

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 held on 28<sup>th</sup> August last 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 McRae adopted. The Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August a copy of which were not previously engrossed in the Minute Book were not taken into consideration.

Correspondence was received and read as follows:

The Directors of the North Vancouver Horticultural Society requested the presence of the Mayor and Aldermen at the opening of their eight annual exhibitions at the Horticultural Hall on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8 p.m.

From A.D. Strome asking for the removal of tall, dangerous trees standing on Lot 5, resub. of Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 7, D.L. 549 and in lane in rear of Lot 6, and on lot adjoining Lot 6. Referred to City Engineer to investigate and if found dangerous to notify owner to have trees cut down.

From Mrs. H.K. Vickery again asking for payment of \$15.00 being cost of removing stumps and logs piled on her property at the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and St. Andrews Avenue by City workmen while clearing street. Referred to City Engineer.

From L. W. S. Goodbody asking for sidewalk to be laid on south side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street from Mahon Avenue to his residence "The Chalet". Referred to Board of Works.

From E.M. Lundin-Brown and others again requesting sidewalk on Ridgeway Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From Walter S. Young regarding stumps, roots and rocks piled on his property in Block 26, D.L. 273 by City workmen in grading 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and calling attention to the need for a retaining wall at the East end of the Block. Referred to Board of Works.

From T.M. Hanley making application for sidewalk to be laid on Keith Road from Ridgeway Avenue east to Lot 3, Block 2, D.L. 273. Referred to Board of Works.

From A.G. Perry reporting accident which he sustained on Lonsdale Avenue by projecting plank in sidewalk and making claim of \$8.50 for renewing damaged pair of trousers. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith referred to Insurance Company.

From H.V. Tucker reporting that he had intended to start the work of grading 1<sup>st</sup> Street east for the past two weeks but had been unable to secure sufficient teams to prosecute his contract on the west side of Lonsdale as fast as he would have liked to . He had, however, arranged to put wheelbarrow gangs on and move what earth goes directly across the street. Filed.

From John Bird asking permission to connect premises to be erected on Lot 7, Block 216, D.L. 274, with sewer being constructed in lane west of Lonsdale. It was explained to Mr. Bird that the Lot in question should be connected with sewer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street but that if he was prepared to pay the cost of connecting with the sewer in the lane temporarily without prejudice to the Council's right to assess and levy taxes against the property for sewer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street when constructed permission would be given. Mr. Bird who was present agreed to do this. The City Engineer was instructed to bring in an estimate of the cost.

From A. Campbell Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary with Special License issued to the Council to erect and maintain a powder house at the extreme easterly end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street under certain regulations. Filed.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that Mr. Watson at the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and Lonsdale Avenue had given instructions to the City grading gang not to do any grading on the 17' strip opposite his property which had been expropriated for widening purposes. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that action be deferred until Arbitration proceeding settled.

From A.E. Stevens notifying Council that he would hold the Corporation responsible for expense incurred by him in repairing damage done to wall by blasting operations carried on by the Contractor for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street grading. The bill for damages amounted of \$47.05. Referred to City Solicitor.

From A.R. Gibson, Contractor stating that he was willing to release the City of their contract with him for the grading of Lonsdale Avenue if paid at the rate of 95' per cubic yard for work done and \$100 for moving equipment camp, etc. On motion of Alderman Henderson resolved that City Engineer prepare statement of work done and that consideration of settlement be deferred.

From Messrs. Romano Pinto & Company advising that they had received instructions from the City Engineer not to tunnel on their sewer work but to carry out the contract with open trenches and that any tunnels already made would have to be broken down. They were prepared and willing to proceed with the contract in accordance with the specifications but as there was nothing in the specifications in their opinion prohibiting tunneling, and that if City Engineer insisted on having existing tunnels broken down they would expect to be paid an extra allowance for the work, also an extra allowance to cover additional cost if they were compelled to carry out the balance of the work in open cut instead of tunneling where it was found more economical to do so. In their communication on a number of quotations were recited in relation to tunneling from specifications in different Cities. Alderman Dick pointed out that Messrs. Romano Pinto & Company had absolute instructions from the City Engineer before entering into the contract that tunneling would not be allowed.

Alderman Kitts on objected to Messrs. Romano Pinto & Company addressing themselves to the Council in view of the fact that Engineer was sole arbitrator in respect to meaning of Clauses in specifications. Alderman Dick moved that matter be referred to City Engineer to settle with Contractors. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to. Alderman Henderson dissenting.

From R. Fawcett requesting opening up of lane. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C. acquainting Council with resolution passed by District Council in which it was requested that the City Council appoint a Committee of three to meet with a similar Committee from the District council to discuss generally the position of the North Shore with the B.C. Electric Railway Co and particularly in regard to Lonsdale avenue extension. Alderman Smith Alderman Henderson and Alderman McRae were appointed to act.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary School Board with copy communication received from Mr. James P. Fell with reference to proposed purchase of Block 9, D.L. 552. Referred to Finance Committee.

From G.H. Brock Secretary, B.C. Fire Chiefs Association notifying Council of fifth annual convention to be held in Vancouver on September 11, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and asking Council to elect capable representatives to attend the Convention. On motion of Alderman Dick the Chairman of the Fire & Light Committee and Fire Chief were appointed to attend the Convention.

From Harold Snow, Secretary North Vancouver Horticultural Society applying for rebate of taxes on Horticultural Societies property. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Engineer with letter received from Jack Loutet & Company asking for permanent grade at corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Chesterfield Avenue and intimating that there were no permanent grades established at this point. On motion of

Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that City Engineer furnish grade as near as possible to what may be considered permanent grade.

From City Engineer with letter received from O.W. Thomas asking for permission to connect his houses on Lot 13, Block 125 with sewer in lane on west side of Lonsdale Avenue. It was explained that the Lot in question should be connected with sewer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, but that if the owner was prepared to pay the cost of connecting with the sewer in the lane temporarily without prejudice to the Council's right to assess and levy taxes against the property for sewer on 5<sup>th</sup> Street when constructed permission would be given. The City Engineer was instructed to bring in an estimate of the cost.

From City Engineer reporting that the cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge in Indian Reserve was \$2190.50 and that the cost of grading the road through the Reserve was \$540. Alderman Henderson did not think it was property to take \$3000. the purchase price of the street out of the appropriation of the Board of Works.

On motion of Alderman Dick it was resolved that the Finance Committee inquire into the financial position of all the different departments and report at an early date.

A lengthy report received from the City Engineer showing how the \$100,00 waterworks loan was prepared and statement showing how the money had been expended was referred to the Finance Committee.

A report received from the City Engineer stating that there was about \$6,600 to the credit of the Board of Works of which about \$3600 would be required for fixed wages and \$1000 to pay for lumber delivered was also referred to the Finance Committee.

The following report received from J.W. Fugler, Building Inspector for the month of August was read and considered very satisfactory.

Number of building permits - 74 value	\$75,950
Fees collected	\$172
Septic tanks installed - 46	
Set of Plumbing tested - 59	
Garbage calls - 225	
Nuisance complaints - 15	
Stand pipes for house connections tested 12	

A lengthy communication was read from A.B. Diplock in reference to the proposed re subdivision of Lots 4 ,5 and 6, Block 37, and Lots 1 and 2, Block 31, D.L. 549. He was willing to dedicate 16<sup>th</sup> Street with exception of a portion of 40 x 100' on which a portion of his residence is situated provided Council before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1911 expropriate for street purposes Lots 8 and 9 subdivision of

Lot 2, Block 37, so that 16<sup>th</sup> Street could be continued from St. George's Avenue to Lonsdale Avenue. An amended plan of proposed subdivision was submitted for approval. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Henderson the communication and plan were referred to the City Engineer for full investigation and report.

Alderman Smith moved that the amount placed at the temporary disposal of the Fire and Light Committee by the Lanes Committee be re-voted to the use of the Lanes Committee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Dick it was resolved that the Government be communicated with and asked to arrange for a re-hearing regarding Rice Lake at as early a date as possible, and that question of construction of Government road through Moodyville be taken up at the same time.

Alderman Dick moved that the City Clerk be instructed to consult with the City Solicitor regarding the Council's powers to pass a Bylaw to aid Industries by exemption from taxation or otherwise. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

Alderman Henderson moved that the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> August be adopted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Alderman Dick took exception to the proposed expenditures or work of the Waterworks Department being mentioned in the Board of Works report contained in the minutes. Alderman Kittson also took exception to the Board of Works throwing blame on the Waterworks Department. After some further discussion Alderman Dick moved that the reference to the Water Department be eliminated from the minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson.

Alderman Henderson moved an amendment that the minutes be adopted as printed with the following qualification that in drafting the minutes there was no intention on the part of the Board of Works to make any imputation on the Water Works Committee. The amendment was seconded by Alderman Smith.

On a division there voted for the amendment,

Alderman Henderson Alderman Smith Alderman McRae.

And for the motion,

Alderman Dick and Alderman Kittson.

The Amendment was declared carried.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson it was resolved that the Mayor proceed to Victoria and arrange with the Premier for rehearing regarding Rice Lake and Moodyville Road.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith the City Engineer was instructed to continue the opening up and grading of lanes East and West of Lonsdale Avenue.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Kittson Council adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor