

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 15th DAY OF AUGUST 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 8th inst. were read and on motion adopted.

An invitation received by His Worship the Mayor, from the Premier and Executive Council, to be present at a reception to be tendered to Sir Wilfred Laurier, at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Wednesday the 17th inst., was read to the Meeting.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by air, his Worship the Mayor was appointed to represent the City at the reception.

Communications were received, and disposed as follows:

From W.D. Lighthall, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, U.C.M., inviting the Mayor and any other delegates from the Council, to attend the 10th Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, to be held at Toronto on August 31st, and Sept 1st and 2nd next. Filed.

From Lewis Printing & Publishing Co. intimating their intention of extending the "B.C. Building News" to take in civic construction, and all other matters relating to civic progress in the Province, and soliciting Council's subscription to the publication. Filed.

From R.A. Renwick, Deputy Commissioner of Lands, acknowledging, in the absence of Chief Commissioner, receipt of Council's communication in relation to the desirability of protecting the timber limits in the vicinity of the Capilano, Lynn and Seymour Rivers, for the conservation of the water supply, and advising that he will take an early opportunity of placing the same before the Commissioner, on his return. Filed.

From S.D. Schultz, giving the cause which led him to cast aside the task of serving in the capacity of an Alderman of the City and making a frank statement to the large number of ratepayers, who honoured him with an expression of their confidence, on the two occasions of his submission to their suffrages.

Alderman Irwin moved that Alderman Schultz's resignation be not received, and that he be asked to re-consider his decision, as it was not thought advisable by the Council, to have a by-election at this time.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

From City Engineer Hanes regarding the application of the District Council, to use the City's proposed main sewer, as an outlet for a sewerage system for Upper Lonsdale Avenue and vicinity, stating that the main sewer is designed to meet the requirements of a certain area, within the City Limits, and that if another sanitary area was to be added, the extra cost of the larger capacity main sewer, should be paid for by the property benefited.

After discussion, Alderman Irwin moved that the District Council be notified, that the best arrangements that the City can make - owing to the fact that the work of installing the main sewer, is about to be proceeded with - is, that that portion of the District desirous of being accommodated by the City's main sewer, take immediate steps towards becoming a part of the City, and that, if such were done, the Council may be able to make temporary arrangements whereby the most necessitous portion of the District drainage area could be accommodated by the main sewer already designed for the City, as some years must of necessity elapse, before the drainage system contemplated by the City, could be completed.

From City Engineer Hanes, recommending that the entrances to the culverts on 1st and 3rd Streets on the Creek between Lonsdale Avenue and Chesterfield Avenue be enlarged.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, the recommendation of the City Engineer was accepted by the Council, and the Board of Works empowered to have the work done.

From City Engineer recommending that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be requested to put in a crossing over their tracks on 4th Street and Queensbury Avenue and to put in culverts to drain the water from between the rails on Lonsdale avenue at Esplanade end of rails, 1st Street and 2nd Street and that same be connected with the box drain on Lonsdale Ave.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish the Engineer's recommendation was adopted by the Council.

From Solicitor Reid, advising that he considered it would be safe for the City to take the agreement which Mr. Burns offers in connection with the dedication of the unopened portion of Second St. but that, in order to be perfectly safe, he suggested that the dedication agreement be executed by both Mr. Burns and Mrs. Hamersley.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, resolved that the Solicitor's suggestion be followed, and that Mr. Burns be thanked for his generous offer, and notified of Council's willingness to accept of the same, and that steps will be taken immediately to open up the Street.

From Sister Mary Amy, Principal Indian Boarding School, claiming exemption from payment of taxes for the current year, in respect of Mission School and Grounds.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, resolved that exemption be granted.

From Solicitor Reid, informing Council that he had been advised by Messrs. Burns & Walkem that the District council recognize no claim of the City of North Vancouver to the 3.52 acres which the City assert constitutes the dam site, and asking for instructions as to what course to pursue in the matter.

From Solicitor Reid, advising that he was of the opinion that paragraph Y of Schedule A of the North Vancouver City Incorporation Act 1906, gave the City power to lay additional pipes in any part of the pipe line road traversed by the pipe line as laid down, and that the City could proceed with the laying of the new pipe line at any time, and that he had offered to accept service on behalf of the City, in case the District council wished to take action to test their rights.

From Solicitor Reid, with copy letter received by him from Mr. Burns, Solicitor for the District, intimating that the action of the City in deciding to proceed with the laying of the new water main, 25 feet Southerly from the center of the pipeline road, was against the District council's understanding of the Statute, and he would be glad to have the matter tested out and settled, and suggesting that the matter be arbitrated before a leading Counsel and his decision accepted.

Solicitor Reid, in reply, had advised that he did not think it would be advisable to arbitrate before a counsel, as the City would be better satisfied with the decision of a Judge, and if it was the desire of the District Council to test the matter, he would agree on a statement of facts, and submit them to a Judge in Chambers. In this matter, the Council decided to follow the advice of Solicitor Reid, and let the matter stand to see what action will be taken by the District Council.

From G.A. Barrett, Mgr. Imperial Car, Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corp., advising that his Company had acquired about 6500 feet of deep water frontage, on the Shores of Burrard Inlet, within 6 miles of the City Hall, and that they were willing to divide same into manufacturing sites of different widths, and to place same at the disposal of the Council, as inducements to interested parties to establish new Industries on the Inlet. The Company was in a position to offer possession of the Sites, absolutely free, for a term of ten years. At the end of six years, an arbitrated valuation would be placed upon the land, which could be purchased at any time within 4 years thereafter, without interest.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that communication be acknowledged and that representatives of the Company be invited to meet the Council and discuss the subject more fully.

From J.Y. McNaught, inviting Council to accompany the Dominion Ministers on the trip of inspection of the Inlet, tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

On motion of Alderman Irwin resolved that invitation be accepted, and that every member of the Council, who could avail himself of the opportunity, accompany the Party.

A plan of the proposed subdivision of Lot 6, Block 29, D.L. 548, was, on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Smith, approved by the Council.

A lengthy report by Engineer Hanes on the plan of proposed subdivision of portion of District Lots 552 and 265, making several recommendation in connection therewith, which be considered in the best interests of the City and property, was read to the meeting.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Works, Water Works and Fire & Light Committees, and 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	\$2,405.85
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Water Works	754.65
Fire & Light	452.65

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Irwin, it was resolved that in future, the fire chief investigate the cause and origin of all fires occurring in the City, and report to the Council or Fire Committee.

The report of the Board of Works, of the Water Works and of the Fire & Light Committees, as contained in the Committees' Minutes of this date, were read to, and adopted by the Council.

The Mayor reported that the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. were not disposed to accept debentures in payment of the purchase price of the School Sites, and Alderman McNeish moved that Tenders be called in the open market, for the purchases of the following debentures of the Corporation, viz:

Schools	\$59,330
Park	31,120
Fire	10,000
Total	\$100,450

The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

Alderman Irwin moved that the Council petition the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, craving him to issue an Order in Council, approving of the Bylaw an Agreement passed by the Council, in connection with the purchase of shares in the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co., and the Bylaw for the disposal of the School Site in Block 11, D.L. 273.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McNeish and agreed to.

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Alderman McNeish addressed the Council at length, on the advisability of establishing a Board of Control, to manage the business of the City, as provided for by Section 322B of the "Municipal Clauses Act". He read to the Council, communications received from a number of Cities in the East, explaining the methods and success attending the management of these Cities by Boards of Control or commission.

After a short discussion of the subject, it was resolved, on motion of Alderman Fowler, seconded by Alderman Smith that copies of the communications be furnished each member of the Council to assist in considering the question and on suggestion of Alderman Irwin, it was decided to bring the matter up for discussion of at the next Annual Convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities; also the question of the Municipality's share of improvements on Streets.

Bylaw No. 114, "The Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. Shares Agreement Purchase 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. 115, The Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. Shares Purchase 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. 120, The Fire Brigade Establishment Loan Bylaw, 1910, was also read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and authorized to be signed and sealed.

Bylaw No. 121, The Schools Extraordinary Expenditure Loan Bylaw, 1910, was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

The clerk was directed to confer with the City Solicitor regarding the drafting and submission to the Council of a suitable form of Bylaw to regular Professional Boxing exhibitions.

On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Smith, the City Engineer was instructed to furnish Mr. C.E. Lawson with the grade of 12th Street, opposite Lot 8, Block 85, D.L. 549.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Smith, the Clerk was instructed to obtain from the contractor for the band-stand in Victoria Park, before paying over the amount of the contract price, an affidavit that all bills for labour and material have been paid.

The Council thereafter went into Committee of the whole, and later adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor