

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 1912 AT  
8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: Mayor McNeish Chairman  
Alderman McRae  
Alderman Biss  
Alderman Dick  
Alderman Irwin  
Alderman Foreman  
Alderman Fraser

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> February and of the Special meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received and read as follows:

From John G. Farmer, CMC, stating that question of clearing and grading that portion of Lillooet Trail passing through Cemetery had been referred to the Board of Works for report.

From John G. Farmer, CMC, advising that the District Council had appointed Reeve May, Councilors Bridgman, Westover and Lawson a Committee to meet the City Council with reference to matters in connection with Lynn Valley Water District. The Council appointed Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. as a suitable time for the Committee to meet with the Council.

From London & British North America Co. Ltd., acknowledging receipt of notice addressed to Mrs. C. Parsons with reference to dangerous tree standing on Lot 14/226A/544. The property had been sold by Mrs. Parsons sometime ago and they did not know the present owner. Referred to Board of Works to investigate and if tree found dangerous to take immediate steps and cut it down at expense of owner.

From Jack Loutet stating that Mrs. Dougall claimed the customary allowance of 8¢ per foot for clearing Boulevard in front of her property, Lots 14, 15, 16/114/274 Mr. Loutet to be informed that it has never been the custom in the City to pay private owners for clearing Boulevards.

From J.D. McLean, Assistant Deputy and Secretary Indian Affairs, acknowledging receipt of Council's application to purchase the Squamish Mission Indian Reserve when same is open for sale and stating that the application had been placed on file.

From McDougal, Jenkins Engineers Ltd. soliciting opportunity to purchase from City any broken water pipe and rejected pipes, etc. Referred to Water Committee.

From McDougal, Jenkins Engineers Ltd. expressing thanks to Council for prompt action in constructing sidewalk on south side of Crescent Street.

From North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. again requesting Council to issue lease to Company of Lonsdale Avenue street end. City Solicitor to be instructed to draft the lease.

From North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. informing Council that the proposition tendered by Messrs. Geo. A. Stimson & Co. to repurchase the \$128,000 debentures issued by the Company and undertaken the sale of a \$285,000 consolidate issue had been accepted by the Company provided the arrangement was satisfactory to the Council and requesting that the Council take immediate steps to submit a Bylaw to guarantee the payment of and interest on \$285,000 for the purpose of repurchasing the \$128,000 at 105, the expense of which would amount to approximately \$135,000 and the remaining \$150,000 to be expended in the construction of a new ferry steamer and the balance in improvements to the wharf and buildings at the Vancouver terminal. The arrangement was approved of by the Council and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare the necessary Bylaw. The Clerk was directed to inquire of the Ferry Company what amount had been deposited to the credit of the sinking fund account and how it is invested.

From Dutcher Maxwell & Co. informing Council that they had associated with them Mr. R.S. Lea of Montreal consulting Engineer for the combined sewer scheme for Vancouver and surrounding districts, and offering to act as Consulting Engineers for North Vancouver sewer system. Field.

From Wm. Turnbull applying for a license to operate a moving picture theatre on 1<sup>st</sup> Street West. On motion of Alderman Dick, seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that license be granted at nominal fee of \$1.00 until such time as Bylaw to license and regulate theatres is passed by Council.

From Chas. H. Cates, Ferry Director, with report regarding near collision of Ferry steamer with tug in the Harbour and suggesting that the Council along with the Ferry Directors and Board of Trade bring pressure to bear on the proper authorities so that ferry steamers would not be put to unnecessary delay by small tugs plying in the harbour. Referred to Transportation Committee.

From E.G. Boulton requesting removal of pile of logs and roots strewn in front of his lots by waterworks gang while laying pipe on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street west of Larson Road. Referred to Engineer with power to act.

From E.M. Vozeus reporting that debris in the lane at rear of Lots 33, 34/8/549 was a menace to buildings in case of fire. Referred to Board of Works.

From Miss E. Homewood requesting removal of rocks left on her property by City workmen while clearing lane in rear of lot 13/12/274. Referred to Board of Works.

From Smith Bros. requesting the removal of lying timber on 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Ridgeway and Moody Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From H.D. Green Armytage regarding repair of damage done to his garden and ditch by flooding and giving notice that if Council was not prepared to replace the soil by Thursday next he would engage a man to do the work and send bill of same to Council. Referred to Board of Works.

From Henry B. Watson requesting permission to connect dwelling on Lot 20/64/271 with sewer laid on the south side of Keith Road. Referred to Engineer.

From Wm. Bailey suggesting that the Council inquire into the system of making oiled macadam roads in California. Referred to Board of Works.

From Russel E. Macnaghten suggesting that the question of "Bottle License" be submitted to a plebiscite as to whether it should be granted to a private individual or to a company devoting all the profits above 5% for interest on capital invested to objects of public utility not supported by the rates. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that communication be referred to Board of Licensing Commissioners for opinion and any suggestions in the matter.

From W.D. Lighthall, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer Union of Canadian Municipalities submitting annual account for subscription to the Union and intimating that the annual convention would be held in the City of Windsor, Ontario. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that subscription of \$15.00 be remitted.

From City Engineer reporting that it will cost about the sum of \$1300 to place a street sign at each street intersection in the City limits. On motion of Alderman Irwin referred back to bring in report as to cost of placing street signs in settled portions of the City.

From City Engineer with copy of contract signed up with the B.C. Electric Railway Co. for supply electricity to the City rock crusher. In this connection the Council were informed that the company had charged \$15.00 per month for two months while crusher was not in operation. The contract was referred to the Board of Works for report.

From J.W. Fugler, Building Inspector with report for the month of February as follows:

Permits issued	46
Total cost of same	\$53,485.00
February 1911	10,490.00
Total to end of February 1912	102,165.00
Total to end of February 1911	18,780.00
Fees collected February 1912	115.50
Septic tanks installed	10
Sets of plumbing tested	37
Permits issued for sewer connections	14
Sewer connections made	17
Nuisance complaints	7
Garbage calls	283

From Solicitor Reid with statement of account of Robertson & Heisternan for services in connection with Rice Lake matter amounting to \$211.60. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Solicitor Reid with arbitration agreement re claim of Manson for injury to property through lowering of grade on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Council did not think that Manson's property had been injuriously affected by the work but rather that the advantage Manson had derived from the work more than offset any claim he may have for damages. The Clerk was directed to advise the City Solicitor that Council was prepared to prove their contention and defend the matter in Court.

Alderman Biss brought up the question of the sewer on Lonsdale Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and waterfront being constructed by day labor. As tender had been called for it was decided to defer consideration of the matter for a week.

The following Tenders were received and opened for the clearing, grubbing and burning of that portion of Mahon Park lying between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets and between Jones Avenue and the easterly limits of the military grounds containing about 3.7 acres more or less.

Walter Lyle	\$962.00
Pete Andruss	\$265.00 per acre
G. Rono & Co.	\$270 per acre
D. McLennan	\$740.00
L. Perchia	\$335.00 per acre
A. Schandevyl & Co.	\$175 per acre
H. Moffort	\$125 per acre

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the lowest tender be accepted and contract awarded to H. Moffort at \$125.00 per acre.

Tenders were received from the supplying of crushed rock on several streets mentioned in the Tenders. The Clerk reported that two tenders had been received after 12 noon, the time specified for the closing of Tenders. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that the time for the reception of tenders be extended until 8 o'clock. Alderman McRae dissenting.

On motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that Tenders received be opened. Alderman McRae dissenting.

The following tenders were opened:

H.V. Tucker \$89,285.00; Producers Rock & Gravel Co. \$120,305; The Granite Quarries Ltd. \$110,655.

The City Engineer recommended that the lowest tender be accepted.

On motion of Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that H.V. Tucker's bulk tender for the supplying of 33,900 cubic yards of crushed rock as per sample received be accepted at the price of \$89,285.

Applications of gas franchise were received from the North Vancouver Gas & Coke Company and H. Syd Hancock on behalf of Messrs. John Coates & Co., London, England.

A letter was also received and read from Walter Thomas, Gas Engineer re granting of a franchise and various interest which should be protected. The Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of the proposition submitted by Mr. Hancock to each member of the Council.

Council deferred consideration of the applications until Thursday evening next at 9 o'clock.

A plan of subdivision of "Tempe Heights" previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion passed by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Lanes and Parks Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of Thursday last were read and severally adopted.

The Chairman of the Board of Works reported that the Seymour Lumber Company had never delivered any lumber for sidewalk. The Clerk was directed to notify the Company that any lumber not delivered within thirty days as per contract would render contract liable to cancellation. Alderman McRae voting nay.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee and of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of Thursday last were also adopted.

On motion of Alderman Dick resolved that the Chairman of the F7&lc and Fire Chief be authorized to act in the disposal of hose reel.

The Mayor reported that Mr. Jas. P. Fell had consented to the filling in of the foreshore in front of Bewicke and Fell avenues being undertaken by the City as a work of local improvement. The City to pay half the cost and assess it against property benefited. The City Engineer was directed to bring in a local improvement report.

The Council decided to go into the estimates of the various departments on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> instant after meeting with the District Council.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor