

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

His Worship Mayor McNeish presiding and all the Aldermen present.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Assistant Fire Chief Turner, Calgary, accepting appointment as Fire Chief of North Vancouver. He would report for duty about the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

From J.C. Burneston claiming \$7.50 damages to roof of house caused by City workmen clearing Mahon Avenue. Referred to City Engineer to investigate and report to Board of Works Committee.

From Herbert Heuke calling attention to sewer contractors obstructing sidewalks on Lonsdale Avenue near City Limited. Referred to Board of Works Committee to deal with.

From Peter McMurdo requesting sidewalk to be constructed on Lyon place from Ridgeway to Moody Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. S. Vivian requesting Council to reconsider disposition of claim made by him for alleged damages to green house. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss Filed.

From D. McClennan requesting St. Davids Avenue to be cleared as far south as First Street. Mr. McClennan to be informed that it is the intention of the Board of Works to do this work.

From Vancouver Lumber Co. offering to supply sidewalk material at a very reasonable price. Company to be informed the intention has already been let for the supply of this material and to obtain their prices.

From representative of Daily World and Province soliciting share of City advertising in their respective papers. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Irwin & Billings Co. Ltd. offering on behalf of owner to sell the City Lot "A", Block 86, D.L.'s 548 and 549 at price of \$1000.00. Referred to Board of Works to consider and report.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that on Saturday last the reducing valve at 19<sup>th</sup> and Lonsdale became stopped up and it was necessary to shut the water off the City to make an examination. There was also some difficulty yesterday and today and he had arranged to have the valve taken apart and the trouble remedied if possible tonight at midnight. Filed.

From City Engineer recommending that as the Lynn Valley water district is quite a large area as compared with the City, the consumers should be made pay a fair proportion of the cost of installing the new city water main, also pay a rental on the fire hydrants installed in the water district. Referred to Water Committee.

From City Engineer reporting that some time ago the District Council had communicated with the City regarding the lowering of the City's 10" water main on the Lynn Valley road. He then reported that such would be practicable as soon as the new 16" main and new screening tank were completed. The main and tank would be completed, and in good working order probably in about two weeks time and it would then be reasonable to have to 10" main re-laid on one side of the Lynn Valley Road as agreed upon last year. In moving the main, however, some difficulty might be encountered in making the pipe water-tight and it would be probably necessary to lay a new main on this section. If such were the case he would strongly recommend that it should be of riveted steel or cast iron. Referred to Water Committee.

From Brackman, Ker Milling Co. Ltd., entering a protest against the Esplanade being closed. Filed.

From T. Stewart and John J. Banfield also entering protest against Esplanade being closed through Lonsdale Gardens.

A statement of the receipts of the Ferry Company for the month of March was read to the meeting. Statement showed total receipts \$10,119.45, total receipts fro March, 1910, \$66,405.40 for July 1910, \$10,268.90.

Petition Thos. J. Stevens and five other property owners requesting that a sanitary sewer be constructed along the north side of Ottawa Gardens between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues. Referred to Board of Works Committee.

Petition forty employees of the City working on Forbes Avenue main sewer requesting an advance in wages from 31 1/4' per hour to 35' per hour and time in half for all work over eight hours. The same scale as paid in the City of Vancouver for similar work.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Henderson referred to Board of Works and City Engineer to investigate and report upon.

Upon being granted leave Mr. H.C. Wright inquired if any investigation had been made into sinking of pontoons at Ferry wharf. The Mayor intimated that the matter would be dealt with by Ferry Directors at next meeting.

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

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lot "G", sub Lot 1 and portion of Lot 2, Block 37, D.L. 549, with accompanying report from City Engineer was next considered. On motion of Alderman Henderson, Clerk directed to return plan to owner with recommendation that an allowance be left for 16<sup>th</sup> Street and the property subdivided so that the lots would face on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets with an alley at the rear.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lots 5 and 6 Block 7, D.L. 616, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Kittson passed by the Council.

Alderman Dick brought up the question of plan of subdivision of D.L. 552. He understood that Mr. Fell the owner was willing to concede every point asked for by the Council with the exception of the one having reference to the width of Fell Avenue which still caused the City Engineer to withhold his approval of the plan. Alderman Dick therefore moved that the provisions of Sections 249 and 250 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" be suspended in dealing with the plan of subdivision of 552 and that the plan be considered by the Council in Committee of the Whole. Alderman Kittson seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Alderman Dick moved the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously agreed to:

"Resolved that while keeping in view the fact that the supplementary estimates will be considered by the Dominion Government during the month of April and considering that something should be done by the Government in support of the second narrows bridge and feeling that the Council would be lacking in their duty were they not to impress upon the Government the necessity of making a grant to the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. towards the construction of the bridge, therefore this Council after due consideration of the question in considering that it is of immediate importance to at least one-half of the population of British Columbia residents adjacent to Burrard inlet would respectfully urge the Government to grant substantial aid to the Tunnel and Bridge Co. immediately."

Alderman Biss moved that steps be taken to expropriate the land necessary for the widening of Grand Boulevard along 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon request of the Mayor who was of the opinion that present financial conditions would not allow this being done. The motion was withdrawn.

The Mayor reported that the Telephone Company was anxious that their pole lines should be placed in the alleys and would be only too pleased to meet the wishes of the Council in this respect if the lanes were cleared sufficiently to allow of the poles being erected. The Engineer would be furnished with a plan showing contemplated extensions of pole lines. On motion of Alderman Dick and

Alderman Kittson this matter was left in the hands of the City Engineer to deal with.

The Mayor reported that the telephone co. was desirous of receiving the support of the Council in an application being made to the department of Marine & Fisheries, Ottawa for authority to carry a submarine cable across the inlet to the foot of Lonsdale Avenue. A previous application had been refused on the ground that it was considered undesirable in the interest of navigation to obviate this difficulty. It was suggested that the cable might be laid in the bed of the Ferry route where no ships were allowed to anchor and it was desired to request the Ferry Co. to prepare a plan showing the route of the Ferries and to urge the department of Marine & Fisheries to grant the request of the Telephone Company. The Company to assume all responsibility in the matter.

Resolutions passed at the public meeting held on Saturday last favoring the establishment of "White City" amusement park in Lonsdale Gardens and calling upon the Council to obtain the opinion of the Electors as to the closing of the Esplanade through the Gardens were read to the meeting.

Alderman Henderson favored the question being submitted to a plebiscite.

Alderman Smith had no objections to the "White City" but was opposed to a City Street being closed for five years.

Alderman Dick moved that the Council deal with the question tonight. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and on being put to the meeting they voted "Aye", Alderman Dick and Alderman Kittson. "Nay" Alderman Smith Alderman Henderson Alderman Biss and Alderman McRae.

The motion was declared lost.

Thereupon Alderman Dick moved that a plebiscite be taken on Saturday next, the motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

Bylaw No. 171 being a Bylaw to obtain the opinion of the Electors as to the desirability of closing the Esplanade through Lonsdale Gardens was introduced and read a first time. The Bylaw was read a second time. On motion of Alderman Dick the following words were added at the end of Clause (5), "or at the expiration of one year if the said Hephill Bros Ltd., fail to spend the said sum of at least \$200,000 within one year from the date of such closing."

The Bylaw as amended was read a third time and passed by the Council. City Clerk Shepherd was named as Returning Officer.

Alderman Henderson moved that the Council secure an undertaking from Mr. J.C. Keith and Messrs. Hemphill Bros. that they will indemnify the City against any or all claims that may be made by property owners on the Esplanade and others interested and all costs and other expenses that may be incurred by the action of the Council in closing the Esplanade through Lonsdale Gardens. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and passed on the understanding that it be sent up to the City Solicitor for opinion.

Bylaw No. 172, being a Bylaw to further amend the Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1907, was introduced and read a first time.

Bylaw No. 173, being a Bylaw to amend the Plumbing Bylaw was also introduced and read a first time.

The Clerk was directed to furnish each member of the Council with copies of the Bylaws.

The Council thereafter went into Committee of the Whole and in company with Mr. Bridgeman of the Lonsdale Estate considered the plan of subdivision of D.L. 552 when the following resolutions were passed:

“Resolved that the provisions of Sections 249 and 250 of the “Municipal Clauses Act” be suspended in considering the plan of subdivision of D.L. 552. Resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to show on a copy of the plan the ground required for full 66’ roadway on Fell Avenue, and in addition sufficient width for the natural slopes; and resolved that the Parks Committee be requested to look over the ground and report to the Council on the suggestion that a portion of the park area be exchanged for the property shown on the plan fronting on the west side of Hamilton Avenue and the east boundary of the Creek.

The Committee rose and reported to the Council.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson the Committee’s report was adopted.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor