

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 29TH DAY OF MAY 1911 AT
8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 22nd and of the Adjourned Regular meeting of the 25th instant, copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Kittson adopted.

Communications were received, read and disposed of as follows:

From Arthur F. Muston, asking that 22nd Street west be opened up as far as Lot 29, Block 205, D.L. 545, also removal of large stump in lane in rear of property. Referred to Board of Works.

From T.H. Stevens, asking for 27th Street to be opened up as far as Mahon Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From John P. Young, making application for a sidewalk on 14th Street from Ridgeway to Moody Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From A.G. Heaven, Agent Bank of Hamilton, intimating that his Bank would be moving into its new premises in a few days and would find it a great convenience if crossing was laid on the south side of First Street across Lonsdale Avenue. Mr. Heaven to be informed that Lonsdale Avenue will be permanently graded in the near future when crossing will be attended to.

From Mrs. A. gross, calling attention to the condition of the road at the intersection of First Street and Chesterfield Avenue. Mrs. Gross to be informed that Council recognize that the street is in a bad state, but that such was caused by sewer works and laying of water mains which works would be rushed to completion as early as possible.

From Wm. S. Vivian, complaining of delay experienced in getting telephone installed in his residence. Filed.

From George Stevens, Vancouver, informing Council of how his wife's dress had been torn by some nails which had been left protruding over the sidewalk, while passing one of the trenches dug for sewers. He looked to the City to make good the damage, value of \$50.00. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith, Clerk directed to forward the letter to Messrs. McDonald, Gzowski & Co. the sewer contractors who are the responsible parties and inform them that if City is troubled any further in the matter they would be held liable.

From R. Van Munster with reference to widening of 27th Street from Lonsdale Avenue to Chesterfield Avenue and laying of 4' sidewalk. Referred to Board of Works.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., inquiring whether the City contemplate or would be willing to open up one of the roads in the east part of 552 to connect with the Dudley Road at the southern boundary of D.L. 598. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he had examined the lot adjoining Dennis' property in Block 12, D.L. 273, and found that there is a couple of brush piles which may be considered dangerous in case of fire. On motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Smith, Clerk directed to notify owner to have property cleared of combustible material.

From City Engineer reporting that he had examined the location of lots 21 and 22, D.L. 855, and found that only a portion of said lots is on the water shed of Rice Lake, and as there was a road allowance along the west side of Lot 22 the surface water could easily be diverted, he did not think it would be necessary to purchase the lots. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that Mr. Miller the owner be notified accordingly.

From J.D. McLean, Assistant Deputy and Secretary Department of Indian Affairs relative to proposed street along the water front of the Mission Indian Reserve and informing Council that Solicitor for the V.W.&Y Ry. Co. had shown that the delay on the part of his company to arrange for the purchase of the right of way previously applied for along the front of the Reserve had not been the fault of the Company and their application would receive consideration. It had been decided to allow the Company a reasonable time to close the matter. It was noted in the communication from the Department that if the eastern end of the proposed road was moved north it would then not interfere with the right of way required by the Railway Company. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Solicitor Reid re difficulty over advertising local improvement assessment schedules. The Statute requires insertion in daily newspaper, while at present no daily newspaper is published in North Vancouver, he had suggested to Mr. Marshall that difficulty might be got over pub publishing the "Express" for six consecutive days. Mr. Marshall agreed that suggestion was the only possible solution of the difficulty, but had stated that it would necessitate very careful

consideration before acceptance, and that it would be necessary for him to communicate with Mr. Marshall before final approval, meantime City could do nothing until his acquiescence obtained. On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Dick, resolved that the Government be apprised of the facts concerning this difficulty occasioned by the particular wording of the Statute.

Alderman Dick moved that Solicitor Reid be advised that it was essential to the best interests of City of North Vancouver that any communication with Mr. Jarvis in Toronto should be carried on by night lettergram.

From Solicitor Reid, advising that he was in receipt of a letter from Mr. H.B. Robertson of Victoria in which he stated that he had seen the Hon. Mr. Ross with regard to the Rice Lake matter, who thought it would be left over until the return of the Premier. Mr. Ross stated that there was no doubt that the matter would be reconsidered, as he realized that the decision of the Executive was given under mis-apprehension of fact.

On motion of Alderman Dick resolved that Solicitor Reid be advised that Council is relying on statement made by the Hon. Mr. Ross for a re hearing and that on this understanding Council would allow the matter to lay over until the return of the Premier.

Alderman Henderson moved that Mr. McNeill, Vice-President of the V.W.&Y. Ry. Co. be informed that representatives of the City are prepared to attend a Joint Meeting of Municipalities interested in the construction of the second narrows bridge, and that he appointed a day for the conference. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and unanimously agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Smith, His Worship Mayor McNeish, Alderman Dick and Alderman Henderson were appointed delegates to attend the Joint Meeting.

Mr. H.M. Ellis, addressed the Council relative to ditch encroaching on his property being remedied, so that he may put up a fence on the line of his property. On motion of Alderman Henderson referred to City Engineer to devise some means of remedy and report to the Council as to cost, etc. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

A plan of sub-division of Blocks 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18, D.L. 265, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith passed by the Council.

The report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 25th instant were read to and adopted by the Council.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 25th instant was also read to and with the exception of the recommendations regarding guarantee being given to Bank the local improvement over draft and loan for purchase of Rice Lake lands adopted by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 25th May current, was read, Alderman Dick moved that the minutes be adopted with exception of recommendation regarding grading of Esplanade west, and that advice of City Solicitor be obtained as to whether Council can proceed with a work of local improvement which has been duly advertised by day labor or contract without first holding a Court of Revision. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss.
 Alderman Smith moved an amendment that the minutes as read be adopted. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Henderson.
 On a division voted for the amendment:

Alderman Smith, Alderman Henderson and Alderman McRae (3)
 and for the motion
 Alderman Dick Alderman Biss and Alderman Kittson (3)

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

The Council considered the petition received early in the year regarding the widening of 4th Street. Alderman Dick moved that the Council give notice of their intention to undertake as a work of local improvement the widening of 4th Street from Forbes Avenue to St. David's Avenue to a uniform width of 100' by expropriating a strip of 10' off the north and south sides of the street.

Alderman Kittson referred to the utter failure on the part of the B.C.E. to cope with the street railway traffic on Empire Day, and moved that the Company be written to and advised that their accommodations for passengers on the 24th May last was utterly inadequate to satisfy the demand, and that they be urgently requested to increase their reserve of rolling stock immediately. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously agreed to.

Report and recommendations by the Finance (General, Police, Schools and Board of Health) Board of Works (General) Waterworks, Fire & Light and Parks Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts to the amounts following, viz:

Finance Genera	\$658.75
Finance Police	640.00
Finance Schools	11225.00
Finance Board of Health	222.00
Board of Works General	435.00

Water works	375.00
Fire and Light	510.00
Parks	70.00

The following progress estimate presented by the City Engineer were passed for payment:

McDonald, Gzowski & Co.	
Esplanade Sewer	2126.42
1 st Street	4065.90
2 nd Street	1212.45
3 rd Street	5300.92
Keith Road	
13 th & 8 th Street sewer	1349.17
Forbes Avenue	
15 th , Chesterfield etc.	4541.85
Lonsdale Avenue, 23 rd to City Limits	1601.40
Lonsdale Avenue, 8 th to 13 th Streets	408.90
Lonsdale Avenue, 13 th to 18 th Streets	3373.85
Lonsdale Avenue, 18 th to 19 th Streets	147.00
M.P. Cotton Co.	
Lonsdale Storm sewer	5103.00

On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Kittson, resolved that check for \$240.00 be issued in favor of Mr. Frank L. King in payment of Elliott-Fisher book recording machine.

Alderman Kittson inquired if plans and other documents of City Engineer were in a place of safekeeping. The question being answered in the negative, Alderman Dick offered to allow the Engineer the use of the vault in Keith Block until completion of Engineer's office in City Hall additions. Council agreed to avail themselves of this privilege.

Alderman Dick reported that Mr. J.C. Keith had signified his willingness to give the Bandstand in Lonsdale Gardens to the Horticultural Society if they undertook to remove it. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith resolved that Mr. Keith's offer be made known to the Society and that they be asked to move the stand.

On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick, resolved that the attention of the B.C. Telephone Co. be called to the unprotected state of the holes dug for telephone poles on several of the streets.

The Chairman of the Lanes Committee submitted a communication received from the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Company advising that their

price for Lot 19, Block 165, D.L. 271 was \$4500.00. On motion of Alderman Dick referred to Finance Committee to look into price and report on area of the Lot, Thursday night.

The letter received from the Department of Indian Affairs regarding street allowance on the foreshore of the Indian Reserve was referred to a Committee consisting of the Mayor, City Engineer and Alderman Dick to bring in a report Thursday night.

Mr. A.E. Crickmay apprised the Council of a resident on 17th Street who had been sick for some considerable time, and had now become destitute and was unable to support his wife and family of four children who had also become sick. Alderman Biss was asked to look into the case the following morning and give immediate relief, also that the Medical Health Officer inspects the dwelling in which the family is residing.

On motion of Alderman Dick, Council adjourned till Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Alderman McRae dissenting.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor