

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED STATUTORY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 15th DAY OF  
JANUARY 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M..**

Present: His Worship Mayor McNeish, Chairman, presiding  
Alderman McRae  
Alderman Biss  
Alderman Dick  
Alderman Irwin  
Alderman Foreman  
Alderman Fraser

Correspondence was received and read as follows:

From J. Stephen, Local Manager, Bank British North America., asking on behalf of General Manager what City's financial requirements would be for current year. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., with copy of letters addressed to District Council by East Capilano Ratepayers Association calling attention to the fact the B.C. Electric Railway Co. were operating cars on the Capilano Line without safety brakes and in regard to frequency of service. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Biss referred to Transportation Committee for recommendation.

From Geo. D. Hoyland informing Council that drain carrying surface water from Keith Road across City property to connect with drain through his property had broken open. Referred to City Engineer for attention.

From Geo. D. Hoyland informing Council that he had recently finished an apartment house on Lot 21, Block 120, D.L. 274 and requesting that the sidewalk be boarded flush with the upright woodwork supporting the house. Referred to Board of Works.

From G.N. Whiteside making application for light at the corner of Sutherland Avenue and Keith Road. The District Council was willing to bear one-fourth of the cost of such light in view of the fact that the northeast corner of Keith and Sutherland Avenues was within the boundary of the District. On motion of Alderman Fraser and Alderman Irwin referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From McLaren & Hughes informing Council that as Agents for the owner of Lot 12, Block 9, D.L. 273, they had made several applications to the B.C. Electric Railway Co. for light to be furnished to the above property and to the house on the street. The Company had raised the objection "that there are a large number of big stumps in the roadway which would endanger the line if built," and requesting Council to consider the removal of the stumps. On motion of

Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman referred to Board of Works Committee with power to act.

From Thomas Irwin regarding basis of equalization of assessment on east and west sides of Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Assessor.

From North Vancouver City Band with Financial statement for year ending December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1911 showing balance on hand of \$94.10. Thanking Council for their most appreciable assistance during the past year and requesting a continuance of same. On motion of Alderman McRae and Alderman Irwin referred to Finance Committee.

From City Engineer reporting that Mr. Palo, Contractor who is constructing the concrete sidewalk in front of the new Theatre building on Lonsdale Avenue had apparently made some error or used poor cement in constructing the walk as certain portions of it were in very bad condition. He had notified the Contractor to have the same remedied. He had not been paid any moneys on the contract. The Engineer's motion was confirmed.

From City Engineer with plans of foreshore of Fell Avenue, Winch Avenue and Mackay Road prepared by Messrs. Garden & Taylor, Dominion and B.C. Land Surveyors, application for which had been made to the Dominion Government; also plan of Bewicke Avenue street and showing the production of the Street across the tide flats. He found the easterly line of Bewicke Avenue to be 33' east of two piles driven by the North Vancouver Lumber Company. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae referred to Committee of the Whole.

From G.G. Walker & Co. informing Council that they were making application of behalf of the North Vancouver Dock and Storage Co. Ltd. for the foreshore rights in front of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 176, D.L. 274. The Company proposed to construct a wharf and improvements thereon costing in the neighborhood of \$50,000. They desired to have the approval of the Council to their application. Mr. G.G. Walker upon being granted leave was heard in support of the application. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick the plan of the propped wharf, warehouse, etc was referred to the City Engineer to look into and report upon to the Council.

From City Solicitor Reid with draft application to the Department of Marine and Fisheries and Indian Department re foreshore fronting on the Indian Reserve and wishing to know what inducement if any Council intend to hold out to the Indian Department in so far as the Indians are concerned. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary School Board with communication which had been addressed to Chairman Steacy by A.B. Diplock, Esq., Coroner advocating the desirability of every boy and girl being taught to swim and pointing out that

over 50% of the inquests held in North Vancouver had been cases in which death resulted from drowning. Referred to Parks Committee.

A plan of subdivision of Block 209A and Block 218 D.L. 546 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman McRae and Alderman Dick passed by the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Police, Health, Schools, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks, Fire and Light and Parks Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairman and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance	\$503.60
Police	52.70
Health	117.15
Schools	4,202.34
Board of Works	712.85
Local Improvement	1,313.09
Waterworks	1,465.46
Fire and Light	231.80
Parks	133.80

Alderman Dick moved that a notice be inserted in the "Express" to the effect that all Ratepayers and heads of families living in North Vancouver desirous of securing employment in any of the Departments of Public Works leave their names and property description, if any, at the City Engineer's office. The Engineer and foremen to have full discretion in the matter of engaging and discharging me. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and carried.

Alderman Dick moved that the provisions of Section of Bylaw 156 enacted by the Council of 1911 in respect to holding Council meetings weekly be observed during the year 1912. The motion was seconded by Alderman Foreman and agreed to.

Bylaw No. 186, the Schools extraordinary Expenditure Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the City Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Bylaw No. 187, the Waterworks Loan Bylaw 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 188, the Rice Lake Reservoir Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 189, the Streets Maintenance Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 190, the Fire Brigade Assistance Bylaw, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 191, the Cemetery Improvement Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 192, the Lanes Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 193, the Chesterfield Avenue Wharf Bylaw, 1912, was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 194, the Parks Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

Bylaw No. 195, the Ferry Subway Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to get Government to validate the Bylaw if validity called in question.

Bylaw No. 196, the North Vancouver Horticultural Association and Farmers Loan Bylaw, 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above  
The Mayor appointed the Finance Committee to meet with the Directors of the Horticultural Association and draft agreement to be entered into between the City and Horticultural Association respecting the loan.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that City Solicitor be instructed to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for his assent to Bylaw No. 197 being the Bylaw to provide for the disposal of portion of Mahon Park to the King.

Bylaw No. 198, the Ward Opinion Bylaw 1912, having received the assent of the Electors was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that Council consider the question of subdividing the City into Wards in Committee.

On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman McRae resolved that the City of Vancouver be notified of Council's intention to proceed with the construction of the Ferry subway and that inquiry be made as to what progress is being made with the preparation of plans for large subway scheme.

Alderman Dick moved that Council reconsider the motion passed authorizing the blowing of stumps on roadway to enable B.C. Electric Railway Co. to construct pole line. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and after explanation carried.

The City Solicitor's opinion as to the duty devolving upon the Vancouver Power Company to extend their lines as may be required by the Council or Ratepayers was read to the meeting.

A letter received from Secretary Skene of the Vancouver Board of Trade stating that Special Committee of their Board had been appointed to inquire into the prices charged for electric light in Vancouver and elsewhere and asking for a schedule of rates charged in North Vancouver was also read to the Meeting. Alderman Irwin moved that the Council communicate with the District Council, the Board of Trade and other public bodies adjoining Burrard Inlet suggesting that Committees be appointed from the various bodies to act jointly in the matter of bringing about a reduction in electric light rates, the furnishing of light and power to bona fide applicants, the better regulation of street car traffic and other B.C. Electric Railway Co. matters. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dick and agreed to.

The Council then took up consideration of the letter received by the Department of Marine and Fisheries from Mr. Jas. P. Fell with reference to the application of the City for foreshore rights in front of Fell, Winch and McKay Avenues. Alderman Dick moved that Mr. Fell be invited to confer with the Council in connection with the matter.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and carried.

The Clerk was directed to arrange a meeting and to inform the Department that Council were taking the matter up with Mr. Fell.

With reference to the matter of subdividing the City into Wards the Council decided to defer consideration until some later date in view of probable extensions to the City boundary.

The Clerk was directed to send forward to the Department of Marine and Fisheries and Indian Affairs the application prepared by the City Solicitor for a lease of the foreshore opposite the Indian Reserve pending the cancellation of the Reserve. The foreshore was needed for public purposes and the City was prepared to develop it for the benefit of the citizens and industrial purposes. No interference would be made with the Indians living on the Reserve. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McRae the Clerk was directed to instruct the City Solicitor to apply to the Provincial Government for their reversionary rights to the foreshore opposite the Indian Reserve.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor