

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 1912 AT  
8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: Acting Mayor McRae  
Alderman Biss  
Alderman Dick  
Alderman Irwin  
Alderman Foreman  
Alderman Fraser

The minutes of the Regular meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Communications were received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Alex Philip acknowledging receipt of gas franchise agreement for with thanks. Filed.

From H.F. Dyke, Secretary North Vancouver Yacht Club thanking Council for past favors and requesting a continuance of the privilege of mooring their Club House and approach off the shore of the City property at the foot of St. George's Avenue. The Clerk instructed to reply granting this request.

From C.O. Bradshaw asking for a list of the names of property owners of the City of North Vancouver together with their addresses and the legal description of their respective property. Clerk instructed to reply stating that it is impossible to furnish the information asked for.

From Jack Loutet re claim on behalf of Mrs. Dougall and himself owners of Lot 23, Block 137, D.L. 271, for \$250 for damages sustained by this lot through the grading of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and again offering without prejudice on behalf of the owners to accept the sum of \$250 or to have the matter referred to arbitration and asking for a definite reply. Referred to Board of Works.

From E.H. Bridgman acknowledging receipt of our communication of the 5<sup>th</sup> appointing him to act for the City as valuator in the matter of the sale of the City all site to the Dominion Government for post Office purposes and stating that he will be pleased to act if required. Filed.

From H.A. Drury Co. re cast iron water pipes and fittings asking to be favored with detailed specifications of City's requirements when in the market for these goods. Referred to Water Committee.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer North Vancouver City Ferries asking for the cooperation of the City Council in the form of petition to the Minister of Marine

and Fisheries at Ottawa, with the object of obtaining for the harbour master of this port a suitable vessel equipment etc. for the purpose of keeping the harbor clear of floating debris etc. stating the Vancouver Board of Trade are taking the matter up with the Minister and that it has cost the Ferry Co. in the neighborhood of \$2,000 per annum through loss occasioned by broken propeller blades and other damage through striking submerged timbers.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that the Clerk write as follows:

“Hon. Jas. D. Hazen,  
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,  
Ottawa, Canada

Sir:

I have been instructed by the City Council to write you as follows:

It having been called to our attention that the floating debris in the Harbour of the port of Vancouver, Burrard Inlet and more particularly in that portion lying between Vancouver and North Vancouver is a great menace to navigation entailing considerable loss of time, and expense to vessels and ferries on account of broken propeller blades and other damage. We would therefore urge on your Department the necessity of some action being taken to furnish the Harbour master of this port with adequate equipment for the purpose of keeping the Harbour clear of such floating debris.”

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. requesting information as to what progress has been made towards the issuance of a lease of the Lonsdale Avenue street end in the name of the Ferry Company. Letter laid over till the return of His Worship Mayor McNeish.

From W. Thompson of R.V. Winch & Co. re contract bonds and drawing the attention of the Council to the advisability of asking the various contractors to file contract bonds guaranteeing the completion of the work they undertake and stating that the National Security Co. are licensed to operate both in the Province of B.C. and throughout the Dominion of Canada. Referred to Board of Works and Water Committees.

From Johnston & Salsbury submitting quotation for swings in quarter dozen lots at \$9.75 each less 10%. Referred to Parks Committee.

From C.E. Eckhart, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City of Chilliwack asking for a statement for the year 1991 of the City's business as published by the City Auditor. Clerk instructed to reply sending copy of statement asked for.

From Jas. Firth calling attention of the Council to the dump at the south end of St. David's Avenue stating that it is made up of rubbish of all kinds and injurious to health. Referred to Health Committee.

From W.H. Tottie of London, England asking for financial statement of the City and population. Clerk instructed to send Auditors report with estimate of population.

From the Manger of the National Finance Co. Vancouver asking for amount spent in civic improvements in the City of North Vancouver in each of the last five years with the amount which will be spent on civic improvement for the year 1912. The Clerk instructed to reply sending financial report.

From E.J. Witherspoon, V.P. Seaboard Timber & Trading Co. re Mahon Park and offering Lot 7, Block F for \$600. This lot contains more than one third of an acre extending from Wolfe Street to the Park line and would form an extension of that Avenue of approach. Referred to Parks and Board of Works Committees.

From E.J. Witherspoon re Block s1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, D.L. 273, asking if anything has been done with a view to opening lane through the center of these Blocks, and as owner of Lot 5, Block 2, he would be willing to deed his proportion to the City free of charge and enough off the front end of the lot to widen Keith Road to 100' if relieved of special assessment in connection therewith. Referred to the Board of Works and Lanes Committees.

From H.J. Arthur re sewer connection of house on Lot 18, Block 176, D.L. 264 stating that as the house is lower than the sewer it was impossible to connect and asking for permission to connect over flow pipe from septic tank into Inlet. The Clerk instructed to write stating that the City Council had no objection to this course being adopted but that this must not be construed into a permanent arrangement so that later on when other arrangements are made connections will have to be made with the sewer.

From Jack Loutet applying on behalf of Mrs. Dougall for the Boulevard allowance on 6<sup>th</sup> Street opposite the westerly 40' of Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 114, D.L. 274. Referred to Board of Works.

From G.G. Palmer of Palmer, Burmester & Von Graevenitz stating that they are commencing the construction of three houses on Tempe Heights each house to cost not less than \$3000, that they have applications to build five houses in Block 231A and two houses in Block 230A. Also that Tempe Heights is now cleared and that Block 231A is all cleared but there are no roadways. More than half of 230A is cleared and there are no roadways and proposing to delay building in these blocks provided the streets are all cleared with three months. Also asking to have 27<sup>th</sup> Street cleared first and then 26<sup>th</sup>, and further stating that the cost of clearing in this locality during the last nine months mounts to about \$15,000 and

offering to forego their claim for clearing in respect of the roads cleared on Tempe Heights, and the lanes in Block 231A and 230A, also a 10' road along St. Andrew's Avenue from 25<sup>th</sup> to one block north on condition that within three months from date 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Streets are cleared and all the streets in Tempe Heights are placed in passable condition and sidewalked, and that portion of the plank road at present uncleared facing Tempe Heights is also cleared within the specified time. Their claim amounts to some \$800 to \$900 for work already accomplished. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Ernest Young, Secretary-Treasurer McDougal, Jenkins Co. calling the attention of the Council to the serious inconvenience caused by the closing of Crescent Street by the Contractors who are excavating for the sewers and stating that they have at present contracts amount to \$10,000 which have to be completed under penalty in one month, and that should the street be closed to traffic after Tuesday work in their shops will be at a stand still. Referred to Engineer and Board of Works with power to act.

From Geo. C. Cooper referring to the sewer stench in rear of Lots 44 and 45, Block 166, D.L. 274. Clerk instructed to reply that the matter is already dealt with.

From W.R. Bohaker, Secretary North Vancouver City Bank stating that the balance on hand the first of this month was \$23.00 and stating that they think \$150.00 per month would be an adequate amount for City grant for 1912, for Band masters salary, hall rent, music and instruments, uniforms and general expenses such as light, fuel, etc. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From W.A. Deway asking to have sidewalk fixed and planked in front of new store on 4<sup>th</sup> street west. Referred to Board of Works.

From H.B. Stoker asking to have 14<sup>th</sup> street opened up in front of Lot 11, Block 51, D.L. 549. Clerk instructed to reply stating that the work is already recommended.

From T.J. Pierson, Larson road calling attention of the Council to the condition of View Street, stating that it is practically impassable. Field.

From Thos. L. Kennedy and W.C. Stone requesting to have 23<sup>rd</sup> street opened up from Lonsdale Avenue to Ridgeway Avenue as they intend building on Lot 31, 18 and 19, Block 218, D.L. 546. Referred to Board of Works.

From L.L. Dickenson applying for water on Lot 5, of re subdivision of Lot 7, Block 12, D.L. 616. Referred to the Engineer with power to act.

From Mrs. Ernest Lee and seven others asking to have 21<sup>st</sup> Street opened up from Mahon Avenue two blocks west. Referred to Board of Works.

From wm. West asking to have water diverted off Lots 8, 9, 10/53/550. Referred to Board of Works.

Resolved that the Committee consisting of Alderman Biss, Acting Mayor McRae, and the Engineer attend to the matter of the subway and get decision of the railway Commission and all other data possible to lay before the next meeting of the Council.

The following Tenders were received fro a sanitary sewer with lot connections:

1<sup>st</sup> Street from St. Patrick's to St. David's Avenue

Kennedy Bros.	\$7,590	accompanied by certified cheque for \$350
J. Shunn, 1055 Barclay St.	\$8,400.34	accompanied by a certified cheque <sup>3</sup> for \$422.00
Ledingham & Cooper, 212 Cotton Bldg, Vancouver	\$8,958	accompanied by certified cheque for \$448
Thompson & Stuart, North Vancouver	\$5,499.60	accompanied by certified cheque for \$274.95

Resolved that the Tender of Thompson & Stuart be accepted.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Works (Local Improvement<sup>0</sup>, Finance (Schools), Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the account to the amounts following:

Local Improvement, Ledingham & Cooper	\$4,356.80
Finance (School) - Geo. Campbell	\$188.00

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

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant was read to the meeting and on motion adopted.

The report of the Parks Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant was read to the meeting and on motion adopted.

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant was read to the meeting and on motion adopted.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant was read to the meeting and on motion adopted.

Alderman Foreman reported for the Blasting Committee that the Chief would see that the provisions of the blasting Bylaw would be lived up to.

Acting Mayor McRae read the following telegram which he received from His Worship Mayor McNeish:

“Closed deal today for sale of all City Debentures”.

Also a letter from His Worship confirming the telegram already received re hearing of the CPR application on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant and stating that as they did not know to what extent our interests were likely to be protected from the rather vague statement they placed themselves on record as to what interest should be protected and with the assistance of Mr. Stevens, M.P., drafted a letter, copy of which was enclosed which was approved of and signed by Messrs. Stevens, McNeish, Shepherd and May, and placed in the hand of the Minister.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss, Alderman Dick was appointed to act on the Joint Civic advertising Committee.

Acting Mayor McRae reported that the Ferry Company complained about the cars stopping in the mud on Lonsdale Avenue, and asked to have something done to remedy this either by having the cars come down on the wharf or by having Lonsdale Avenue improved so the people can get in and out of the cars without going through the mud.

Mr. Clark asked to be allowed to address the Council and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that he be allowed to do so. He thereupon addressed the Council on the question of having a sidewalk built from Queensbury Avenue to Williams Avenue and on the state of the road at present. Referred to Board of Works.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that the time for the receiving of tenders for gas franchise be extended until Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m.

Mr. W.L. Boulton wished to address the Council and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that he be heard. He addressed the Council on the matter of the granting to the Ferry Company the lease of the Lonsdale street end already referred to in the letter from H.E. Kemp and dealt with.

Alderman Irwin inquired if anything had been done about having the street cars running onto the wharf and suggesting that if this could not be arranged that the street should be put in proper shape by having at least a plank walk laid so that people could get to and from the cars without going through the mud.

Alderman Dick spoke on this subject and suggested that as the street would have to be torn up again shortly for sewer work that the matter would have to stand over till that item.

Alderman Foreman stated that he intended suggesting the block paving of the first block of Lonsdale Avenue and that the cars might run temporarily onto the wharf.

Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the Transportation Committee wait upon the Ferry Board to go into the matter.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor