

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 11TH OF MARCH 1912 AT
8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 26th and of the Special meeting of the 29th of February were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Biss adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From John G. Farmer, CMC, notifying Council that Tuesday next the 12th inst. at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall as a suitable date for the District Council's Committee to meet with the City Council in re Lynn Valley water question. Field.

From North Vancouver Master Plumbers' Association asking Council to arrange another interview to go further into details of Plumbing Bylaw. Thursday evening next at 9 p.m. was appointed as a convenient time.

From W.C. Eisenman requesting sidewalk on south side of 14th street to be continued as far as corner of Jones Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. Knowles again bringing up the matter of construction of a bridge on Larson Road. Referred to Board of Works. Mr. Knowles to be advised that matter will be dealt with in immediate future.

from Wm. Gordon requesting the removal of several stumps and logs piled on his property by city workmen while laying sidewalk on St. Andrew's Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From Theo. Howard again requesting that a sidewalk be constructed on 18th Street from Sutherland Avenue to the Boulevard. Referred to Board of Works.

From L.L. Dickinson requesting that wagon road be constructed on 21st Street to enable him to haul building material to Lot 3, Block 220c. Referred to Board of Works with suggestion that wagon trail be constructed along the extension of the Grand Boulevard.

From Miss P.C. Harrison requesting that owner of Lot 6/k2/616 be made to clear his property of combustible material. After investigation notice to be sent to owner to clear property.

From Thos. L. Kennedy and Alex. Philip informing Council that they had purchased and were about to build on Blocks 222A and 233 and would like to have a wagon road opened up from Lynn Valley road to and along 25th Street as there was now a good deal of communication between Lynn Valley and North Lonsdale. The Writers suggested that 25th Street be fully graded and macadamized as a work of local improvement through to Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works for report.

From Messrs. Palmer, Burmester & Von Graevenitz Co. Ltd. making application for water services to be laid to Lots 91, 92, 39, 40 and 82, 83, Block 235, D.L. 546 and for sidewalks to the lots to give access to the houses and the putting of the streets in passable condition. Referred to Waterworks and Board of Works.

From Messrs. Palmer, Burmester & Von Graevenitz Co. Ltd. withdrawing offer contained in their letter of the 15th ultimo and requesting payment of amount due them for clearing streets in Block 235 and repeating application for the opening of streets. Referred to Board of Works and Engineer to return area of streets cleared.

From Jas. Bell informing Council that he was going to build four houses on Lots 6, 7/239/545 and four more on Lots 15 and 16 in the same block and asking that 27th Street be rough graded and sidewalk laid for a block and half west of Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Agnes Brown making application for road to be constructed to give access to Lot 6/212A as per agreement. Referred to Board of Works.

From City Engineer Hanes recommending that Mr. Dierrson be requested to have the septic tank connected with the Colonial Apartment House on 8th Street from the lane adjoining Lot C, Block 87, D.L. 549. The tank was an obstruction in the lane. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that Mr. Dierrson be given notice to have the tank removed by Saturday evening next.

From City Engineer recommending that instead of charging the District for water according to meter readings that Council fix a flat rate for each connection according to fixtures in houses, and that the City charge a rental of \$20 or \$30 for each fire hydrant. Referred to Water Committee.

From City Engineer with local improvement report on filling in of Fell Avenue and Bewicke Avenue street ends. Estimated cost of work \$19,000. Life time permanent. City's share \$9,500. Referred to Board of Works.

From North Vancouver City Ferries Limited requesting that lease to Company of Lonsdale Avenue street end be made for as long a period as possible. A draft lease was submitted and approved, and on motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman it was agreed to grant a lease for a term of twenty years at a nominal rental of \$1.00 per annum. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute the document.

From Waterous Engine Works Co. inviting Fire Chief and Chairman of Fire Committee to accompany Committees from Vancouver City Council to Seattle on or about eh 20th to inspect their fire apparatus. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From Kings Printer, Victoria re Revised Statutes and Statutes of 1912. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that cheque for \$21.00 be forwarded to Kings Printer with order for copy of the Revised Statutes and Bills of 1912.

From Jas. P. Fell wishing to know if Council was prepared to pay purchase price of Block 9, D.L. 552. Mr. Fell to be advised that Debentures for the purchase of the property have been sold and as soon as proceeds realized, deed for the property will be taken up.

From Messrs. Duncan & Scrimgeour giving notice that unless Council prepared to give Mr. Loutet adequate compensation for damage done to property through lowering of grade on 2nd Street steps would be taken to secure payment. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Jas. R. Stewart, Secretary Shipmasters and Officers Association advising that Association was of the opinion that Second Narrows Bridge should be a high level bridge not less than 100' above high water mark and without any swing or draw. Referred to Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company.

From A.G. Perry, Local manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. advising that roadway on View Street between 23rd and 25th Streets was so full of stumps that it was not possible to construct a pole line and as a consequence streetlights could not be installed. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. advising that he had noticed recently that City Contractors were raising the grade of Fell Avenue and pointing out that they had not received any notification of intention to raise the grade and asking that data be furnished so that proper\ steps could be taken to take care of the railway tracks. Referred to Engineer for report. Clerk to give notice of Council's intention to alter grade.

From C. Stanton, Assistant Deputy Minister Marine and Fisheries informing Council that the question of floating debris forming a menace to navigation in the Harbor was being inquired into by the department. Filed.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries Limited with information that sinking fund of \$1347 was being provided annually that the sinking fund account was being credited with the amount each year, but that there was no fund in actual existence as the money was used in the business. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Jas. Chapman, Secretary North Vancouver Civic and Labor Bureau with certified copy of the cash account of the Joint Civic Advertising Committee and Auditor's report. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Solicitor Reid advising that if the provisions of Section 176 of Section 53 of the "Municipal Act" have been complied with the proper steps have been taken to acquire title in the matter of Lonsdale Avenue widening.

From Solicitor Reid re Romano Pinto & Co. stating that he had been holding the money without paying into Court but had advised Messrs. Taylor, Harvey, Baird & Grant, the Solicitors for the Plaintiff Company without prejudice that if they were willing to accept the amount it would be paid over in settlement of the action. If not it would be paid into Court with a denial of liability. He had had an interview with Mr. Taylor and gone over the times of the claim. Mr. Taylor had written to him in the matter, a copy of the letter was enclosed. The correspondence was referred to the City Engineer for report later.

The following Tenders were received and opened for the construction of a sanitary sewer with lot connections on Lonsdale Avenue from the waterfront to 1st Street.

Thompson & Stuart \$6494.10 accompanied by a marked cheque for \$324.70;

Kennedy Bros. \$9469 accompanied by marked cheque for \$475;

Ledingham & Cooper \$5000 accompanied by a marked cheque for \$250, with letter to the effect that their Tender was based on the following arrangement: to construct the main drain throughout including back filling then lay the laterals on the west side and when this is done proceed with those on the East side. Referred to Board of Works and City Engineer for report.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 22A, D.L. 546 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion passed by the Council.

A plan of subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 64, D.L. 271 previously approved of by the City Engineer was on motion of Alderman Biss passed by the Council.

A street improvement requisition was presented requesting the Council to widen 4th Street from Forbes to St. David's Avenue to a uniform width of 100' by expropriating a strip of land 10' wide on each side of the streets.

The petition was accompanied by a dedication notice and signed by the owners agreeing to give without cost to the City such portion of the lands set opposite their respective names as may be necessary in order to effect the improvement. Referred to the City Clerk for report as to signatures.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, School, Police, Health, Board of Works (Local Improvement), Water, Fire and Light and Parks 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	\$1,553.30
Finance - School	4,015.00
Finance Police	1,019.37
Finance - Health	377.55
Board of Works	3,014.65
Board of Works	1,399.05
Board of Works - Local Improvement	32,890.56
Board of Works - Local Improvement	6,903.60
Water	5,587.95
Water	3,834.75
Fire and Light	1,657.73
Parks	376.02

A progress estimate in favor of Kennedy Brothers amounting to \$6,355 for constructing Esplanade sewer was passed for payment.

The report of Finance Committee of the Board of Works Committee and of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 7th instant were read and severally adopted.

City Engineer Hanes reported that Messrs. Taylor, Harvey, Baird and Grant in their letter re Romano Pinto suggested that if he would prefer to discuss the matter with Mr. Hancock an Engineer employed by them and familiar with every detail of the work they would be content to abide by whatever decision the two of them would reach subject to the Council's approval. Mr. Hanes was prepared to meet with Mr. Hancock and the Clerk was directed to advise the Solicitor accordingly.

The Council then took up consideration of the two applications received for gas franchise.

The applications were gone over clause by clause in the presence of the Applicants and several amendments suggested and were ultimately laid over for

consideration at meeting next Monday. The Applicants in the meantime to have an opportunity of amending their applications.

The matter of engaging an expert engineer for a road roller was left in the hand so the City Engineer also the hiring of the District road roller if necessary.

A communication was read from solicitor Reid re Manson stating that if the Council under the Statute had the right to decide whether property was injuriously effected or not, their contention would be quite correct, but unfortunately the Statute provides for the settlement of such questions and Council had either to proceed with an Arbitration in the regular way or fight a mandamus of the application to the Supreme Court to force Council to appoint an Arbitrator or settle it by an arbitration agreement was proposed in this matter. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that Mayor and Clerk interview the City Solicitor and explain to him the reasons why Council wish to fight the matter in Court.

A letter was read form H.H. Stevens, M.P. re CPR application stating that nothing would be done by the Minister until his approval was given, and that would not be until all points are protected and until the report of Mr. Swan was in hand. Filed.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor