

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Worship Mayor McNeish presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the 16th and of the Special Meeting of the 19th instant, copies of which had been previously mailed to each member of the Council, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith adopted by Council.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Frank J. Clarke, Secretary Bureau of Provincial Information, Victoria, intimating that the Agent General for British Columbia in London was desirous of securing information regarding offers of Municipal Bonds for sale, specifications and forms of tender for public works and supplies to enable British firms to submit tenders. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae resolved that information be forwarded to Agent General from time to time.

From C.J. Fagan, Secretary B.C. Anti Tuberculosis Society, Victoria, notifying Council that a meeting of the Court of Governors of the society will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, on Friday the 10th February 1911 at 8 P.M. and calling attention to a clause appearing in the Constitution that Municipalities making a grant of a sum of money equal to \$30.00 for every one thousand population shall benefited to nominate an annual Governor and for every five thousand subscribed to nominate a life Governor. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Henderson communication laid on the table.

From E.H. Bridgeman, Lonsdale Estate, re Heywood Park, advising that he had received a letter from Mr. D.P. Fell, in which he was asked to inform the Council that the owners of the Lonsdale Estate have every intention of granting the City a Park area as arranged, but that it is quite impossible to complete the transaction until the subdivision has been registered. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith referred to Parks Committee.

From J.C. Burniston, Secretary N.V. City Band, making application for financial assistance in order to pay the balance of about \$300.00 for uniforms and the running expenses of the band at about \$75.00 per month. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith referred to the Finance Committee.

From J.G. Farmer, Secretary N.V. Board of Trade, advising that at a recent meeting of the Board the matter of the proposed subway from Alexander Street

to the Ferry and Evans Coleman & Evans wharves was considered and a delegation appointed to wait upon the General Superintendent of the CPR with a view to obtain the construction of a separate shallow subway for pedestrian traffic instead of one for combined pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and that the Board would be glad of the cooperation of the City Council in the matter.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson, resolved that the Transportation Committee be instructed to act in conjunction with the City Ferries Ltd. for the purpose of obtaining a satisfactory subway under the CPR tracks.

From Secretary Board of Trade asking Council to consider the advisability of establishing at some convenient point near the Ferry a public weighing machine. On motion of Alderman McRae and Alderman Dick, referred to Transportation Committee.

From Western Engineering Company, re contract for steam road roller asking for one-half of the cost of the roller to be paid forthwith in accordance with the terms of the contract.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that a cheque be issued to the Western Engineering Co. for \$1,650.00.

From F.R. Glover, Assistant Manager B.C. Electric Railway Co acknowledging receipt of communication giving notice of Council's intention to black pave Lonsdale Avenue and asking to be furnished with a copy of the profile together with full particulars of the work proposed to be undertaken and any special views with respect to the type of construction which the Council has discussed.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson, and referred to Board of Works and City Engineer.

From C.A. Lett and Son calling attention to petition presented some time ago asking for the paving of First Street and wishing to know when work is likely to be commenced and of what nature. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Kittson, referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer Hanes recommending that Bylaws be passed authorizing the construction of branch sewers on the Esplanade, First, Second, Third and on Lonsdale Avenue from 19th Street to 23rd Street under subsection 10 and 11, section 256, of the "Municipal Clauses Act", the estimated cost of which was the sum of \$80,000.

from August George and Ambrose Johnson, Indian Reserve, making claims for damage done to houses and fruit trees through blasting operations carried on by City in constructing sewers on Forbes Avenue. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that writers be communicated with and informed that Council will take their claims and any other claims into consideration when work is completed.

From M.C. Wiggins asking for 20th Street to be opened to give access to Lots 29, 30, 31, Block 8, D.L. 549, for building purposes.

On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson referred to Board of Works.

From North Vancouver Lumber Co., informing Council that they are delivering material to Messrs. MacDonnell Gzowski and Company for construction work on the sewers and asking Council to protect them for the amount of their accounts, a copy of which would be mailed to the City.

Alderman Dick moved that Company be informed that Council consider this matter between themselves and the Contractors, the Contractors being under bonds for the due performance of the work, and that if they fail to collect the amount of their bills on presentation to MacDonnell Gzowski & Co. that the City Council be immediately notified.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to.

T.S. Wilton and seven other residents in the vicinity asking for a sidewalk to be constructed on Mahon Avenue from 19th Street to 22nd Street and 250 feet west on 22nd Street.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae referred to Board of Works.

A petition T.S. Twilton and seven other residents in the vicinity asking for a street arc light to be installed at the intersection of 22nd Street and Mahon Avenue.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae and agreed to.

Messrs. D.G. Dick and W.J. Irwin duly appointed delegation from the Board of Trade waited upon the Council and asked for financial assistance to send one or two delegates to Ottawa in connection with the presentation of a petition from the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. for a subsidy towards the construction of the second narrows bridge and connecting railroads. Application was also made to the District Council for aid.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Dick referred to Finance Committee to report next Thursday evening.

A letter was received from the City Solicitor reporting on search made against Lot 855 conveyed the information that the Hastings shingle Manufacturing Company had a certain right-of-way through the lot for fluming purposes, which expires on 30th April 1911, but which could be cancelled at any time on giving 30 days notice.

Alderman Dick explained that this agreement with the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Co. had been cancelled by the owners Messrs. Meyhew and Harlow six months ago, although possibly it was not a matter of record.

Alderman Dick read a letter received from R.D. Wood & Co., Philadelphia, requesting to be furnished with specifications for cast iron water pipe. Referred to Water Commissioners.

A plan of subdivision of portion of D.L. 544 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Dick. Passed by the Council. Alderman Henderson deprecating the course pursued by the owners in subdividing the property into 33 foot lots.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lot 13, Block 4, D.L. 616, approved of by the City Engineer was next considered. Alderman Henderson moved that the portion of the subdivision fronting on 17th Street be approved and that the portion fronting on 18th Street be referred back to the owners with a suggestion that he get in communication with the adjoining owners so as to insure the opening of 18th Street to provide access to the lots in his sub-division. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McRae the City Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the City Solicitor what position the City Council would be in if they passed a plan which did not provide access to the lots in a subdivision.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 19th instant was read to the meeting. A supplementary report by the City Engineer on matters referred to him for report was also read to the meeting.

Alderman Henderson moved that adoption of the Committees report and that the request of the Canadian Financiers be acceded to on condition that they construct sidewalks in conformity with those already laid by the City, and that the application of the Seymour Lumber Co. for a grant for building road be referred back to the Board of Works to go over the ground and report at next meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

Alderman Henderson moved the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to unanimously.

“Resolved:

1. That having regard to the importance of insuring the commencement of street improvement work in the City at the earliest possible date, the Board of Works Committee recommend that the Council take the initiative under the Local Improvement Sections of the “Municipal Clauses Act” and carry out the following works of Local Improvement:

- a) Grade to permanent grade for full width the Esplanade from east side of Forbes Avenue to the east side of Roger's Avenue and from the west side of Lonsdale Avenue to the east side of St. Patrick's Avenue to the east side of St. David's Avenue, and construct 10' wooden sidewalks and curbs on each side.

- b) Grade to permanent grade of full width First Street from east side of Forbes Avenue to east side St. David's and construct 12' concrete walks on each side, pave the roadway with wood black pavement with concrete curbs on each side.
 - c) Grade to permanent grade for full width Second Street from west side Lonsdale Avenue to east side St. David's Avenue and construct 10' wooden sidewalks on each side with suitable curbs.
 - d) Grade to permanent grade for full width Lonsdale Avenue from the water front to the north side of Upper Keith Road, and construct 12' concrete walks on each side with concrete curbs.
2. And that the City Engineer be instructed to forthwith commence the surveys, taking of levels and the preparation of plans, profiles and estimates, etc. and report to the Council on the above works of local improvement.
 3. And that the City Clerk thereafter publishes the necessary statutory notices in the local newspaper and give any further notice required by statute.
 4. And that the City Engineer and the City Clerk be authorized to engage instructions, and that a separate account be kept of such expense and charged to the respective street improvement.

The Mayor gave in the following written recommendations for the consideration of the Council.

"Gentlemen:

I think you will all agree with me that we should to the best of our ability, endeavor to fulfill whatever pledges we may have given to the Ratepayers.

The matters to which I desire to bring to your notice refer to:

- (a) The collection and disposal of offal and household refuse.
- (b) The supervision of house sanitation such as drainage, septic tanks, and plumbing, and the construction of chimneys in such a manner to ensure protection from fire.

We have now under construction a comprehensive system of sewers which when completed should place the City from a sanitary point of view in the first rank as a Residential resort. It is usual and customary when sewers are ready to receive house drainage to have all drainage connections, sanitary fittings and plumbing closely and efficiently supervised by a properly qualified

official. In order that these matters may receive the requisite attention, I will with your permission recommend the following resolutions.

1. That the Board of Works and the Board of Health take joint action in providing a suitable scavenging cart with the necessary teamster, team and stabling for the collection of offal and household refuse, and the performance of other incidental scavenging work.
2. That the City Engineer report to the Board of Health, the best method of dealing with and disposing of the daily collection of offal and household refuse, for the time being, and that the City Engineer collect for the information of the Council and the Board of Health all available data as to the cost and most efficient type of incinerator suitable for installing in an approved location within the City Limits.
3. That the Board of Works and the Board of Health jointly confer and draw up a list of duties for the Office of Sanitary and Building Inspector, and bring up to the Council a recommendation for securing by public advertisement the services of a competent and properly qualified Official to fill the dual office of Sanitary and Building Inspection.
4. That the City Clerk obtain from other City Municipalities in the Dominion or elsewhere, copies of Regulations that may be in force for regulating modern sanitation, and if possible obtain particulars of duties of officials engaged in that department of Public Work.

With reference to the installation of an incineration personally, I am of opinion that we may be able by properly utilizing a convenient dumping ground and burning the refuse to defer the heavy cost of providing an incinerator for a year or two but it is well to have all the information in relation thereto collected as early as possible.

As time is the essence of progress in this years Civic work I would impress upon those who compose the Board of Works and the Board of Health to take prompt action to give effect to the Resolutions which I have the honour of submitting to you provided you approve of them.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor

Alderman McRae moved that the recommendation of the Mayor be concurred and referred to the Committees to which same appertain to bring in report with a view to their being carried out. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

Alderman McRae, Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith were appointed the representatives of the City Council to the Joint Civic Advertising Committee.

The Mayor intimated that there would be a joint meeting of the City and District Councils and the executive of the Board of Trade in the City Hall tomorrow evening to hear the promoters of this Scenic Railway proposals.

Alderman Kittson reported that on two occasions within the last ten days while traveling on the Lonsdale Avenue cars he had observed that the airbrakes had refused to work, and that on one occasion the hand-brake was also out of order, and the Motorman had to reverse the current before he could stop the car to let passengers off at street intersections.

Alderman Henderson moved that a communication be addressed to the manager of the B.C. Electric Railway Co setting forth these facts and requesting that the gravity of the matter be looked into and dealt with at once.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

The Procedure Bylaw was referred to the Finance Committee for revision. The following Bylaws were introduced, read a first, second and third times and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 148 being a bylaw to acquire certain land for use of lanes within D.L. 274.

Bylaw No. 149 being a bylaw to open up and widen 18th Street from the west side of St. Andrew's Avenue to the east side of Mahon Avenue to a uniform width of 66'.

Bylaw No. 150 being a Bylaw to authorize the grading and construction of wooden walks and curbs on Second Street from Lonsdale Avenue to Forbes Avenue and to authorize arrangements being made for temporary advances or loans for meeting the cost of the work until completion.

Bylaw No. 151 being a Bylaw to authorize the construction of combined main and common sewers on Forbes Avenue and 3rd Street and common sewers on the Esplanade, 1st and 2nd Streets.

Bylaw No. 152 being a Bylaw to authorize the construction of branch sewers on the Esplanade, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Bylaw No. 153, being a bylaw to authorize the grading and wood block paving and the construction of concrete sidewalks and curbs and a sanitary sewer and sewer connections on Lonsdale Avenue, from south boundary of 13th Street to North boundary of 18th Street.

Bylaw No. 154, being a Bylaw to authorize the grading and wood block paving and the construction of concrete walks and curbs and sanitary sewers and sewer connections on Lonsdale avenue from the north boundary of Upper Keith Road to south boundary of 15th Street.

Alderman Henderson moved that the City Engineer be instructed to continue the work of clearing, blasting and burning stumps on streets. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

Alderman Dick moved that the Engineer be instructed to call Tenders for the approximate amount of cast iron pipe required during the current year. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

Alderman Dick moved that all the employees in the Board of Works and Water Works Departments be under the charge of the City Engineer and that he be and is hereby authorized to engage the foreman with full power to hire and discharge workmen at his discretion.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor