

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1911 AT 4 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor McNeish, presiding
Alderman McRae
Alderman Henderson
Alderman Smith
Alderman Biss
Alderman Kittson

The Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the 19th October and of the Regular meeting of the 23rd instant copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith, adopted.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., conveying thanks of District Council for courtesy extended by City Council in allowing temporary phone connection to be made to Waterworks Intake line. Filed.

From Fred G. Turner reporting that the work pertaining to the compilation of names to be placed on the Assessment Roll and Voters' List was progressing most satisfactorily and would be completed well within the time limited. Filed.

From Fred E. Smallwood making application for rough grading of Chesterfield Avenue from 21st to 22nd Streets and removal of dead tree in rear of Lots 18 and 19, Block 205A, D.L. 545. Referred to Board of Works.

From L. Reda, Palace Hotel complaining of having suffered great inconvenience and loss financially be reason of the condition of 2nd Street through sewer trenches, regrades, dangerous sidewalk, etc. and asking Council to remedy such deplorable conditions. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. Bailey suggesting that some action be taken to stop the nuisance of washing sidewalks with a hose. Referred to Board of Works.

From Alex. Law requesting to be furnished with permanent grade for store block at junction of 8th Street and Ridgeway Avenue, also sidewalk. City Engineer instructed to give grade as near as possible to permanent grade and matter of sidewalk referred to Board of Works.

From McAlpine, Robertson Construction Company making application for sidewalk to be laid along Cumberland Crescent in front of house built there, also for connecting stairway with B.C. Electric Railway Co. track at east end of Cumberland Crescent. Referred to Board of Works.

From Own W. Thomas calling attention to the unsanitary condition of two cottages fronting on lane in rear of 122 - 5th Street West, through discharge from septic tank emptying on the lane. Referred to Sanitary Inspector for immediate attention.

From F.C. Myers reporting that the water pipe on 13th Street connecting with his residence on Lot 17, Block 59, D.L. 550 was only partially covered and he feared would be frozen during the first winter weather. Referred to Water Committee.

From Hutchison, McMillan & Company requesting on behalf of client, Gaelano di Nucci, water connection to Lot 32, Block 241, D.L. 544. Referred to Water Committee.

From Percy King, Secretary Fraternal Order of Eagles requesting Council to clear the roadway in front of the plot in the Cemetery purchased by his Aerie which had been cleared. Referred to Cemetery Committee.

From W.J. Irwin informing Council that he was desirous of having a cement sidewalk and cement curb constructed in front of the Lonsdale Theatre and that he was prepared to pay cash for the full cost of the work. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that City Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of work, and that upon the amount being deposited with the City Treasurer the City Engineer be and is hereby authorized to have the work carried out.

From C.W. Whyte, Secretary B.C. Library Association advising that an Association had been formed in British Columbia to encourage the organization and development of public libraries in the Province, and wishing Council to express their opinion with regard to the project. Filed.

From E.F. Eastman, Secretary Westminster Automobile Club requesting Council to appoint delegates to attend "Good Roads Convention" to be held in New Westminster on Friday and Saturday next, 3rd and 4th November. The meetings to commence at 1:30 p.m. On motion Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss were appointed delegates.

From Rayburn Jameson, Architect with letter from Messrs. Moscrop Bros. guaranteeing the hot water heating plant installed in the City Hall against all defects of workmanship and material for one year from date of installation. Filed.

From Percy S. Howard with reference to account re Hospital statement. Referred to Joint Hospital Board.

From S.A. Fletcher, Water Commissioner, New Westminster advising that the application of the City for storage reservoir on Lynn Creek would be heard on Tuesday, November 7th at 3 p.m. Filed.

From Jas. P. Springford, C.M.C. South Vancouver extending an invitation to the Mayor, Council and Clerk to attend a banquet celebrating the opening of new Hall in South Vancouver on Thursday November 2nd at 7 p.m. The Council decided to accept the invitation and attend in a body.

From Messrs. Wade, Whealler, McQuarrie & Martin advising that they had been instructed by Messrs. McDonell, Gzowski & Co. to commence action against the City and Mr. Hanes, City Engineer in respect of the sewer contracts in North Vancouver and wishing to be informed if the City Solicitor would accept service of Writ.

From City Engineer with letter received by him from Messrs. McDonell, Gzowski & Company's Solicitors stating that they had been instructed to commence an action against the City and himself in connection with sewer contracts. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Solicitor Reid advising that Messrs. Davis, Marshall & MacNeill's fees in connection with Lonsdale Avenue widening had been agreed to at \$75.00. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that check for \$75.00 be issued and paid.

From Percy S. Howard, City Auditor with statement of cash receipts and disbursements for three months ending September 30th and expenditures of Committee for nine months ending September 30th, 1911. The audit of local improvement accounts had not been completed. Referred to Finance Committee.

A petition received from H.W. Hunt and others requesting that 27th Street be cleared between St. George's and St. Andrew's Avenues and sidewalk laid from Lonsdale Avenue was referred to the Board of Works.

A petition was presented from J.G. Palmer and others requesting that bridge be built across small creek running through lane in Block 120, was also referred to the Board of Works.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Petitioners that Lanes Committee could not build bridge at the present time.

The following financial certificates for heating, building and wiring, certified correct by Rayburn Jameson, Architect was passed for payment. Moscrop Bros. \$283.00; Allen & McKay, \$366.40; Graham Electric Company \$149.90.

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

Semisich Avenue grading, Esplanade to 3 rd , H.V. Tucker	\$1,100.00
Chesterfield Avenue grading waterfront to 3 rd , H.V. Tucker	555.00
Mahon Avenue grading waterfront to 3 rd , H.V. tucker	555.00
1 st Street grading Forbes to St. David's, H.V. Tucker	6,705.00
Sewer in lane west Lonsdale waterfront to 6 th , R.E. Lee	3,454.75

The reports of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 25th and 26th instances were read and motion adopted.

The report of the Water Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of October 26th was also read and adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 26th instant was read and confirmed.

The Fire Chief recommended that the School Trustees be requested to immediately erect suitable fire escapes on their public school buildings. The existing conditions at 4th Street School were he considered a death trap to children should fire occur during school hours as heating furnace was situated under the wooden stairs which was at present the only means of escape from the upper rooms.

He also condemned the present fire escapes erected on the Old Keith Block at the southwest corner of 1st and Lonsdale Avenue. He suggested that Council should pass a Bylaw to enforce the erection of outside stairways with landings. Referred to Building Inspector to take matter up with Fire chief and after making thorough inspection to confer with the School Trustees.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that owners of Keith Block be requested to replace present fire escapes with standard fire escapes similar to those erected on the Lett Building.

After hearing report from the Mayor regarding interview had by him with Messrs. MacDonell, Gzowski & Co. re settlement of sewer contracts, Alderman Kittson moved that the City Solicitor be instructed to accept service of Writ on behalf of the Corporation and City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and unanimously agreed to.

It was decided to hold Committee meetings on Thursday afternoon next commencing at 2 o'clock.

Council adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor