

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 29th DAY OF JANUARY 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The minutes of the Statutory meeting of the 15th of the Adjourned Statutory meeting of the 15th, of the Special meeting of the 18th, of the Joint meeting of the City and District Councils of the 19th and of the Regular meeting of the 22nd January last, copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of alb and Alderman Irwin adopted.

Communications were received, read and adopted as follows:

From Drs. Newcombe and Martin requesting that sidewalk be constructed on the north side of 2nd Street from St. Andrew's Avenue to St. Patrick's Avenue.

From Herbert Day requesting that sidewalk be laid on 18th Street from Mahon Avenue west to Lot 28, Block 21, D.L. 547/8. Referred to Board of Works.

From R. Hutceson requesting that stump be removed form front of lot 9, Block 8, D.L. 273, and that sidewalk be laid to the property. Referred to Board of Works.

From Robt. Davidson making application for a sidewalk on Keith Road from Ridgeway Avenue to Lot 6, Block 2. D.L. 273. Referred to Board of Works.

From W.A. Tolmie again making application for sidewalk on the north side of 14th Street between Lonsdale and St. George's Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From Earland Bros. suggesting that arrangements be made with the Contractors who are clearing his property, Lot 1C, Block 24, D.L. 547, to have stumps on Boulevard adjacent to his property blasted. Referred to Board of Works.

From S.S. Holman requesting that sidewalk be constructed to his house in Block 49, D.L. 548. Referred to Board of Works.

From North Vancouver Coal & Supply Co. Ltd., calling attention to the condition of St. George's Avenue and requesting that same be put in such condition as will permit of heavy teaming being done on the street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. Fanny Clemens respecting the drainage of Lot 57, Block 8, D.L. 549. Referred to Board of Works.

From McDougal, Jenkins Engineers Ltd. requesting that sidewalk be provided to their offices on the south side of Crescent Street. referred to Board of Works.

From Robt. Clark requesting that a sidewalk be constructed on 18th Street from Queensbury Ave. to Williams Ave. and calling attention to the condition of 17th St. east of Queensbury Ave. Referred to Board of Works.

From a Ratepayer in the City suggesting that signposts be put up showing the name or number of the streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From London & British North America Co. Ltd. with plumbers bill amounting to \$28.40 for work done on sewer connected with night Block, Esplanade caused by a stoppage in the main sewer. Referred to Board of Works.

From the City Engineer reporting that it would cost about the sum of \$150 to prepare a full set of block plans and that it would be necessary to engage temporary help. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McRae resolved that City Engineer be authorized to engage the necessary temporary assistance to prepare the plans.

From J. Kirkland, Caretaker, Waterworks Intake making application for increase of salary. Referred to Waterworks Committee.

From Jas. W. Veitch making application for water service to house on Lot 7, Blk. 26, D.L. 552. Referred to Waterworks Committee.

From Elliott S. Rowe, Secretary & Manager Vancouver Information & Tourists Association requesting that Council appoint two representatives to act on the Association Board. Council were of the opinion that the representatives should be from the Board of Trade and communication was referred to that Board.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary Board of Trade, suggesting that the Council take up the question of securing the Indian Reserve on the north shore, and that the Indian Department be advised that it is the desire and intention of the City to expropriate the Mission Reserve at the earliest possible date. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Biss referred to Committee of the Whole.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary Board of Trade, informing Council that a special Committee consisting of the President and Messrs. Steven and Heaven

had been appointed to wait upon the Council in Committee to consider the question of sites for public buildings in North Vancouver. Committee to be requested to attend Council meeting on Thursday.

From E.C. Parry complaining against licenses being issued to plumbers in the City who are not duly qualified and suggesting that the plumbing Bylaw be amended to read, "That all persons taking out a license shall be duly certified plumbers." Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary Board of City School Trustees with detailed estimate of sums required by Board to meet current years ordinary expenses of maintaining the schools. The total amount of the estimate was \$25,133.00. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Solicitor Reid advising that he had communicated with the Attorney General asking him to amend the Municipal Clauses Act so as to validate the Ferry subway Bylaw. Filed.

From H.H. Stevens, M.P. acknowledging receipt of Councils communication re lease of foreshore and stating that he would take same up with the Department at once and advise further in due course.

From H.H. Stevens, M.P. with copy of letter sent to the North Vancouver Board of Trade re application of the CPR he agreed with the Council that the North Shore should be secured from any exclusive control by a Corporation and thought it was highly desirable that North Vancouver should have railway connection he did not think it necessary to give any special privileges. Filed.

From L.K. Jones, Secretary Department Railways and Canals advising that the application of the CPR for approval of route map had been set down for postponed hearing by the Minister at his office for Friday, 9th February next at 11 o'clock a.m. Filed.

From H.S. Hancock wishing to secure opportunity of discussing with the Council gas proposal submitted last year. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Chief Engineer Department of Marine & Fisheries regarding protest of Indian Agent against the construction of main sewer outlet in front of the Squamish Mission Reserve. In the communication it was noted that the trouble was caused by the fact that the portion of foreshore granted to the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. was properly a foreshore of the Indian Reserve in connection with which grant the Indians naturally considered their rights as riparian owners had not been considered and that on this account they protested against the construction of the sewer. It was thought that some compensation should be made to the Indians. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the Department be informed that the

sanitary sewer outlet in being constructed on the westerly boundary of Mahon Ave. street end produced. The property of the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. who had obtained it some years ago. A grant of the foreshore in question from the Department and who had consented to the City laying the sewer provided the outlet discharged in deep water and this it was proposed to do, that the whole sewer would be covered in and would not in any way interfere with navigation, and that the Council were at a loss to know why they should be called upon to make compensation to the Indians.

From Jas. Chapman Secretary Joint Civic Advertising Committee with statement of receipts and disbursements of the Committee for the year 1912. The statement showed a credit balance on hand on January 27th of \$493.86. Referred to Finance Committee.

Alderman Irwin moved that Alderman McRae be reappointed the Council's representative to the Committee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Foreman and carried.

A petition was presented from R. McMillan and eleven other property owners and residents in the vicinity requesting that Lyon Place and Moody Avenue between that street and Keith Road be graded and sidewalks laid, also that a light be placed at the corner of Moody and Keith Road. Referred to Board of Works and Light Committee.

A petition was presented from T.J. Pearson and thirty-two other property owners and residents requesting Council to proceed with the work of replacing the Larson Road bridge. Referred to Board of Works.

Alderman Foreman inquired:

1. If water mains on the Lynn Valley Road were the property of the City.
2. If so was Lynn Valley water district furnished with water from these mains.
3. If the latter how many water connections were served and what amount of revenue was derived for water supplied last year in view of fact that many of the matters were out of repair.

Alderman Dick answered the first two questions in the affirmative and in regard to the third explained that the District Municipality had agreed to pay the water bill for last year on a basis of amount of water consumed by one service as recorded by meter in proper working order and according to the actual number of services supplied. He further stated that owing to trouble had be Council in this connection the agreement between the City and District councils in regard to the mutual interchange of water supplies would be cancelled this year.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 4 and Lots 5 and 6, D.L. 547/8 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae passed by the Council.

A plan of subdivision of portion of D.L. 616 and of Block 12B, D.L. 550 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Irwin passed by the Council.

The Engineer reported regarding proposed subdivision of Lot 3, Block 20, D.L. 548, that the 20' of supposed road allowance on property adjoining was shown as Lot A in registered plan. Consideration of this plan was laid over.

A report from the City Engineer recommending the construction of a sanitary sewer with to connections on Lonsdale Avenue fro the waterfront to 1st Street according to plans and profiles submitted on the initiative of the Council as referred to the Board of Works Committee for report. The Estimated cost of the work was \$8,400, the cost to City \$1,565.

A report from the City Engineer recommending the construction of a storm sewer on St. David's Avenue from Burrard Inlet to Keith Road according to plans and profiles submitted on the initiative of the Council was referred to the Board of Works for report. The estimated cost of the work was \$18,590, the cost to eh City frontage was \$1,160.

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

Finance (Health)	\$233.00
Finance (Schools)	1,600.00
Board of Works	1,598.88
Local Improvement	13,510.94
Waterworks	2,304.78

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

H.V. Tucker, 2 nd Street grading	\$379.05
H.V. Tucker, 1 st Street grading	105.62

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of Thursday last was on motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Fraser adopted by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the committee's minutes of Thursday last was read.

Alderman Dick moved that the report be adopted with the exception of that portion dealing with macadamizing. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

The Engineer was instructed to report on the estimated cost of the proposed works of macadamizing the addition of St. David's Avenue from 1st Street to 3rd Street.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of this date was read and adopted.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin the City Engineer was instructed to go ahead with the work of driving tunnel to drain Rice Lake.

Alderman Biss moved that a Committee be appointed to set with a Committee from the District Council in making representations to the Provincial Government to construct a trunk road from North Vancouver into Squamish Valley. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and carried. Alderman Foreman and Alderman Fraser were appointed as the Committee.

Alderman Dick reported that Mr. J.C. Keith had intimated his willingness to grant the City the use of the foreshore in front of Lonsdale Gardens for bathing beach purposes until such time as it may be required for other purposes. It was not the intention to interfere with the foreshore for some time to come. On motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman McRae the offer was referred to the Parks Committee to ascertain what arrangements can be made with Mr. Keith as to retaining the ground for some period of time.

Bylaw No. 199 being the Temporary Loan Bylaw 1912 for \$100.00 was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

A letter was read from A.J. Kappeler with regard to claims of ten Italian laborers amounting to \$212.67 for work done by them on the sewer trenches on the Esplanade and Crescent Street for which Kennedy Bros. the Contractors it was claimed were liable. Kennedy Bros. were present and stated that they had refused payment of these claims on the ground that the men were not employed by them but were employed by M. Pasto who they said was working for them as sub contractor. They tendered apology for having sublet the contract for excavation without permission. The portion of contract sublet had been cancelled as soon as the error was made known to them. With regard to the claims Mr. Kennedy stated that Pasto had already been over paid some four or five hundred dollars for work done and their Bank account had been garnisheed.

for the amount of the workmen's wages. The amount of the claim had already been paid into Court before whom the matter now rested for settlement. Council decided to take no action.

Progress estimate for sewer on Esplanade and Crescent Street from St. George's to St. David's Avenue in favor of Kennedy Bros. amounting to \$3,227.20 previously certified correct by the City Engineer was passed for payment.

Bylaw No. 200, the Mayor and Aldermen Indemnity Bylaw was considered in Committee. Alderman Dick moved that the indemnity be the same as in former years, viz: Mayor \$1,000, Aldermen \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and carried. The Bylaw was read a third time and passed by the Council.

Mr. Tucker appeared before the Council regarding opening of road to quarry in Block 221. After discussion Alderman Dick moved that the Engineer bring in an estimate of the quantity of rock required to macadamize the streets contained in the report of the Board of Works.

That the Engineer report on the various works and that notice of Council's intention of undertaking the work be advertised and that tenders be called for the supply of rock delivered on the various streets, and that the Board of Works proceed with the work of opening up a suitable roadway to the Quarry. The motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin and agreed to.

Re claim of \$47.05 of Capt. Stephens for damage done through blasting operations by Contractor. Mr. Tucker intimated that he was willing to pay the bill provided Capt. Stephens produced receipts for the repairs. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that Capt. Stephens be notified according.

Alderman Dick gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to amend the Waterworks Regulations Bylaw providing for the collection of water rates being made half yearly instead of quarterly as at present.

A letter was read from Messrs. Greer, Coyle & Co. re objection made by City to lease of foreshore in front of Squamish Mission Indian Reserve being granted to them. It was pointed out that no leases had been granted by the Department that only booming privileges had been accorded the Company by the Department. They did not wish Council to maintain their objections to the arrangements the Company had with the Indians and the Government.

The Clerk reported that he had that day been informed by the District Engineer of the Department that the privileges granted to A. McAllister and Messrs. Greer, Coyle & Co. had been cancelled on 6th December last. Alderman Foreman

advocated securing from the Government a true copy of the arrangement between these parties and the Department of Indian Affairs and Alderman Irwin advocated the Council taking some steps to secure a reserve being placed upon the Squamish Mission Indian Reserve for the City of North Vancouver with first right of purchase on cancellation of the Reserve.

The Mayor and Clerk were directed to communicate the facts regarding the above leases or privileges and Council's wishes regarding the Reserve to Mr. H.H. Stevens, M.P. for advise as to further action.

The following correspondence which had passed between the City Clerk and Messrs. AEmilius Jarvis & Co. regarding financial arrangements for the current year was read to the meeting:

"January 24, 1912.

AEmilius Jarvis & Co.,
Toronto, Canada

Having regard to recent issue in London and present indebtedness do you think it would be advisable for us to appear before the investing public at this time with another issue of half million fifty year general debentures already passed by Ratepayers and quarter million local improvement debentures to be passed soon or is it desirable if possible to finance from City's Bankers until next fall and thereafter issue loan of sufficient magnitude to pay off current indebtedness and provide funds for ensuing year. The total assessed value lands and improvements year nineteen twelve is thirteen million nine hundred thousand dollars. Present indebtedness including local improvement roughly one million six hundred thousand. Reply early.

Thomas Shepherd
City Clerk

REPLY

Toronto, Ontario, January 26, 1912

Thomas Shepherd,
City Clerk, North Vancouver

Irrespective of present indebtedness and assessed value it is inadvisable for you to appear openly in London Market again so soon especially as your securities only just listed there writing.

AEmilius Jarvis & Co."

The Mayor reported interview had with Mr. Grant Hall of the CPR regarding application being made by the Company for approval of route map. Mr. Hall had

promised to furnish the Mayor with all desired information but up to the present had not done so.

Mr. McNeill of the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company had informed the Mayor that it was his intention to proceed to Ottawa and oppose the application when it comes up for hearing.

The Mayor advocated the City and District to be presented at the hearing, he also advocated someone being sent east to make arrangements regarding financial arrangements for the current year. Alderman Fraser moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be deputed by the Council to proceed to Ottawa to attend the Hearing of the application of the CPR for the approval of route map and to make arrangements with the Bank and Fiscal agents regarding finances for the current year. The Mayor and Clerk to be vested with the power so the Body corporate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss and agreed to unanimously. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss an appropriation of \$400 was voted to each delegate.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: W.J. Dick, Acting Mayor