

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 18TH 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 11th instant and of the Joint Meeting of City and District Councils of the 12th instant were read and on motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From McNair, Fraser Lumber Co. Ltd. Hollyburn intimating that they would be glad to supply any kind of lumber the City may require for building sidewalks, etc. in the west end of the City. Referred to Board of Works.

From Jas. Marsen requesting removal of two stumps on Boulevard in front of his property Lot 13, Block F, D.L. 547. Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

from W.L. Boulton requesting that a sidewalk be laid on 16th Street from Jones Avenue to his house on Lot 1, Block 41, D.L. 547. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary School Board requesting that sidewalks be laid along 8th and 9th Streets to give access to Ridgeway School. Referred to Board of Works.

From J.A. McCance requesting that a wagon road be constructed to Lot 8, Block 225A, D.L. 544, for building purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

From Messrs. Alexander & Down, Architects requesting to be furnished with grades for new Presbyterian Church to be erected at the north-east corner of 10th and St. George's Avenue. City Engineer instructed to furnish grade as near as possible to permanent grade.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary School Board requesting to be furnished with grades for roadways surrounding Block 100, Ridgeway School site to enable Board to proceed with the grading of the school grounds. City Engineer instructed to furnish grades as near as possible to permanent grade.

From H.M. Marriott offering to purchase cedar on Cemetery grounds at rate of 50¢ per cord. Referred to Cemetery Committee.

From E.J. Wakefield re opening of lane in Block 63. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From Jas. P. Fell requesting that the McKay Road be opened up and graded from Keith Road to 20th Street as a work of Local Improvement. Referred to Board of Works.

From S.A. Fletcher, Water Commissioner advising that he had been instructed to issue a license to the City for one cubic foot of water per second from Rice Lake. The license would be issued on receipt of fee for same, namely: \$11.00. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss resolved that cheque be issued in favor of Mr. Fletcher for \$11.00 license fee for water from Rice Lake.

From City Engineer Hanes with letter received by him from Mr. W.E. Walkden inquiring if anything could be done to divert water before it reaches Lot 21/117/274 which was flooding the basement of his building. The Engineer reported that he had examined the lot and found that Mr. Walkden had constructed concrete basement walls in the creek bed and water could not be diverted without making a complete new channel on adjoining property, Mr. Walkden should have built a culvert through his own property. He suggested that the Council notify Mr. Walkden that City will not be responsible for any damage that may be done and that there is no possible way whereby the City can cut off the water. On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that Mr. Walkden be notified accordingly.

From J. Groundwater, Teamster making application for an increase in salary. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. Stephen, Manager Bank of Bank British North America, advising that the General Manager had approved of the City's request for a loan of \$200,000 for three months against assignment of Debentures.

From J. Stephen, Manager Bank of Bank British North America wishing to know the name of the signing Officers for the North Vancouver Hospital account, and what advances he may allow on the account. Referred to Board of Health.

From J.C. Moon stating that he would be very pleased to act in the capacity of Consulting Engineer in the event of the City erecting a gas plant or to advise as to the proper and equitable terms of a franchise. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From City Engineer Hanes tendering his resignation as City Engineer for the City to take effect within a month or six weeks. In tendering his resignation he wished to take the opportunity of publicly thanking ex-Mayor May, Mayor McNeish and all the Aldermen who had charge of the City's affairs during his term of office for their support in carrying out the various improvements which had been undertaken within the past three years. He also wished to especially thank the citizens for the public-spirited way in which they had treated him during his term of office. His reason for resigning was that he wished to look after his own personal affairs. He expected to remain a citizen of North Vancouver. To be considered in Committee of the Whole.

From J.Y. McNaught, Secretary Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. with copy of report from their Engineers Messrs. Cleveland & Cameron regarding the opening span of the Second Narrows Bridge and wishing Council to endorse the same by a resolution. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman it was resolved:

“That whereas the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company is a Municipal undertaking in which the following municipalities have invested the amounts hereunder set forth:

The City of Vancouver	\$200,000
The City of North Vancouver	100,000
The District Municipality of North Vancouver	250,000
The Burnaby Municipality	50,000

and the only other shareholders of the Company are the Provisional Directors who only hold qualifying shares:

BE IT KNOWN THAT THIS council being one of the large shareholders in the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge company after due consideration hereby endorses the report of the Engineers:

Messrs. Cleveland & Cameron - attached hereto respecting opening span of Bridge and is of opinion that an opening span of 200 feet in the Second Narrows Bridge will be ample to accommodate shipping.”

Alderman Dick declined to vote holding that Council should not act upon report from Messrs. Cleveland & Cameron but from Messrs. John Wolfe & Co. the Engineers engaged to design the bridge.

From C. Stanton, Assistant Deputy Minister Marine & Fisheries with plan and description of water lot applied for by Messrs. J.J.E. McCague and Alfred G. Smith in front of Lots 16, 17, Block 176, D.L. 274 and wishing to know if there are any objections to the granting of the water lot or whether works erected thereon would interfere with navigation. Referred to City Engineer to report at next meeting.

A petition was presented from J.J. woods and eight others calling attention to the very inadequate telephone service especially long distance calls. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that B.C. Telephone Co. be communicated with and requested to furnish an improved service in the immediate future.

The following Tenders were received and opened for the construction of a storm sewer with catch basin connections on St. David's Avenue from the water front to Keith Road and referred to the City Engineer for report.

Kennedy Bros. \$21,781; Thompson & Stuart \$21,772; John Shunn \$23,069; Ledingham & Cooper \$17,801.

Tenders were received and opened for a Motor Chemical Combination Hose Wagon from the Victor Motor Truck Co., Buffalo, The White Company, San Francisco; the Columbia Taxi Cab Co., Vancouver; The Anderson Coupling and Supply Co., Kansas City, Kansas; the Waterous Engine Works Co. Ltd., Vancouver; and the Webb Motor Fire Apparatus Co., St. Louis (two proposals). The proposals were referred to the Fire & Light Committee and the Fire Chief to go into thoroughly and report.

The City Engineer reported that the Tender of Messrs. Ledingham & Cooper was the lowest for St. David's Avenue storm sewer and was in order and he recommended that it be accepted. On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that the contract be awarded to Messrs. Ledingham & Cooper at the price of \$17,801.

With reference to the revised application received for Gas Franchise it was decided to consider and dispose of the applications at a Special meeting to be held on Wednesday the 27th instant at which the City Solicitor would be present.

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

2 nd Street sewer extension, Ledingham & Cooper	\$281.20
1 st Street sewer extension, Thompson & Stuart	1,689.00

School accounts were passed for payment as follows on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, \$169.45.

The report of the Lanes Committee recommending that an appropriation of \$7,500 be set aside from the current years revenue for the clearing and grading of Lanes as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 14th instant was read and laid over pending consideration of estimates.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 14th instant was read and on motion adopted with exception of item recommending that tender of North Shore Coal and Feed Company for feed be accepted.

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 14th instant was read and on motion adopted with exception of item recommending that \$17,000 be set aside from the current years revenue for the assistance of the Fire department.

The Fire & Light Committee recommended that Messrs. Honeyman and Curtis be instructed to call Tenders for the construction of mess rooms and kitchens to Fire Halls Nos. 1 and 2 according to plans and specifications prepared by them. The Committee's recommendation was accepted by the Council.

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 12th instant and 14th instant were read and on motion adopted.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the City Engineer prepare specifications and call tenders for the supply of 4950 feet of 16" steel main.

The Board of License Commissioners recommended that a Bylaw be submitted to the Electros for obtaining their opinion as to whether a bottle license should be granted to a private individual or Company 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 as suggested by Mr. Russell MacNaghten. No admission on the part of the license board that there would be a license granted. Referred back to the License Board for further information on the question.

Alderman Irwin moved that in view of the illness and prolonged absence from the City of the Police Magistrate that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council be requested to appoint a resident Police Magistrate for the City with or without salary. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fraser and agreed to.

Alderman Irwin reported interview with Mr. E. Mahon regarding opportunity being granted City to purchase Blocks 219, 219B, 219C, 220A and 220B in D.L. 550 for Park purposes. Mr. Mahon had consented to the lands being offered to the City at acreage prices of 1910, and that his company would be willing to accept 4 ½% City Debentures at par in payment. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that Mr. Mahon be advised that Council favor the acquiring of the Park area, and that a Bylaw would be submitted to the Electros in the near future.

Mr. Green appeared before the Council, and asked permission to erect a camp on 23rd Street near Mr. Tucker's quarry. Referred to Alderman Biss with power to act.

The Mayor gave in report of advice received from City Solicitor re Manson claim. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Irwin this matter was left in the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk with power to act.

The Mayor reported that the Government had omitted to amend the Municipal Act in respect to advertising local improvement assessment schedules in daily newspaper. This matter was left in the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk to take up with the Attorney General.

The Mayor was asked to wire to Mr. Stevens, M.P. and ascertain delay in granting approval of the C.P.R. Route Map.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole to consider resignation of the City Engineer.

On motion of Alderman Dick, Council stood adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor