

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.**

His Worship Mayor May, presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst were read and on motion adopted.

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

From the Hon. G. Carter Cotton, acknowledging receipt of copies of resolutions passed by the Council in regard to the establishment of a Land Registry Office in North Vancouver and securing an amendment to the Municipal Clauses Act in respect to the provision of lanes in new subdivisions of property. Filed.

From H.L. Radermacher, agreeing to allow his offer to sell to the Board of City School Trustees for \$16,000 Lots 2, 3, 8 and 9, Block 206, D.L. 545, to remain open until the Debentures are sold by the City. Filed.

From Chas. H. Mansur, Assistant Solicitor, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. with copy of a notice of application being made to the Dominion Parliament to amend the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Companies Act. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McNeish, referred to Transportation Committee.

From A. Philp, C.M.C.:

1. Stating that the resolution passed by the City Council re the establishment of a Land Registry Office and subdivision plans, had received the hearty endorsement of the District Council, and that he had been instructed to take up the matters with the Government in Victoria, next week. Filed.
2. That the Agreement, re the transference of the various properties from the District to the City, were in the hands of their Solicitor, who was in communication with the City Solicitor regarding them, and that the District Council were awaiting their Solicitor's directions in the matter. Filed.
3. Advising that the District council had agreed that the Caretaker's House at the Intake, may remain where it is now being erected, on the understanding that the City Council will remove it to a more convenient place if the District Council call for that being done, and give one month's notice. On motion of Alderman Irwin it was resolved that the thanks of the City Council be tendered to the District Council for the consideration shown in this matter.
4. Forwarding for the approval and signature of the City Council, copies of a Joint Memorial from the District and City Councils to the Dominion Government in

respect to the petition for the Incorporation of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. and pointing out the desirability of the Council appointing a Delegate to go to Ottawa in the interests of the City; advising that the Bills came up for hearing before the Railway Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> February next; also that Reeve McNaught had been appointed the District Council's Representative.

Alderman Irwin moved that this Council approve of the Memorial as presented and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the same for and on behalf of the City and that His Worship the Mayor be asked to represent the City at Ottawa in connection with the matter.

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

From Wm. C. Stone calling attention to the impassable condition of the lower end of 19<sup>th</sup> Street West of Mahon Avenue.

Referred to Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From City Treasurer Humphreys asking for instructions as to portions in which the City Engineer's salary should be charged against the respective Departments for the current year.

Alderman McNeish moved that the Engineer's Salary be borne equally by the bow and Water Works Departments and if at any future time such arrangement was considered inequitable that an adjustment then be made.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

From G. C. Cooper, making complaint regarding the filthy state of the Esplanade East.

The Chairman of the Board of Works reported that it was the intention of his Department to carry out certain improvements on the Esplanade so soon as weather conditions would permit.

A Petition was presented from forty-two Businessmen of the City heartily endorsing the idea of installing a thoroughly modern system of lighting in the business section of the City and giving it as their opinion that the immediate installation of Cluster Electric Lights on Ornamental Pillars would add greatly to the attractive appearance of the City and impress visitors; and also tend to improve business conditions.

The Petition was referred to the Fire & Light Committee for consideration.

From Davis Marshall and Macneill notifying Council that they had been instructed by Mr. A. St. G. Hamersley to demand compensation from the City for damages caused to his residence on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street due to the alteration by the City of the Grade along that Street and advising that unless a fair and adequate compensation is offered proceedings would be commenced immediately against the City.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Irwin, referred to the City Solicitor and Board of Works Committee to attend to.

From W.P. Peacey, secretary Board of City School Trustees forwarding a detailed estimate of the sums required by the Board of School Trustees for the current year's ordinary expenses for maintaining the School; also a like detailed estimate of the sums required to meet the special or extraordinary expenses of the Board.

On motion of Alderman Irwin the estimates were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

A plan of subdivision of Lot 9, Block 7, D.L. 616, was submitted to and approved by the Council.

Gorgo Kaburagi addressed the Council and on behalf of the Local Japanese Tea Gardens Co., requested that 21<sup>st</sup> Street East be improved and the sidewalk extended to the Site of the Japanese Tea Gardens; also that a 4" Water Main be laid to the Gardens;

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz it was resolved that the matter of improving the Roadway and extending the sidewalk be referred to the Board of Works with power to act, and that the matter of laying a larger water main be referred to the Water Works Committee with power to act.

Mr. C.M. Kittson appeared, and requested a sidewalk on the North side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street between St. Andrews and Ridgeway Avenues.

Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

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

Finance	\$554.80
Board of Works	\$470.44
Water Works	\$362.00
Fire & Light	\$30.00
Schools	\$685.00
Police	\$350.50
Public Health	\$53.50

The Mayor reported that the Deed, conveying to the City Lot 17, at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and St. David's Avenue, had been executed by Mr. Crummer on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

He also reported that yesterday upon receiving a report from Dr. Verner he had given orders to have a man by the name of Woodhouse, admitted to the Local Hospital as an Indigent Patient. On motion of Alderman Schultz the action of the Mayor was confirmed and the case referred to the Public Health Committee for future attention.

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

The report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of this date was also read and adopted.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of this date was read and confirmed.

Alderman Schultz gave in a report of the interviews he had had with Mr. Buchan, Manager of the Bank of Hamilton, and several of the Property Owners interested in the matter of widening of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Alderman Irwin thought that this matter was of sufficient importance to invite the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Property Owners to confer with the Council in open meeting and the remit made to the Committee was upon request continued.

With reference to the appointment of a temporary House Inspector for the Water Works Department, the Water Works Committee recommended that Mr. W.J. buttes be appointed to the position at a salary of \$2.50 per day.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman McRae the recommendation of the Water Works Committee was accepted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz the City Engineer was instructed to proceed with the work of lowering the Water Main at Hastings Creek if the opinion received from the City Solicitor is favourable.

On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Schultz the Clerk was instructed to prepare a Bylaw with a view of its being submitted to the Ratepayers authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$25,000 to be expended on opening up and rough grading Streets and constructing sidewalks in the City.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Fowler, the matter of adopting some scheme for the beautification of the Boulevards, Parks and other Public Places in the City was referred to the Board of Works Committee for report. In this connection it was suggested that the services of a Landscape Gardener be engaged to prepare a plan for the improvement of Victoria Park.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Irwin, it was resolved that in future, Committee Meetings be held at 7 o'clock on Monday Evenings and the Council Meetings immediately after.

Bylaw No. 88, being Bylaw No. 26 Repeal Bylaw was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Bylaw No. 89, "The Temporary Loan Bylaw, 1910, was also read, reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed by the Council and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 90, being a Local Improvement General Bylaw, as revised by Mr. E. P. Davis, K.C. was read a Third time and passed by the Council.

A Resolution was passed requesting the Provincial Government to so amend the Land Registry Act, that upon the acceptance and registration of a Subdivision Plan, the Streets and Lanes shown thereon, became the Property of the Municipality.

A Resolution was also passed recommending to the Government that in all future Townsites, suitable reservations should be made by the Owners for Schools, Parks and other Public purposes.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, it was resolved that Mr. Keith be notified that the Council purpose extending the Water Main along the Esplanade East, through the Lonsdale Gardens and that it would be necessary to remove the fence on either side of the Gardens.

The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor