

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 2nd DAY OF MAY, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

Mr. A.B. Diplock, of the Seymour Lumber Co. asked permission to construct a Plank Road on which it was proposed to lay wooden rails for the transportation of lumber from the Company's Lumber Mill along William's Avenue through District Lots 616 and 544, to the Old Lynn Creek Road.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, this application was referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 25th and of the Special Meeting of 28th April last were read, and on motion, adopted.

A letter was read from E. Buchan, Agent, Bank of Hamilton, Vancouver, stating that he was unable to get particulars of the recent issue of debentures before the Bank's General Manager in time to submit an offer on the day the tenders were to be opened. Filed.

A letter was also read from G.S. Wilson, Assistant Secretary, Union of Canadian Municipalities, announcing that the next Annual Convention of the Union, would be held in Toronto on August 31st, September 1st and 2nd and inviting council to appoint Delegates to attend. Filed.

A Rev. Gunlteman was present and asked permission to erect a tent on Victoria Park in which to conduct Evangelistic Services. Alderman McNeish moved that permission be not granted until consent of donors is first obtained by the gentleman asking permission. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

Col. Dudley was present and informed Council that the District Council had constructed the Dudley Road through his property in D.L. 599 from the City Limits northward, but that he had no communication with an open Street in the City. He asked Council to open up a connecting road in the City. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fowler, referred to Board of Works to report at next Meeting.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (General, Police and School Trustees), Board of Works (General), Water Works and Fire & Light Committees were submitted and read to the Meeting, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following, viz:

Finance \$315.00

Police	\$347.50
School Trustees	\$672.30
Board of Works	\$415.00
Water Works	\$320.00
Fire & Light.....	\$52.50

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

The report of the Fire & Light Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minute of this date was also read and adopted

The Board of Works recommended that two men be constantly employed blasting stumps on the Streets in the City; and that 16th Street be graded from Ridgeway to Moody Avenue then northward one block to 17th Street. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz, the Committee's recommendations were accepted by the Council.

Bylaw No. 104 - "Temporary Loan Bylaw No. 2", was 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.

Consideration of the grade question was taken up and correspondence in connection therewith was read as follows:

From His Worship Mayor May to the effect following:

As it is my duty to cause the law for the improvement of the City to be duly executed and put in force, and to recommend for the consideration of the Council, such measures as may tend to improve the City, and being guided by public opinion as expressed at a Public Meeting held recently and subsequent developments, I consider that it devolves upon me to impress upon this Council the stern necessity for immediate action with a view to the settlement of the grade question. I would therefore recommend that you pass tonight, a resolution granting your City Engineer, authority to give all those contemplating the erection of buildings, a permanent grade; also authorize him to proceed with the installation of the sewerage system, and failing this, I would recommend that you submit the grade question to a plebiscite of the Ratepayers without delay, and in the event of your deciding upon the latter, I would further recommend that you instruct your City Engineer to prepare, on a large scale, profiles showing a straight grade; a full bench grade; and a modified bench grade, and that such profiles be hung in a public place, open to the view of the public to guide them in arriving at a decision upon this all import matter.

From E. Buchan, Agent, Bank of Hamilton, referring to report appearing in newspaper that Council had decided on a system of partially benched grades,

and asking whether there would be any change in the grades given to the Bank of Hamilton about the middle of March, which grades had been used by their architect in making plans for the proposed building at the corner of 1st Street and Lonsdale Avenue.

From City Engineer Hanes, requesting that he be granted permission to consult R.H. Thompson, City Engineer of Seattle. Alderman Irwin moved that the communication be laid on the table until the grade question is gone into more fully. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

A Petition signed by some seventy-six Ratepayers was presented urging on the Council that the recommendations of Messrs. Clement, Cleveland, Dawson and Hermon in regard to grades, contained in their report of Oct 14, 1907, be strictly adhered to, and submitting that any attempt to open the question is, and should be regarded by the Council as a breach of a satisfactory settlement.

The following Ratepayers were heard in reference to the Petition and grade question; R.E. Macnaghten, E. Buchan, W. Morden, Colin F. Jackson, Rev. B.H. Balderston and J.C. Keith.

The communication received from the City Engineer asking permission to consult the Engineer of Seattle was again read. Alderman McNeish moved that the Engineer's request be acceded to. The motion was not seconded. Alderman Fowler moved that the communication lay on the table until the main question in re grades has been put. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

The communication received from the Mayor was again read. Alderman Irwin moved that the communication lay on the table until the main question in regard to grades is settled. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

Alderman Irwin moved, seconded by Alderman Fowler, "That this Council adopt and strictly adhere to the recommendation of the Joint Conference of Engineers as contained in their report dated October 14th, 1907, relative to the general principle which should be adopted in connection with grading the Streets of the City of north Vancouver, and signed W.A. Clement, E.A. Cleveland, and H.G.H. Dawson and that the City Clerk inscribe a copy of said report and recommendations on the Minutes of this Council Meeting, and that this Council as soon as possible, take all steps that may be deemed advisable and necessary in giving proper effect to the recommendations in the said report contained".

Mayor May refused to put the motion to the Meeting. Alderman Irwin appealed against his ruling whereupon the Mayor put the question "Shall the Chair be sustained?"

When their voted "Aye" - Alderman McNeish

“Nay” - Alderman Irwin, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Smith and Alderman Fowler.

The Mayor vacated the Chair and Alderman Smith was elected Chairman pro tem.

Alderman Smith then put Alderman Irwin’s motion, when the following division took place.

For the motion - Alderman Irwin, Alderman Fowler, Alderman Schultz

Against the motion - Mayor May, Alderman McNeish.

The motion was declared carried. Mayor May was again voted to the Chair. Alderman Schultz then moved “that City Engineer Clement of Vancouver, and City Engineer Thompson of Seattle, be invited to act along with the City Engineer of North Vancouver to fix the permanent grades of all North and South Streets from the Waterfront to Eighth and of all East and West Streets from Forbes to St. David’s in accordance with the recommendations of the Engineer’s Report of 1907”.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and agreed to.

Each Member of the Council signified his willingness to abide by the decision of these Engineers.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange for their coming to North Vancouver at as early a date as possible.

A Plan of the subdivision of Lots 1 to 5, Blk 29, D.L. 548, was on motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Fowler passed by the Council subject to confirmation by the City Engineer.

A Plan of subdivision of Blocks 203a, 204, 204a, 213, 213a, 226a and 240 in District Lots 544 and 545, was on motion of Alderman Fowler passed by the Council.

A Plan of the subdivision of a portion of 544 was referred to the City Engineer for report.

Mr. Perry, Local Manager, of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. was present, and submitted a plan of a proposed extension of the Street Car Line from the junction of 14th Street and Keith Road along Fell Avenue to a point between 16th and 17th Streets.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, the Council approved of the plan, subject to confirmation by the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Smith, it was resolved that the grade given the Bank of Hamilton, in the middle of March be, and is hereby confirmed.

On motion of Alderman Fowler, the City Engineer was instructed to engage all additional help which might be required by him to prepare profiles of the grades as submitted by Messrs. Thompson and Clement.

Alderman Fowler moved that the resolution formerly passed regarding the digging of the trenches for the new water works by contract be rescinded. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

Alderman Fowler the moved that the work of constructing the new Water Main be done by day labour. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Irwin the Clerk was directed to communicate with the District Council and ascertain if it was the intention of the District Council to clear the right-of-way; or whether it was their wish that the City Council should do the work and recover the expense form the District. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Irwin, the City Engineer was instructed to call tenders for the necessary pipe, to be lodged two weeks from this date. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Irwin it was resolved that the Engineer of the B.C. Electric be consulted in the matter of Street Grades.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor