

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the 17th inst were read, and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, adopted.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Dr. C.F. Fagan, Secretary, Anti-Tuberculosis Society, notifying Council that a Meeting of the Court of Governors of the Society, would be held on Thursday, 10th February 1910, at the City Hall, Victoria, and asking Council to make a grant which would entitle them to nominate a Governor to attend the Meeting. Referred to Public Health Committee to take into careful consideration and report at next meeting.

From - A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd., stating that his Company was prepared to pay one half the cost of the expropriation of Lot 17, at the corner of First Street and St. David's Avenue; Deeds to be presented to the Owner for execution.

From - City Treasurer Humphreys, informing Council that City's open account with the Bank of B.N.A. was now overdrawn or would be when all outstanding cheques were presented for payment, and recommending that a temporary Loan Bylaw be passed authorizing the City to borrow \$20,000 upon the credit of the current year's Revenue. Bylaw introduced later.

From - City Treasurer Humphrey's, asking for instructions towards taking the necessary steps for holding a Tax Sale this year for delinquent Taxes. Referred to Finance Committee.

From - Geo. H. Halse, Secretary-Treasurer, B.C. Telephone Co. Ltd., Vancouver, forwarding list of delays in Telephone Service between North Vancouver and Vancouver from 15th to 28th November last, and explaining that in nearly every instance the delays were caused by the Vancouver Subscriber's Local Line being busy. Filed.

From - A. Steadman, and E.A. Bubbett requesting that 20th Street be opened up from Sutherland Avenue, Eastwards, through D.L. 616 to the City Boundary, to provide access to their properties for building purposes. Referred to Board of Works to report as to cost.

From - B.J. Wolfe-Merton, asking for a sidewalk along the South side of 10th Street from St. Andrew's to near Ridgeway Avenue; or a crossing from the North to the South side of the Street, opposite his house. Referred to Board of Works.

From - Wm. Bullied and others requesting the opening and putting into passable condition of that portion of Western Avenue between 23rd to 24th Streets. Referred to Board of Works to report next Meeting.

From - G. Bosquet, requesting that the lane at the rear of the house he occupies on Lot 30, Block 127, D.L. 274, 4th Street, be opened up from St. George's Avenue to the Stable, at the rear of said house. Referred to Board of Works.

From - Wm. & C.F. Hall, requesting the opening up of 8th Street, and laying of a sidewalk on the South side from Lonsdale Avenue Eastwards; also that the sidewalk on the West side of St. George's Avenue be continued from Keith Road North to 8th Street. Referred to Board of Works to report next Meeting.

From - City Engineer Hanes:

1. Recommending that permission be obtained from the Owners of the Land at the end of Forbes Avenue, to allow for the proposed Main Sewer to be constructed through their property, or the Council to lease or purchase the required right-of-way. Referred to Finance Committee to consider and report at next meeting.
2. Recommending that Water Works Foreman be given authority to purchase at least four pairs of Long Rubber Botts, four Rainproof Coats and Hats for exclusive use at the Water Works Intake during the work of clearing the gravel from the Bed of the Creek. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Smith, Clerk directed to issue requisitions for these supplies, preference to be give to local merchants.
3. Pointing out that he had been unable to find in the Municipal Clauses, where a requisition for a Street Improvement ask for the clearing or grubbing on any street, and advancing the opinion that streets must first be cleared at the expense of the Municipality. Filed for future reference.

From City Treasurer, recommending that a man be appointed from the Water Works Gang to make a tour of the City, and obtain a complete list of every House or Building connected with the City Waterworks System. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, the Treasurer's recommendation was accepted by the Council, and he was instructed to appoint a man for the purpose, this appointment to be confirmed by the Council at next Meeting.

From City Treasurer informing Council that last year the Wallace shipyards Ltd. were only charged a nominal amount for Water used by them, and that a Bylaw had been introduced, but never finally passed, providing that Firm's continuously

employing a certain number of men should be granted free water, and asking for instructions as to how he was to proceed in the matter of collecting Water Rates from this Firm. Referred to Water Works Committee to enquire into and report at next Meeting.

From Henry C. Wright, with reference to the opening up of either 14th or 15th Streets, through D.L. 616 to give access to his property for Building purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

From R.H. Sperling, General Manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. informing Council that his Company finds it necessary in the construction of their Lynn Valley Extension to lower the City's 10" water main for approximately 700' at Hasting's Creek, and that they may deem it advisable to lower the pipe, at other points, agreeing to pay the actual cost of the work, which is to be done immediately, and to be done under the personal supervision of the City Engineer.

Alderman Irwin explained that the Communication received from Mr. Sperling was the result of a conference which a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman McNeish, Alderman Irwin, and Reeve McNaught, from the Water Committees of the City, and District Councils had with Mr. Sperling this morning, and moved that the Company be granted permission to lower the pipe at the point mentioned, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor as to as to any legal point involved in connection with the matter.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and agreed to.

Mr. Bridgeman appeared and on behalf of the N.V.Land and Improvement Co. Ltd., requested that proper drainage facilities be provided on that part of the Keith Road where it intersects with Queensbury Avenue. He explained that owing to the lack of drainage facilities at that part, considerable damage had been done to the Boulevard Property during the recent heavy rains.

This matter was referred to the Board of Works Committee to attend to.

Upon inquiry being made of Mr. Perry, as to where the B. C. Electric Railway Co. intended to place double truck cars on the North Vancouver Service. Mr. Perry stated that he would make inquiry at Head Office and report to the Council at next Meeting.

The Members of the Finance Committee were appointed Representatives from the City Council on the Joint Civic Advertising Committee for the current year.

A plan of subdivision of Block C, Lot 3, Block 32, D.L. 549, was submitted to and approved by the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Works, and Water works Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the Meeting, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following, viz:

Finance	\$1,658.30
Board of Works	84.05
Water Works	520.10

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committees Minutes of this date was read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Irwin reported that in regard to the location of a Site for the new Caretaker's House at the Water Works Intake, the Water Works Committee had met with a Committee from the District Council, when it was arranged that the Building should be left in its present position, subject to the City Council undertaking to remove it off the Highway on receiving two or three week's notice from the District Council, such undertaking to be given without prejudice to the rights of either party.

Alderman Irwin moved that a letter to that effect be forwarded by the Clerk to the District Council.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and agreed to.

Alderman Irwin moved that in view of the conveyances of the different properties set forth in the Agreements scheduled to the Incorporation Acts not having been received from the District Council, that a proper legal form be sent to the District Council asking them to execute the Deeds and deliver them to the City Council within a reasonable time.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman McNeish the City Clerk was directed to furnish members each Committee with excerpts from the minutes of matters referred to the different Committees, not later than Wednesday of each week.

Alderman Schultz moved the following resolution:

That whereas under the Municipal Clauses Act no well-defined power is given Municipalities to reject plans for the subdivision of property where such plans do not provide for lanes.

And Whereas in City Municipalities lanes are of material benefit, especially as a means of preventing the spread of fire.

Therefore this Council desires to bring before the Government the urgent necessity of introducing legislation whereby Municipal Councils shall be vested with power to reject plans of subdivisions omitting to provide for lanes, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Legislature immediately, also that the District Council be asked to forward to the Government a resolution in similar terms."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Schultz moved that,

Whereas the volume of real estate transfers within the City and District of North Vancouver has assumed large proportions;

And Whereas great inconvenience is experienced by North Vancouver Brokers and Owners of Realty in being obliged to travel to the City of Vancouver for the purpose of carrying out all the details in connection with the transfer of Realty and recording such transfers;

Therefore the Council of the City of North Vancouver respectfully submits that the public interest would be served by the immediate establishment of a Land Registry Office in the City of North Vancouver, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Government immediately, also that the District council and Board of Trade be asked to forward to the Government, resolutions embodying similar requests.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman McNeish, a remit was made to the Fire & Light Committee to enquire into the cost of the installation of cluster Lights throughout the City.

On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Schultz the matter of renewing and keeping Street Signs in good repair was referred to the Board of Works for attention.

Alderman Irwin moved the following resolution, of which notice had been given at last Meeting:

“that the City Clerk be instructed to write to Commissioners or Directors of the Carnegie Library Fund with a view of ascertaining the conditions under which, grants for the purpose of Library Buildings are obtainable”.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Fowler and agreed to.

Alderman Irwin also moved the resolution relating to Streets and Sidewalks of which notice had been given by him at last Meeting. The resolution which was engrossed in the Minutes of last Meeting was held as read, and was seconded by Alderman McNeish to bring it before the Council for discussion. Alderman Schultz moved as an amendment that the resolution be filed.

The Amendment was seconded by Alderman Fowler.

After a free and general discussion on the question, the amendment was withdrawn and on the resolution being put to the Meeting there voted:

Aye..... Alderman Irwin
NayAlderman Schultz, Fowler, McNeish and McRae.
Alderman Smith declined to vote.

The resolution was declared defeated.

Alderman McNeish moved that in view of the large amount of work contemplated this year, that the engaging of Foremen for the Board of Works and Water Works Departments be left entirely in the hands of the Engineer. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

Alderman McNeish further moved that the construction of Sewers come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Works Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

Alderman McNeish then moved that the Board of Works be asked to look into the matter of the location of Pole Lines throughout the City. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fowler and agreed to.

On the suggestion of Alderman Fowler, the Board of Works was asked to look into the matter of several of the Street Ends being used by other parties for various purposes.

On the suggestion of Alderman Irwin, the Board of Works Committee, with the assistance of the City Engineer, was asked to consider and report on the best method of sewerage disposal.

Alderman Schultz brought up the question of the widening of 1st Street, East, which if decided upon, would necessitate the acquiring of 20 feet on the South side of the Street, and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish this matter was referred to Alderman Schultz as a Committee of one to inquire into and report.

Bylaw No. 88, being a Bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 26, was introduced, read a first, second and third time, and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 89, being a Bylaw to authorize the City to borrow \$20,000 on Temporary Loan was also introduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 90, being a form of Local Improvement General Bylaw was introduced, by Alderman McNeish and read a first and second time.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, it was resolved that the Bylaw be referred to Mr. E.P. Davis, K.C. for opinion as to the legality of the entire Bylaw; also as to the advisability of including the clause setting forth the estimated cost of an improvement in the form of requisition, and as to whether the Council were compelled to carry out an improvement on receiving a sufficiently signed petition from Property Owners.

The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor