

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor May presiding and Aldermen elect:
William McNeish, William John Irwin, Samuel Davies Schultz,
Alexander Smith, George Wallace McRae and Frederick William
Fowler.

The Mayor and each of the Aldermen elect having made the Statutory declaration de fidei administratione officii and taken their seats the business of the meeting was proceed with.

The Certificates by the Returning Officer previously engrossed in the Minute Book with results of the Election of Mayor and Aldermen were read to the meeting.

Mayor May in a short address of welcome referred to the many important developments which were in contemplation for the year and hoped for the utmost harmony and cordial co-operation of all members of the Council in the interests of the City.

Mayor May then announced his appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year which was on the motions of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman McRae confirmed by the Council.

The Committees are as follows:

Finance

Alderman McNeish Chairman
Alderman Schultz and Alderman McNeish.

Board of Works

Alderman McNeish, Chairman
Alderman McNeish and Alderman Fowler

Water works

Alderman Irwin, Chairman
Alderman Smith and Alderman Fowler

Fire and Light

Alderman Fowler, Chairman
Alderman Irwin and Alderman Smith

Public Health

Alderman Smith, Chairman

Alderman Schultz and Alderman Irwin

Public Safety and Transportation
Alderman Schultz, Chairman
Alderman McNeish and Alderman McRae

The Mayor to be ex officio a Member of each Committee.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From H. Vickery calling attention to the unfinished state of 18th Street East. Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

From E. Dowie asking Council to complete work of opening up St. Andrew's Avenue and 18th Street East. Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

From M.C. Wiggins asking for a road to be opened up to his property on 20th Street, Lots 29, 30, 31, Block 8, D.L. 549, as he intends building. Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

From Wallace shipyards Ltd. and Burrard Sash and Door Factory, requesting that Esplanade east be put in a proper state of repair also that a sidewalk be laid to provide access to residences and business premises. Referred to Board of Works in conjunction with City Engineer to carry out whatever improvements considered necessary.

From City Engineer Hanes:

1. Requesting that the District council be asked to furnish the city with a profile and permanent grade of Lynn Valley Road from the City Limits to the present Intake at Lynn Creek, in order that arrangements may be made for the laying of the new water main. Agreed to.
2. Recommending that Mr. Cotton, the Contractor for the new Wharf be granted permissions to use Lonsdale Avenue Street end for general purposes during the construction of the Wharf but not so as to interfere with ordinary travel and to be at all times under instruction from the Council. Agreed to.
3. Forwarding grades required by the Bank of Hamilton for the erection of their new building at corner of 1st Street and Lonsdale Avenue and pointing out that before such grades could be given it would be necessary to repeal a Bylaw passed by the Council on 20th February 1908, The grades and profiles connected with which were very indefinite.

The Trades were approved of and adopted and Alderman Schultz gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to repeal the Bylaw established a grade on 1st Street East.

Petition - Thos. Prime and 10 other residents and ratepayers in the vicinity asking for a street arc light to be placed at the corner of 1st street and Chesterfield Avenue.

On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Irwin referred to Fire & Light Committee with power to act.

A plan of subdivision of Lot 9, Block 7, D.L. 616 was submitted.
Approval withheld on account of there being no lane shown through the property.

A plan of Subdivision of Lots 1 to 5, Block 11, D.L. 616, was on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz approved by the Council.

Alderman Irwin moved a resolution in the following terms:

“That whereas this Council is desirous of providing in an equitable manner for settlers within the City area the necessary conveniences of roads and sidewalks.

And whereas a considerable sum heretofore been expended out of the general funds in opening Streets and constructing Sidewalks in certain portions of the City, and there are other portions of the City where similar improvements are equally necessary either now or in the immediate future.

And whereas the surplus available from ordinary tax revenue is insufficient to adequately provide a fund for the necessary work in this respect, after provision has been made for fixed expenses, as sinking fund and interest on debenture debt, maintenance of streets and the other civic departments.

And whereas it is considered just and equitable that all portions of the City be accorded equal privileges and granted similar allowances (as nearly as can be determined) towards opening of Streets or construction of sidewalks when required by Settlers.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare and submit to this Council as soon as possible estimates as follows:

1. Total mileage of Streets not yet cleared and enough graded and approximate cost of accomplishing this work.
2. Total mileage of Streets not yet adequately opened for settlement purposes and approximate cost of constructing roadways on these Streets.
3. Total mileage of 4 foot sidewalks requisite to adequately accommodate settlers during this year and approximate cost of same and also such additional data as may be necessary.

The objects desired being as follows:

1. To enable this Council to determine and fix a uniform street allowance rate per lineal foot for every street now unopened, a proportionate allowance for such Streets as have heretofore been opened under local improvement where the equivalent of the above rate has not yet been granted; and an allowance equivalent to aforesaid rate to be made in all cases where by petition or otherwise Local Improvement works may hereafter take place; provided however that such rate or the equivalent thereof has not previously been granted.

2. To determine that the cost of any and all new street and sidewalk construction work in excess of the rate thus fixed shall be charged as a Local Improvement and the allowance rate aforesaid once granted shall be considered as the City's total and final contribution from the general fund on any given Street in this respect.

3. That as soon as this Council has considered and determined an equitable allowance rate (within the financial resources of the City) as aforesaid, and ascertained approximately the sum needed to provide a fund for this purpose a money loan Bylaw be prepared and after due consultation with the Ratepayers, in open meeting, if said By law is deemed advantageous to the City, submitted to the vote of the Ratepayers at as early a date as possible.

4. And if said money loan Bylaw meets with approval of Electors that a reasonable amount of work as thereby authorized be immediately proceeded with in accordance with the requirements of Settlers.

An it is further resolved that it is the policy of the Council to effectively aid and encourage all necessary Local Improvement work and more particularly in the settled portions of the City, and those portions in course of settlement, and for the purpose aforesaid it is directed as follows:

1. That the Board of Works assisted by the City Engineer and solicitor prepare the proper legal form of Local Improvement Petition under provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act and that such form of Petition be printed in sufficient number for free distribution to Ratepayers desirous of using them.

2. That the City Engineer and Board of Works have a representative present at the City Hall for one hour each weekday, say from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in order that intending Petitioners may readily obtain any required information.

3. That in the case of Local Improvement works which the Council may determine to be of most urgent necessity by City Clerk be authorized to aid in the circulation of Petitions by making a copy to each fronting Owners and that the copies thus mailed be accompanied by a printed Circular letter briefly setting forth the reasons and objects and requesting the Owner to sign such Petition if it meets with approval and endeavor to ascertain the wishes of any other Owners that may be known to him, and re-mail on return the Petition to the City Clerk."

Alderman McNeish moved that each Member of the Council be furnished with a copy of the resolution and that it be taken into consideration at next meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

Alderman Schultz moved that all Local Improvement Petitions presented under Bylaw No. 4, and on file in the City Offices be returned to the Petitioners. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman McNeish, the City Engineer was instructed to prepare a plan for the improvement of Victoria Park.

Alderman McNeish gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a general Bylaw to provide the means of ascertaining and determining what land or real property will be immediately benefited by any proposed improvement, the expense of which is proposed to be assessed upon the land or the real property immediately benefited thereby, and of ascertaining and determining the proportions in which the assessment is to be made on the various portions of land or real property so benefited.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz, the Board of Works Committee was instructed to report regarding a quarry site.

Alderman Irwin gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a motion with reference to establishing a Carnegie Library in the City.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish it was decided that regular meetings of the Council be held on Monday evenings at eight o'clock and on motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman McNeish it was decided that Committee meetings be held on Monday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Irwin, the Mayor was appointed to represent the Stock held by the City in the North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. and also to hold Proxy for the number of shares held by the City in the Company.

Mayor May reported that in the matter of the expropriation of Lot 17 at the corner of 1st Street and St. David's Avenue, the application for the Appointment of Arbitrators had been discussed, and that if proceedings were started anew they would have to proceed upon a basis of the present value of the Lot. Legal expenses would probably amount to \$400.

The Owner had offered to sell for \$1500 and the B.C. Electric Railway Co. was willing to pay one-half the cost.

Alderman McNeish moved that provided the B.C.E.R. Co. agrees to pay one-half of the purchase price and legal expenses, that City pay the other half and settle the matter. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

Mayor May reported that he had observed that other Municipalities secured a higher rate of interest on Deposits and a lower rate on Overdrafts and a remit was made to the Finance Committee to look into this matter.

A communication was read from the North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. enclosing a draft form of Debenture, Interest Coupon and Guarantee to be given by the City in connection with the Debentures to be issued by the Company under authority of Bylaw No. 83 of the City.

The Documents were referred to the City Solicitor for approval.

Certificates by the Returning Officer, previously engrossed in the Minute Book, with the results of the voting on the money Bylaws submitted to the Electors at the annual Municipal Elections were read to the Meeting.

Bylaws Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75, 84 and 85 having received the necessary assent of the Electors were each reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaws and the Clerk to affix the corporate seal thereto.

Alderman Schultz brought up the matter of unopened lanes in the City, the extension of 3rd Street through the Indian Reserve and the acquisition of the unopened portion of 2nd Street laying between Blocks 143 and 153, and, on motion, these matters were referred to a Committee consisting of Alderman Irwin, Alderman Fowler, Alderman Schultz and Alderman Smith to enquire into and Report.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Schultz it was resolved that Tenders be called for the purchase of the Debentures to be issued under Bylaws Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75, 84 and 85, to be lodged not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, 28th February 1910.

Dr. Jordan addressed the Council and offered to sell the Ajax Chemical Fire Extinguisher to the City for \$300. Referred to Fire & Light Committee to consult with Fire Chief and report.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman McNeish the Clerk was instructed to ask the City Solicitor to report what progress was being made towards obtaining from the District council Conveyances of the different properties set forth in the Agreements scheduled to the Incorporation Acts of the City.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor