

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 14<sup>th</sup> inst. were read and on motion adopted.

Communications were received and disposal of as follows:

From Provincial Secretary advising that the decision of the Executive Council regarding right-of-way for street purposes through the Squamish Mission Indian Reserve will be transmitted at the beginning of this week. To be acknowledged and attention of Government again directed to importance of opening up the street.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C.. inquiring what quantity of crushed rock Council would be likely to require as to some extent this would regulate the price. Referred to Board of Works and City Engineer to report.

From City Clerk, Vancouver, advising that resolution re conference of Delegates will be laid before Vancouver City Council at its next meeting. Filed.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., advising that the District Council had appointed Reeve McNaught and Councillors Allan and Bridgeman as Delegates to the proposed joint conference of delegates from Councils adjacent to Burrard Inlet.

Alderman McRae reported that Mayor Taylor of Vancouver favored such a conference and on motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman McNeish it was resolved that the delegates be invited to attend a meeting to be held in the City Hall, Vancouver, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1910 at 2:30 p.m.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the park area in D.L. 547 and thought same could be cleared and made safe from fire for about \$200.00 per acre, or a total cost of \$7,800.00.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Irwin, resolved that a Bylaw to enable the City to borrow \$8,000.00 for the purpose of clearing and making safe from fire the park area in D.L. 547 be prepared and submitted to the electors at the forthcoming Municipal Election.

From City Engineer reporting that he visited North Lonsdale Avenue yesterday and found that surface water from the District was crossing into the City in larger quantities than on October 8<sup>th</sup> when he last made a report on the matter, that

buildings in the City were being flooded and it was impossible to grade Lonsdale Avenue on account of this water as it washes away all loose material.

From City Clerk, reporting that no petitions have been received against the following works of Local Improvement;

1. Permanent grading, paving and laying of sanitary sewer on Lonsdale Avenue from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Purchase of land for lanes in D.L. 274.
3. Widening of Lonsdale Avenue from 21<sup>st</sup> Street to City Limits.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C. intimating that District Council had received a request from North Lonsdale Avenue owners to widen Lonsdale Avenue north to 100' and asking if City Council intended to widen the Avenue to that width as far as City Boundary.

On motion of Alderman McNeish seconded by Alderman Irwin, Clerk directed to inform District Council of Council's intentions in this matter.

From J.C.T. Crofts regarding the widening of Lonsdale Ave. North of 25<sup>th</sup> St. asking what compensation the City offered to pay for removing and resetting fences and plants, etc. and stating that he was quite willing the City should take the land required off his property at market value today.

From R. Archibald, owner of 240 feet frontage on Lonsdale Avenue near City Limits, agreeing to forego all claims for value of land to be expropriated off his property for the widening of the Avenue if City agrees to build retaining wall.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish referred to "Lanes and Expropriation Committee".

From secretary, Board of Trade, submitting for Council's consideration three resolutions passed at recent meeting of the Board:

1. Suggesting that steps be taken to have plans and estimates prepared for the building of two wharves at two suitable and conveniently situated street ends for the landing at reasonable rates of merchandise from scows and small freighters, the decking of such wharves to be so constructed as to afford facilities for the dumping of surplus soil arising from street grading and excavation.
2. Bringing to notice of Council the desirability of clearing the Public Park in D.L. 547 and grading leveling and sowing with grass seed portions for forming cricket football and other amusement recreation spaces for residents and excursion picnic parties. Referred to Park Committee

3. Asking Council to join with Board and District Council in extending an invitation to the Artic Brotherhood to hold its Annual Convention in North Vancouver in 1912.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman McNeish, resolved that cordial invitation be extended to Artic Brotherhood to hold its Covnention in North Vancouver in 1912, and that copy of this resolution be forwarded to proper quarter.

Petition A.R. Steacy and others requesting a continuation of sidewalk on south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, West to Chesterfield Avenue. Mr. Steacy was heard in support of the petition.

The Chairman of the Board of Works explained that the work had been authorized and would be attended to in due course.

Mr. Foreman, on behalf of residents requested continuation of sidewalk on Mahon Avenue from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Street and half block west on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. On motion of Alderman Fowler and Alderman Irwin referred to Board of Works.

S. McHugh was heard re account for clearing Boulevard.

Alderman McNeish reported that the Board of Works Committee could not recommend payment in view of the fact that there were numerous places throughout the City where Owners had cleared the Boulevard in front of their places at their own expense. Mr. McHugh said he had been to an outlay of \$70.00.

Alderman Schultz thought case was similar to that of N.V. Land and Improvement Co., and Mr. Stephens who were paid for clearing streets at the rate of \$100 per acre.

Alderman Fowler pointed out that there was a previous arrangement with those parties.

Alderman McNeish said the Land Co. and Mr. Stephens cleared and opened new streets while Mr. McHugh did work on an open street without authority being first obtained from the Council.

Alderman Irwin thought some rule ought to be established and owners allowed at the rate of say \$100.00 per acre for clearing Boulevards if permission is first obtained from the Council.

After some further discussion ach moved that the Engineer be asked to report on the extent of Boulevard cleared by Mr. McHugh.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Fowler and agreed to.

Mr. E.J. Peck asked what rate was charged for washing automobiles. The Bylaw gave the rate for washing one vehicle as \$4.00 per year.

Alderman Fowler noted that under the Bylaw the rate for one horse or one cow, and washing one vehicle was \$4.00. He recommended that they be separated.

On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that Schedule of water rates be revised.

On motion of Alderman Schultz seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that Mr. James P. Fell be communicated with and again asked for deed of Heywood Park.

The following Tenders were received and opened for the building of a pavilion in Queensbury Park according to plan and specifications prepared by H.L. McPherson:

D. Laing	\$450
Alex Grant, Junior	375
F. Tarn	415
Martinson Building Co.	470
F. Tuck	785
Wilton & Burrison	745
Maville & Woodard	485

On motion of Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Smith, resolved that contract be awarded to Alex Grant, Junior, for the sum of \$375, the work to be completed inside of two weeks.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (School), 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:

Finance (School)	\$769.45
Board of Works	40.60
Water Works	1,869.40

The report of the Finance, Board of Works and Fire & Light Committees as contained in the Committees Minutes of this date, and engrossed in the respective Minute Books were read to and accepted by the Council.

Alderman Schultz reported that B.C. Electric Railway Co could not accede to Council's request regarding cars meeting last ferry. Travel did not warrant their doing so.

The Mayor reported his having been approached by person desiring to use wharf at Bewicke Avenue Street end for the landing of materials from scows. A lease of five years was suggested.

Alderman Schultz did not think it would be good policy to lease any street end or wharf but to charge nominal rental for use. Referred to Committee dealing with matter of wharves.

Bylaw No. 135, The Rice Lake Property purchase Bylaw as revised by the City Solicitor, was read a third time and passed by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that Bylaw be submitted to a vote of the Electors on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December next and that City Clerk Shepherd act as Returning Officer with the usual power in that behalf.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McNeish resolved that City Engineer prepare brief statement of advantages to be derived by City in acquiring Rice Lake as a natural storage reservoir for publication in the local newspaper.

Bylaw No. 136, being a Bylaw to widen Lonsdale Avenue from 21<sup>st</sup> street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street, to a uniform width of 100' and from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 29<sup>th</sup> Street (City Limits) to a uniform width of 80', was introduced read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fowler resolved that Engineer be and is hereby authorized to make slight alteration in grade of Lonsdale Avenue from 18<sup>th</sup> Street North occasioned by widening of the Ave.

Bylaw No. 137, being a Bylaw to purchase certain land for use as lanes within Lot 274, Group 1, formerly New Westminster now Vancouver district and to assess, levy and collect the cost thereof as a work of Local Improvement and to raise upon Debentures the necessary moneys to pay the cost thereof was introduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

The Clerk was directed to ask Messrs. Waghorn Gwynn & Co., agents for Mr. Hammersley, to have the necessary deeds prepared so that deal may be completed before the expiry of the option on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

The Mayor read letter received by him from Mrs. Tom John a resident on the Indian Reserve claiming compensation for loss sustained by her through City establishing proper boundary line of Forbes Avenue.

The Mayor reported that Indian Agent McDonald and Chiefs were satisfied that they had fenced ground outside of their boundary.

Alderman Schultz moved that the Mayor be appointed a Committee of one to come to some arrangement with Mrs. Tom John.

After hearing report from mayor re representation in Victoria at hearing re Rice Lake lots, Alderman Schultz moved that the City Solicitor be empowered to

engage whatever Counsel he may consider necessary to represent the City in this matter. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

A letter was read from the District Engineer calling attention to the present condition of the Lynn Valley Road owing to the construction of new water main and intimating that if matters were not rectified immediately to the satisfaction of the District Council, damages would be claimed.

Clerk directed to notify District Council that new main is being laid in road traversed by present pipe line and that work was being hurried to completion.

Alderman Schultz moved that the attention of the District Council be called to the heavy damage being done to property and roads in the City through inadequate street surface drainage in Upper Lonsdale.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McNeish resolved that City Solicitor be asked whether City is liable in damages to Mrs. Hogg consequent on establishing permanent grade on the Esplanade.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Smith. resolved that City pay bill of \$10.00 to Davis Marshall MacNeill & Pugh for written option to Mr. E. Mahon re formation of limited liability Company.

Alderman McNeish read letter received from H.M. Ellis re construction of storm drainage sewer in lane east of the Boulevard, and moved that the Engineer be instructed to bring in a report on same. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

The Fire & Light Committee recommend that a street arc light be placed at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and St. George's Avenue. The Committees recommendation was accepted by the Council.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor