

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 15th DAY OF MAY 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor McNeish
Alderman McRae
Alderman Henderson
Alderman Dick
Alderman Smith
Alderman Biss
Alderman Kittson

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the 8th and of the adjourned regular meeting of the 11th instant, copies of which had previously been supplied to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Henderson adopted.

Communications received from the following parties dealing with matters coming within the purview of the Board of Works Committee were on presentation referred by the Mayor to the Committee to consider and report upon.

From Wm. Currie requesting clearing of 26th Street to Lot 23, Block 227.

From Mrs. Jesse Cant asking for continuation of sidewalk along 22nd Street west to Lots 35 and 36, Block 204.

From Hutchison, McMillan & Co. requesting 28th St. to be opened up to Lot 32, Block 241, D.L. 544.

From A. & G. Mill requesting Boulevard to be cleared and sidewalk 14th from West Avenue to west side of Lot 5, Block 65, D.L. 271.

From Brackman-Ker Milling Co. Ltd., requesting Council to attend to the proper laying of sidewalk in front of new office, 116 Esplanade East.

From Alex Law calling attention to the Condition and drainage of Ridgeway Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets and requesting sidewalk to be laid from 8th Street.

From Mrs. L.J. Carter requesting 17th Street to be opened up between Chesterfield Avenue and Mahon Avenues for building purposes.

From John R.J. Murray calling attention to the state of the open drain at the northwest corner of St. David's Avenue and 3rd St.

From C.A. Lett and Son calling attention to the impassible condition of the lane in Block 166, D.L. 274 between 1st Street and Esplande.

From G. Corzena Cooper protesting against mill refuse etc. being dumped in lane at rear of lot 13, Block 166, D.L. 274.

From J.W. Horne requesting that sidewalk in front of new Horne block corner of Lonsdale and Esplanade be raised to permanent grade.

From V.W. Jones requesting 16th Street to be cleared from Jones Avenue to Lot 5, Block 40, D.L. 548.

From Mrs. H.K. Vickery requesting payment of \$15.00 cost of removing stumps etc. piled on her property during clearing operations on 18th Street.

Communications were received read and disposed of as follows:

Telegram Aemilius Jarvis & Co. advising Clerk to have Davis, Marshall approve of Bylaws before being finally passed by Council, and that they consider suggestion to invest sinking funds in City short term local improvement debentures a good one.

Clerk directed to have Davis, Marshall approve of form of local improvement assessment Bylaw.

From McDonald, Marpole Co. Ltd. regarding a proposal to lease one of the street ends to be used for coal depot. Company to be informed that Council has no intention of leasing street end for coal or any other purpose, and that there are three wharves at present under course of construction.

From W.L. Boulton, Secretary, Ratepayers Association inquiring what progress was being made in negotiations for the construction of an overhead bridge across railway near Ferry approach at Vancouver. Association to be informed that satisfactory progress being made between parties interested and when anything definite to report, Council will be pleased to advise them.

From W.M. Miller offering to sell to the City blocks 21 and 22, D.L. 855, for the sum of \$5,525. The offer to hold good till 21st May. On motion of Alderman Dick referred to Water Works Committee and City Engineer.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the crossing at the 12th Street and Lonsdale Avenue in company with the foreman of the Board of Works and did not find evidence of any negligence on the part of the City in not keeping the crossing in a proper state of repair.

On motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Smith resolved that copy of Engineer's report be sent to Mr. McLean the party claiming damages for accident.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the plan showing the location of proposed oil tanks under the sidewalks. He did not see any harm in granting permission to construct the tanks under the streets, but he thought it would be much better if they were placed in the lanes or vacant ground at the rear of buildings. HE recommended that tanks be not constructed under the streets except where lane or vacant ground not available at rear or side of buildings.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Kittson the application of the W.A. Corder Engineering and Supply Company for permission to install oil tanks was filed.

From W.L. Boulton, Secretary Ratepayers Association expressing entire dissatisfaction with decision re Rice Lake and D.L.'s 856 and 857, and assuring Council of support in any steps that may be taken to secure cancellation of the same. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae resolved that Association be thanked for their support.

From W.L. Boulton, Secretary Ratepayers Association with following resolution passed unanimously at public meeting held under the auspices of the Association of Tuesday, 9th instant:

“That in view of the fact that the course adopted by the Ferry Directors in the management of the Ferry Company has impaired the confidence of the ratepayers, it is respectfully urged by this meeting that no steps be taken to raise money for the purchase of a new boat until some action has been taken to restore this confidence.”

On motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Dick filed for future reference.

From A.G. Perry, Local manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. replying at length to Council's inquiry re abandonment of car service on that portion of Keith Road from Fell Avenue to terminus near Lounge Building, and advising that the Company had established a tentative twenty minutes service on the Capilano extension and had temporarily abandoned the operation of line of railway on said portion of Keith Road but that if the Council was of the opinion that the general public would be better served by having a half hourly service on the Capilano extension taking in the portion of Keith Road in question the Company was prepared to give such service, but could not see its way to give a twenty minute service on the Capilano extension and at the same time operate the portion on Keith Road.

Alderman Dick was not satisfied with the Company's reply. The question to be settled was can the B.C. Electric Railway Co. cease to operate a line of railway without the consent of the Council. Alderman Smith held that the Company be asked to continue the operation of the line of railway as heretofore, and that question of service on Capilano extension be dealt with separately. Alderman Kittson advised that opinion of City Solicitor be obtained as to whether Council have the right to compel the Company to continue the operation of

service on Keith Road. Alderman Smith moved that the company be asked to immediately resume the operation of a car service to the terminus on the Keith Road and to connect as far as possible with the Ferry Service the same as is being done on the other lines in the City. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

A.G. Peery, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co, re proposed "Y" at 3rd Street and St. David's Avenue suggesting that Council would be under no obligation if approval was given to plan submitted previously, if Company would agree to relocate tracks at its own expense, in case of double tracks being laid some time in the future. Council decided to adhere to previous decision that sufficient space be allowed between the sidewalk and outer track for vehicular traffic.

From McDougal, Jenkins Engineers, Ltd. offering to supply caulking lead at the price of 4 cents per pound delivered on the work any part of the City in quantities of twenty tons or over.

On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman McRae, referred to Water Works Committee and City Engineer with power to act.

Tenders were received and opened for the clearing and burning of ten acres more or less of the south easterly portion of Mahon Park as follows:

McLennan and Adruss \$265.00, Walter Tracey and others \$250.00.

On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that Tender be accepted and contract awarded to Walter Tracey and others, for the sum of \$250.00 per acre on their furnishing satisfactory bond for 25% of the amount of their contract.

A progress estimate for \$1000.00 in favor of McLennan and Adruss for the clearing of Mahon Park was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith passed for payment and the Treasurer authorized to issue a check for the amount.

The report of the Cemetery Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 12th inst. was read and laid over for consideration Thursday evening. The Committee in the meantime to obtain estimate of cost of fence.

The report of the Finance Committee, of the Fire & Light Committee, of the Water Works Committee and of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 11th isn't. were read and on motion adopted.

Bylaw No. 174, the Local Improvement General Bylaw No. 2, Amendment Bylaw 1911, was read, reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Bylaw No. 175, being a Bylaw to regulate the setting of fires to clear land was introduced and read a first time. The Bylaw was then referred to the Fire & Light Committee to investigate and report upon its provisions.

Bylaw No. 176, being a Bylaw for regulating, licensing or preventing theatres and theatrical exhibitions was also introduced and read a first time, and on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick referred to the Board of Works Committee, the City Engineer and Building Inspector to consider and report upon.

On motion of Alderman Dick Council went into Committee of the Whole. Mayor McNeish presiding.

The City Treasurer inquired if he was to substitute the names of new owners where real property had changed ownership either by transfer or devolution of transfer for the purpose of assessment. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Henderson, the Treasurer was instructed to consult the City Solicitor and obtain his opinion and act thereon.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Dick, it was left in the hands of the Mayor to bring in a recommendation re the appointment of an Assessor for 1912.

The Chairman of the Parks Committee was authorized to direct the removal of certain stumps on the west side of Mahon Park at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

Alderman Henderson moved that the salary of the City Engineer be increased by \$50.00 per month to date as and from 1st March last in appreciation of services rendered in connection with main drainage works. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to unanimously.

Alderman Smith submitted plan of proposed addition to the cottage at 13th Street Fire Hall to be used as Fire Chief's quarters. The plan was approved of and the Committee instructed to prepare specifications and call tenders for the work.

The Committee rose and reported.

On motion of Alderman Dick, the Committee's report was adopted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Dick, Council adjourned till Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock p.m. Alderman McRae dissenting.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor