

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 10th DAY OF APRIL 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Worship Mayor McNeish presiding and all the Aldermen present.

The minutes of the regular meetings of the 27th March and the 3rd April, and of the adjourned regular meeting of the 30th March, 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 adopted by the Council.

The following requests for roads and sidewalks were referred to the Board of Works to consider and report upon.

From W. West, to have street cleared in front of his house on Queensbury Avenue and 6th Street.

From Angus C. Penney for road to Lot 6, Block 29, D.L. 548, as per agreement.

From Secretary School Board to have roads opened up and sidewalks laid along Ridgeway and Moody Avenues and 8th and 9th Streets surrounding the school site in Block 100, D.L. 550.

From C. Homewood to have lane in rear of Lots 5 and 6 Block 120, D.L. 274, opened up.

From W.H. Gibbons calling attention to the condition of 7th Street between Moody and Queensbury Avenues and asking for a continuation of the sidewalk from Ridgeway to Queensbury Avenue.

From Jas. Firth requesting that Alder Street be opened up from St. Patrick's to St. David's Avenue.

From J.G. Porter and Thos. Burton requesting that connecting roadway from 22nd Street, via Larson Road and 24th Street be opened up to lots 27, 28, and 29, Block 211A, D.L. 544.

From W.J. Elliott, for a road to Lot 4, Block 215, D.L. 545, as per agreement.

From J.G. Palmer requesting 25th Street at Boulevard to be opened up between Lonsdale and St. Georges.

From S. J. Montgomery, Sec. Board of Works, Vancouver, suggesting four o'clock on Tuesday the 11th instant as a convenient time for a joint meeting re proposed subway at Columbia Avenue and North Vancouver Ferries.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that full Council attend meeting tomorrow afternoon at City Hall, Vancouver.

From M.A. Gallia requesting permanent grade for hotel building to be erected on Lots 21 to 24, Block 140, D.L. 274, Second Street west and that culvert be constructed across ravine in the lane in rear of the property.
On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Henderson City Engineer instructed to furnish grade and Board of Works to report on culvert.

From W. McNeill, Vice President, V.W.&Y Railway Co. sending for information of Council copy of a letter sent by him to the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company in the following terms:

“Dear Sirs:

Replying to yours of March 29th I have to inform you that I have authority to negotiate on behalf of the V.W. & Y Railway Co.

If you desire to see me, I will be happy to meet you at the offices of the Western Canada Power Co. Ltd., Carter Cotton Building, on Friday, April 7th, at 3:00 p.m. I am sorry that I cannot make an engagement before this, as I expect to be out of town on Wednesday and Thursday.

Yours truly

Signed: W. McNeill, Vice President”

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries, with a copy resolution passed by Board of Directors requesting that the City Council make the necessary provisions to obtain \$150,000 for a new Ferry boat and for wharf purposes. Clerk instructed to communicate with Company and suggest that Council be asked to subscribe for stock or guarantee payment of Debentures of the Company or grant aid in some other manner.

From R.H. Armstrong, Manager, United Wireless Telegraph Co. informing Council that they had received notice from the Department of Marine and Fisheries to discontinue their Victoria Station in June and that more than likely they would reopen their North Vancouver station if the Government will permit them and asking that station and poles be allowed to remain until Governments attitude was definitely ascertained. Referred to City Solicitor.

From City Treasurer suggesting that moneys standing at the credit of City's sinking fund be invested in first class mortgages at rate of 7 ½%. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Engineer recommending that plan of standard septic tank be amended so that the outlet will be 1 ¼” high, by 2’ in width instead of 4” around the outlet as at present.

On motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson resolved that recommendation of City Engineer be adopted and that septic tank regulation Bylaw be amended accordingly.

From City Engineer reporting that camping grounds along the water front are in very unsanitary condition. Referred to Medical Health Officer for report.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the cross section of Fell Avenue through D.L. 552 between 17th and 20th Streets and found that a 66' roadway along the car line with natural slopes of 1 ½ to 1 on each side would require a roadway of from 140' to 150' in width. Referred to the Mayor, the Board of Works Committee and City Engineer to confer with Mr. Fell on the subject.

From City Engineer reporting that a motor suitable to operate the stone crusher would cost about \$550.00. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that City Engineer be authorized to arrange for the purchase of motor.

From City Engineer reporting that cost of a sidewalk on 15th Street from Queensbury Avenue to Rufus Avenue will cost about \$650.00. Filed.

From City Engineer reporting that two or three of the water meters in Lynn Valley need repairing and that as the meters are owned by the District and the agreement between the City and District does not state who shall repair them, he recommended that the District be asked to put all their meters in first class working order. Referred to Water Committee.

From City Engineer reporting that the estimated cost of grading and macadamizing a road from the Lynn Valley Road at City Boundary to 1st Street and St. David's Avenue would cost approximately \$40,000 and to grade and macadamize a road from the City boundary to the corner of 15th and Lonsdale would cost about \$25,000.00.

On motion of Alderman Dick referred back to City Engineer for report on grading only.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the plan of location of telephone poles submitted by the B.C. Telephone Co. Ltd, and submitting, detailed report on each street as to where poles could be placed in alleys. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick referred to City Engineer and Mr. McCartney, Construction Superintendent, B.C. Telephone Co. to arrange for poles being placed in alleys where possible.

From City Engineer with tracing received from B.C. Electric Railway Co. of proposed turn-out on Fell Avenue. In this connection the City Engineer reported that the street railway track is located about 2 ½ feet east of the center line of the

roadway and he was of the opinion that the switch should be placed 2 ½ feet west from the center line of the street.

On motion of Alderman Dick referred to City Engineer for full report Thursday night.

From Messrs. Shultz and Arnold stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Samuel Walker. Proprietor of the Pioneer Bakery with respect to injuries received by his horse on Monday, April 3rd while drawing a delivery wagon on 15th Street. The horse it was alleged having fallen through some planks placed across the ditch. They had been instructed to claim damages. Referred to bow and City Engineer to investigate and report.

Petition C.I. MacDonald and thirty-four more employees of the Board of Works requesting an increase in wages. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. E. Morden and ten other property owners requesting that a sanitary sewer be constructed on 13th Street as soon as possible.

Referred to Board of Works to report.

The petitioners to be informed that the Council were in the meantime looking into the matter of how much more works of local improvement can be undertaken this year.

The Clerk read the certificate of the Returning Officer previously engrossed in the minute book of the result of a referendum taken on Saturday last as to the advisability of closing the Esplanade through Lonsdale Gardens.

Mr. Milliken, Manager of Hemphill Bros. Co. upon being granted leave addressed the Councillor relative to another proposition to establish a "White City" in the Gardens. He had found that by shortening the length of the chute the chutes and eliminating some of their devices he could establish the amusement park provided he was allowed the use of sixty feet of the Esplanade, the remaining twenty feet he would fence off on both sides and leave open at both ends for a through thoroughfare. He handed in a letter address to him by Mr. J.C. Keith, owner of the Gardens in which Mr. Keith expressed his willingness to sign any documents the City may prepare guaranteeing to open the whole street through the gardens at the expiration of five years binding himself, his heirs, administrators and assigns to such an undertaking.

Alderman Henderson was of the opinion that the plebiscite taken on Saturday settled the question of any interference with the Esplanade or any portion of it as a street.

Alderman Dick thought the new proposition was entirely different and worthy of consideration.

Alderman Kittson did not think the vote of the people against closing the entire street necessarily meant that they would be opposed to closing a portion of it.

Alderman Biss saw not reason why "White City" could not be established if portion of street could be left open.

Alderman Dick then moved that the proposition placed before Council by Mr. Milliken be opened for discussion.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.
Alderman Smith dissenting.

After some further discussion Alderman Dick moved that in considering the proposal to lease a portion of the Esplanade, Council deal with Hemphill Brothers direct.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson.

Alderman Henderson moved in amendment that the Council not deal with Hemphill Bros. or their Agents and that the proposal be not further entertained.

Alderman Smith seconded.

On a division there voted

For the amendment

Alderman Henderson
Alderman Smith
Alderman McRae (three)

And for the Motion

Alderman Dick
Alderman Kittson
Alderman Biss (three)

The Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment which was declared carried.

Mr. H.C. Wright inquired of the Mayor if any inquiry had been made by Ferry Directors into sinking of pontoons.

Mr. Wright was informed that the Ferry Directors at last meeting did not think the time opportune for investigating this matter and requested that complain be laid before the Board at their regular weekly meetings.

A plan of subdivision of Block 231, D.L. 546, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae. Passed by the Council.

A plan of subdivision of Block 44, D.L. 271, was next considered. The Engineer pointed out that this plan was approved of by Council and himself on condition that the ravine and creek be shown on the plan.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that plan be returned to owners with request that contours and creek be shown thereon.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (General, Police, and Board of Health), Board of Works (General and Local Improvement), Water works, Fire & Light and Parks Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasure was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following: viz:

Finance (General)	1,492.34
Finance (Police)	330.30
Finance (Board of Health)	245.30
Board of Works - General	7,658.70
Board of Works - Local Improvement	7,691.53
Water Works	5,208.37
Fire & Light	576.00
Parks	632.95

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minute of this date was read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into 13th Street Fire Hall contract was also read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of this date was read and on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae adopted by the Council.

Alderman Kittson dissenting taking exception to workmen not being granted increase e-in wages.

On motion of Alderman McRae, Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

An application by W. Thomas for a franchise to erect, construct, maintain and operate a gas works within the City was considered. Alderman Kittson moved that the Council do not consider the proposal and that deposit check of \$2,000.00 be returned to the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

A report from Dr. J.J. Thomson, M.H.O. re cases of small pox was read and filed. In this connection the Mayor reported having given instructions to Mr. George Smith to erect an extension to the present Isolation Hospital to accommodate about a dozen beds.

On motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Henderson the action of the Mayor was confirmed.

On motion of Alderman Dick it was resolved to ask permission of the Land Co. to lay sewer a depth of 14' more or less under small triangular piece of ground owned by the Company being Lot 19, Block 165, D.L. 271.

A letter received from W. McNeill, Vice Present of V.W. & Y Railway Co. for the confidential information of the Council respecting representations made between the Railway Company and the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company regarding the construction of the second narrows bridge was read to the meeting. Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and thank Mr. McNeill for the information.

The Committee rose and reported to the Council.

On motion of Alderman McRae the Committees report was adopted.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McRae Councils stood adjourned until Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor