

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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 13th instant and of the special meetings held on the 16th instant, copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith confirmed by the Council.

From F. Carter Cotton, acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed by Council respecting D.L.'s 856 and 857. Filed.

From Herbert Crabtree complaining of probable danger from tall, dead tree standing on Lot 1, Block 2, D.L. 547, and asking Council to have same removed. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson, Engineer was instructed to investigate and report to City Clerk and if tree is found dangerous City Clerk to notify the owners to have tree cut down within ten days, failing which Engineer to have the necessary work done and the cost charged to the property.

From Mrs. M. Harris making application to have lane at rear of Block 20, D.L. 548, opened up. Referred to Board of Works.

From F. Tuck, requesting payment of \$25.00 for removal of stump in lane in Block 141, D.L. 274. Referred to City Engineer to investigate and report.

From Alex Grant, J. Rowe, Assistant City Clerk. requesting sidewalk to be constructed on 8th Street from Boulevard west to Lots 15 and 16, Block 101, D.L. 550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Jack Loutet requesting payment of \$100.00 - balance of fee as Assessor. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C. requesting payment of account for \$486.13 rendered in December last and applying for payment of an account amounting to \$4.95 for building culverts on the Lynn Valley Road. On motion of Alderman Smith, City Engineer instructed to inspect work done on the Lillooet Road and report to the Council.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd., recommending that the Bank of Hamilton be granted the privilege of transferring the bonds to be issued under authority of the Ferry Aid Bylaw to the purchasers in the instant. The Clerk reported that according to the Tender, delivery was to

be made at the Bank of British North America, Vancouver, and he was instructed to inform the Ferry Directors accordingly.

From McDonell, Gzowski & Co. notifying Council that Engineer Was withholding payments that are due them under their sewer contracts with the City, and forwarding their Solicitors opinion as to the meaning of Paragraph (25) in the General Conditions of Contract. Referred to City Solicitor for opinion.

From H. Bose, Secretary-Treasurer, UBCM forwarding copies of minutes of executive meeting and copy of constitution as amended in respect to enlarging the eligibility of delegates also drawing attention to resolution passed at last convention that all resolutions for consideration at next convention should be in the hands of Secretary-Treasurer by 15th September, intimating that next convention will be held in Victoria and respectfully requesting that membership fee for the current year be remitted. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson, resolved that membership fee of \$10.00 be paid.

From Arthur B. Cather, Secretary, Greater Vancouver and Contiguous Municipal League forwarding copy of minutes of 1st meeting of League held at the City Hall, Vancouver, on Tuesday, February 14th, outlining the object of the League and requesting Council to consider certain action taken at that meeting re Old People's Home, assessment of registered owners, freight rates, trunk roads and laws governing local improvements.

From City Engineer Hanes with letter received by him from District Engineer Cosgrove intimating that the work of clearing, grading and macadamizing the Lynn Valley Road from Hastings Creek bridge to the City boundary will commence at once, and asking the Engineer to have the necessary measures taken to insure the safety of all City property to which the Engineer replied in the following terms:

That the only property the City possessed on the Lynn Valley Road were the two water mains and the feeders in connection therewith, and that the obligation of protecting these mains during the execution of road improvements rested entirely with the District Council. That on the 16th instant while the District Council's men were blasting stumps south of the Lynn Valley store a length of the new 16" main was damaged which would have to be replaced by the City, that last fall the District foreman blasted out all the stumps on each side of the trench for the 16" main which he considered would damage the new main if blown out after the pipes were laid and the main in operation.

The Engineer asked the District Engineer to exercise the greatest care while working in close proximity to the City's water mains and requested him to submit his letter to the District Council at its next meeting. It was questioned whether District Engineer had written under instructions from his Council and the City Clerk was instructed to communicate direct with the District Council in terms similar to that contained in the City Engineer's letter.

The report of City Auditor Thomason, with financial statements for the year 1910 were referred to the Finance Committee. The Clerk in the meantime to furnish each member of the Council with a copy.

From T.W. Thomasson resigning appointment as Auditor of the City to date from January 1st, 1911. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

From John D. Foreman and J.C. Walker offering to sell to the City the south half of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 adjoining the City Ferry wharf on the east side of Lonsdale Avenue with a frontage of over 100' on Lonsdale Avenue and 100' on the foreshore for the sum of \$150,000. Messrs. Foreman and Walker were prepared to accept City bonds in payment. Alderman Dick moved that the offer be refused on the ground that the price is exorbitant; adjoining property could be purchased for \$750 per foot front. Alderman Kittson seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Alderman Dick inquired if the account incurred to Mr. Henry Woods for drawing plans of septic tank in 1907 was ever paid. Referred to Clerk to investigate and report.

The following plans of sub-division with reports thereon by the City Engineer were considered by the Council.

Plan of proposed sub-division of Block 220C, D.L.'s 544 etc. on motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman McRae resolved that plan be approved, provided lanes are shown thereon.

Plan of proposed subdivision of Block 44, D.L. 271, showing ravine and creek running through property. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith, resolved that plan be approved.

Proposed subdivision of Lot 1, Block 3, D.L. 547, this plan was not approved of by the City Engineer and on motion of Alderman Dick it was referred to the Board of Works and City Engineer to investigate.

Plan of proposed subdivision of Lots 14 and 15, D.L. 616, on motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson, resolved that south half of subdivision be accepted and that Council refuse to approve of north half of subdivision until access is provided to the property.

Plan of proposed subdivision of Block 226, D.L. 544 and 545, on motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith, resolved that plan be approved of by the Council.

Plan of proposed subdivision of Block 227, D.L. 545, on motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith, resolved that progress estimate of \$2,387 in favor of M.P. Cotton Co. Ltd. for work done on storm sewer be paid.

The report of the Parks Etc. Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 16th instant was read to and on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Kittson adopted by the Council.

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 16th instant was also read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 16th instant was also read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 16th instant was also read to and on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman McRae, adopted by the Council.

A report of the City Engineer on the opening of lanes at the rear of Lots facing on Lonsdale Avenue from the southerly side of 8th Street to the water front according to plan as a work of local improvement on the initiative principle was read to the meeting. On motion of Alderman Henderson resolved that report be considered by Council in Committee of the Whole on Thursday evening next.

On motion of Alderman McRae resolved that special meeting of the Council be held tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock to consider estimates of the current year.

Alderman Henderson moved the following series of resolutions:

1. "That the Council vary improvement work on Lonsdale Avenue already sanctioned from 18th Street to City Limits, and substitute wood block paving on a concrete foundation in lieu of ordinary rock macadamizing - and cement sidewalks in lieu of planked sidewalks".
2. "That a storm water drain be constructed before black paving is executed on 19th Street from the ravine in D.L. 547 to the Street intersection with Lonsdale Avenue and thence along Lonsdale Avenue terminating at the City Limits".
3. "That the above works be done by initiative of the council under the local improvement Section 256, subsection 22, of the "Municipal Clauses Act".
4. "That the B.C. Electric Railway Co be notified of the above intended works and that the City Engineer inquire as to whether it is the intention of the Company when putting its car tracks to permanent grade on Lonsdale Avenue and First Street to substitute double tracks in lieu of the single

tracks, and further to ascertain whether the company will execute their permanent grades at the same time the local improvement works are under construction”.

5. “That the City Engineer prepare a form of requisition for obtaining the necessary number of signatures from property owners on Lonsdale Avenue requesting that the Avenue throughout be lighted with cluster lights on the necessary cast iron columns, such requisition and signatures being required under Section 50, subsection 148B of the “Municipal Clauses Act’.
6. “That the City Engineer be authorized to prepare the necessary profiles, plans and specifications and estimates for storm sewers and grading on all avenues between Forbes Avenue and St. Davids from the water front to Third Street and report on the initiative”.

Resolution No. 1 was passed in the negative, a majority of the Council being of the opinion that if property owners wish permanent improvements, petition should be presented to the Council.

Resolution No. 5 with reference to Cluster Lights was passed in the negative.

Bylaw No. 157, being the “Lanes Purchase Bylaw” amending Bylaw No. 2, 1911, was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate seal thereto.

Bylaw No. 158, “Temporary Loan Bylaw” for \$25,000 was also read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 159, the Mayor and Aldermen’s indemnity Bylaw, 1911, was also read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed, and sealed as above.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Henderson, Alderman McRae was appointed Acting Mayor during the absence of His Worship Mayor McNeish in Ottawa.

On motion of Alderman Dick, seconded by Alderman McRae, Council went into Committee of the Whole.

A letter received from the City Treasurer regarding his being appointed Assessor for the year 1912, was referred to the Finance Committee to be taken into consideration one month hence.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson, resolved that City Treasurer Humphreys be temporarily vested with the powers of assessor under subsection "C" of Section 136, of the Municipal Clauses Act with respect of making alterations in the assessment roll.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Kittson, Council adjourned.

Signed: Geo. W. McRae, Acting Mayor