

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 25th 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 Kittson

The minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meetings of the 14th and 20th and of the Regular Meeting of the 18th September last 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 by the Council.

Communications were received, read and dealt with as follows:

From John M. Hay and Thomas Dennie making application for sidewalk from Ridgeway Avenue to Lot 22, Block 95, D.L. 550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. Nettie Lockhart again making application for opening up of 7th Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Claude P. Jones, requesting that something be done to avoid Creek flooding basement of residence on Lots 5 and 6, Block 93. Referred to Board of Works.

From M.B. Jackson, J. Rowe, Assistant City Clerk., making application for ditch on south side of 16th Street from Lot 1, Block 41 to Forbes Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From A. Dalton Nye referring to former application for clearing and grading of road-way from Victoria Park to 6th Street which had become a public nuisance and a menace to health. Referred to Board of Health.

From H.A. Shaw again requesting removal of boulders in front of house on south side of Ottawa Gardens and extensions of sidewalk. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer reporting that steam road roller had been delivered in good working order and that he was of the opinion that the Western Engineering Company Limited should be paid the sum of \$1650 being the balance due on same. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Kittson resolved that balance of \$1,650 be paid.

From A.H. Martin making application for water service to Lot 17, Block 241, D.L. 545. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that service main be extended to the property a distance of about 300'.

From S.A. Fletcher, Water commissioner, New Westminster advising that he would not be able to hear the application of the City of North Vancouver for storage of water on Lynn Creek on 29th instant that he had been obliged to adjourn same till 30th October at 3 p.m. Clerk directed to advise City Solicitor of adjournment.

From G. Gray Donald, Chief Hydrographer, with reference to the application of the City for storage of water on Lynn Creek and advising that he had been instructed by the Minister of Lands to investigate the water conditions obtaining in the general water shed from which North Vancouver, Vancouver and adjacent Municipalities are supplied, and that he proposed being in North Vancouver on the 20th inst. and that he would esteem it a favor if arrangements could be made to facilitate such investigation.

Mr. Donald to be advised that Council regret notice of his coming was not given in time for arrangements being made to facilitate the investigation.

From Maud Sale again asking for sidewalk on 16th Street East, Referred to Board of Works.

From Chas. Templer requesting logs and brush to be cleared off 15th Street opposite third house west of Jones Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From G.G. Palmer advising that he had made arrangements with the Contractor to clear a ten-foot road along St. Andrew's Avenue from the Boulevard (25th Street) to the corner of Block 231, D.L. 546, for the sum of \$25.00 and requesting that the City refund him this amount. Referred to Board of Works.

From London and British North America Company Limited, with letters and claims for damages received from the tenants of the Knight Block on the Esplanade. The damages it was alleged had been caused by the Contractors for the main drainage disconnecting an old culvert. Alderman Kittson maintained that damage was caused by defective plumbing and leak in roof of building except in case of Thomas, Druggist. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Dick referred to Board of Works.

From Dr. Thomson, M.H.O., reporting that he had received a complaint from a Mr. Firth on the Esplanade East about nuisances being caused by City dump. Alderman Henderson reported that it was the intention of the Board of Works to place a small burner at the dump and if such were done the nuisance would be abated.

from City Engineer reporting that the sanitary sewers constructed by Messrs. McDonell, Gzowski & Company, are ready for use. The Clerk was directed to insert a notice in the "Express" giving notice that sewer connections could now be made, and permits for same could be obtained from Sanitary Inspector.

From A.S.W. McKay applying on behalf of T.J. Stevens for permission to build a septic tank under sidewalk at residence in course of erection fronting on Ottawa Gardens. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that permission be not granted.

From Harris, Bull & Mason with reference to Mr. Joseph P. Dubberley being allowed to connect his premises on Chesterfield Avenue with sewer running along Chesterfield Avenue. City Engineer instructed to furnish Clerk with estimate of the cost and Mr. Dubberley to be informed that upon his depositing with the City Treasurer the estimated cost of the work the City would undertake to connect this premises with the sewer. Such arrangement to in no way affect or prejudice the Council's right to assess, levy and collect special rates or taxes against his property for sewer on Chesterfield Avenue when instructed.

From McAlpine, Robertson Construction Company advising that they were the owners of six lots fronting on Cumberland and Crescent Streets in Block 36, D.L. 552 and they had built thereon six high-class dwelling houses costing about \$25,000. The houses were almost ready for occupation and prospective purchasers stipulate that proper access should be provided. The Lonsdale Estate had made application to have the roads constructed under local improvement. The Company asked that their representative be afforded an opportunity to place the matter before the Council. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McRae resolved that Mr. Robertson be asked to meet the Board of Works Committee at their meeting on Thursday evening.

From City Treasurer advising that 19ss taxes collected to date amounted to \$131,722 being approximately 78% of the whole amount. Filed.

From City Engineer with letter received by him from the Solicitors of Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Company advising that they intend to issue a Writ against him unless they are paid the sum of \$538.65 as damages for a caving in of sewer trench on St. Patrick's avenue and \$450.00 deducted as penalty for over time.

Alderman Henderson suggested that some method of arbitration be adopted whereby the matters under dispute could be thoroughly investigated and reported on to the Council by some independent expert.

Alderman Kittson reminded the Council that Contractors had accepted certain plans and specifications wherein it was provided that in cases of dispute between the Engineer and contractor the Engineer's decision was final.

Alderman Dick was of opinion that the City Engineer interpretation of the clauses was correct.

Alderman Smith thought it was the Council of the City that should settle such matters.

The Mayor advised that Mr. Romano be asked to meet the Council with a view to settlement without going to law.

This suggestion was agreed to and the Mayor instructed to interview Mr. Romano and arrange a meeting.

A petition was presented from E. Parnell and twenty-two other owners in Blocks 210, 201A, 202, 211A requesting water service.

Referred to City Engineer to prepare estimate of the cost and report to Water Committee Thursday evening.

A petition was presented from E. Parnell and twenty-two other property owners in above blocks requesting streetlights to accommodate the property. Referred to Light Committee.

A petition was presented from E. Parnell and twelve other property owners requesting that 24th street be opened up and sidewalks laid to the property. Referred to Board of Works.

Reports and recommendations by the Health, Board of Works, (Local Improvement) and Water Works Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Health	\$60.20
Local Improvement	32,377.39
Board of Works	621.90
Waterworks	901.05

Alderman Smith submitted the following report of Joint meeting of representatives from the City and District Councils relative to B.C. Electric Railway Co. matters:

Meeting held 22nd September, 1911

Alderman Smith, Chairman

The following recommendations were unanimously made:

1. That a permanent committee of six - three from the City of North Vancouver and three from the District of North Vancouver be appointed and all matters relating to the franchises of the B.C. Electric Railway Co., and the Vancouver Power Co. to be referred to this committee for report before action taken by either Council.

2. That the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be communicated with immediately, the City requesting an extension of the Lonsdale avenue line, and the District requesting a written reply to their previous communications on this subject.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson the words "of Joint interest" were inserted after the word "matters" appearing in the third line of the first recommendation.

On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson the report was adopted.

Alderman McRae dissenting.

Council adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor