

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL 1912 AT
8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 25th March 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 W.S. Shrapnel requesting that planks be laid from his store to connect with the sidewalk on Lonsdale avenue. Alderman Biss Chairman of the Board of Works reported that the work had already been authorized.

From E.M. Forbes re injury to himself which occurred on Saturday, March 23rd and claiming compensation for loss of work. City Clerk to write to Mr. Forbes stating that the Council admit no responsibility in the matter.

From Peter Horoszko requesting that a wagon trail be opened up on 24th Street to run west from View Street to the west side of Lot 9/210/544. Referred to Board of Works.

From Palmer, Burmester & Von Graevenitz making application for water and sidewalk to Lot 51/235/546. Referred to Water and Board of Works Committees.

From Palmer, Burmester & Von Graevenitz making application on behalf of Mr. Chas. McWilliam for water a connection and sidewalk to lot 32/231A/546. Referred to Board of Works.

From Gerald F. Knox endorsing previous application made by Palmer, Burmester & Von Graevenitz for water to be laid to Lots 39, 92 and 83/235/546 was received and filed.

From City Engineer stating that Mr. Palo had not attempted to repair the sidewalk in front of the theatre on Lonsdale Avenue and recommending that he be given full authority to go ahead and put same in first class condition. On motion the Engineer was instructed to go ahead with the work.

From City Engineer stating that after having obtained levels he found that Lynn Valley Trail is the limit to which water can be supplied from the City mains. He therefore recommended that a water pipe be constructed from the corner of Lynn Valley Road and 21st Street up through St. John's College ground and northward to connect with Lynn Valley Trail.

With reference to the portion of Tempe Heights above the Lynn Valley Trail he recommended that the District Council be requested to supply water to the City for this portion from their Mosquito Creek mains as soon as Alderman Young houses were erected in this portion of the City. Referred to Waterworks Committee with power to act.

From City Engineer stating that H.V. Tucker was not supplying rock to the City according to his contract. Filed.

From A.G. Perry, local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. stating that the Council's request to have all car tracks laid to permanent grade on macadamized streets had been submitted of the company's head office.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. stating that instructions had been given to raise the car track on Fell Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets and that the work would be proceeded with as soon as possible, when completed the account for same would be rendered to the City. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae it was resolved that this letter together with all previous correspondence on the matter be referred to the City Solicitor to determine whether the B.C. Electric Railway Co. or the City should bear the cost of same.

From City Engineer stating that together with the City Clerk he had examined the petition for the widening of 4th Street and estimated that the total cost would be approximately \$40,000. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick referred to the Board of Works to act in conjunction with the City engineer and City Solicitor to report on same as to the advisability of proceeding with the work and the best method of dealing with same. Alderman McRae dissenting.

From Jas. Chapman, Secretary Joint Civic Advertising Committee requesting that the rider to the effect that the committee must have an additional \$4000 in sight before the Council grant them \$1000 be removed as it was unduly hampering the work of the Committee. Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Fraser that a grant of \$1000 be made to the Joint Civic Advertising Committee without any restrictions. Alderman Dick voted in the negative.

Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae then announced their resignation from the Joint Civic Advertising Committee. The Mayor stated that he would consider the appointment of two other Aldermen in their place later.

From C. McWilliams requesting that 26th Street be opened and a sidewalk laid to Lot 32/231A/546 was referred to the Board of Works.

From Russell E. MacNaghten referring to his previous letter of February 26th re a plebiscite on the Bottle License question was laid on the table pending a report from the License Commissioners.

from the Medical Health Officer calling the Council's attention to the need of accommodations for infectious diseases was referred to the Board of Health to report.

From G.S. shepherd, Secretary, N.V. conservation Association requesting the Council's cooperation in connection with the question of good trunk roads and other works of public utility and suggesting that Delegates be appointed from the Council to interview the Government. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman the Mayor and Alderman Biss were appointed Delegates. Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae dissenting.

From the Deputy Minister of Marine & Fisheries forwarding plan and description of a water lot on Burrard Inlet applied for on behalf of the North Vancouver Dock and Storage Co. Ltd. and asking whether there were any objections to the granting of the application was left over until the next Council meeting in order that the Ferry Directors might be consulted in the matter.

From the Water Commissioner with water license No. 1676 issued to the City of North Vancouver was referred to the Water Committee.

From City Engineer reminding the Council that his resignation was to take effect at the end of April and suggestion that arrangements should be made accordingly was received and filed.

From City Engineer recommending that the resolution of the Council re the compulsory employment of Ratepayers on the City gangs be rescinded was referred to the Board of Works and Water Committee to report.

From City Engineer re the work being done by the City at Rice Lake was partially read and on motion referred to Committee of the Whole.

An invitation from the Proprietors of the Columbia Hotel to the Council to be present at the opening of their premises on Tuesday, April 2 was received with thanks.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, N.V. School Board requesting the company of the Mayor, Aldermen and City Officials at the formal opening of Ridgeway School on Monday, 8th April at 2:30 p.m. was accepted with thanks. The Clerk to notify the Secretary accordingly.

The following report was received from J.W. Fugler, Building Inspector for the month of March 1912:

Number of permits for March 1912	54
Number for March 1911	36
Total cost for March 1912	72,934.00
Total cost for March 1911	104,000.00
Total cost to end of March 1912	175,099.00
Total cost to end of March 1911	122,780.00
Building fees collected for month past	115.00
Fees for septic tank plans	3.00
Sets of plumbing tested	36
Septic tanks installed	18
Permits issued for sewer connections	14
Sewer connections made	14
Nuisance complaints	10
Garbage calls	328

From City Engineer recommending that the Building and Sanitary Inspector's salary be increased to \$125.00 per month. Referred to Finance Committee.

Petition from A.C. Macaslan and five others for an Arc lamp at the northwest corner of St. George's Avenue and 25th Street. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

Plan of proposed subdivision of Block 22A/546 was referred to the City Engineer to report upon. The lane allowance apparently not being in conformity with the adjacent blocks.

Report of the Special Committee consisting of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Dick with reference to the proposed subdivision of Blocks 10 and 10B/550 which read as follows was adopted:

"Having personally examined the block referred to it is our opinion that owing to the peculiar contour in grades the plan of subdivision as submitted is as satisfactory as could be expected and we therefore recommend its approval."

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

Kennedy Bros. \$220.12; Higgins & Fisher \$2340.00.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the first instant was read and adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the first instant was read and adopted.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin it was resolved that the construction of a wharf at the foot of Chesterfield Avenue for which \$10,000 was recently voted by the Ratepayers be referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

Alderman Irwin then moved that in accordance with the advice received from Mr. W.J. Massey the Council purchase from A.W. Henry of Seattle the Webb motor truck at a price of \$7,650 f.o.b. North Vancouver subject to a guarantee being satisfactory to the City Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Alderman Biss. After considerable discussion Alderman Foreman moved an amendment that the question of the purchase of the Chemical wagon be referred back to the Fire & Light Committee. This was seconded by Alderman Fraser.

On a division there voted for the amendment, Alderman McRae, Alderman Fraser and Alderman Foreman; and for the motion Alderman Irwin, Alderman Dick and Alderman Biss.

The Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the motion which was declared carried.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to call bids for riveted and lap welded steel pipe. Tenders to state guarantee date of delivery.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to lay out the pipe line from Rice Lake to the Intake and proceed with the necessary clearing work.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the City Engineer interview the City Solicitor the following day and report to the Council at 5 p.m. the same afternoon re the subletting of the contract given to H.V. Tucker for supplying crushed rock to the City.

Bylaw No. 201 being a Bylaw to consolidate the \$441,250 Debentures authorized to be issued by the Bylaws Nos. 180 to 196 excepting No. 183 was read and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed.

Bylaw No. 202 being a Bylaw to authorize the Corporation to guarantee the payment of and interest on \$285,000 Debentures to be issued by the North Vancouver City ferries Limited was read a first and second time and passed subject to a Clause being inserted that City ferries Limited set apart in a separate bank account the amount of sinking fund necessary to redeem the Debentures when due.

The Mayor then made a report re the running of camp for Boarding the City workmen at Rice Lake stating that the owner was only getting a very small number of men to board there, insufficient to pay his expenses. On motion of Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman McRae the matter was left in the hands of the Chairman of the Waterworks Committee with power to act.

The Mayor reported that together with Alderman Dick he had interviewed Mr. Jas. P. Fell re the proposition of D.L. 272 being brought within the City boundary and stating that he considered that if a suitable arrangement could be made with Mr. Fell that the District Lot might be brought within the City boundary.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the Mayor continue negotiations with Mr. Jas. P. Fell and report back to the Council.

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick the question of remuneration of Mr. W.J. Massey, the expert hired by the Fire & Light Committee to decide the relative merits of the various fire equipments be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that the Engineer's letter re Rice Lake matters be referred to the Waterworks Committee.

On motion of Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that the previous motion re compulsory preference being given to the Ratepayers for the City's work be rescinded.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor