

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.**

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.  
There was also present a large number of Ratepayers and citizens.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Board of Trade recommending that the City and District Councils appoint a Joint Civic Committee to consider the question of establishing a Public Hospital in North Vancouver, and advising that Dr. Newcombe, and Messrs. G.H. Morden and J.T.D.C. Wood, had been appointed to act as the Board of Trade's Delegates in the matter.

On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Irwin referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

From Alex Philip, C.M.C. forwarding copy of letter received by him from Dr. Davidson, regarding the expenses incurred in gathering argument and entertaining the University Site's Commission. North Vancouver's share of the expense was placed at \$150 to be divided equally between the City and District Councils. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Engineer Hanes forwarding grade on Lonsdale Avenue in front of lot 9, at South West corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Lonsdale according to report of Engineers of 1907. On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Fowler referred to Committee of the Whole.

Alderman McNeish and Alderman McRae dissenting.

From City Engineer Hanes forwarding grades at South East corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Chesterfield Avenue, according to report of Engineers dated 1907. On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Fowler, referred to Committee of the Whole. Alderman McRae and Alderman McRae dissenting.

From City Clerk reporting that after being duly advertised according to Statute no petition had been received against the work of grading etc. Lonsdale Avenue between 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets. Filed.

From R. H. Sperling, General Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co., lodging an emphatic protest on behalf of his Company, re the grading of certain Streets in North Vancouver. The communication received from Mr. Sperling was in the following terms:

Vancouver, B.C.  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1910

Thomas Shepherd, Esq.  
City Clerk, Box 48, North Vancouver, BC

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter to you on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult and our Mr. Moffat's letter to you of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult., on the above subject, I wish to lodge with the Council an emphatic protest on behalf of my Company re grading of certain streets in your City.

This protest is not actuated by a desire on the part of my Company to avoid cost of re-construction of the tramway by reason of such change, as such cost would have to be paid by the City under the Agreement between the Company and the City, but is actuated by a desire to provide the Citizens of North Vancouver City with a safe tramway service.

My Company has for the sake of safety of the public gone to great expenditure in the City to keep its grades down to 6 ½%. The present maximum grade of Lonsdale Ave., however, exceeds 8% and is none too desirable as regards safety in operation, and one or two regrettable accidents have occurred on this line in connection with which the present steep grade was an important factor. To prevent similar occurrences in the future, the Company installed additional safeguards on its cars, which should be able to cope with the present grade. The re-arrangement of the grade, as proposed by the Company, will I understand, have the effect of increasing the grade on Lonsdale Avenue to about 12%, a grade which a street car could not be operated over, no matter with what safety appliances such car might be equipped, except at a risk which the Company neither could nor would be justified in asking the public to incur.

The operation of the Company's tramway system, in so far as the safety in operation of the same is concerned, is now, as you are no doubt aware, subject to the Provincial Tramway Inspection Act, and it is within the power of the Inspector under that act to prevent our Company from operating any portion of its system which in the opinion of the Inspector could not safely be operated, and I feel reasonably satisfied that, in the event of the Council adopting the proposed grade the Inspector, who has so far proven himself a most able and painstaking man insofar as looking after the public's safety is concerned, would not sanction the operation of the Company's cars over a grade such as proposed, with the result that the Company would involuntarily be compelled to suspend its street railway service on Lonsdale Avenue.

As the Council may perhaps not have fully considered that the changing of the grades is likely to have the effect above outlined, I would respectfully urge the Council to fully consider the protest of my Company.

Yours truly

Signed: R.H. Sperling  
General Manager

On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Schultz, the communication was filed.

Eight applications received for the position of Assessor for the year 1911 were referred to Committee of the Whole to be dealt with.

The City Clerk reported that of the 226 signatures of the petition received at last meeting calling upon the Board of Aldermen to resign there were 42 which he could not vouch for as being Ratepayers of the City. A supplementary petition with 32 additional names was handed in. Mr. Percy King claimed that all the signatures to the Petition were that of bona fide Ratepayers.

A Ratepayer was present and asked to have 20<sup>th</sup> Street opened up through D.L. 616. On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Smith, this application was referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

Consideration of the grade question was then taken up. After hearing Messrs. Sargent, King, Henderson and Bartlay, Alderman Fowler moved that His Worship the Mayor call a Meeting of Ratepayers at the earliest possible date with a view to having six Ratepayers appointed to confer with the Council regarding the matter of grades. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

The Mayor intimated that he would call a Meeting of Ratepayers for Thursday Evening next at 8 o'clock.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Works and Police Committees, on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following, namely:

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| Finance        | \$86.88 |
| Board of Works | 300.00  |
| Police         | 195.27  |

The report of the Finance Committee, of the Board of Works Committee, of the Water Committee, and of the Board of Health Committee, as contained in the Committees Minutes of this date, were read to and adopted by the Council. In connection with the Health Committee's report, considerable discussion arose, as to which Department should pay the cost of constructing box drains and as to arranging for the periodical flushing out of all drains in the City.

On the suggestion of Alderman Schultz, the matter was referred to the Chairman of the Health, Fire & Light and Board of Works Committee with power to act.

On motion of Alderman Schultz and Alderman Smith the Clerk was instructed to furnish each alderman with a Copy of the Auditor's Report for the Month of April.

On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Irwin, it was resolved that the petition received at last meeting called upon the Board of Aldermen to resign office, be filed. Alderman McRae dissenting.

The Engineer reported that the Engineer of the Public Works Department had on Saturday last, approved of the plans of the sewerage system proposed to be installed in the City, but that no official approval had, as yet been received from the Public Health Department.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz, the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Public Health Department, and request immediate action in regard to the plans of the sewerage system submitted by this City.

On motion of Alderman Irwin, the Council resolved to delay the authorization of grades for Buildings until after the meeting of Ratepayers on Thursday.

In the matter of the publication of a summary of the Council's proceedings in relation to grades. Alderman Irwin moved that the authorization of such, in a Vancouver Daily Newspaper, be cancelled. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fowler and agreed to.

Alderman Schultz moved that the Government Inspector of Tramways be invited to come to North Vancouver and inspect the Street Grades and inform the Council of the Grades over which tramways will be allowed to operate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to. Alderman McNeish and Alderman McRae dissenting.

An application made by a Ratepayer to have Jones Avenue opened up from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was on motion of Alderman Fowler and Alderman Smith. Referred to Board of Works.

Bylaw No. 106, being a Bylaw to authorize the levy of rates on the land or real property entered on the Assessment Roll for the City for the year 1910, was introduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 107, being a Bylaw to authorize the grading and macadamizing etc. of Lonsdale Avenue between 13<sup>th</sup> street and 18<sup>th</sup> Street, as a work of Local Improvement, and to authorize arrangements being made for temporary advances or loans for meeting the cost of the work until completion, was introduced, read a first, second and third time, and passed by the Council.

A Ballot was then taken on applications received for the position of Assessor which resulted as follows:

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| Jack Loutet       | 3 |
| E.J. Peck         | 2 |
| Geo. J. Phillippo | 1 |
| Geo. Barclay      | 1 |

On motion of Alderman Irwin, Mr. Loutet's appointment as Assessor for the year 1911 was confirmed by the Council.

Alderman Smith and Alderman Fowler were appointed a Committee from the Council to consider the question of the establishment of a Public Hospital in North Vancouver.

A communication was read from the Board of City School Trustees pointing out the urgent necessity for further school accommodation being provided on the East side of the City and asking the Council to take all the necessary proceedings to acquire Block 100 in D.L. 550 for School purposes, and also to dispose of the 8 lots in Block 11, D.L. 273, at present being held for School purposes.

The Council expressed themselves as being in full accord with the wishes of the School Trustees, and on motion of Alderman McNeish, decided to ask them to approach the N.V. Land & Improvement Co. regarding the purchase of Block 100.

The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor