

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 27th November a copy of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Biss adopted.

Communications were received and read as follows:

From the Management of the Lonsdale Theatre extending to the Mayor and Aldermen together with their Ladies a cordial invitation to be present at and participate in the flag raising ceremony at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, December 7th. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that invitation be accepted with thanks.

From D.E. Standen requesting pleasure of company of Mayor and Aldermen at entertainment to be given by the North Vancouver Follies at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday, December 12. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that invitation be accepted with thanks.

From Premier R.L. Borden acknowledging receipt of Council's telegram respecting leases of foreshore in front of Indian Reserve which had been placed before the Department concerned. Filed.

From Wm. Dickson regarding damage done to his property in Lyon Place through flooding during recent heavy rainfall. Referred to City Engineer to remedy if possible.

From R.B. Law requesting removal of two stumps on Boulevard in front of Lots 13 and 14, Block 1, D.L. 273, corner of 7th and Ridgeway Avenue. Referred to City Engineer.

From H.C. Wright requesting permission to cut down dangerous tree at corner of 15th and Williams Avenue. Referred to City Engineer.

From Alfred M. Read asking for a sidewalk on 17th Street between Mahon and Jones Avenues. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman

Smith resolved that construction of this sidewalk be included in next years estimates.

From Chas. H. Cates with information that houses being built by him on 15th and Fell Avenue were ready for masonry, and that he would like to have water service as soon as possible. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that service be laid.

From London & British North America Co. calling attention to the state of the sidewalk at southwest corner of Lonsdale Avenue and Esplanade. On motion of Alderman Henderson and Alderman Smith referred to City Engineer to put down temporary sidewalk until permanent grade made on Lonsdale Avenue.

From J. Findlay, Fire Chief, requesting permission to hold a first Annual Firemen's Ball on Wednesday, 17th January, 1912, in K.P. Hall on 4th Street West, and detailing arrangements made to insure speedy turn-out in event of fire, also requesting permission to hold practice dances one night per week during winter months in No. 2 Hall. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that permission be granted.

From W.T. Graham, Janitor requesting an allowance of \$20.00 for extra cleaning etc. during building of new addition to City Hall. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Alexander & down, requesting to be furnished with permanent grading of Keith Road and 6th Street at site of Presbyterian Church. City Engineer instructed to bring in profiles at the next meeting.

From J.L. Harrison requesting to be furnished with permanent grade of 5th Street at Lot 23, Block 117, D.L. 274. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that City Engineer give grade as near as possible to permanent grade.

From North Vancouver Lumber Co. making application for water service to feed boilers, etc. at sawmill they are building on east side of Bewicke Avenue. Referred to Water Committee.

From J.W. Fugler, Building Inspector, with monthly report for November as follows:

The number of building permits issued for month of November was 50.

Total value	\$51,260.00
Fees collected	103.50
Fees for septic tank plans	2.20
Septic tanks installed	24
Sets of plumbing tested	27
Permits issued for house connections	23

House connections made	25
Nuisance complaints	5
Garbage calls	283

From Jas. P. fell with copy of letter from Mr. J.H. Bushnell, P.L.S. with reference to piles driven on the foreshore in front of Bewicke Avenue in which it was averred that the piles were not driven in a line parallel to the east boundary of Bewicke Avenue. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that City Engineer be instructed to engage the services of a Provincial Land Surveyor to verify the line.

From Jas. P. Fell with statement of acreage of roads and lanes cleared in D.L. 552 which at rate of \$100.00 per acre amounted to \$1,709.62. Referred to City Engineer to verify.

From C. Talbot Haslam, Assessor, reporting that the search of records of titles compiled by Mr. F.G. Turner was complete, that the system was good and as far as he could judge the information correct. filed.

From North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. informing Council that they had recently sold Block 9A, D.L. 550, under conditions whereby the Purchasers were obliged to commence to clear the block within the next three months, and that when finished 19th Street between Blocks 9A and 16 would remain uncleared and suggesting that the Council take steps to have that portion of 19th Street cleaned up the same time as when Block 9A is cleared.

From Messrs. Irwin & Billings Co. Ltd. and D.H. McColl advising that the joint owners of Blocks 9 and 9A, D.L. 549-550 were arranging to clear the land including lanes (with the permission of the Council) and asking Council to favorably recommend to the incoming Council that in the event of the owners completing the clearing of the said Blocks including lanes within six months that the City undertake the clearing of 19th, 20th and 21st Streets between St. Andrew's and Ridgeway Avenues. On motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Henderson resolved that Petitioners be informed that Council would be willing to recommend the payment of \$100 per acre for all streets and lanes cleared to the extend and standard of the Grand Boulevard.

From R. MacKenzie, Acting Secretary Ratepayers' Association with resolutions passed at a general meeting held in the City Hall on November 24th, requesting that a Bylaw be submitted to the Electors at the forthcoming Municipal Elections for the purpose of dividing the City into wards and that a water supply be provided to that portion of D.L. 544 known as Harbor View Tract, also that an adequate water supply be provided for residents in D.L. 273. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that communication be received and filed.

From Bond & Sweet addressing Council on behalf of Mr. H.D. Green Armytage regarding surface water from Lonsdale Avenue being allowed to flow into channel through their Clients land which had carried away the cement and rock work of channel constructed by Mr. Armytage and insisting that the City make a suitable channel to carry the flood water through his ground and replace the garden soil which had been carried away. Referred to City Engineer to report to Board of Works.

From A.M. Ross, Secretary, Mainland Fire Underwriters Association of B.C. with reference to Fire Insurance rates in this City, and furnishing Council with certain information and offering suggestions for much needed protective improvements in the Fire Department. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Kittson referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From Messrs. Abbott & Hart-McHarg forwarding at the request of the applicants and under the Dominion Rules relating to private Bills notice of intention to apply at the present session of the Dominion Parliament for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver & Peace River Railway Company. Referred to Board of Trade.

From Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge with copy of letter received by them from Messrs. Taylor, Harvey, Baird & Grant, Solicitors for Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Co. giving authority for the amount of taxes costs \$265.65, being retained from the moneys payable to Romano, Pinto & Co. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Messrs. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge re Romano Pinto VS City stating that in their opinion it would appear clear from statement of facts given by City Engineer that Romano, Pinto & Co. had violated the injunction contained in the judgment of the Court on the trial of the above sanction and that if they persisted in pursuing this course of conduct it would be necessary to proceed against Romano, Pinto & Co. for contempt. In explanation the City Engineer stated that he did not feel disposed to issue certificate in favor of Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Co. for moneys due until they had complied with the order of the Court. they had filled the trenches with water in back-filling instead of tamping, they had also omitted to break down tunnels and rectify certain other matters in order to complete their contract. Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Co. had a gang attending to these matters now.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd., with the following resolution passed at special meeting of the Board of Directors held this afternoon.

“Whereas it is deemed necessary that the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$150,000) be obtained for the purpose of providing an additional ferry steamer. Be it resolved, “That the City Council be again requested to make provision for the submission of, and at as early a date as possible, a Bylaw to authorize that body acting for the Corporation of the City of

North Vancouver to guarantee and endorse the debentures of this company to the extent of the aforementioned amount. It being understood and assured that the Trustees from the purchase of the former issue have expressed their willingness to allow of an additional issue to the extent of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars without prejudice the proposed issue herein mentioned to rank on a par with the initial issue, and thus combining the entire bonded indebtedness under first mortgage.

As an alternative, that the City Council be requested to give consideration on the advisability of the sale of capital stock to outside parties, i.e. the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver.”

The Mayor reviewed proceedings taken to obtain consent of Trustee under Debentures formerly issued by the Ferry Company to create an additional loan of \$150,000 to rank as an equal charge against the Company's assets with the moneys already borrowed, The Trustee had given such consent on certain procedure being followed. Alderman Dick took exception to the Trustee being vested with power to with-hold his consent to the Company creating any additional mortgage or charge and moved that the letter from the Ferry Company be laid on the table until Thursday evening, and that meantime the Ferry Directors be asked to see what they can do in the matter of buying back the former issue of Debentures. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kittson and agreed to.

A report was received from the City Engineer recommending the grading of Fell Avenue to permanent grade from Keith Road to 20th Street on the initiative of the Council under Section 256 of the Municipal Clauses Act. The report set forth that the estimated cost was \$25,000, cost to the City \$4,562.00; cost to property benefited \$20,438.00.

A report was also received from the City Engineer recommending the grading of Hamilton to a permanent grade from Keith Road to 20th Street on the initiative of the Council under Section 256 of the Municipal Clauses Act. The report set forth that the estimated cost of the work was \$15,000 cost to the City \$7,027.56, cost to property benefited \$7,972.44.

Alderman Dick moved that the reports be adopted and that the Clerk publish in the local newspaper a notice signifying Councils intention of undertaking the works, and that the City Engineer call Tenders for the work, also that the Clerk prepare an agreement to be entered into with Mr. James P. Fell whereby he would undertake to advance temporary loans for meeting the cost of the work until completion and issue and sale of the Debentures. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to. Alderman Henderson dissenting.

The letter received from Mr. Fred G. Turner requesting increased remuneration for compiling list of registered owners was referred to the Finance Committee. Alderman McRae moved that Mr. F.G. turner be paid the sum of \$550.00 the

agreed on sum for compiling list of registered owners and Voters' List. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Health, Board of Works, Local improvement and Waterworks Committees on due accounts were submitted and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance	\$500.00
Health	63.00
Board of Works	2,157.00
Local Improvement	12,898.12
Waterworks	2,771.95

The Parks Committee recommended that the Council express their willingness to dedicate to the Dominion Government two and half acres in Mahon Park for Armory and Parade Ground on the conditions of the Statute being complied with in that behalf. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Smith the Committee's recommendation was accepted.

An application was received from the School Board for 2 ½" water service to Ridgeway School for fire protection purposes. Alderman Dick moved that 2 ½" connection be laid to Ridgeway School, the cost to be borne by the School and the water to be used for fire purposes only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

A letter was read from H.H. Stephens, M.P., stating that he had suggested to the Departments concerned that a grant or lease of the foreshore in front of the Indian Mission should be given to the City of North Vancouver to be held in trust for the public and requesting the Council to supplement his efforts by making application for the foreshore and informing the Department of the use the foreshore would be put to. Alderman Dick moved the Mayor get the City Solicitor to apply to the Dominion and Provincial Governments for this right. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

A letter from Chief of Police Davies reporting that number of campers were using City water without paying for same as referred to the Chairman of the Water Committee to deal with.

Alderman Smith gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a motion to prohibit the erection of any more camps on the Esplanade or elsewhere, and that steps be taken to remove such camps or shacks as are at present empty.

On motion of Alderman Dick Council adjourned till Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Signed: G. W. McRae, Chairman