

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 28TH 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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 21st of the Adjourned Regular meeting of the 22nd and 24th August current, 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 Biss adopted.

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

From G. Sinclair requesting sidewalk on 19th Street from Mahon Avenue to Lot 4, Block 321, D.L. 547.

From Bank of Hamilton requesting sidewalk to be laid on south side of 1st Street from Lonsdale Avenue to eastern end of Bank building.

From F. C. Myers again requesting sidewalk to his residence on 13th Street.

From A.J.C. Gilmour making application for road to be opened up to his house on Lot 28, Block 203A, D.L. 544.

From Frank Pochnl requesting 27th Street to be opened up to Lot 56, Block 237.

From C.M. Donnell making application for opening up of 27th Street to Lot 55, Block 237.

Petition Peters & Lawley and 12 other property owners and lease holders requesting 12' plank sidewalk on the Esplanade from Lonsdale Avenue to St. Patrick's Avenue.

From Mrs. C.A. Broughton and nine other property owners respectfully requesting that in opening up 27^t, 28th and 29th Streets between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues as many as possible of the beautiful native trees be left on the Boulevard and protected from injury.

From E. Dowey wishing to know what is being done about constructing a road to connect with Dudley Road now being cleared by the District.

From A.D. Nye requesting the opening up of piece of road between 6th Street and Victoria Park, Block 113, D.L. 548 and calling attention to the condition of the Creek running through adjoining property.

From H.H. Reymant with reference to damage done to 2nd house on 8th Street East, west of the Boulevard by blasting operations.

From G. Cozius Cooper with reference to vehicles being allowed to remain and obstruct traffic on the Esplanade east.

From Mrs. K. Kickham requesting refund of \$20.00 disbursement made by her for clearing off and grading 200' of alley in rear of her premises, 200 Second St. West, to protect buildings from bush fire.

Correspondence was read as follows:

From Mrs. E.M. Cousins complaining of dangerous tree in rear of Lots 33 and 34, Block 8, D.L. 549. Referred to Engineer.

From W.C. Green requesting the removal of tall, dead tree on west side of Mahon Park. Referred to Parks Committee with power to act.

From Jack Loutet complaining of probable danger from fire of dry brush and rubbish on Lot 18, Block 140. Referred to Chief of Police.

From J. Kirkland, Caretaker Waterworks Intake making application for annual leave of absence from August 31st to September 13th. On motion of Alderman Dick, Mr. Kirkland to be informed that leave of absence will be granted as soon as substitute is obtained to take his place. Mr. Grant, Waterworks Foreman authorized to select suitable man.

From T.M. Heard, Manager, North Vancouver City Ferries Limited, requesting permission to erect on waterfront at end of St. Andrew's Avenue gridiron to be used for the purpose of paining steel pontoons. The space required is 25' on eastern part of street end. The gridiron to be of temporary nature and to be removed on six days notice from the Council. On motion of Alderman Dick permission granted during pleasure of Council.

From North Vancouver Coal & Supply Company Limited, requesting permission to connect with water main on Esplanade and run pipe down to stand pipe at foot of St. George's Avenue. The water to be used only in case of fire. Referred to Water Works Committee.

From J.T.W. Jay requesting return of \$29.25 held in escrow pending settlement of wages account of two mechanics. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., with reference to interview had by Alderman Biss with Committee of the Whole District Council on subject of restriction of plan of subdivision of part of cemetery lot and fencing of same. The District Council had resolved that upon the City Council receiving from the proper authorities permission to move bodies buried, Council would bear 50% of the cost of removal and would then approve the plan of subdivision. Referred to Cemetery Committee.

From City Engineer Hanes with bills received from Peter Larson for work done on Esplanade for putting up heavy railing on top of retaining wall and painting same. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that he had received report from City Treasurer stating that the sum of \$8,500 remained at the credit of Waterworks Department for construction purposes. Today's payroll together with bills yet to be paid would leave the waterworks without any funds and he wished to know whether he would stop all construction work. It was absolutely necessary to lay 8" cast iron mains on Esplanade, 1st and 2nd Streets within next month of two and this would require about \$48,000. He recommended that Bylaw be submitted to the Ratepayers to provide sum of \$50,000 to enable the Waterworks department to complete laying of 8" pipe on Esplanade, 1st and 2nd Streets and steel main on 17th Streets from Lonsdale to Sutherland, and to meet the probably requirements for the department for the balance of the year. On motion of Alderman Dick referred to Water Works Committee to consider and report upon at next meeting.

Alderman Dick moved that City Engineer be instructed to lay off entire waterworks force excepting those actually required for making connections. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

From City Engineer with inventory of plant and tools in possession of Board of Works Department. Referred to Board of Works.

Mr. W.J. Irwin appeared and asked Council to appoint a Committee to meet the owner with view of arriving at satisfactory settlement regarding plan of subdivision of Block 31 and Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 37, D.L. 549. It was arranged that the Board of Works and City Engineer would meet the owner at Committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Wm. Harris appeared and informed Council he was building five houses on Lots 1 and 2, Block 73, D.L. 548, corner Chesterfield and 13th Street, and that he was desirous of getting sewer connections. The only way was to connect with the sewer on 8th Street. He was prepared to pay the cost of the work. Alderman

Dick moved that upon Mr. Harries depositing with the City Treasurer \$300.00 the estimated cost of the work that the City undertake to construct a branch sewer from the main sewer on 8th Street to the line of Lots 1 and 2, Block 73, to connect the houses built thereon.

This arrangement to in no way prejudice the Council's right to assess, levy or collect special rates or taxes against the property for construction of sanitary sewer on 13th Street. The whole to be embodied in an agreement. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

Mr. Pinto of Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Co. sewer contractors in the City appeared and complained against the City Engineer insisting on digging open trenches for sewers, and not allowing them to tunnel. He claimed that the specifications did not call for open trenches as it was not specifically stated that tunneling would or would not be allowed. The Engineer had intimated to them that he was to deduct the value of unexcavated trenches from their contract price. Clause 4 of the sewer specifications was referred to in which was recited "The trenches shall be excavated to the required depth and width necessary to successfully construct the sewer to the grade and line as shown on the plan, profile and section".

The Engineer had asked the Contractors to break down tunnels onto the pipe which had been laid. Alderman Dick expressed himself as being in favor of upholding the City Engineer in the stand he had taken.

The word "Excavated" he contended meant to dig an open trench. Alderman Henderson stated that in all his experience it had been a Contractors privilege to either tunnel or ditch. He maintained that any points of difference arising between the Contract and the Engineer should have been reported to the Board of Works. McDonell, Gzowski & Co. had been allowed to drive tunnels all over the City. Engineer Hanes stated that when McDonell, Gzowkki first tunneled they were notified to stop. The contract was drawn leaving it to the City Engineer to define the various clauses. Mr. Romano had been told before the contract was let that no tunneling would be allowed. He had not right to address himself to the Council. Alderman Smith thought that when first tunnels were driven they should have been stopped. The Engineer was acquainted with the terms of the contract and it was his duty to stop the contractors tunneling. The fact of deducting money now from contract would not uphold the streets on which tunnels driven.

Messrs. Williams, Larson & Capt. Kickham, Directors of the Ferry Company were in attendance and urged upon the Council the necessity for submitting a Bylaw to the Electros to provide money for another ferry steamer. Secretary Kemp submitted statement showing assets of Company to be \$338,683.37 and liabilities \$330,717.35, leaving a surplus of \$7,966.02.

In the discussion which followed it was disclosed that in the statement of profit and loss issued by the Ferry Company they did not provide for the interest and sinking fund on the capital invested by the City in the undertaking amounting to some \$18,000 and that if such were done the Ferries would be operating at a loss instead of gain.

Alderman Henderson submitted the following report of the Finance Committee respecting the communications received from the North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. dated April 14th and August 22nd, last.

“Finance Committee recommends that the Ferry Directors be asked to submit to the City Council for publication for the information of the Shareholders a concise account of the present financial condition of the City Ferries Limited, giving capital expenditures, from its commencement to present date also expenditures from revenue indebtedness, mortgages, receipts and operating expenses, and that the Council take the necessary steps to convene a Public Meeting to consider the advisability of submitting a Bylaw to the Ratepayers to provide the amount asked for by City debentures or Company debentures guaranteed by City or to ascertain the wishes of the Ratepayers by means of a referendum, and that the Company be asked to provide for the interest and sinking fund on \$150,000 debentures issued by the City to take stock in the Company amounting to \$17,586.70 annually.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Dick the report of the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted.

A plan of subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 7, D.L. 616, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick and passed by the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (General, Health), Board of Works (General and Local Improvement), Waterworks, Fire and Light, 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 - General	\$1,040.00
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Board of Works - General	4,201.92
Board of Works - Local Improvement	29,829.11
Waterworks	5,434.75
Fire and Light	1,212.75
Parks	128.80

The reports of the Fire and Light, Waterworks, Finance and Board of Works Committees as contained in the Committee’s minutes of the 24th August was read to and adopted by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson the following progress estimates certified by the City Engineer were passed.

Sewer in lane west of Lonsdale Avenue, R.E.Lee	\$1,913.25
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Sewer in lane east of Lonsdale Avenue, Romano Pinto & Co.	1,913.25
3 rd Street sewer extension	3,523.00

Alderman Henderson objected to deduction of \$500.00 for tunnels.

Council adjourned till Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor