grade and the discharge of water through same would be almost completely blocked by the City water main.

He considered it dangerous to leave the pipe in its present condition and recommended that it be lowered.

B.C. Electric Rly Co. to be notified as above.

A Petition was presented signed by the entire staff of civic employees asking that their working day be reduced from nine hours to eight hours, and that the minimum wage be \$2.50 per day. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Young the request was granted to take effect immediately.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Schultz it was resolved that the Mayor and Clerk sign a Petition to the Dominion Government setting forth that as a Bridge and Railway Co. was being incorporated composed of adjacent Municipalities and Waterfront property owners the Government should be requested to provide them with every possible means of assistance, such Petition to be prepared and presented for that purpose by the Reeve of the District Municipality.

Alderman Braim, Chairman of the Fire & Light Committee reported the results of an investigation in re the recent fire on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Committee found there had been no alarm turned in to the Fire Hall until after the fire had been in progress 50 minutes, that the Firemen responded promptly to the alarm and to the best advantage possible under the circumstances.

The Committee recommended that a building be erected at the upper Fire Station large enough to accommodate four firemen and that the telephone ordered sometime ago be installed in the new building.

The Report of the Committee was adopted and power given to act in the erection of a building.

The Committee did not see its way clear to recommend a street arc light at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Chesterfield Avenue.

On motion of Alderman Dick, Alderman McNeish and Alderman McRae were appointed to act along with the Mayor as a Court of Revision on the Voters List, to hold Court on December 21<sup>st</sup> next.

Alderman Dick gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to divide the City into Wards with a view to its being submitted to the Electors, for opinion, at the Municipal Elections.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Schultz the Engineer was instructed to designate to the Council the location of suitable sites for Reservoir purposes.

Alderman McNeish gave notice that at next Meeting of the Council he would reintroduce the Bylaws providing for borrowing money for park purposes and the purchase of road making machinery.

Alderman Young reported that the Telephone Company had agreed that so soon as users were compelled to wait four minutes or more for connection with Vancouver, the service wires would be increased.

The Company had no intention of reducing the toll rates.

The City Engineer was instructed to look into the franchise granted the B.C. Electric Rly Co. with reference to the location of pole lines and report thereon to the Council.

Alderman McNeish submitted a statement showing that the expenditures in the Board of Works Department had exceeded the Committee's appropriation by some \$885.

On motion the unexpended portions of the appropriations for the Fire & Light Committee and Public Health Committee was transferred to the Board of Works.

On motion of Alderman Young seconded by Alderman Dick it was resolved that the B.C. Electric Rly. Co. be requested to immediately resume the regular Sunday morning car service.

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 .....	\$16.14
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Board of Works .....	203.95
Board of Works .....	5.05
Board of Works .....	1,085.14
Board of Works .....	1.70
Water Works .....	457.50
Water Works .....	8.70
Water Works .....	1,612.75
Fire and Light.....	115.30
Schools .....	610.00
Police .....	29.25

The Council then adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor