

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1911 AT
4 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: Alderman McRae
Alderman Henderson
Alderman Smith
Alderman Biss

In the unavoidable absence of Mayor McNeish, Alderman McRae was appointed Chairman.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of the 4th instant copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Biss adopted.

Correspondence was received and read as follows:

From Edward Rose calling attention to the condition of Larson Road between 17th and Fire Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. S. Eastman requesting extension of sidewalk on 16th Street between Bewicke Avenue and Fell Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From G.H. Hooly calling attention to flooding of stable on Lot 56, Block 166, owing to water being dammed back by grading of the Esplanade. Referred to City Engineer to remedy.

From W.S. Goodbody requesting that sidewalk be laid on portion of 17th Street west of Mahon Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From James P. Fell in respect to proposed drill Hall site and advising that he was arranging for the Chief Staff Officer in Victoria to inspect the proposed site as it would have to meet with his approval before the Dominion Government would take it up for the purpose of a militia head quarters. Filed.

From City Engineer reporting on the flooding of Upper Lonsdale caused by water coming into City from the District. It would cost about the sum of \$700.00 to repair Lonsdale Avenue and he recommended that the District Council be asked to pay the cost of making the repairs. He also stating that it was impossible for the City to provide for the large amount of surface water which comes down from the District and that it should be diverted by the District within the District territory and not allowed to come down Lonsdale Avenue. Laid over for consideration Thursday night.

A certificate of indefeasible title in the name of the Corporation to Blocks 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 26, 27 and 28, D.L. 855 was received from the Land Registrar.

From D.L. Barry, Acting Manager, B.C. Trust Corporation stating that they were unable to meet the wishes of the Council in respect to modifying the provisions of the Trust Deed without the consent in writing of the holders of all the original debentures which would be almost impossible to obtain. He was of the opinion that the best and only course to pursue at this time was to create a further mortgage or charge ranking pari passu with the moneys already secured with the consent of the present Trustee. This matter was referred to the Committee appointed at last meeting with power to negotiate with the debenture holders and try to get a modification of the security or to buy back the Debentures.

Alderman Dick reported that the Insurance companies had reduced their basic rate on residential property in North Vancouver from 75 cents to 60 cents.

The report of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 7th instant was read and on motion adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 29th November was also read and on motion adopted.

A plan of resubdivision of Block 9, D.L.'s 549-550 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Smith and Alderman Biss passed by the Council.

The following progress estimates certified correct by the City Engineer were passed for payment.

2 nd St. grading Lonsdale to Forbes Ave., A.R. Gibson	\$4,125.50
2 nd St. grading Lonsdale to St. David's Ave., A.R. Gibson	\$1,407.50

A request was made by the Masonic Temple Association for permission to construct a plank crossing across Lonsdale Avenue opposite the Masonic Temple Building. On motion of Alderman Dick the City Engineer was instructed to furnish an estimate of the cost of the work and upon the Association being prepared to bear the expense that the work be gone ahead with. The crossing to be of a temporary nature.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor