

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

His Worship Mayor McNeish presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. a copy of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read, and on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Dick confirmed by the Council.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From F.B. Cummer asking to have stumps on roadway at corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and St. George's Avenue removed. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. Jessie Cant asking to have 22<sup>nd</sup> Street opened up to west side of Block 204, D.L. 544. Referred to Board of Works.

From Ed J. Down, and C. Caliphronas asking for sidewalk on Jones Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From R.J. Fowler, requesting 27<sup>th</sup> Street to be opened up from Chesterfield Avenue to Mahon Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. stating that his company was thoroughly investigating the matter of alleged deficient brakes and would report later. Referred to Transportation Committee.

From Mrs. Follis requesting permission to allow outlet from septic tank connected with Elwood Block to empty into box drain recently installed on north side of Esplanade. Referred to Board of Works.

From John F. Yates requesting grade for building to be erected by him on Lots 5 and 6, Block 115, D.L. 274. On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson referred to Engineer to report upon.

From John F. Yates, requesting Keith Road to be rough-graded and sidewalk laid to Lots 5 and 6, Block 115, D.L. 274, and intimating that he is prepared to give deed to City of his portion of the alley if same is opened up. Referred to Board of Works.

From Chief of Police Davis recommending that steps be taken to provide a new site for City pound or to repair present buildings. Referred to Engineer and Board of Works.

From City Engineer reporting that water works department is being held up with the construction of new water main by not being able to build screening tank at the Intake. In explanation the Engineer stated that about the end of November the necessary excavations had been made for the tank within the dam site, but upon objections being made by the District Council operations ceased.

Alderman Smith moved that the Water Works Foreman be instructed to proceed immediately with the construction of the tank, and that City Solicitor be instructed to obtain possession of the dam site. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

From City Engineer reporting that he and the Chairman of the Board of Works conferred with Mr. Mahon of the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. and the City Solicitor regarding Forbes Avenue sewer outlet and learned that the Land Company had a crown grant of the foreshore of Mahon Avenue produced, and that sewer outlet is being constructed on this property in a location approved of by Mr. Mahon. Filed.

From W.T. Graham making application for position of Janitor of City Hall at salary of \$20.00 per month. Referred to Chief of Police.

From J.T. Fox, Water Works Foreman, making application for salary to be raised to \$150.00 per month. Referred to Water Committee.

Applications received from Walter Bittrum and J.R. Brownlow for position of Sanitary Inspector were received and filed for future reference.

From Fire Chief recommending purchase of hose wagon offered an accompanying letter from Geo. W. Hoffman, Seattle, for sum of \$300.00, duty and freight \$82.50. Referred to Chairman of Fire & Light Committee with power to act.

From City Clerk reporting that by a recent amendment of the Health Act the constitution of a local Board of Health has been altered and now consists of the Council of each Municipality, that in Sanitary Regulations issued by Provincial Board of Health the duties of Sanitary Inspector are defined, the duties of Building Inspector are defined in Building Bylaw and duties of Plumbing Inspector in Plumbing Bylaw. Referred to Board of Works and Board of Health.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, N.V. Ferries Ltd., informing Council that Ferry Directors have fully considered matter of subway and been in conference with the General Superintendent of the C.P.R. regarding the matter and that Council will receive due notice when undertaking has arrived at stage when co-operation of City Council may be deemed advisable. Filed.

From Provincial Secretary stating for information of Council that Messrs. R. Chas. Biss (Alderman) and Albert Richard Steacy, have been appointed members of the Board of Licensing Commissioners, and that Messrs. A.J. Henderson (Alderman) and Colin F. Jackson have been appointed members of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of North Vancouver.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, Board of City School Trustees submitting detailed estimate of ordinary expenses for school maintenance for year 1911, also a detailed estimate of extraordinary expenses for the current year. The former amounting to \$17,823.00 and the latter to \$46,000. Referred to Finance Committee.

The City Clerk to intimate to the School Trustees that the estimate will be considered by the Committee at a meeting to be held next Thursday evening.

The following petitions were received from J.R.J. Murray and others asking Council to name date when deputation may be heard regarding opening up and laying sewers on St. David's Avenue, Third and Fourth Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

Petitioners to be notified that the matter will be taken into consideration by Board of Works Committee at Meeting to be held next Thursday evening.

From John Chivers and sixteen other property owners requesting sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> Street west from Mahon Avenue to connect with Keith Road, also completion of sidewalk on 6<sup>th</sup> to Forbes Avenue; also street light at corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Forbes Avenue.

Referred to Board of Works and Light Committee.

From Harold Snow and others requesting sidewalk on south side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Boulevard to Lot 7, Block 11, D.L. 616. Referred to Board of Works.

From John Stewart and five other firemen requesting increase of \$10.00 per month in wages and longer hours off duty.

Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

Alderman Smith inquired if the Contractor for new Fire Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> Street had furnished bond and executed contract. The question was answered in the negative, thereupon Alderman Smith moved that the Architect be notified that the contractor be not allowed to proceed with the work until he furnish the necessary bond and enter into form of contract with the City. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

Alderman Dick moved that 50% of the Water Works foreman's salaries for month of January be charged to Forbes Avenue, Main Sewer local improvement. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 237, D.L. 544, 545 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith. Passed by Council.

A plan of subdivision of Block 232A, D.L. 546 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick. Passed by Council.

A plan of subdivision of portion of Block 230, D.L. 544, 545 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith. Passed by Council.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 44, D.L. 271, with accompanying report from City Engineer was next considered. The Engineer reported that sixteen lots of this proposed subdivision are in a ravine from 40 to 60' deep with a large creek running through the block. That the lots at present are practically inaccessible and may remain so if City should build a bridge across the ravine, the lots would therefore not be accessible as building lots. He was of the opinion that the plan should show the creek and contour of the ground.

On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick the Engineer report was received and the plan referred to the Board of Works Committee to consider and report upon.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (General, Police, School, Board of Health), Board of Works (Street clearing and local improvement), Water Works and Fire & Light Committees, on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following, viz:

Finance	
General	566.30
Police	468.90
Schools	1,176.35
Board of Health	52.00
Board for Works	
Street Clearing	2,392.80
Local Improvement	1,814.70
Water Works	993.35
Fire & Light	575.10

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant was read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the lanes etc. Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant was also read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the Parks etc. Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant was also read to and adopted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Henderson, it was resolved that with reference to the communications received from Mr. Bridgeman and advise him that having regard to the Engineer's objections to the plan of subdivision of D.L. 522 being upheld by His Honor Judge Murphy that Mr. Bridgeman be informed that the original agreement entered into between Mr. Fell and the City Council must be considered as binding between the respective parties, but with the object of promoting a friendly feeling between the City Council and Mr. Fell, the City Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Bridgeman that the Council is willing to agree to the new boundary line on the east side of the Park this offer being without prejudice to the agreement referred to. The Park Committee being of the opinion that as the City has lived up to its part of the agreement think that the Council is quite justified in asking that the deed be granted at once.

The report of Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> instant was read to and on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith adopted by the Council. A subsequent recommendation by the Committee that a light be installed at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mahon Avenue was accepted by the Council.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committees Minutes of the 26<sup>t</sup> instant was read to and on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman McRae adopted by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. was read to and adopted by the Council.

In reference to the application made by the Seymour Lumber Co. for a grant towards the construction of new plank road in the City Limits the Engineer reported that about 2200 lineal feet of the road was cleared and rough-graded and a fair estimate of the cost of same would be about 20' per lineal foot or a total cost of \$440.00. Alderman Henderson moved that the Council contribute the sum of \$440.00 to the Seymour Lumber Co. for clearing and rough-grading a right-of-way for new plank road erected by them with the City Limits. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to.

In regard to an application made by Mr. Creamer for a culvert to be constructed over the creek in the alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Block 133, D.L. 224, the Engineer reported that such culvert was necessary in order to give Mr. Creamer access to the lots where he proposes to build a large stable. Alderman Henderson moved that the City Engineer be instructed to carry out the work, the motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

Alderman McRae reported that he had arranged with Mayor Taylor that a meeting of representatives from the various Municipalities adjacent to Burrard Inlet to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern, to be held in the City Hall, Vancouver, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, February at 2:30 p.m. The Clerk was instructed to inform the different Councils of this meeting and Alderman McRae and Alderman Henderson were appointed Council's representatives to attend the meeting.

Alderman Dick moved that the Council communicate with Mr. Carter Cotton member in the Legislative Assembly for this District and call his attention and the attention of the Government to the injustice that the City and District of North Vancouver is subjected to in the manner of coal supply, as the colliery owners refuse to supply coal to any reputable dealers in the District, but force them to purchase through coal dealers in Vancouver, from whom at present time no regular supply is obtainable and that this Council humbly urge upon the Government that such steps be taken as will remove this unjust restriction of trade and allow the City and District to purchase their fuel direct from the colliery on the same basis as Vancouver City.

Alderman Dick moved that the City Clerk ascertain definitely from the District Council when they intend to proceed with the work of local improvement of the Lynn Valley Road, and that the City Engineer be instructed to make the utmost possible haste in connecting up the new water main. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

Alderman Henderson gave in report of recent conference had by City and District Councils and executive of Board of Trade with promoters of Grouse Mountain Scenic Railway and Grouse Mountain Scenic and Incline Railway at which the respective proposals of the two companies were outlined. He also reported that at a meeting of residents of the City and District held last Saturday night a resolution was passed deciding the urge upon the Government that if a charter is granted to any company that the following protective clauses be inserted in such charter:

1. That construction of the railway be commenced not later than June 1, 1911.
2. That the railway be completed and in operation not later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1912.
3. That the District Council or its successors be empowered to purchase the undertaking in ten or twenty years at an arbitrated value of the capital invested.
4. That the Government Inspector satisfy himself as to the safety of the traveling public in respect to grades.

5. That the legal representative of the City and District recommend such additional clauses to be inserted as may be deemed prudent in the interests of the City and District.
6. That representatives of the City and District council and Board of Trade be appointed to attend the hearing of the applications before the railway committee at Victoria.

Mayor McNeish and Alderman Henderson were named as the City's representatives.

Alderman Henderson moved that His Work Mayor McNeish and Alderman Dick be appointed delegates from this Council to proceed to Ottawa and support the application being made by the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co. for a grant from the Dominion Government of at least \$300,000 towards the cost of constructing the second narrows bridge and \$6,400 per mile for connecting railways. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith, the City Engineer was given power to act in the matter of providing a temporary dumping ground for garbage and other household refuse.

Bylaw No. 155, being a Bylaw to amend the schedule of water rates and charges in the Water Works Bylaw 1907, was introduced read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council. The Schedule of water rates was referred to the Water Committee for revision before reconsideration of the Bylaw.

Bylaw Nos. 150, 151, 152, 153 and 154, the several local improvement authorization Bylaws passed at last meeting were again read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaws and the Clerk to affix the Corporate seal thereto.

Alderman Henderson moved that the Debentures to be issued under authority of Bylaws Nos. 142, 143, 144 and 145 amounting in all to \$141,000 be offered for sale. Tenders to be lodged not later than 8 p.m. on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

The City Engineer was instructed to prepare a rough estimate of cost of several works of local improvement proposed to be carried out this year and submit same to the Chairman of the Finance and Board of Works Committee with a view to arrangements being made with the Bank for temporary advances or loans for meeting the cost of the work.

The Fire & Light Committee recommended that the salary of the Fire Chief be increased to \$100 per month, that Samuel McDowell be appointed Captain at a

salary of \$75.00 per month, and that the Firemen's wages be increased to \$65.00 per month.

On motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Henderson the Committee's recommendation was accepted by the Council.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor