

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 26th September, and of the Special Meeting held on 27th September, were read, and as amended, adopted.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Mrs. C.F. Hall, extending a cordial invitation to the Board of Aldermen to be present at a meeting to be held in the Orange Hall on Wednesday 5th inst. at 8 p.m. for the purpose of reorganizing the local lodge of Good Templars. Accepted with thanks.

From Alex Philip, referring to the petition forwarded to the Military Authorities, seeking for the organization of a Company of Field Engineers - and stating that the Department had written, asking what armory accommodation, if any, is available, or how could such be procured, if none at present exists, in the event of a Company being authorized. Mr. Philip was present and explained that over 50 had signified their willingness to enroll, and it had been suggested that the City might be able to place at the disposal of the Military Authorities, a site for an Armory in the Park area recently purchased in D.L. 547.

On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Irwin, it was resolved that a committee be formed to confer with Mr. Philip on the subject.

Alderman Irwin Alderman McNeish and Alderman Schultz were named as the Committee.

From City Engineer Hanes requesting that a new desk and letter press be purchased for his office.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, request was granted.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he thought it would be advisable to put in a water service pipe opposite each lot on all Streets, which are having eh roadways permanently paved. Connections would cost about \$10.00 on a 100 foot street - That he did not recommend the placing of a service main on the East side of Lonsdale avenue: he would recommend that a 10" cast iron main be put in a permanent position on the West side of Lonsdale avenue to replace the present 10" wood main where permanent improvements were being made. This would require a 10" cast iron main for Lonsdale avenue from the Lower Keith Road to the City limits, and would cost about \$13,000.00 which sum could be included in the next Water Works General Bylaw, and the pipe installed during eth Spring of 1911.

Alderman Irwin moved that the report of the City Engineer be accepted, and steps taken to carry out its provisions.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

From City Engineer Hanes, recommending that a storm drainage sewer be constructed on Lonsdale Avenue from the waterfront to 17th Street according to the plans passed by the Provincial Board of Health, and that the same be constructed under the Local Improvement sections of the Municipal Clauses Act on the initiative principle. The estimated cost of the work was the sum of \$30,000.00; the lifetime, 20 years or more; property benefited was that property fronting on each side of Lonsdale avenue from the waterfront to 17th Street and the property fronting or abutting on each side of the Esplanade, and all streets up to, and including 17th Street between Lonsdale Avenue and St. George's Avenue. The Engineer recommended that the assessment be made by frontage rate, and that, as about one-third of the area consisted of City Streets, that the City should pay one-third, viz: - \$10,000.00

Alderman McNeish considered the scheme first-class. Alderman Fowler was of the opinion that property benefited should be referred to as an area, and not as fronting property.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. advising that instructions had been issued by his Company's General Superintendent to proceed forthwith with the relaying of the Street Railway Track with heavy rails from 13th Street North, to the present terminus: that his management had already given the desired extension of the Lonsdale avenue car line to the City Limits, most careful consideration and are unable to build the extension at the present time: that his Company had had an estimate of the cost of the work of changing the location of the poles on Lonsdale avenue from 13th street to the City Limits prepared; the number of poles to be moved was 48 at a cost of \$10.00e ach. His company was prepared to carry out the work on receiving instructions from the Council.

From General Superintendent of Plant, B.C. Telephone Co. Ltd., stating that his Company was perfectly willing to move their poles on Lonsdale Avenue if the cost was included in the Local Improvement work, which as at present being done in Vancouver and other Cities, in which the Company operate.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, resolved that the Telephone Company be asked to return an estimate of the cost of moving their poles, and that the matter be referred to the City Solicitor for opinion.

On motion of Alderman Irwin, the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer were asked to report on the present arrangement with the B.C. Electric Railway Co. and the B.C. Telephone Co. in regard to the location of their pole lines from

the property line, and suggest any departure from the arrangement at present existing.

Alderman Fowler moved that the Telephone Co. be notified that before erecting any poles in future, the consent of the City Engineer be obtained as to their location. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to (Later). Alderman McNeish suggested that it might be well to defer action of the location of telephone poles, until the Board of Works and City Engineer reported to the Council, and the resolution just passed was reconsidered.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., calling attention to the fact that the ditch for the new water main on Lynn Valley Road had been opened in dangerous proximity to many large stumps, which the City workmen had not removed, at the time of cutting the trench, and that such would probably give rise to troubles when the stumps came to be taken out. The District Council was willing to let a contract for the blowing of the stumps on the South side of the road at once, if the City Council would look after any damage that may be caused to the ditch in so doing. On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Irwin referred to Water Works Committee to investigate and report.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C. informing Council that the District Council, at a meeting held on 29th September, ratified the arrangement arrived at on the 23rd Street between the City and District councils viz: "That the District agrees to cut the ditch for the lowering and straightening of the City's old water main, when engaged in local improvement work on Lynn Valley Road, provided the City lower the main at its own risk: That the Engineer of the District and City arrange the best method of carrying the City's new water main over the Hastings Creek Bridge and report and that power be given to Board of Works to act". That with regard to the Cemetery Road, the District Council was writing the owners in D.L. 612 with a view to ascertaining whether they would bear half the cost of opening certain road allowances in their subdivision, which it was claimed, would give a far better road than the present Lillooet trail. The cost, in the estimation of the District Engineer, would be about \$4,800.00, and provided the owners agreed to bear half, the remainder would be divided between the City and District. Laid over to await the decision of property owners in D.L. 612.

From Solicitor Reid, advising that he had had word from the Commissioner of Lands to the effect that the Chief Commissioner recognizes the correctness of the City's contention that the right to purchase Lots 856 and 857, Group (1) New Westminster District, passed from the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver to the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, under the provisions of Chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1906 and that the action of the Executive in approving of the transfer of the right to purchase, from the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver to the B.C. Electric Railway Co had been reconsidered. Council through that it was a matter for congratulation that the City's rights were being so well taken care of.

On motion of Alderman McNeish and Alderman Irwin =, resolved that City Solicitor be communicated with, and asked if the City can purchase the property with monies from the General Revenue, or if same would require a special Loan Bylaw.

From Provincial Secretary, forwarding for the information of the Council, a certified copy of an Order in Council, by which approval was given to Bylaw No. 1122, initialed "The City of North Vancouver School Site Disposal Bylaw, 1910".

A Petition received from R. Edwards and (15) other property owners, calling attention to the deplorable condition of Keith Road - between Jones and Bewicke Avenues - and requesting a sidewalk on the North side, and a suitable roadway to be opened up and rough graded, was on motion of Alderman McNeish, seconded by Alderman Fowler, referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

The following requests received for roads and sidewalks etc. were, on motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Irwin, referred to the Board of Works with power to act:

F. Blow	Drainage of 17 th Street and removal of large stump standing on the roadways
Alex Philip	Sidewalk to North Lonsdale Church grounds, and Street Light (Latter in hands of Chairman of Fire & Light Committee)
Leonard J. Sale	Sidewalk on North side of 20 th Street West
Board of City School Trustees	Ditches along Easterly and Northerly Boundaries of School site in Block 100, and connecting sidewalks to give access to School Building.
A.J.C. Robertson	Sidewalk on 7 th Street between St. David's and Ridgeway Avenues.
Mossens Ltd.	Offering to deliver at North Vancouver in about (1) month a "Ruston Procter" Steam Roller, in complete working order, for \$3,290.00
T.J. Leroux	That boulevard on West side of St. George's Avenue - between 14 th and 15 th Streets - be cleared
Chas. Reid & (8) other property owners	Continuation of sidewalk on South side of 19 th Street East.
J.A. McMillan & (15) other property owners	Sidewalk on 15 th Street from St. George's to St. Andrew's Avenue and from Lonsdale to Chesterfield.

An application made by H.W. Young for Street Arc Lights on the boulevard at 12 and 14th Streets, was referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

Alderman Schultz called attention to the fact that, in carrying out the work of Local Improvement on Lonsdale Avenue surplus earth was being deposited on side streets, and the same workmen as are employed on the Local Improvement Work, are being employed in rounding up the side streets. He considered to cost of such work should not be charged against the Local Improvement.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Schultz, resolved that the Board of Works and City Engineer give instructions to have separate payrolls kept, and that the cost of grading side streets be paid out of general revenue.

A Plan of the proposed subdivision of Lot 4, Block 8, D.L. 616, was on motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman McNeish approved by the Council.

A Plan of subdivision of Blocks 223, 223a, 224 and 224a, D.L. 544, was on motion of Alderman McNeish and Alderman Irwin, finally approved by the Council.

A Plan of the proposed subdivision of the portion of Lot 2, Block 229, D.L. 544, was next considered by the Council. The Council were of the opinion that a lane should be provided in rear of the Lot, and referred the plan to the City Engineer to determine the property line for a lane.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (General, Police & School Trustees), Board of Works (General & Local Improvement) Water Works, Fire & Light (2) and Public Health Committees on due accounts, were submitted and read to the Meeting, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following, viz:

Finance (General)	470.30
Finance (Police)	449.75
Finance (School Trustees)	4,658.41
Board of Works (General)	2,099.90
Board of Works (Local Improvement)	56.05
Water Works	2,376.40
Fire & Light	75.00
Fire & Light	564.46
Public Health	50.00

The Mayor referred to an article appearing in the first issue of the "Lonsdale Spectator", a local publication, in which he was reported as having made a mis-statement of the Council regarding the advances which the Council had arranged to received from the Bank, on Local Improvement work: that in support of their contention the Editors of the paper had published a copy of a telegram received by Mr. Salsbury, the Local Manager of the Bank from Head Office. The Mayor declared that the telegram in question was the private property of the bank, and had as connection with the matter at issue. In the article referred to, the Mayor

was reported as having stated that the Treasurer was wrong in taking the position that the Council could not borrow more than \$75,000 on Local Improvement Work, and that one work had to be completed, and the Debentures realized before another work could be commenced.

The Mayor explained that the \$75,000 was only an estimate of the amount which the City would require to carry on Local Improvement Work contemplated this year, and that there was no limitation to the amount which the Council could borrow as advances on Local Improvement Work.

The Treasurer was mistaken in taking the position that the Council had to finish one work, before commencing another.

The Council were of the unanimously opinion that the Article in question was bad form, and did not represent the facts, and regretted that any reflection had been cast upon the integrity of His Worship the Mayor.

The report of the Finance Committee, as contained in the Committee's Minutes of this date, was read to the Meeting. Alderman McNeish explained that there was found no authority in the Municipal Clauses Act, whereby the Council could grant the Horticultural Association as rebate of taxes.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Irwin, the Committee's report was adopted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Smith, the Clerk was directed to inform the Horticultural Association that Council can not grant a rebate of taxes on their property.

The report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of this date, was read, and on motion of Alderman McRae and Alderman McNeish adopted by the Council.

Local Improvement Requisition No. 6 - The Clerk reported that this petition was sufficiently signed, and the Engineer reported as follows on the work:

“Estimated cost, \$49,825.00:

Lifetime (20 years, or more, except probable replacing of wooden block surface:

Property benefited: - Property fronting or abutting on Lonsdale avenue, from Lower Keith Road to South side of 13th Street.

(Assessment to be by frontage tax;

The distribution of the cost to be as follows:

City frontage, 1130 lineal feet;

Property frontage 1,490 lineal feet

Cost to City: \$21,515.00

Cost to property,
cost to frontage) \$28,310.00

Alderman Irwin was of the opinion that that portion of the work, from Lower Keith Road to Upper Keith Road should be eliminated, and Alderman Fowler

considered the petitioners had no right to include (2) City Blocks in the requisition.

Alderman Irwin moved that, taking into consideration the fact that a Bylaw would have to be submitted to the Ratepayers to provide the City's portion, that that portion of the work from Lower Keith Road to Upper Keith Road, be eliminated, and the report referred back to the Engineer for amendment, and the City Solicitor for opinion as to the regularity of the Council proceeding with the remainder of the work.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Fowler and agreed to.

The following report was read from City Engineer on improving Second Street from Lonsdale Avenue to Forbes Avenue, under the Local Improvement Sections of the Municipal Clauses Act, and on the initiative principle:

"The nature of the work was to grade to permanent grade, and construct a macadam roadway, with wood walks and curbs; the estimated cost was \$25,050.00. The lifetime was permanent for the gradery and about 20 years for the macadam with necessary repairs. The property benefited was all that property fronting and abutting on Second Street from Lonsdale Avenue to Forbes Avenue.

The Assessment to be by frontage rate:

City Frontage	526 feet
Property	4,505 feet
City's share	\$2,775.00
Property Share	\$22,275.00

The estimated cost of a 6' wooden sidewalk on each side of the Street, from Lonsdale to Forbes Avenue was \$1400.00.

City's share \$185.00;
Property's share, \$1215.00;
Five year assessment.

Considerable discussion arose as to the advisability of macadamizing Streets in the business section in view of the fact that permanent pavement would likely be required in a few years. The Engineer suggested that Second Street be put to permanent grade only, and hardpan or gravel used as a surfacing material. On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Irwin, the report was referred back to the City Engineer to report on the cost of grading work only.

The following report was read from the City Engineer on the cost of improving the Esplanade, from Lonsdale to Roger's Avenue, as a work of Local Improvement on the initiative principle, the work to consist of grading, and constructing walks. The cost of grading was estimated at \$2,200.00. The lifetime of the work was of a permanent nature. The property benefited was all that property fronting and abutting on each side of the Esplanade from Lonsdale to Roger's Avenue. The

assessment to be by frontage rate. The total cost to be charged to the fronting property, except 20 feet for alley on the North side. That the assessment be spread over a period of 20 years. That the estimated cost of the 10' walk on the South side, and relaying the 15' wood walk on the North side, was \$430.00. City frontage (20) feet. Property frontage 730 feet. City's share \$200.00 for altering and re-laying walk on the North side. That the assessment be spread over a period of (5) years.

In reply to an inquiry, the Engineer explained that it was proposed to make an easement on the Esplanade for about (40) feet West from Lonsdale and this led to considerable discussion as to Council's right to assess the property fronting on that portion, which would not be put to permanent grade. The Engineer suggested modifying his report by providing that the property fronting on that portion which is to be eased, be not assessed for the improvement until put to permanent grade, thereupon Alderman McNeish moved that the report of the Engineer as subsequently modified, be accepted, and a copy forwarded to the North Vancouver Land Co. for their sanction and request for the improvement. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fowler and agreed to.

Alderman McNeish reported that, according to instructions he proceeded to Victoria, and interviewed the Executive regarding obtaining a relinquishment of the reversionary rights of the Province to that portion of land required for the extension of Third Street through the Indian Reserve, and that, although recognizing it would be a bad precedent, the Executive had consented to make over their rights to the Indian Department, and requested the Council to make a formal application to the Government.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McRae the report was received and Alderman McNeish thanked for pains taken and success obtained in this matter.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, the Clerk was directed to forward a formal request to the Government as desired.

Alderman McNeish reported interview had by Alderman Irwin and himself, with Mr. J. P. Fell, regarding plan of subdivision of D.L. 552. After considerable discussion Council came to the conclusion that passage of this plan now rested with the Mayor and City Engineer to give or with-hold their approval according to the provisions of Sections 249 and 250 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish, it was resolved that the City Solicitor be communicated with, and urged to have the search of the owners of lanes in D.L.274, completed as soon as possible, and the necessary Bylaw for the purchase of the Hammersley interest prepared for submission to the Ratepayers.

The Chairman of the Fire & Light Committee was asked to obtain from the B.C. Electric Railway Co the lowest rate they would charge for all night light service, and an estimate of the cost of cluster lights.

Bylaw No. 133 - The Water Works Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, was reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

A certificate by the Returning Office of the result of voting on Bylaw No. 130, at the election held on Saturday, and previously engrossed in the Minute Book, was read to the Meeting.

Bylaw No. 130 - The Sewer Works Local Improvement Appropriation Bylaw, was read, reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw, and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

In connection with the Rice Lake Rights, the City Engineer recommended that the Council purchase or expropriate subdivision lot 5, 6, 7 8, 9 10 and 11, and lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, of D.L. 855. This would give the City control of enough land to make necessary improvements in connection with the use of Rice Lake, which he considered would be of immense value to the City in future. On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Schultz, referred to Water Committee.

Regarding the request made for a pavilion on the Boulevard Park, Alderman Schultz thought that it might be well to call for the submission of competitive plans.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor