

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.**

His Worship Mayor May presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst were read and on motion adopted.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From P.G. Drost making application for a Street Arc Light to be placed at the corner of St. Andrew's and Esplanade. Referred to Fire & Light Committee to report.

From Shoemake & McLean informing Council that they had recently opened up a printing office in the City and soliciting a share of the City's patronage. To be taken into consideration by the Finance Committee and filed.

From A.E. foreman requesting to be furnished with a permanent grade for Building to be erected by him on 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, Lot 23, Block 156, D.L. 274. Mr. Foreman to be advised that so soon as grade question is settled his request will be acceded to.

From W.J. Irwin, Present, Board of Trade, forwarding copy letter received by him from the General Superintendent of the B.C. Telephone Co. Ltd. in which it was stated that the Company had been trying for more than three months to obtain permission from the Provincial Government to lay a Sub-marine Cable from Vancouver to North Vancouver; that their application had been forwarded to the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa for approval and suggesting that Council assist in hastening a decision at Ottawa.

On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman McNeish, resolved that Council communicate with the Department of Marine & Fisheries at Ottawa and urge an early decision in the matter.

From Secretary Board of Trade forwarding copy resolution passed at a Meeting of the Board held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, respecting the matter of Street grades.

The resolution was in the following terms:

“Resolved that this Board views with sincere regret the controversy which has arisen regarding the matter of Street Grades and respectfully express their willingness to appoint a Committee to confer with the Council to endeavour to arrive at a solution which would be equitable and permanent”.

Alderman McNeish moved that the communication be received and filed, in view of what has transpired in the meantime. Alderman McRae seconded.

Alderman Smith moved as an amendment that the communication be laid on the table. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Irwin.

On a division there voted:

For the amendment Alderman Irwin Alderman Smith Alderman Schultz - 3  
And for the Motion Alderman McNeish Alderman McRae Alderman  
Fowler - 3

The Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the Amendment, which was declared carried.

Upon Mr. Gibson rising to make inquiry of the Council, Alderman Smith asked for a ruling as to whether it was not the privilege of Members of the Council only to make inquiries. The Mayor said that such might be according to the rules of procedure, but that it had been the custom for years to allow Ratepayers to ask questions of the Council, and he would not give a ruling against that custom. After a full discussion of the question, Alderman Smith moved that Ratepayers wishing to make inquiries of the Council must do so in writing, unless permission to make verbal inquiry is granted by resolution of the Council.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and on being put to the Meeting there voted:

Aye - Alderman Smith Alderman Irwin Alderman Schultz - 3  
Nay - Alderman McNeish Alderman McRae Alderman Fowler - 3  
The Mayor declared that the old procedure would prevail.

Reports and recommendations by the 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:

Board of Works	\$470.10
Board of Works	1,356.15
Water Works	361.75

The report of the Finance Committee, of the Board of Works Committee and of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of this date were read to and accepted by the Council.

Bylaw No. 106, "The Revenue Bylaw 1910", 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. 107, "Lonsdale Avenue Improvement Authorization Bylaw", was also 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.

Alderman Schultz moved that the Council communicate with the B.C. Electric Co. and ascertain whether the Company has any proposal to make regarding a

contribution towards the reduction of Street Grades in the City, as suggested by their Consulting Engineer at a recent Meeting of the Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and passed.

Alderman McNeish and Alderman McRae dissenting.

Messrs. G.H. Morden and M.S. McDowell were heard in reference to the School Trustees desire to dispose of the 8 Lots presently held for School purposes in Block 11, D.L. 273, and to acquire Block 100 in D.L. 550, as a School Site for \$26,000; they also stated that the School Board had under consideration the purchase of three other School Sites in the City.

Alderman Irwin moved that the Council take the necessary steps to carry out the wishes of the School Trustees and that they be requested to place before the Council in writing their reasons for disposing of the present site in 273.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Schultz it was resolved to hold a Special Meeting next Tuesday Evening to further consider the form of application for a Gas Franchise.

Mr. A.B. Stevenson's suggestion that a lane be provided in Block 215 was referred to the Committee on lanes for consideration and report.

Alderman Schultz and Alderman McNeish were appointed a Committee to confer with representatives from the City Band with reference to their application for financial support from the Council.

Alderman Schultz gave in a report of an interview had by him with Solicitor Reid with reference to the proposed Agreement re pipeline. Alderman Schultz moved that Solicitor Reid be instructed to wait upon the Solicitor for the District Council and demand the Conveyances of the different properties from the District to the City, and that if they are not forthcoming, that Solicitor Reid be instructed to prepare the Deeds and submit them to the Council for approval.

Bylaw No. 95, being a "Bylaw to License and Regulate Sparring Exhibitions and Boxing Contests", was read a third time, and after considering its terms, the Bylaw was referred to the Clerk for inquiry and report.

The Clerk was directed to inform the N.V. Land and Improvement Co. that a Bylaw, having for its object the purchase of the unsubdivided portions of District Lots 547 and 271 for Parks and other Corporation purposes would be submitted to the Ratepayers at an early date along with other Money Loan Bylaws.

Alderman Smith and Alderman Schultz were appointed a Committee to take up with the N.V. Land & Improvement Co. the matter of securing options or expropriating the land necessary for the Boulevard Extension at the intersections of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lonsdale Avenue.

The Lanes Committee was requested to bring in a recommendation regarding the expropriation of all unanimously-opened lanes in the City.

The Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor