

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 18th 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 of the 11th instant a copy of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Smith adopted.

Correspondence was received and dealt with as follows;

From R.T. Blackburn intimating that bridge on Mahon Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets was in an unsafe condition. Referred to Board of Works.

From Robert L. Doherty regarding sidewalk in front of Block 61, D.L. 549, Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From C.H. Keddie calling attention to several large trees which required to be felled on 20th Street, Boulevard extension. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. D. Hoylard respecting the felling of dangerous trees on Lot 17, Block 116, D.L. 274. Referred to Board of Works.

From C. McDonnell and Frank Pochnl calling attention to number of dead trees standing on 27th Street near Lots 55 and 56, Block 237. Referred to Board of Works.

From Alfred M. Reed again requesting sidewalk on 17th Street between Mahon and Jones Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From G.T. Dearling requesting lane in rear of Block 131, 1st Street West, to be opened up. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From H. Chafe requesting lane at rear of 8th house on south side of 19th Street to be opened up. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From W.P. Currer requesting lane in rear of Lots 23, 24, Block 7, D.L. 549, 19th Street and St. George's Avenue be opened up. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From Malcolm Firth making application for road to be constructed to Lot 21, Block 1, D.L. 273, for building purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

From M.B. Jackson, Jr. suggesting that ditch be constructed on 16th Street west from Jones Avenue to drain roadway. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer Hanes reporting that corrugated iron culvert material 36" in diameter costs about \$3.70 per lineal foot. Referred to Board of Works. The Engineer did not recommend such material for the purpose.

From R.B. Law requesting that stumps on roadway northwest corner of 7th and Ridgeway Avenue be removed. Referred to Board of Works.

From H.C.B. Hall requesting sidewalk on north side of 5th Street between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From J.G. Palmer requesting sidewalk on north side of 5th Street between Chesterfield and Mahon avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From Chief of Police Davies reporting that he had secured a temporary pound site, in Block 135, 4th Street west and making application for water service to be laid to the property. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that service be laid to the property.

From Wm. Weir bringing to notice of Council nuisance being caused by septic tank installed by Mr. Dierrson in the alley between 8th and 11th Streets.

From J.W. Fugler, Sanitary Inspector reporting that he had examined the septic tank at Dierrson's apartment house on 8th Street and found that the tank extended 3' in the alley and was not constructed according to the Bylaws of the City and was liable to become a public nuisance. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that Mr. Dierrson be given three days in which to remove the tank.

From J. Hugh Hooper, St. John's Rectory requesting permission to connect with sewer. Referred to Board of Works.

From D.C. McGregor & Co. Ltd., explaining the difference in insurance rate on waterworks employees and those engaged by Board of Works. The hazard for waterworks was greater than work carried on by Board of Works. Filed.

From R.C. Fawcett calling attention to danger done to his property by Contractor in grading 2nd Street between St. Patrick's Avenue and St. David's Avenue and requesting that a retaining wall be built to prevent further damage. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer with letter received from Rev. A.J. Prosser asking if he is entitled to a refund of \$2.00 fee paid on subdivision plan submitted to Council which was not approved of. Referred to Finance Committee.

From E.H. Bridgeman giving notice that arbitrators appointed re expropriation of lands for purpose of widening Lonsdale Avenue had made their award and was ready to be delivered on payment of the arbitrator's fees amounting to \$395.00. Referred to City Solicitor.

From J.D. Grant, Waterworks Supt. requesting leave of absence for five days commencing September 19th. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that leave of absence be granted.

From H. Bose, Secretary-Treasurer U.B.C.M. requesting that Council send full representation to annual meeting of Union to be held at Victoria on 15th and 16th of November and remittance of membership fee for 1911. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that Mayor McNeish and Alderman McRae be appointed Council's representatives to Convention, and that fee of \$10.00 be paid.

From Solicitor Reid advising that he was of the opinion that a general Bylaw granting exemption from Municipal taxation or other aid to industries established within the limits of the City would be invalid. He was of the opinion that Council must deal with the matter from time to time and consider the merits of each particular case in which it is suggested that exemption or aid should be granted. Alderman Dick withdrew notice of motion to introduce such a Bylaw.

From Romano, Pinto & Co. claiming balances due on Chesterfield Avenue, St. Andrew's Avenue, ST. George's and St. Patrick's avenues sewer contracts and advising that they had notified the City Engineer that unless final certificates were issued with correction an action would be commenced against him to issue such certificates. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that communication be considered in Committee of the Whole. Alderman Dick voting Nay.

From North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. calling attention to fact that Contractors grading Queensbury Avenue were piling roots, dead wood and other debris on Blocks 11A and 12A, D.L. 550. The Engineer reported that the debris was just put there temporarily and would be removed in a few days.

From Architect Jameson with Mr. Leek's report upon the hot water heating system installed in the City Hall by Messrs. Moscrop Bros. Referred to Building Committee.

Petition J.R. Chapman and six other residents and owners requesting streetlight to be placed at the corner of 27th and St. George's Avenue. Referred to Light Committee.

Petition J.R. Chapman and six other residents and property owners requesting sidewalk on 27th Street from Lonsdale Avenue to St. George's Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition North Vancouver Hospital and eight other property owners and residents in the vicinity of 12th and Lonsdale Avenue requesting street light to be placed at above street intersection. Referred to Light Committee.

Reports on due accounts were referred to the respective Committees and if found correct authorized to be paid.

Progress estimates certified correct by the City Engineer were passed for payment as follows:

Lonsdale Avenue grading, A.R. Gibson, \$1,028.25.

Queensbury Avenue grading, Thompson & Stewart, \$3,210.00

Bylaw No. 180, being a Bylaw to enable the City to raise by way of loan the sum of \$30,000 for Waterworks purposes was introduced and read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 181, being a Bylaw to enable the city to raise by way of loan the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of maintaining the Fire Department.

Bylaw No. 182, being a Bylaw to enable the City to raise by way of loan the sum of \$13,250 for school purposes was introduced, and read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 183, being a Bylaw to enable the City to raise by way of loan the sum of \$63,000 to purchase real property for corporate purposes was introduced and read a first time.

Alderman Dick inquired what corporate purposes property was to be used for. The Mayor stated that nothing definite had been settled upon but that there were numerous purposes the land could be used for.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson the Bylaw passed first reading. Alderman Dick voting against. The Bylaw was read a second time and on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson passed a second reading.

Bylaw No. 184, being a Bylaw to enable the City to raise by way of loan the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of making, preserving and repairing roads and streets

in the City including the construction of new sidewalks was introduced and read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 185, being a Bylaw to enable the City to raise by way of loan the sum of \$6,000 for the preservation of public health in the City was introduced and read a first and second time.

Alderman Dick moved that work of regarding west side of Lonsdale Avenue be proceeded with by day labour. The motion was not seconded and ruled out of order.

Alderman Smith reported that Fire Committee had considered applications received for position of Fire Chief. Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss favored the appointment of one James Hillier while Alderman Smith favored appointment of James Findlay. A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

James Findlay, 4 votes; James Hillier 2 votes.

The Mayor declared Mr. Findlay elected to the office.

The Mayor reported that Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Co. continued to disregard any instructions received from the City Engineer respecting the execution of their sewer contracts in the City especially in regard to tunneling, and that the Engineer with his sanction had applied to the Supreme Court and obtained a temporary injunction restraining Messrs. Romano Pinto & Co. from continuing to tunnel. Alderman Smith and Alderman Henderson did not favor entering into contracted litigation with Contractors.

Alderman Dick thought that the Contractors should be made to live up to the letter of their contract.

Alderman Henderson wished to be recorded as being opposed to deductions made from Messrs. Romano Pinto & Co. and McDonnell Gzowski & Co. for tunneling.

Alderman Dick moved that the action of the Mayor in authorizing Engineer to obtain injunction be confirmed. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to.

Alderman Smith moved that no further litigations be entered into with Contractors unless authorized by the Council excepting in cases of extreme necessity or emergency. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to. Council adjourned till Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.