

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THURSDAY THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Mayor explained that the Meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the Reports received from Engineers Thompson, Clement and Hanes, on the matter of establishing Street Grades, and invited any Representative from the B.C. Electric co. to submit any statements, or address the Council relative to the question in hand.

Mr. Moffat, Consulting Engineer of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. who was present, stated that his Company was not so much interested in the system of grades which the Council might choose to adopt, so long as the gradients on which Street Car lines are at present being operated, are not steepened. It was a matter of safety in operation which his Company wished the Council to consider and he intimated that if the report of the Commission of Engineers were to be adopted by the Council, such would seriously affect the operation of the tramline on Lonsdale Avenue, and his Company would seriously consider the advisability of discontinuing the operation of a Street Car Line on that Avenue,

After speaking to the question, Alderman McNeish moved that believing it to be in the best interests of the City that the recommendations, contained in the reports of Engineers Thompson, Clement and Hanes, be adopted by this Council in their entirety.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae.

At this stage an opinion received from Mr. R.L. Reid, K.C., relative to the question of grades, was read to the Meeting. Mr. Reid was of the opinion that in a matter of so much importance both to the City and to the Vancouver Power Co., an Agreement satisfactory to both parties was always to be preferred, but that if however, the Council, acting under the advice of experts, could not see eye to eye with the Vancouver Power Co., it would be necessary then to consider the stipulations in the Contract between the Company and the Corporation.

After a general expression of opinion, and lengthened debate in which Alderman Irwin suggested that the question of grades be referred to a Plebiscite of the Ratepayers, and that, alternate propositions be submitted; one for the adoption of the latest Engineer's report and the other for the adoption of Straight Grades on all Streets having Car Lines and bench grades on all other Streets.

The question before the Meeting was put when there voted:

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| Aye | Alderman McNeish, Alderman McRae | 2 |
| Nay | Alderman Irwin, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Smith, Alderman Fowler | 4 |

The motion was declared defeated.

Upon application and on motion of Alderman Irwin, seconded by Alderman McNeish, the Sports Committee of the Dominion Day Celebration Committee was granted permission to run races on 3rd Street, on 1st July, upon the understanding that proper protection rails or ropes would be erected to safeguard the public.

The Draft Agreement proposed to be entered into with the District regarding the Water Main was read to the Meeting and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Smith, was referred to the Water Committee with Alderman Schultz name added.

The Committee was granted power to consult with Mr. Reid, of Messrs. Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge in reference to the terms of the Agreement.

Alderman Smith moved that the Council accept the offer made by the N.V. L & I Co. to sell to the City for Park and other public purposes the unsubdivided portions of District Lots 547 and 271 containing approximately 38.90 acres at the price of \$800 per acre, subject to same being ratified by the Ratepayers. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to, and the Clerk was instructed to prepare a Bylaw providing for the necessary money being raised by way of loan for the purpose of acquiring these lands.

Alderman Irwin reported that the Special Committee, appointed for the purpose, had interviewed the School Trustees, when they were informed that the Board could not agree to the dedication of an additional 6' off the North side of Lonsdale Avenue School Site for street purposes and Alderman Irwin moved that the Council accept the School Trustee's proposition, and arrange to dedicate the 22' for Street purposes, and have a plan registered in the Land Registry Office. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

Mr. A.G. Perry, on behalf of the Dominion Day Celebration Committee, made application to the Council for a grant in aid of the Dominion Day Celebrations Fund. On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Schultz \$400.00 was voted for this purpose.

The Council again took upon consideration of the grade of Fell Avenue Tramline extension.

Alderman McRae moved that the grade be that fixed by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish. Alderman Irwin moved as an amendment, that the Council approve of the Profile submitted by the Company, as a first and temporary grade. Alderman Fowler seconded.

On a division there voted:

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| For the Amendment | Alderman Irwin, Alderman Fowler, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Smith | 4 |
| For the Motion | Alderman McNeish, Alderman McRae | 2 |

The amendment was declared carried.
The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor