

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 20th 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 6th of the Special Meetings of 10th and 17th and of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of 13th December last, were read and on motion, adopted.

Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

From W.D. Haskin complaining of damage done to his property through overflow from 4th Street running over Lot 7, Block 134, D.L. 271. Referred to Board of Works.

From Angus J. Cameron, Dist. Engineer, informing Council that City watermain is obstructing the water course which crosses Lynn Valley Road at point between Church and Frederick Roads and thereby causes damage to the roadway and requesting that the pipe be lowered. Referred to Water Works Committee.

From N. McDonald tendering resignation as Superintendent of the City Waterworks. Accepted.

From John B. Mills K.C. notifying Council that unless settlement was made out of Court within one week he had been instructed by Councillor Cone to institute an action against the City for damages on account of the death of the late Mrs. E. M. Cone who died on 19th November last of typhoid fever by reason it is alleged of the City negligently allowing a noxious and injurious septic tank to be maintained on the premises occupied by the deceased. Referred to City Solicitor.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he and Alderman Young, Chairman of the Water Works Committee visited the Intake on Saturday afternoon last, that they found the Sub-contractors for the Lynn Valley tramline extension had ploughed on both sides of the City's water main and removed the earth in such a manner so as to leave about 60 feet of the pipe exposed and laying on the surface. Teams with Scrapers were being driven across the exposed portion of the pipe.

Mr. A. G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C.E. Railway Co. addressed the Council explaining that his Company was very desirous of arriving at an amicable settlement of all matters in respect to the watermain and among other things suggested that a conference be arranged between the City and District councils with the Engineer of the Railway Co. in respect to the matter. The Council expressed their willingness to consider any proposition placed before them by the Company and it was ultimately decided that Mr. Perry arranged a meeting between the Councils and the Company's Engineers as suggested.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he had completed profiles of every open Street in the City and that he was prepared to fix grades for same in two weeks time after receiving necessary instructions and information.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he was prepared to give grade for Bank of Hamilton Building at corner of 1st and Lonsdale three days after receiving instructions as to kind of grade to be established.

From City Engineer Hanes submitting Report as to proposed new Local Improvement General Bylaw, and suggesting speedy method of procedure in carrying out Local Improvements. Referred to Board of Works.

A Plan of subdivison of Lots 1 to 5, Block 11, D.L. 616, was submitted to and accepted by the Council.

Alderman Young gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 4 being the Local Improvement General Bylaw.

Mr. Wm. J. Tulk addressed the Council with reference to the refusal of the Board of Licensing Commissioners to grant his application for a bottle license. He contended that the Board had ignored the provisions of Section 15 of the Liquor Licensing Regulation Bylaw in their deliberations. Mayor May explained that the license was refused because the Applicant did not obtain the requisit number of signatures to his Petition.

F. Floyd of the B.C. Fish Market appeared and protested against Chinamen being allowed to peddle fish in the City without paying license. Chief of Police Davies reported that steps were being taken to prevent such.

A Report and recommendation by the Finance Committee on a due account for Schools was submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Account vis.

The Report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committees Minutes of 21st was read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Young called attention to dangerous condition of Sidewalk on 2nd Street west near Mahon Avenue. Referred to Board of Works to attend to.

The Fire & Light Committee recommended that a street arc light be installed at the corner of 4th Street and St. David's Avenue. The Committee's recommendation was accepted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Dick it was resovled that the Council heartily concur in the Petition being sent forward to the Hon. The Minister of Militia from a large number of the young men of the City and District

for the organization of a local Volunteer Company of Field Engineers and its willingness to further the movement in anyway possible; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Militia Department at Ottawa and to Col. Peters, the local Commanding Officer.

Alderman Schultz called attention to the condition of 16th Street west between Lonsdale and Chesterfield Avenues. Referred to Board of Works for attention.

The City Clerk was instructed to call Tenders for the construction of Dormitory at 13th Street Fire Station.

The City Engineer was instructed to bring in a recommendation with reference to the establishment of grades in the City and Alderman Young gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a Bylaw to establish grades on all streets in the City.

Alderman Young moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the City Engineer in respect to Local Improvements and ask him to furnish the Council with a copy of the General Bylaw which he proposes the Council should work under. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Young seconded by Alderman Braim the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute the Agreement set out in Chap. 35 of the Statutes of 1906 on its being prepared by the City Solicitor.

Council adjourned till tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.