

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 7th DAY OF AUGUST 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 31st July and of the Special meeting of the 3rd August, 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.

Communications were received and read as follows:

From L.K. Jones, Secretary, Department of Railways, acknowledging receipt of Council's telegram advising that City approves Agreement between the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company and the B.I.T. & B. Co. and asks for the renewal of all subsidies to the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that communication be acknowledged and Department advised that Council respectfully request a renewal of all subsidies granted to the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company and any additional subsidies which may be applied for by the Company.

From C.L. Stonehouse asking to have lane opened up in rear of Lot 15, subdivision 4 and 5 of Block 7, D.L. 549, 19th Street. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From James Marsden requesting that Wolfe Street be opened up to Lot 13, Block "F". Referred to Board of Works.

From H.H. Bishop requesting an extension and crossing to the sidewalk on 8th Street East to his residence on Lot 3, Block 104, D.L. 550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Norman Wilson requesting that 12th Street be opened up to 400 Block East and calling attention to inadequacy of water supply. Referred to Board of Works and Water Works Committee.

From G. Sinclair making application for sidewalk on 19th Street from Mahon Avenue to Lot 4, Block 21, D.L. 547. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. Mary Jane Gowdy requesting that sidewalk be laid on East side of West. George's Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From John S. Douglas again making application for water service to Lot 17, Block 225, D.L. 545. Referred to Water Works Committee.

From J.W. Horne asking to have plate glass window replaced in Horne Block corner Esplanade and Lonsdale Avenue alleged to have been broken by City workmen through blasting operations in constructing sewers. Referred to Engineer to investigate and report.

From Managing Director, Evans, Coleman & Evans asking for payment of balance of account for cast iron pipe supplied to City in full filament of contract. Referred to Water Works Committee and City Engineer.

From City Treasurer advising that he would have statement of expenditures of various Committees to end of June ready for next meeting.

From A. Campbell Hope, Architect with certificates in favor of Chris. H. Barker specialist in setting up apparatus for doors, etc. in new Fire Hall for \$80.00 and Cunningham Limited for providing patent door springs in new Fire Hall for \$400.00. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., asking for payment of \$263.41 the agreed on share of the City for widening, grading, surfacing and ditching the Lilloet Road from Keith Road to the Cemetery. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith, resolved that check be issued for the amount.

From City Engineer reporting that he had obtained the petition for 4th Street widening and marked on the plan the property which owners had expressed their willingness to give. Referred to Council in Committee of the Whole.

From M. McCann, President, Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, advising of 19th annual convention of Association to be held in Vancouver on September 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th next, and urging on the Council the importance of sending Chief of Fire Department and other City officials to the Convention. Referred to Fire Committee.

From H. Wesche reporting refusal of Fire Chief to issue permit to burn timber and rubbish on lots. Mr. Wesche to be requested to furnish locality and description of property for which permit applied for.

From Lonsdale Realty Company making offer of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 29, D.L. 548, comprising 1 ½ acres together with buildings erected thereon for \$15,000 as a hospital site. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that offer be laid on the table.

From R.H. Sperling, General Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co in further reference to giving of car service on that portion of the Keith Road from Fell Avenue to the terminus near the "Lounge" Building and requesting that his Company be given permission to temporarily abandon the car service on that portion of the Keith Road until such time as traffic conditions warrant a resumption of the service. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that Company be granted permission to temporarily abandon the car service on that portion of the Keith Road to be resumed again on demand of the Council.

From Wallace Shipyards Limited, notifying Council that change of grade on the Esplanade will seriously injure traffic to their yards. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman McRae, referred to Board of Works and City Engineer to look into and see if anything can be done in the matter.

From Wallace Shipyards Limited, advising that they had made a settlement with the Insurance Companies and the time had now come when they had to make up their minds if they could rebuild in North Vancouver and wishing to know if the Council felt disposed to help them in the matter by reducing their taxes or guaranteeing that they need not be raised in a year or two. They had no wish to leave North Vancouver, but if the taxes increased at the same rate in the future as they had done in the past they would have to give up business. If nothing could be done they would only make temporary repairs and do a little repair work only until they disposed of their property. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson, Mr. Wallace to be advised that the assent of the Electors is necessary to any Bylaw for granting aid to manufactories by way of bonus or exemption from taxation, and that if he wishes Council to submit another Bylaw for this purpose that he state specifically what aid he requires.

The North Vancouver City Ferries Limited submitted statement of receipts for month of July, total receipts \$15,039.65; comparative figures, July 1910 \$12,268.90; May 1911, (previous record) \$13,023.95. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson, resolved that Company be requested to furnish Council with complete statement of receipts and disbursements.

Petition Frank Wheeler and five other property owners requesting that sidewalk be laid on south side of 4th Street between St. George's Avenue and St. Andrew's for accommodation of residents. Referred to Board of Works.

A letter was read from R. Thompson Tinn requesting on behalf of delegates appointed at meeting held in Lynn Valley permission to read to Council report of

proceedings taken at meeting, in respect to Governments action calling for the reconveyance to the Crown of one-fourth of all Crown granted lands in the event of their being subdivided into lots containing one acre or less. Upon being granted leave Mr. Tinn read the report to the Meeting after which Alderman Dick moved that the Mayor and Alderman Henderson be appointed delegates from the City Council to act in conjunction with delegates from other municipalities and the Hon. F. Carter Cotton in presenting the case before Premier McBride and the Executive Council.

On motion of Alderman Dick, Council resolved to hold Special Meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to consider what action Council propose to take before Railway Commissioners in respect to crossings at Ferry Landing.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 12A, D.L. 550 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 Block 232, D.L. 546, was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith passed by the Council, provided lane is shown twenty feet instead of ten feet.

The following progress estimates were passed for payment.

St. Patrick's Avenue storm sewer from water front to 3 rd Street	Romano Pinto & Company	\$469.35
Queensbury Avenue grading from 3 rd Street to City Limits	Thompson & Stuart	\$3,265.65
1 st Street grading from Forbes Avenue to St. David's Avenue	H.V. Tucker	\$4,162.50
2 nd Street grading from Lonsdale avenue to St. David's Avenue	H.V. Tucker	\$3,165.00

The report of the Parks and Cemetery Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was read to and adopted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Henderson it was resolved that District Council benefited that Lilloet Road is a gazetted highway 66' in width and their attention called to the fact that plan of subdivision of D.L. 612 had been approved of by them showing lots extending over the Lilloet Road, and that the City Council would look to them to preserve their rights to the gazetted highway, also that the Provincial Government be informed of the facts in this case.

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was read to and adopted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson, it was resolved to lay a 2" water connection to Captain Kickham's wharf. The water to be furnished at meter rates.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 3rd instant was also read and adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of 3rd August current was also read to and confirmed by the Council.

The report of the Special Committee appointed to consider applications received for Assessor as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 4th instant was read to and adopted by the Council.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 3rd August was read and adopted.

The following recommendations submitted by the Board of Works Committee as modified by the Council were on motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith, unanimously adopted by the Council.

With the objection of exercising a closer supervision over the costly Public Works now in progress in the City in connection with Sewering, storm water drainage and street grading the bow make the following recommendations:

1. That the City Engineer be instructed by the Council to present to the Board of Works at each bi-weekly meeting a full report of the progress of all Public Works now in course of construction, specifically setting forth the nature of the Works, executed, extras or omissions, the number of men employed and any points of difference between himself and the contractors.

2. That the City Engineer furnishes to the Board of Works the following documents:

- (a) complete set of the plans of each work under construction whether by day labor or by contract whenever requested.

- (b) A copy of the conditions and specifications of each work.

- (c) A copy of the Engineer's estimate and a copy of the Contractor's Tender of each work in progress.

3. That a competent Inspector of Works be placed in charge on behalf of the City over the grading of streets where necessary.

4. That a bi-weekly report of Road clearing and planked sidewalk construction be submitted with the cost of same and the number of men employed.

5. A bi-weekly report of authorized works remaining in abeyance.
6. A bi-weekly report of ordinary maintenance on the streets and a description of the labor and materials employed and the cost of the same.
7. An estimate of the balance standing to the credit of the Board of Works to be had from the Treasurer.

The Board of Works also recommends that the Engineer be instructed to furnish a report to the Council at its next regular meeting as to the best means of taking care of the newly graded streets so as to carry the Vehicular traffic pending the laying down of permanent paving. If the Engineer deems crushed rock cost of the same and to place the fullest information on t his important question before the Council, the Board of Works are of opinion that this matter should be dealt with promptly before the advent of the wet season especially for the benefit of Lonsdale Avenue.

The Chairman of the Board of Works has made enquiries as tot eh running of the Rock-Crusher and has been informed by the Manufacturers Agent that his Engineer with two fitters tested the Machine on the 28th and 29th July and after making a few minor alterations demonstrated in the presence of the City Road Foreman the satisfactory working of the Rock-Crusher. The Manufacturers agent, however, agreed to supply a competent Engineer on Wednesday next at 8 o'clock in the morning at the City's expense to assist the Engineer engaged by the Council to run the machine for a day. The Agent called the attention of Alderman Henderson to the fact that the Rock-Crusher was delivered to the City Council last March and paid for in June, and express his regret that he was not asked to send his Engineer to assist in setting the Machine to work when it was first set to work, and further that the alleged defects should have been brought to his notice within a reasonable time after its delivery.

Signed: A. H. Henderson
Signed: Alexander Smith
Signed: Geo. W. McRae

A lady ratepayer appeared and requested that 22nd Street be opened up between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues to provide access to her property. The Chairman of the Board of Works reported that wagon road had already been constructed. To build a proper road it would necessitate the construction of trestle bridges across two ravines. The Board of Works Committee would again view the locality and report at next meeting.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that McDonell, Gzowski & Co., Contractors for sewers, be requested to take immediate steps to clean out silt deposited by them in the completed sewers.

On motion of Alderman Dick resolved that City Engineer be instructed to construct branch sewer to line of street for house at corner of 6th and Forbes Avenue provided owner deposit estimated cost before commencement of the work.

Alderman McRae gave in report of interview had by Committee with Mr. James P. Fell regarding his offer to sell to the City, Block 9 in D.L. 552, as a school site for \$12,500 cash. Mr. Fell had consented to allow his offer to stand until the January Elections when the Bylaw could be submitted to the Ratepayers. On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that Mr. Fell be advised that Bylaw will be submitted to the Ratepayers at January elections for the purchase of Block 9 in D.L. 552 as a school site for the sum of \$12,500.

A letter was read from L.L. Dickinson offering to sell to the City as a hospital site Block 220C, comprising 2 ½ acres for \$16,000. Laid on the table. Mr. Dickinson to be advised that City is not desirous of securing hospital site at present.

The Chairman of the Board of Works Committee was deputed to interview property owners regarding City obtaining right to construct sewer through private property on the east and west of Lonsdale Avenue.

A letter was read from Solicitor Reid in reference to question of taxes of one Finlayson on Lot 5, Block 3, D.L. 273, which were applied by mistake to Lot 5, Block 8, D.L. 273, and stating that he thought this should be treated as a mere error in bookkeeping, and the entries relating to same attended to according. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman McRae, resolved that advice of City Solicitor be followed and that the owner of Lot 5, Block 8, D.L. 273, be notified that his taxes remain unpaid.

From Solicitor Reid advising that he was of the opinion that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. is not authorized under their agreement with the City to discontinue service on that portion of the Keith Road from Fell Avenue to the terminus near the "Lounge" building with the consent of the Council, and that in regard to the question of frequency of service he thought the company would be acting within its rights in operating the whole of tins system giving service only as provided for in Clause 10, of the Agreement, namely; Half hourly unless otherwise arranged by mutual agreement.

From Solicitor Reid advising that as the scheme provided for by the Agreement with the B.I.T. & B. Co. for the taking of stock in the Company was now to be abandoned and in particular the time limited therein mentioned was not to be observed but a new and materially different scheme was to be substituted. He was of the opinion that under these circumstances the City is not authorized to take stock in the Company without the authority of a new Bylaw assented to by the Electors.

On motion of Alderman Dick resolved that City Clerk be instructed to prepare a new Bylaw and have it in readiness for submission to the Electors at any time.

On motion of Alderman Dick resolved that Department of Public Works be again urged to proceed with the construction of Road through Moodyville.

Council adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor