

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

His Worship Mayor McNeish presiding and all the Aldermen present, excepting Alderman Dick.

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and adopted.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Hemphill Bros. Ltd., re the establishment of a "White City" Amusement Park in Lonsdale Gardens.

Upon being granted leave the Promoters of the enterprise addressed the Council relative to their proposition and submitted plans and specifications of the project, also extracts from Vancouver City Council's minutes favoring the park being established in Hastings Townsite.

A letter was also read from J.C. Keith asking the Council to close that portion of the Esplanade running through Lonsdale Gardens to enable him to grant a lease of the Gardens for five years. He was prepared to enter into an agreement with the City whereby he would undertake to reopen the street again at the expiration of the lease or whenever called upon to do so. He reminded the Council that he had purchased the Gardens for a suitable site for a railway terminus and was keeping the land and foreshore for that purpose. On motion of Alderman Henderson referred to Committee of the Whole Council for investigation and report.

From North Shore Locators making complaint regarding ditch carrying sewage running south about 50' west of Chesterfield Avenue. Referred to Board of Health and Sanitary Inspector for attention.

From Sister Mary Amy making application for 2" connection with water main on Keith Road for fire protection purposes St. Paul's School. Referred to Water Committee.

From Ward, Burmester & von Graevenitz, asking to have boulders removed from street in front of their office, 117 Fifth Street west. Referred to Engineer.

From Green Armytage asking to have large stump removed on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street near his property. Referred to Engineer.

From Elder, Murray Co. asking to have stumps cleared off St. Andrew's Avenue abutting Lot 1, Block 153, D.L. 274. Referred to Engineer.

From Robt. Currie making application for 6<sup>th</sup> Street to be opened up between St. David's and St. Andrew's Avenues for building purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

From Chas. Templer wishing two more planks to complete work of crossing over ditch on 15<sup>th</sup> Street in front of his property. Referred to Engineer.

From Wm. S. Vivian claiming compensation for damages done to property through blasting operations by City workmen. Referred to City Engineer to investigate and report.

From Benson Gladwin and others asking to have a lane opened up through Block 97, D.L. 274. Referred to Board of Works.

From Evans, Coleman & Evans Ltd. informing Council that they have large quantities of the very best Scotch pipe on the way to Vancouver, some being due to arrive in April and 3,000 tons in June. Filed.

From Hope and Barker intimating that it has been arranged for the Fire Hall contract to be carried out by their Mr. Campbell Hope.

From A. Campbell Hope with Tender by Mr. Jay the Contractor for sealing in of the Engine room etc. in the new Fire Hall. The Committees instructions as regards to the placing of the main feed wire as far as the panel box in metal conduit had been placed in hand. Referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

From Dr. J.J. Thomson, M.H.O., re sanitary condition of 19<sup>th</sup> Street east, advising that the work of improving the condition of septic tank effluent being done by the City and charged to the property. Engineer asked to return estimate of cost of putting in a collecting drain.

From Western Engineering Co. advising that the road roller had been shipped by steamship leaving London, England on March 11<sup>th</sup> and would arrive in Vancouver about the middle of May, delay had been caused by the B.C. Government steam boiler inspection department being a long time in passing the drawing and specifications of the boilers.

From J.G. Farmer, Secretary of Board of Trade, with copy resolution passed by the Board inspecting conservation of water supply in the Lynn, Capilano and Seymour Valleys. Referred to Water Committee.

From U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. advising that they are prepared to execute bonds on behalf of Messrs. Romano Pinto & Co. guaranteeing the completion of

storm sewer contracts. The company was financially able to carry on the work to City's entire satisfaction.

From Messrs. Mahon, McFarland & Proctor re placing telephone and electric light wires over the north half of Lot 61, Block 166, D.L. 274, they would have to consult with Mr. Hadden the owner who was in England.

From E. Bucan, Agent Bank Hamilton, Vancouver re bank granting City right-of-way to carry wires over northeasterly portion of banks property at corner of Lonsdale Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He did not think bank could be expected to give right-of-way without consideration and wishing to know what City is prepared to do in this respect.

From W. Thomas, Gas and Water Engineer, offering to contract for the laying of gas and water pipes on the percentage basis. Filed for future reference.

From City Engineer recommending that a meter be placed on the work supply pipe to the Seymour lumber Company's yards in order that an accurate record be obtained of the water used. He believed the City Water was being used for keeping the mill pond full of water. Referred to Water Committee.

From City Engineer recommending that Tender be called for the supply of 150 cases stumping powder, 100 coils fuse and 50 boxes caps. On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Kittson resolved that recommendations be adopted and that Clerk make application to Lieutenant Governor in Council for Special License to store powder.

From City Engineer recommending that steps be taken to acquire Mahon Avenue and Forbes Avenue Street ends from Mr. Mahon. It was very essential that City should have possession of this property. The Mayor and Alderman Henderson were appointed a Committee to interview Mr. Mahon.

From City Engineer recommending that Messrs. Garden & Taylor, B.C. Land Surveyors, be engaged to make a survey and plan for registration in the Land Registry Office of the Lonsdale Avenue widening improvement, 21<sup>st</sup> Street to City Limits, 18<sup>th</sup> Street opening and widening from Mahon Avenue to St. Andrew's Avenue and of the alley opening improvement on each side of Lonsdale Avenue from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to City Limits. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson, resolved that Engineer's recommendation be adopted.

From City Engineer reporting that in order to finish the grading of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at St. David's Avenue which is being done under local improvement, it will be necessary for the B.C. Electric Railway Co to move some 12 x 12 timbers which they have stored on the street allowance, also move fences to proper line and street railway track to the center of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Clerk instructed to request the company to make the above alterations and to ask Mr. Sperling when it would be

convenient for him to have a conference with the Board of Works Committee respecting Lonsdale Avenue and 1st Street local improvements and other matters.

From the City Engineer reporting that Mr. Fugler, the Building, Plumbing and Sanitary Inspector, had commenced work that morning, requesting that a list of registered plumbers be furnished to the Inspector and recommending that Section 39, of the Plumbing Bylaw, be amended so as to eliminate the use of grease pots, also recommending that Sections 49 and 50 of the Plumbing bylaw be amended so that sewer connections from the lot line to the sewer be put in by City workmen. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From City Engineer reporting that in clearing the lanes for three blocks on each side of Lonsdale avenue commencing at the Water front and working northward he found that some of the lanes still belong to private owners and wishing to know whether he should confine the work of clearing the land to those which belonged to the City.

On motion of Alderman Smith resolved that steps be taken to acquire the lanes held by private individuals by purchase, expropriation or otherwise, and that Bylaw be prepared for this purpose.

From City Engineer reporting that he had visited the Wireless Telegraph Station in Victoria Park and found that all the operating instruments had been removed except the leaded jars and storage battery. He had given instructions to have the windows and doors securely fastened. Filed.

From City Engineer recommending that a storm sewer be constructed on 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Lonsdale Avenue from the ravine west of Jones Avenue to the City limits on the initiative of the Council. Estimated cost \$43,500, City's share \$3,540. Consideration deferred.

From City Treasurer wishing to know how to proceed in the matter of making alterations in the assessment roll in the case of transfers. From City Treasurer recommending that further temporary loan Bylaw for \$75,000 be passed by the Council.

From City Clerk with list of claims for damages file in connection with Lonsdale Avenue widening improvement. On motion of Alderman Henderson resolved that matter of assessment be considered as soon as possible by the Council, and City Engineer be instructed to make sewer connections to new property line.

Five Tenders received for Waterworks supplies were opened and referred to the City Engineer to tabulate and report.

Plans of subdivision of Block 218A, D.L. 546, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson. Passed by the Council.

A plan of subdivision of Block 231, D.L. 546, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith and passed by the Council.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Block 77, D.L. 550, was next considered. on motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that approval be withheld.

Plans of subdivision of Block 237, D.L.'s 545 and 546, Block 236, D.L. 546, Block 231A, D.L. 546, previously approved of by the City Engineer were on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith, passed by the Council.

Progress estimate for \$4,695 in favor of M.P. Cotton Co. Ltd. was passed for payment.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant was read to and on motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Biss adopted by the Council.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant was read to and adopted by the Council. the appointment of Mr. Percy S. Howard as Auditor of the City was confirmed by ballot of the Council.

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

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

The Mayor in reporting verbally upon what had been accomplished by the delegation at Ottawa in regard to the second narrows bridge and other matters stated that he could not give a complete report as matters were still awaiting the decision of the Government. He believed, however, that satisfactory arrangements are made with the V.W. and Y. Railway, the subsidy for the bridge would be turned over to the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company.

Re the extension of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street through the Reserve, the City had been able to obtain better terms from the Indian Department than was at first anticipated.

Re Post Office - Circumstances would not permit him to make report at present. A written report would be given in later on the return of all the delegates.

The Mayor also reported that representatives of the City Council, the Ferry Directors and Board of Trade had that morning met with Mr. Busted and other officials of the CPR regarding the construction of a foot bridge over the Company's tracks for the use of foot passengers pending the construction of a permanent subway for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Their decision in the matter was expected in a day or two. The plan of proposed subway was referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report.

Alderman Henderson gave notice that he would introduce at next meeting a Bylaw to establish Fire limits in the City.

Bylaw No. 170, a temporary loan Bylaw for \$75,000 was read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 149, 18<sup>th</sup> Street opening and widening Bylaw, was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign and seal the Bylaw.

Upon being granted leave, Mr. Larson was heard re expediting improvement work on the Esplanade. On motion of Alderman Kittson, the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Works and City Engineer were appointed a Committee to approach the Contractors and urge them very strongly to rush through their contract.

On motion of Alderman Kittson, seconded by Alderman Smith, Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider Amusement Park proposition. After discussion and the Council in the course which expressions were made favoring the project. Alderman McRae moved that the matter be referred to a Committee for careful investigation and report. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to. Alderman Smith, Kittson and Biss along with the Mayor were appointed the Committee.

The Mayor gave in report of interview had with the General Manager of the Bank of British North America in Montreal and Messrs. Wood Gundy & Co. re City finances. The Bank did not wish to act as fiscal agents for the City, but as soon as the City arrange for some other firm to act and submitted the agreement to the Bank, the Bank would let the City know what they would do in regard to advances, and Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Co. were prepared to submit a proposition to the Council regarding their being appointed fiscal agents for the purpose of marketing the City's bonds in London, England. They recommended that future issues be at the rate of 4 1/2 %, they did not wish the City to issue more than \$500,000 this year.

Alderman McRae moved that telegram be sent to Wood, Gundy & Company with information that Council look with favor upon appointing them fiscal agents and ask what offer they have to make for \$500,000, 4 1/2% debentures.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor