

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 1911 AT 8 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 special meeting of the 28th September and of the Regular meeting held on the 2nd October copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Smith adopted.

Correspondence was received and read as follows:

From City Clerk McQueen, Vancouver, acknowledging receipt of plan and specifications of proposed subway which would have the attention of the Council of the City of Vancouver at their next meeting. Filed.

From F.F. Busteed, General Superintendent, CPR, also acknowledging receipt of plan and specifications of proposed subway under the Company's tracks, which would be examined and reported on by their Engineer. Filed.

From George Campbell, Secretary, School Board, acknowledging receipt of Council's communication with reference to suggestion that School Board should give 28' off Lonsdale School site so as to make 22nd Street a width of 66' which would have the attention of the School Board at their next regular meeting on 11th instant. Filed.

From H.E. Young, Provincial Secretary, advising that a hearing would be granted in the matter of the Rice Lake water shed before the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on Wednesday the 11th instant. The Mayor reported that hearing had been adjourned till 13th and on account of City being in jury trial on that day City Solicitor had this afternoon asked for further adjournment. Filed.

From Claude P. Jones again requesting that something be done to prevent creek-flooding property of Mr. Haswell. Referred to Board of Works.

From A.G. Mitchell, 325 2nd Street West protesting against contractors encroaching on his property and covering up grade stakes in making fill on the street. Referred to City Engineer.

From David C. Ritchie and others calling attention to condition of 25th Street East. Referred to Board of Works.

From C.A. Lett & Son requesting that sidewalk on south side of 1st Street East replaced until permanent sidewalk constructed. Referred to Board of Works.

From O.P. Hewitt requesting to have road constructed to Lot 25, Block 213, D.L. 544, on which he had built house value \$100.00. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. C. Alker & Co. requesting sidewalk to be constructed on East side of Chesterfield Avenue from 8th Street to 13th Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. C. Walker & Co. requesting water, road and electric light conveniences to Block 237, D.L. 545, on which their client Mr. Willett had about 10 houses under construction. Referred to Water, Board of Works and Fire & Light Committees.

From D. Spencer, Superintendent Local Option League requesting Council to pass resolution whereby the Council would have power on petition of 15% of the Electors to submit a Bylaw in the form of a plebiscite giving the Council power to reduce liquor licenses on a majority vote of the electorate at any municipal election.

Alderman Dick moved that the communication be filed. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson. Alderman Biss moved in amendment that it be laid over for consideration later.

The amendment was seconded by Alderman Smith. On a division there voted for the amendment Alderman Biss, Alderman Smith and Alderman McRae, and for the motion Alderman Dick, Alderman Henderson and Alderman Kittson. The Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the motion which was declared carried.

From J. Y. McNaught, Secretary Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company advising that the City had been allotted 1000 shares in the Company in accordance with application, and that share certificate would be issued on receipt of 10% of the par value. Referred to City Solicitor for advice.

From Wm. McQueen, City Clerk, Vancouver on the subject of harbor improvements for greater Vancouver suggesting that a Committee of two from each municipality and Board of Trade interested be appointed to devise ways and means of how best to bring about the development and management of the harbour and adjoining water frontages. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that the Mayor and Alderman Smith be appointed Committee from this Council.

From Martin, Craig, Burne & McDonald regarding proposed trespass upon Mrs. Mee's property on 1st Street East between St. Patrick's and St. David's Avenues. They understood it was intention of Council to remove Mrs. Mee's fence and set it back 2 ½'. If such were done an injunction order would be immediately applied for. Council expressed surprise in view of fact that such proceedings had never been authorized or arranged for. The Engineer reported that it was not the intention to remove Mrs. Mee's fence, that it was the custom to set grade stakes and fences back temporarily so as not to interfere with operations of contractors and that such may have been done in this case. The Clerk was directed to advise the writers of the circumstances.

From James P. Fell, with reference to application of the McAlpine, Robertson Construction Co. for wagon road access to D.L. 552 and Council's recommendation in connection therewith pointing out that he had previously applied to the Council to have Fell or Hamilton Avenue graded under local improvement. That he then suggested that if Council did not wish to issue more debentures until beginning of next year he would finance the work until end of this year on condition that he would be reimbursed at the beginning of 1912, and that the cost of the work would be charged against the property benefited. The Board of Works now recommend that he should assume the debentures and be specially prohibited from disposing of them, in other words, that he should bear all the cost of the work of giving access to property much of which did not belong to him. He considered this most unfair and unreasonable. He further pointed out that he had graded all the road areas in the District and had given the City about 12 acres of Park and that six houses to the value of over \$20,000 had been built on Cumberland Crescent, that the work of grading Fell or Hamilton Avenue could be done at very reasonable cost. That his taxes for the current year on property in the E ½ of D.L. 552 and 265 amounted to nearly \$10,000, and that the only outlay the City had made in the District was making water connections to the houses built on Cumberland Crescent. In view of these facts he felt justified in asking for a reconsideration of the matter. Alderman Henderson moved that the matter be laid over for consideration by next years Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to. Alderman Dick dissenting.

From F. W. Fugler, Sanitary Inspector, reporting that Mr. Dierrson had not removed the septic tank from the west side of his building on 8th Street as directed by Council. Laid over till Thursday.

From City Engineer recommending that the East side of Lonsdale Avenue be planked from the water front to 3rd Street so that it may be used for traffic during winter. The cost will be about \$1100. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer recommending that a new 6' sidewalk be constructed on the west side of Chesterfield Avenue from Esplanade to 1st Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer recommending that a 12' sidewalk be constructed on south side of 1st Street from Lonsdale Avenue to "Express" printing office, also that 12' sidewalk be laid on the south side of 1st Street from Lonsdale Avenue to the west side of Rogers Avenue to give proper accommodation for traffic. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer with reference to claim of McDougall & Co. for extras on Mahon Avenue storm sewer. He did not authorize any extras at corner of 1st and Mahon Avenue. It was part of the contract to put in branch sewer at this point. He recommended that McDougall & Company be paid the sum of \$16.00 for extra concrete placed under the sewer over the trenches of McDonald, Gzowski & Company. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman McRae resolved that extra be allowed and that \$16.00 be paid.

From City Engineer advising that the owner of Lots 27 and 28, Block 156, D.L. 274, had cut a channel across the lane at the rear of the lots and erected a building over the channel where the creek crosses the property. He was of the opinion that the new watercourse across the lane was not sufficiently large to carry the water during the rainy season and if remedied immediately would save considerable damage and trouble. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer intimating that he had notified the sewer contractor not to construct sewer in lane west of Lonsdale Avenue between 1st Street and Esplanade on account of City not having purchased the right of way. Referred to Board of Works to resume negotiations with Land Company for purchase of right of way.

From City Engineer with letter received from H.V. Tucker Contractor asking for an extension of time within which to complete his grading contracts with the present force. Referred to Board of Works and City Engineer to report.

From Abbott & Hart McHarg notifying Council on behalf of Mr. J.W. Manson owner of Lots 16 to 21 inclusive, Block 159, D.L. 271, that the City would be held responsible for any and all damage that may result from lowering of grade on 1st Street in front of the above lots and making clam for amount of expenses to which their client had been put to in constructing an approach to his house and to compensation for injury done to the property.

Clerk directed to inform the writers that Council has authority to establish permanent grade and that proper notice of intention to undertake the work was given in the local newspaper as required by statute and that no protest was made.

From AEmilius Jarvis & Co. confirming exchange of telegrams relative to debenture forms being prepared and that the bonds would be ready for signature about the end of October. That Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co. had agreed to pay accrued interest from September 1st to date of payment and arranged with the

head office of the Bank of B.N.A. to extend loans pending completion of legal formalities. Messrs. AEmilius Jarvis & Co. made inquiry regarding proposed additional debentures issued and asked to be informed as to how the matter stands. If City had immediate requirements for funds it was possible they may made a satisfactory deal privately in New York so that the transaction would in no way conflict with the forth-coming London issue. Referred to Finance Committee.

From A.D. Cartwright, Secretary Board of Railway Commissioners with certified copy of order of the Board in the matter of subway under the CPR tracks. Clerk directed to furnish each member of the Council with a copy of the order.

A petition received from J. Gibbs and twelve others requesting a sidewalk to be constructed on the East side of St. Andrew's Avenue between the Esplanade and 1st Street was referred to the Board of Works.

A petition received from Chas. S. Proske and ten other property owners and residents requesting a sidewalk to be constructed on the north side of 26th Street from Jones Avenue East to Chesterfield Avenue thence up to 25th Street and east to Western Avenue was also referred to the Board of Works.

The Mayor reported that he had learned from official sources that the Department of Public Works at Ottawa had purchased a site on 1st Street East of Lonsdale Avenue for a Post Office, and Customs Office. He considered the site was not so located as to be suitable for the purpose especially in view of the fact that the City Hall site had been offered to the Government for a federal building at most reasonable figure. He also considered the price paid for the lots was much higher than their market value and should be made a subject of inquiry. The Mayor advocated the passing of a resolution in strongest possible terms condemning the purchase and protesting against the site being used for Post Office. Alderman Kittson considered that if purchase had been consummated and could not be repudiated that Council and citizens might be able to prevent site being utilized for Post Office.

Alderman Henderson favored resolution being backed up by memorial and protest from citizens and Electors.

The Mayor inquired of Alderman Dick if he could enlighten the Council as to where site was. Alderman Dick denied any definite knowledge on the subject, he had simply heard it rumored that purchase had been made. If it was Dr. Ingram's property he presumed it would be Lots 39, 40, 41 and 42, Block 155, some 200' East of Lonsdale Avenue. Alderman Biss could not understand how purchase had been made without knowledge of local authority.

Alderman Smith took it for granted that arrangements had been made through some local source.

Alderman Henderson moved that the Mayor in conjunction with the City Clerk prepare and forward to the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa a strongly worded resolution of protest against the purchase or utilization of the site for Post Office,

and that memorial and protest be drafted and submitted to Council at meeting on Thursday. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

Upon being granted leave Mr. H.C. Wright addressed the Council. He stated that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. was prepared to construct pole line to give street light at corner of 15th and Rufus, and light to his house on Lot 7, Block 11, D.L. 616 if right-of-way was cleared of stumps and boulders. Referred to Board of Works.

Plans of subdivision of Lot 6, Block 7, D.L. 616, Lot 8, Block 4, D.L. 616, and Lots 14 and 15, Block 8, D.L. 616 approved of by the City Engineer were passed by the Council subject to the owners giving an undertaking that access would be provided to the property.

Reports and recommendations by the Health, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks and Parks 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	\$57.40
Board of Works	820.60
Local Improvement	16,950.55
Waterworks	728.80
Parks	30.80

The report of the Hospital Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 3rd instant was read to the Council. Alderman Dick moved that the recommendation of the Committee with reference to placing \$100.00 on deposit in the Bank of British North America to meet current expenses be agreed to. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and carried.

Alderman McRae moved that the Mayor be appointed Committee of one to wait upon the Honorable Henry George Junior advocate of single tax system and induce him to address meeting in North Vancouver. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and carried.

Alderman Biss suggested that North Vancouver men should be given preference in civic employ during winter months. The Council directed that the executive officials be instructed to carry out the policy advocated by Alderman Biss and that Foremen of the various works receive instructions accordingly.

The certificate of the Returning Officer previously engrossed in the minute book with results of voting on Bylaws at election held on Saturday last was read to the meeting.

Bylaw No. 180 the Waterworks Loan Bylaw, No. 2, was read, reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate seal thereto.

Bylaw NO. 181, the Fire Brigade Assistance Loan Bylaw, was also finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 182, the Schools Extraordinary Loan Bylaw, No. 2, was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 184, the Streets Maintenance Loan Bylaw, was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 185, the Health Loan Bylaw, was reconsidered and finally adopted and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson the City eng was instructed to proceed with the laying of cast iron water mains on the Esplanade, 1st and 2nd Streets.

Alderman Dick reported that he had met with District Council on Thursday Evening last regarding water meters. They had instructed their Engineer to repair all defective meters at once and agreed to pay the City for water consumed on same basis as meters in working order according to number of services.

Council adjourned till Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor