

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD  
WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF  
AUGUST 1911 AT 1 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 held on 14<sup>th</sup> instant copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and adopted.

Correspondence was read as follows:

From Wm. McLean making application for 16<sup>th</sup> Street to be opened up from Queensbury Avenue to Lot 6, Block 7, D.L. 616. Referred to Board of Works.

From Leonard J. Gregory intimating that he was about to commence building a house costing \$1200 on Lot 19, Block 204, D.L. 544 and would like 21<sup>st</sup> Street opened up to the property. Referred to Board of Works.

From W. Russell again making application for sidewalk on 14<sup>th</sup> street first block from Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From L.K. Harrison again making application for sidewalk to Lot 10, Block 15, D.L. 550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Peter Erickson asking to have 27<sup>th</sup> Street opened up to Lot 50, Block 237, D.L. 546. Referred to Board of Works.

From John Chivers and seven other property owners again requesting sidewalk on 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Jones Avenue to Forbes Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From James W. Veich making application for water connection to house on Lot 7, Block 26, D.L. 552. Referred to Water Committee.

From L.K. Jones, Secretary Department of Railways, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of Council's communication asking the V.W. & Y. Railway Co. be granted any additional subsidy they may apply for.

From McDougal, Jenkins Engineers Ltd., notifying Council that rain had caused the roof of their building to leak badly and that they would have to get it repaired

at once. The damage it was alleged was done by City workmen through blasting operations. On motion of Alderman Henderson referred to City Engineer to investigate and if Contractors responsible that they be notified at once and McDougal, Jenkins informed that their remedy is against the Contractors.

From A.E. Stevens with reference to damage done to his property at corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and St. David's Avenue through blasting operations carried on by Contractor for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street grading and intimating that City would be held responsible for damage sustained. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Kittson resolved that Mr. Stevens be informed that his remedy is against the Contractors.

The City Engineer reported that the Contractor had stated to him that he would expect to pay for any damage done.

From B.W. Spillsbury, Findern, Derby, England with check for \$4.80 in payment of water rates and claiming that as he did not receive the notice till August 2<sup>nd</sup> he should be allowed the rebate.

From E.M. Hodge with check for \$2.40 in payment of water rates and claiming to be allowed rebate. The check was mailed on the date of expiry of rebate. Alderman Kittson moved that if Treasurer is satisfied that checks were mailed prior to due date that rebate be allowed in each case. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

From John D. Johnson, Commercial Manager, B.C. Telephone Company offering to install private telephone line between No. 1 and No. 2 Fire Hall Stations at rental of \$5.00 per month. The Company to furnish telephones and dry batteries and maintain the lines. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Company in regard to 4" pipe for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sewer extension. They had inquired of several Manufacturers both in Canada and the United States and were unable to get the class of pipe which would meet with North Vancouver specifications. The only place to get the pipe was in Scotland and it would take from three to six months in transit in which case they would be unable to complete their contract within the time specified.

From R.E. Lee advising of similar difficulty in the matter of pipe for sewer in lane on west side of Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works and City Engineer.

From J.W. Horne advising that he was not in favor of the proposal to construct sewer through Lots 61, 62, 63 and 64, Block 166, D.L. 274 as complications would be sure to arise in the future. Filed.

From Aemilius Jarvis & Company advising that as their contract with the purchasers in London calls for payment September 1<sup>st</sup> the funds would be

deposited to the credit of the City at the office of the Bank of British North America, London. Clerk directed to advise Vancouver Manager accordingly.

Three letters received from Aemilius Jarvis & Company with reference to modifying contract and printing of debentures were referred to the Finance Committee.

From Alex Philip asking Council to consider assessment of Block 232A, D.L. 546. The block contains 1.81 acres and the Assessor intended that the assessment should be \$2800 for the block, but in writing it out it was entered at \$2800 per acre or a total of \$5,070. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Engineer recommending that accounts for lumber received from North Vancouver Lumber Company for \$1,632.86 and \$135.06 be paid. He had deducted from the original accounts the sum of \$222.40 and \$115.20 being the amounts previously held on account of the company supplying Hemlock lumber instead of Fir. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Kittson resolved that accounts be paid according to recommendation of City Engineer. Alderman Kittson moved that the City Engineer be instructed to bring in an estimate of the value of Hemlock lumber supplied by the lumber company. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

From City Engineer Hanes notifying Council that he had instructed Mr. Tucker and Mr. Gibson to commence their contracts on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street which were let some time ago. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman McRae, resolved that Clerk notify the Contractors to proceed with the contracts forthwith.

From City Engineer Hanes advising that he was of the opinion that the waterworks funds for construction purposes were practically used up and that he would like to be furnished with a copy of the account up to date. City Treasurer instructed to furnish City Engineer with copy of account up to date.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that in grading Lonsdale Avenue between Upper Keith Road and 8<sup>th</sup> Street on the east side a septic tank which receives the sewage from houses owned by Mr. Morden had been uncovered and partly excavated. He was of the opinion that the tanks should be abandoned and the owner instructed to construct a new one on his own property. It was not possible to connect with the sewer. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that notice be served on Mr. Morden requesting him to construct tank on his own property.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he had posted water notices for the lake at the head of Lynn Creek for storage purposes by building a dam which would hold in the neighborhood of 150 million gallons of water.

From City Engineer Hanes requesting that he be given permission to charge to the Bow the cost of cutting down sidewalks and street approaches to street intersections to meet the Lonsdale avenue and Queensbury Avenue grades. Such work was not chargeable to the Local Improvements. Referred to Board of Works to consider.

From City Engineer reporting that the bridge on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street across Mission Creek was about complete and that he was ready to commence the construction of the Larson Road Bridge if it was the wish of the Council that he should proceed with the work. Alderman Henderson reported that the Board of Works had not sufficient funds to meet this expenditure and the Committee was of opinion that he work should be held over for another year. On motion of Alderman Henderson resolved that authorization of work be rescinded and that Engineer be informed of this decision.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries Limited, advising of following resolution passed at recent meeting of Board of Directors of the Company.

“Resolved that we, the Board of Directors for the North Vancouver City Ferries Limited do respectfully request at the City Council, and urge upon them the necessity of taking immediate steps towards the submission of a Bylaw to authorize the purchase of additional shares in the capital stock of this Company to the extent of \$150,000 as it is necessary that money be provided with which to build and equip an additional Ferry Steamer.”

Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that it will cost about the sum of \$10,000 to put a layer of crushed rock about 4” thick on both sides of Lonsdale avenue from the water front to Upper Keith Road and about \$2000 for spreading, leveling and rolling the same. He estimated that if \$5000 were provided for the Esplanade, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets making a total of \$15,000 would be able to put the roads in good condition for winter traffic. He was of opinion that \$5000 would purchase sufficient rock to put Lonsdale Avenue from Upper Keith Road to City Limits in good condition after being graded.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that it will cost about \$4500 to build a 12’ plank roadway on Lonsdale avenue from the waterfront to a point about 18<sup>th</sup> street and a similar amount to build an equal length of plank roadway on the Esplanade, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Alderman Henderson was of opinion that City would not be in position to incur expenditure of block paving these streets next year or years after and though City should provide sufficient rock to take care of the surface of the streets for the next two or three years. Alderman Smith

thought if one side of the streets was macadamized it would take care of traffic for a year or two.

Alderman Kittson thought all streets which are being permanently graded this year should be macadamized on one side.

The Mayor addressed the Council at length relative to finances and possibilities of future borrowing powers. He thought that a Bylaw should be placed before the Electors to provide sufficient money for the purchase of rock to macadamize any street requiring it.

Alderman Henderson moved that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a Bylaw forthwith for the raising of \$40,000 for the repair and maintenance of streets in the City. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and unanimously agreed to.

A lengthy letter was read from the City Engineer refuting charges and criticisms made against him by Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson at last meeting at which he was not present being absent on a trip up Lynn Creek undertaken in the interests of the City and at the express wish of the Council by resolution. He did not consider the charges fair or just as they were not according to facts and had a tendency to injure his reputation. The statements and replies were enumerated in detail.

Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson made reply stating that it was not their desire to harm the Engineer rather to help him in the discharge of his duties any criticism made was of a very mild nature.

The report of City Auditor Howard with cash statements of receipts and disbursements also expenditures of Committees for six months ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1911 was referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Biss directed attention to North Vancouver Lumber Company being allowed to accumulate shavings and mill refuse on water front to the danger of surrounding property from fire. Referred to Fire & Light Committee to deal with.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lots 11 and 12, Block 92, D.L. 550, was considered. The Engineer did not approve of the plan as he thought there should be half lane allowance of 10' at the rear of Lots 11 and 12. Alderman Henderson moved that Council withhold approval to the plan and that Mr. English the owner be asked to interview the City Engineer. This was agreed to.

The following tenders were received and opened for the construction of a sewer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from a point 300' east of St. Andrew's to west side of St. David's Avenue.

Romano Pinto & Co.	\$19,531.80	unmarked cheque - \$926.57
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R.E. Lee	\$20,000.00	marked cheque - \$1,000.00
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For construction of sewer on Esplanade and Crescent Street from East side of St. George's Avenue to west side of St. Andrew's Avenue.

Romano Pinto & Co.	\$35,898.00	unmarked cheque - \$1,754.90
R.E. Lee	\$34m987.00	marked cheque - \$2,000.00

The tenders were referred to Board of Works Committee and City Engineer to report upon.

A progress estimate certified to by the City Engineer in favor of Messrs. Higgins and Fisher for grading Esplanade and Crescent Street for \$3,596.25 was passed for payment.

The Finance Committee recommended that a further grant of \$50.00 be made to the North Vancouver Horticultural Society. On motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Smith the Committee's recommendation was accepted.

The Special Committee appointed to consider applications received for position of Assessor and Assistant in the City Clerk's office reported having met yesterday. Fourteen applications were considered and the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. C. Talbot Haslam. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that Committee's recommendation be accepted. A ballot was cast and Mr. Haslam duly elected to the office.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant was read and as modified adopted.

Alderman Kittson moved that the City Engineer be instructed to cease any further expenditure on account of the lanes appropriation and that the unexpended portion of same be temporarily placed at the disposal for the Fire Committee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Kittson, the following resolution was passed unanimously

"Resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute in favor of Aemilius Jarvis & Company an undertaking, that in consideration of their making payment of the proceeds of sale of the Debentures of the Local Improvement Consolidated Bylaw No. 178 for \$635,525 at ninety-five and the proceed of sale of the debentures of Bylaws 166, 167 at 92.60. Such proceeds to be paid to the credit of the City at the Bank of British North America in London, England on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1911 to issue and deliver to the said Aemilius Jarvis & Company the

debentures authorized to be issued by said Bylaws and that contract with Aemilius Jarvis & Company be amended accordingly”.

Alderman Henderson moved that the value made by City Engineer for widening of Lonsdale Avenue to be tendered in cash to the respective parties making claim. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

Bylaw No. 166, the Schools extra ordinary expenditure Loan Bylaw 1911, as altered to read in accordance with Schedule to order in Council issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> day July was reintroduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 167, the Rice Lake Bylaw 1911, as altered to read in accordance with Schedule to order in Council issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July was reintroduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 168, the City Hall Additions Bylaw, 1991, as altered to read in accordance with Schedule to order in Council issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July was reintroduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Biss, resolved that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be authorized to do such filling in and grading work necessary under their car tracks on 4<sup>th</sup> street to meet Queensbury Avenue grade.

Alderman McRae reported that the check for \$500.00 retained from Contractor Blake had again been returned by the Bank.

On motion of Alderman Kittson resolved that advice of City Solicitor be taken in the matter.

Council adjourned till Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor