

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 18th DAY OF DECEMBER 1911 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor McNeish, presiding
 Alderman G. W. McRae
 Alderman A. J. Henderson
 Alderman W. J. Dick
 Alderman A. Smith
 Alderman R. C. Biss
 Alderman C. M. Kittson

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 11th instant 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 Biss adopted.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Dick the Regular order of business was suspended and tenders were received and opened for the following works of local Improvement.

Grading Fell Avenue from Keith Road to 20th Street:

Higgins Fisher Co. Ltd.	\$11,900
Brown & McLennan	\$12,950
McAlpine, Robertson Construction Co.	\$13,300
H.V. Tucker	\$13,300
A.R. Gibson	\$13,650
T.R. Nickson & Co.	\$14,100
J.S. Grant & Co.	\$15,004.50
J.B. Saint	\$15,660
Geo. H. Webster	\$15,750
Waugh, Misener & Bailey	\$16,450
Ledingham & Cooper	\$17,500
LaPlaca Bros. Construction Co.	\$22,225
Fraser, Williams, Stitt & Co.	27¢ per cu. yard
Bruce & Ford	39¢ per cu. yard

Grading Hamilton Avenue from Keith Road to 20th Street

Higgins Fisher Co. Ltd.	\$5,250
Brown & McLennan	\$5,550
McAlpine, Robertson Construction Co.	\$6,900
H.V. Tucker	\$5,700
A.R. Gibson	\$7,000
T.R. Nickson & Co.	\$6,600
J.S. Grant & Co.	\$6,280
Geo. H. Webster	\$6,000
Waugh, Misener & Bailey	\$8,100

Ledingham & Cooper	\$7,500
LaPlaca Bros. Construction Co.	\$6,650
Cook & Decoteau	\$6,000
McKenzie Broadfoot & Johnston	\$5,850
Vickers & Bellew	\$8,925
Fraser, Williams, Stitt & Co.	23¢ per cu. yard
Bruce & Ford	45¢ per cu. yard

The Tenders were referred to the City Engineer for tabulation and report.

Correspondence was received and read as follows:

From Eleanor Walker requesting extension of sidewalk on 17th Street east to Lot 18, Block 169, D.L. 550 and gutter to be deepened.
Referred to Board of Works.

From L.W.S. Goodbody and six other residents requesting sidewalk on 17th street between Mahon and Jones Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From R. Haws and three other owners making application for crossing and short length of sidewalk on 18th Street from west to east side of Mahon Avenue.
Referred to Board of Works.

From W.B. Shakespeare calling attention to the condition of 14th Street from Lonsdale Avenue to St. Andrew's Avenue and requesting permission to use soil on unanimously-graded portion of the street for filling purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. Mary Knight making application for permission to connect the plumbing of two small cottages built on Lot 15, Block 65, D.L. 271 with one septic tank. Referred to City Engineer to deal with according to the Bylaws of the City.

From J.A. McGowan requesting that Jones Avenue be opened up between 16th and 17th Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From E.G. English re sidewalk at corner of 11th and Sutherland Avenue.
Referred to Board of Works.

From Local Manager B.C. Electric Railway Co. intimating that instructions had been issued to their Line Department to proceed with the work of moving their poles on Lonsdale avenue from 11th Street northward. Filed.
From North Vancouver Land & Improvement Company re sidewalk on the south side of the Esplanade west.

From City Engineer Hanes recommending that a 12' sidewalk be constructed on the south side of the Esplanade from Lonsdale Avenue to the western line of the

Club building a distance of about 200' to cost about the sum of \$130.00. On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith resolved that walk be constructed.

From J.R. Badger, Secretary Pythian Castle Hall company making application for sidewalk to be constructed in front of their new building at 4th and Chesterfield. Referred to Board of Works.

From J.R. Badger, Secretary Pythian Castle Hall company making application for special water rate for their new Hall at corner of 4th and Chesterfield and detailing plumbing services. Referred to Water Committee.

From Provincial Secretary informing Council that a Hearing before the Executive Council in the matter of D.L. 856 and 857 had been arranged for Wednesday the 20th instant at 11 a.m. Filed.

From City Treasurer with statement showing the standing of the various Committees at November 30th, 1911 required by the Ratepayers Association. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Alexander Philip informing Council that his Clients who recently offered to sell to the City D.L. 1016 have been arranging for the subdivision of the property and had had overtures made to them for the right to take gravel out of the bed and adjacent to the Creek. They were still willing to sell to the City for \$40,000 and to take City Debentures at 4% for the amount provided the matter was disposed of at the coming Election.

Alderman Kittson moved that the letter be filed the matter having already been dealt with by the Council.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and on being put to the meeting there voted:

Aye - Alderman Kittson Alderman Dick Alderman McRae Alderman Biss

Nay - Alderman Henderson Alderman Smith

The motion was declared carried.

From D.E. Brown & Macauley Ltd. as Agents for Lots A, B, and C, subdivision of Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 156, D.L. 274 stating that they are now excavating for the erection of a building thereon, that the Contractor had been harassed with surface water and asking the privilege to make a connection with the sanitary sewer laid in the lane adjoining the property, in order to prevent silt going into the sewer they would build a pond or catch basin to retain it. On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that matter be left in the hands of the City Engineer.

A gentleman representing the North Vancouver Gas & Coke Company addressed the Council relative to a proposal to establish gas works in the City. A

copy of the franchise sought by the Company was furnished to each member of the Council.

By the franchise the Company among other things undertook to commence operations to establish gas works within six months after passage of Bylaw to supply gas for street lighting at \$3.00 per month for each lamp, and to supply gas to the general public at a charge not more than \$2.50 per M cu. ft. The Company agreed to sell to the City its undertaking at any time after twenty years, the City to pay the actual cost price plus 25% and an additional sum sufficient to make 10% dividend per annum. The Council decided to consider the proposition and render a decision at next meeting.

Alderman Dick referred to the claim of Capt. Stephens for damages done to property by Contractor Tucker through blasting operations which have not yet been settled. The City Clerk was directed to communicate with Contractor tucker and arrange an appointment between he and Capt. Stephens and the Board of Works.

The City Engineer submitted a plan of proposed grades for the Presbyterian Church property.

On motion of Alderman Henderson seconded by Alderman Smith the City Clerk was instructed to prepare Bylaws to establish the grades to be submitted at next meeting, and that the Building Committee of the Church be informed of the elevations on the plans.

A plan of subdivision of Block 221, D.L. 546, previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Smith. Passed by the Council.

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

Health	\$61.60
School	6,537.60
Local Improvement	3,708.11
Board of Works	1,273.45
Waterworks	613.25

Alderman Smith moved that a Bylaw be prepared declaring the tents and camps erected on the Esplanade a nuisance and dangerous to the public safety and health, and that the owners of unoccupied tents be requested to remove them within ninety days, and that the owners of occupied tents be requested to remove them within six months. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson.

Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss opposed the motion which was not put to the meeting and the City Clerk was directed to consult with the City Solicitor as to the Councils powers to compel the removal of such structures.

am moved that the City of Vancouver be notified of the Councils intention to proceed with the construction of the subway under the C.P.R. Tracks as directed by order of the Board of Railway Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

Alderman Dick moved that the Bylaw be prepared to raise the sum of \$15,000 to provide the City's shares of expense of constructing the subway.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to.

The City Engineer gave in a report and tabular statement of the Tenders received for Fell and Hamilton Avenues grading.

Owing to all the blanks in the Tender forms of Messrs. Fraser, Williams, Stitt & Company not being properly filled in there tenders were declared informal.

Plans and profiles of the grades of Fell and Hamilton Avenues were submitted by the City Engineer and inspected by the Council.

Alderman Kittson moved that the Tender of Messrs. Higgins Fisher & Company for grading Fell Avenue at price of \$11,900 be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and agreed to. Alderman Henderson dissenting.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Smith it was resolved that the Tender of Messrs. Higgins, Fisher & Company Ltd. for grading Hamilton Avenue at price of \$5,250 be accepted.

Alderman Henderson dissenting.

Alderman McRae moved that fixed salaries and wages of all workmen properly vouched for by heads of the Departments be paid on the 22nd instant.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Henderson, Alderman Smith was appointed Acting Mayor during the Mayors absence in Victoria.

In the matter of cheque for \$500 retained from Contractor Blake for non fulfillment of contract, Alderman Kittson moved that the amount be refunded to the Bank of Commerce. The Council having reason to believe that the Tender should have been declared informal in the first instance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henderson and agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Kittson seconded by Alderman Henderson it was resolved that an additional sum of \$450 be paid to Mr. Fred G. Turner for compiling names of registered owners and Voters' List.

Alderman Henderson moved that a grant of \$390.85 be made to the Horticultural Society being a sum equivalent to the amount of taxes on the Society's property for the current year.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and carried.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor