

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

His Worship Mayor McNeish presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant copies of which had been furnished each member of the Council were on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman McRae taken as read and adopted by the Council.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From J. Cook, asking permission to cut cedar and timber on Larson, Wolf, Yew, Fir and 21<sup>st</sup> D.L. 547. Mr. Cook to be advised that anyone who desires may cut and carry away timber from street allowances.

From Geo. D. Baxter making complaint regarding over flow of ditch on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Board of Works to investigate and report upon.

From McKinnon and Hixon asking permission to remove portion of sidewalk and replace with substantial plank opposite Lot 57, Block 166, D.L. 274. On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Dick permission granted. The work to be undertaken under supervision of City Engineer.

From Mrs. A. Fotheringham asking to have Moody Avenue cleared from corner of Keith Road to Lyon Place. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. A. Fotheringham making application for water service to Lot 14, Block 105, D.L. 550. Mrs. Fotheringham be asked to make regular form of application.

From Mrs. A. Fotheringham asking for street arc light at corner Keith Road and Moody Avenue. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From North Shore Locators wishing to know what allowance the City is prepared to make for the clearing of lane in Block 10B, D.L. 550. On motion of Alderman Dick North Shore Locators to be advised that there are no funds available for the clearing of lanes especially in what may be termed outside areas.

From Fire Chief Donovan claiming proportionate amount of wages up to 8<sup>th</sup> April the date of expiration of one months notice. On motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Dick claim to be allowed. Chief Donovan to remain on duty until successor appointed.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co, stating that timber was removed from corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and St. David's Avenue last week and the fence removed early on Tuesday morning last, that with reference to the track

plans of proposed "Y" at that point would be laid before the Council for approval at an early date. Filed.

From North Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. Ltd. with information that they would grant the City the right to carry telephone and electric light wires over the small triangular piece of ground, Lot 19, Block 165, D.L. 271, on condition that if they erect a building on the lot the poles and wires would be so placed so as not to interfere with the building. To be acknowledged with thanks.

From Rayburn Jameson, Architect, reporting that the Contractors had started work on City Hall addition but found that boundaries of property could not be properly located and suggesting that the City employ a B.C. Land surveyor in order that boundaries be properly located and new pegs placed.

Alderman Dick informed Council that he knew from personal knowledge that there are iron posts at the corners of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Lonsdale Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and that there should be no difficulty in locating proper boundary lines. The matter was referred to Alderman Dick and City Engineer to attend to the following morning.

From Simpson and Wight making application for payment of \$700.00, final installment of contract for laying out west side of Victoria Park. Referred to Parks Committee.

From Provincial Secretary announcing movement set on foot to enable all the "George's" of the Empire to present a coronation gift to the King, in connection with which it was proposed that subscriptions be accepted from five cents upwards to five dollars. A list of the names of all the Donors but not a list of the amount given by each would be presented to the King. The Government would esteem it a favor if City would receive subscriptions in this vicinity and transmit same to the Department on or about 15<sup>th</sup> May together with list of names of subscribers. Referred to Alderman George McRae.

From A. G. Smith, Registrar of Titles re application to register conveyance from Mayhew & Harlow to the City of Blocks 7, 8, 9, 10, 24 and 25, and a portion of Rice Lake, and that according to the map the boundaries of the lake are not marked after having been surveyed, and that it would be necessary before registration can go through that lake be surveyed and plan of that part in D.L. 855 filed in the Registry Office. Referred to Water Committee.

From City Engineer reporting that Building Inspector had inspected the building being erected by W.B. Lees at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Chesterfield, and which was commenced before the temporary building inspector was appointed. The Engineer recommended that the owner be notified to provide a standard fire escape on the east and west sides of the building. On motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Smith resolved that recommendation of Building Inspector be complied with.

From City Engineer asking permission to purchase 100' of fire hose to be used by Sanitary Inspector during spring and summer months to flush out ditches in various parts of the City and recommending that permission be given to use the fire hydrants for this purpose. The City Engineer was instructed to obtain 100' of used fire hose from Fire Department.

From City Engineer recommending that Plumbing Bylaw be amended so that roof water from buildings may not be allowed to enter sanitary sewers. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith resolved that Bylaw be amended accordingly.

From City Engineer reporting that septic tank at 152 Third Street East rejects above the ground and is a public nuisance and should be condemned. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick resolved that owner be requested to abate the nuisance.

From City Engineer reporting that he had investigated the request made by Messrs. Ward Burmester & von Graevenitz to have boulders removed from street in front of their office on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and believed from inquiries made that boulders were removed from adjoining lots onto the road allowance when property was being cleared. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith, Engineer instructed to have boulders removed.

From City Engineer reporting that he had inquired into the claims made by W.S. Vivian for damages to his green house amounting to \$6.00 and found that some damage was done to the green house last fall while Mahon Avenue was being cleared, and that the necessary reports were made at the time. He did not think the damage referred to by Mr. Vivian was caused by City workmen. Mr. Vivian to be notified that City does not recognize his claim.

From City Engineer recommending that Section 40, of the Plumbing Bylaw be amended so that the work "Trap" be struck out and the words "vent horn" be substituted. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith resolved that Bylaw be amended as suggested.

From H.M. Ellis with copy letter of protest addressed to the Directors of the Ferry Company by a number of residents regarding the present management of the Ferry service and asking Council to endorse action. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith resolved that communication be laid on the table until dealt with by Ferry Directors. Alderman McRae dissenting.

From F.F. Busted, Gen. Supt., CPR Co. re conference had with several members of the Council respecting proposed subway at Carrall Street suggesting that the City join with the City of Vancouver and his company and any other parties interested in an endeavor to come to some mutual arrangement looking to the early construction of a permanent subway large enough to accommodate

pedestrian and vehicular traffic and to meet the requirements of the future, but that if, however, the Council is of the opinion that in the meantime a bridge should be constructed across the company's tracks for the use of foot passengers, pending the construction of a permanent subway for both the pedestrian and vehicular traffic the company would not be disposed to oppose any application to the railway commission for an order directing or permitting the construction of same provided the City is willing to construct the foot bridge at its own expense and provided further that the cost of a foot bridge is not to be taken into consideration in fixing the proportion of the cost of the permanent subway that the City of North Vancouver should bear. The bridge if constructed to be removed when the permanent subway is completed.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the sketch of the proposed subway under the CPR tracks at Carrall Street and did not approve of same, as it would seriously interfere with the traffic between the Ferry boats and the portion of the City of Vancouver lying east of Columbia Avenue. He was of the opinion that a level crossing at present would give the best results to the traveling public, but that an overhead foot bridge or a subway for pedestrian traffic may be provided for use when level crossing is blocked by trains. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson referred to Committee of the Whole Council.

From City Engineer gave in a detailed report of public works already sanctioned or let by contract and proposed new work as follows:

Total Work Commenced to date:	
Storm sewers	\$70,450
Sanitary Sewers	210,000
Grading and Paving	226,000
Street widening & alley openings	49,000
A total of	\$555,450

Proposed new work	
Sewers	\$135,000
Grading	150,000
Paving	385,000
A total of	\$670,000
Making a Grand Total of	\$1,225,450

A petition was presented from E.W. Garnett and others requesting Council to open up a 16' lane through Block 96, D.L. 550 from St. Andrew's Avenue to Ridgeway Avenue as a work of local improvement. The petition was referred to the Clerk for report as to signatures and the lane Committee.

An application by J.L. McHaffie to have sidewalk on north side of Keith Road east of the Grand Boulevard extended to Lot 8, Block 103, D.L. 550, additions of 200' was referred to the Board of Works Committee.

A report from the delegates appointed to appear before the Ministers of the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa in support of the application of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company for a subsidy of \$300,000 towards the building of the bridge across the second narrows and \$10,000 per mile for the necessary connecting railway, and other matters of municipal and local interest and concern was read to the meeting.

The report was in the following terms:

“To the City Council:

Gentlemen:

We, the delegates appointed by your Honorable Body for the purpose of appearing before the Ministers of the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa in support of the application of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company for a subsidy of Three hundred thousand dollars towards the building of the bridge across the second narrows of Burrard Inlet, and ten thousand dollars per mile for the necessary connecting railway, and also the various other matters of municipal interest, beg to report as follows:

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> last our delegation left here enroute for Ottawa at which place we arrived on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and during the ensuing week on every possible occasion we interviewed the various ministers and members who would be of assistance in furthering the several projects hereinafter referred to, and we have much pleasure in reporting that the petitions and arguments which we presented received their most courteous consideration and careful attention.

As you are aware provisions had been made at former sessions at the Dominion Parliament for a grant or subsidy of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars in the name of the V.W & Y Railway Company towards a construction of a railway bridge at the point above mentioned.

We are of the opinion that no authorities at Ottawa are fully convinced as to the necessity of a railway and general traffic bridge at the Second Narrows of the Burrard Inlet, and further that they are desirous of doing everything in their power to render the necessary government assistance towards the project providing, however, that the principals of the Burrard Tunnel & Bridge Company and the V.W.&Y Railway Co. can get together and on an equitable and practicable basis come to an amiable arrangement in connection with the building of the aid bridge, in which case we feel confident the government subsidy will be immediately available.

We trust that in the interest of the municipalities effected, and the different parties concerned, that no time will be lost in the attempt to come to a satisfactory agreement and settlement of the points at issue. And we believe that the above-mentioned companies will meet together for the purpose of effecting a settlement in the very near future.

We are pleased to report that the final arrangements have been made with the department of Indian affairs at Ottawa for the continuation of Third Street through the Indian Mission, and we expect that the patent will be forthcoming in a few days. We also report that we have entered in negotiations with the Department of Indian Affairs, and Marine & Fisheries for the purpose of acquiring a right-of-way for the continuation of the Esplanade on the foreshore in front of the Squeamish Indian Reserve, and the departments aforesaid have instructed us how to proceed with our part of the negotiations. With reference to a Post Office site in North Vancouver, Mr. Pugsley of the Department of public works has signified his willingness to do something in this connection and it is only a question of how much money will be available for this purpose. At the present time we are in correspondence with the Department on this subject and with reference to support of entry.

Mr. Patterson, the Minister of Customs, assured us that he would afford us every possible facility for the transaction of business under his department, and that with the Postal Department securing a site and building, there is no question but that his department would join with them and establish here the sub-port as requested. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed:       Wm. McNeish  
                  Wm. J. Dick  
                  Wm. J. Irwin

Alderman Kittson moved that the report be received and a vote of thanks tendered to the delegates for the success attending their efforts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and passed unanimously.

Alderman Henderson submitted a number of questions to the Mayor regarding the relations existing between the V.W.&Y Railway Co. and the Burrard Tunnel & Bridge Co. The Mayor asked leave to submit the questions to the delegates before making reply and this was granted.

A plan of subdivision of portion of Lot 3, Block 229, D.L. 548, previously approved of by the City Engineer. Passed by the Council.

A plan of subdivision of Lot 11, of Lot 5, Block 215B, D.L. 545, previously approved of by the City Engineer was passed. The owner to be asked not to carry out any improvements on the premises as it is the intention of the Council

to expropriate the necessary land for the widening of the Grand Boulevard with a reasonable time.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lot "G" in the subdivision of Lot 1, and portion of Lot 2, Block 39, D.L. 549, was referred to the City Engineer for report.

Re plan of subdivision of Lot 1, in Block 3, D.L. 547, The Mayor reported that he was of the opinion that the Council could not withhold their approval to the plan on the ground that it is their intention to expropriate a portion of the property for the widening of the Grand Boulevard and on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Henderson the plan was approved by the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (General), Police, School Trustees and Board of Health, Board of Works (General and Local Improvement) Waterworks, Fire & Light and Parks Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting by the respective Chairman and the Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following namely:

Finance, General	\$460.00
Finance, Police	640.00
Finance, School	1,125.00
Finance, Board of Health	52.00
Board of Works, General	3,158.55
Board of Works, Local Improvement	12,139.18
Board of Works, Local Improvement	16,318.34
Water Works	2,201/25
Fire and Light	772.80
Parks	1,283.00

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committees Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant was read to and adopted by the Council.

Thirteen applications received for the position of Fire Chief were referred to the Fire & Light Committee to bring in recommendations at meeting on Thursday night.

Each member of the Council having been furnished with copy of a proposal submitted to the Finance Committee by Mr. Aemilius Jarvis of Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Toronto, regarding the company being appointed financial agents to look after the sale of the City's bonds and after hearing report from Alderman McRae the Finance Committee recommended that after careful investigation lasting over a period of one month that the proposal of Aemilius Jarvis & Co. be accepted and that future issues of City Debentures be made at 4 ½% instead of 5%. Alderman Kittson moved that eth recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith.

Alderman Dick reported that the Dominion Government had passed an act whereby Municipal Councils would appoint their own Inspector to take samples of milk and other foodstuffs and submit same to the Dominion Government analyst to be analyzed, and moved that the Chief of Police be appointed such Inspector subject to confirmation by the Police Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith, the Engineer was instructed to prepare certain plans required by the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the direction of Alderman Dick.

The Engineer reported that MacDonell, Gzowski & Co. sewer contracts calls for 30,000 foot of pipe before the first June and that only 47,000 feet had been laid to date. The Engineer instructed to request the Contractors in writing to expedite the work by putting on more men.

The certificate of the Returning Officer previously engrossed in the Minute Book of the result of the Election on Money Bylaws held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> instant were read to the Meeting.

Bylaw No. 166, the Schools extraordinary expenditure loan Bylaw, having received the assent of the Electors was reconsidered and finally adopted by the Council and signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Bylaw No. 167, the Rice Lake Bylaw having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered and adopted by the Council.

Bylaw No. 168, the City Hall Addition Bylaw having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered and adopted by the Council.

Bylaw No. 169, the North Vancouver City Ferry Ltd. Shares Purchase Bylaw, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered and adopted by the Council.

Bylaw No. 170, the Temporary Loan Bylaw #2, 1911, was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal.

Alderman Henderson moved that application be made to Mr. Mahon for permission to have outlet of the storm sewer on Mahon Avenue discharged in deep water on the foreshore of the Street end. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

A draft agreement between the City, Mr. J.C. Keith and Hemphill Bros., regarding the establishment of amusement parks on Lonsdale Gardens and the closing of

that portion of the Esplanade running through the Gardens, was read to the meeting.

The clause in the agreement respecting sum to be expended by the Company on the property was amended to read \$200,000 instead of \$250,000. Hemphill Bros. also consented to the City being granted leave to construct and lay sewers and water mains through the property provided work was done within reasonable time and did not interfere with their devices.

Upon being granted leave a representative of MacDougal, Jenkins Engineering Co. was heard. He strongly protested against the Street being closed. Hemphill Bros. intimated their willingness to provide extra horses for any heavy teaming to McDougal, Jenkins Works.

Hemphill Bros. were requested to interview McDougall, Jenkins and see what arrangements can be made regarding transportation.

Council then went into Committee of the Whole. Alderman McRae Chairman.

After hearing report from Mayor McNeish and Alderman Dick regarding certain business transacted with Minister of Public Works respecting site for Public Building in North Vancouver, Council decided that subject matter of report be not made public.

The Engineer inquired if it was Council's wish that he should notify McDonell, Gzowski & Co. to put on more men on sewer works to finish contracts in time.

Thereupon Alderman Kittson moved that the Engineer be instructed to notify the Contractors that they are behind time and insist upon their employing more labor so as to ensure Contracts being completed in time. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

Committees rose and reported. Report adopted.  
Council adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor