

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY THE 14th DAY OF DECEMBER 1910 AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

The Council proceeded to consider the Tenders received for Lonsdale Avenue storm sewer. The following tabular statement of the amounts of the various Tenders prepared by the City Engineer was read to the Meeting:

	Vitrified	Semi-wet	wet
Metropolitan Engineering Co.	\$24,312.00	\$21,931.15	
Romano pinto & Co.	29,307.80	28,533.25	23,031.85
Robt. McLean & Co.	30,694.00	30,694.00	28,919.00
M.P. Cotton & Co.	31,303.55	32,330.50	
W. Dart	31,573.00	29,063.00	
Vancouver Concrete & Paving	31,843.00		
MacDougall & Co.	32,952.90		
W.D. Grant	37,291.45	37,545.35	
La Placa Bros.	39,318.00	39,318.00	
T.R. Nixon & Co.	Not on proper form		

A letter was read from the Metropolitan Engineering Co. requesting in view of the fact that a very evident clerical error had been made in their Tender, that same be withdrawn and not considered by the Council. On motion of Alderman Fowler and Alderman Irwin resolved that request be granted and Tender disqualified. A letter was also read from Romano Pinto & Co. calling attention to certain errors in their Tender and requesting that certain additional amounts be added to their Tender for each class of pipe.

On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman McNeish that Tender be disqualified.

The Board of Works Committee reported their having met previous to the Meeting and decided to recommend that the Tender of Robt. McLean & Co. for vitrified clay pipe at the price of \$30,694.00 be accepted. Wm. Dart one of the Tenderers claimed that the Tender of Robt. McLean & Co. was not lodged in time and on that ground should be disqualified that his tender of \$29,063.00 for semi-wet concrete was next in order and should be accepted.

Mr. F.B. E. Eastley, solicitor for Mr. Dart, speaking from a legal aspect stated that the Council was legally bound to abide by the stipulations set forth in the advertisement calling for Tenders and to disqualify any Tender not conforming with same.

Mr. D. Adams representing McLean Co. admitted that he might have been one or two minutes late in depositing his Tender.

Alderman Irwin moved that any Tender which did not strictly comply with the advertisement and specifications of the City Engineer be eliminated from the competition. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz and agreed to.

Alderman McNeish voting "Nay".

Alderman Irwin suggested that the next lowest Tender that of Mr. Dart for semi-wet concrete at the price of \$29,063.00 be accepted.

It was resolved, however, on the motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Irwin that the Board of Works Committee again retire and bring in another recommendation.

On reporting the Committee recommended the acceptance of M.P. Cotton & Co.'s tender for vitrified clay pipe at the price of \$31,303.55. Mr. Eastley submitted that the conclusion arrived at by the Committee was an unfair discrimination against concrete pipe and that unless matter was reconsidered it would be necessary for him to place an injunction against the reward of the contract. It was pointed out, however, that it was one of the conditions in the calling for Tenders that the lowest or any tender need not necessarily be accepted. Alderman McNeish also pointed out that the report of the Engineer on Lonsdale Ave. storm sewer called for vitrified pipe sewer being used. Alderman Irwin moved that the Council receive the report and recommendations of the Board of Works and Engineer, and award the contract accordingly. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to unanimously.

The Mayor appointed Alderman McNeish Alderman Irwin and Alderman Fowler as a Committee to confer with the School Trustees re the selection for a site for a central school.

Alderman Fowler moved that tenders be called for the clearing, grubbing and burning of the Fire Hall Site on 13th Street to be lodged with the City Clerk not later than 8 p.m. Monday 19th inst. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

The Mayor reported that in response to repeated protests against use of ravine on 17th Street as dumping ground for garbage he had given instructions to have same covered in. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Schultz the action of the Mayor was confirmed. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McNeish, resolved that contractors and others be requested to dump all good soil taken from excavations etc in Victoria Park east, and that Engineer place grade stakes throughout the Park.

A recommendation by the Fire & Light Committee that street arc light be placed at the corner of Mahon Avenue an 2nd Street and Mahon and 4th Street was on motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman McNeish. Passed by the Council.

The following matters were referred to the Engineer for attention, replacing broken plank in sidewalk on west side of Lonsdale Avenue between 17th and 19th Streets. That Boulevard in front of Masonic Temple be cut down to grade and that temporary wooden sidewalk be laid from material on hand, the grading to be charged to Local Improvement.

That matter of turning surface water off Lonsdale Avenue at 17th & 18th Streets be taken up with the foreman.

That sample of water obtained by Engineer from Rice Lake be analyzed.

The Clerk was directed to communicate with Messrs. Wm. Marden and A.E. Kealy and request them to attend the hearing of New Westminster on Tuesday next of the application being made by the City to use Rice Lake as a storage reservoir.

The Clerk was also instructed to communicate with the Executive of the Ratepayers Association and suggest that one or two of its members attend the hearing.

Signed: Wm. H. May, Mayor