

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Regular Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> April were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Mrs. S.A. McManus making application for a sidewalk on the south side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street west to Lot 6/19/548. Referred to Board of Works.

From Jas. Eadie asking to have View Street opened up and graded from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Streets.

From Mrs. Dora M. Brand making application for water service to Lot 18/21/552. Referred to Water Committee.

From North Vancouver City Ferries Limited requesting Council to make application to the proper Department for a grant of an additional 100' of foreshore at Lonsdale avenue street end. On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that the Company be asked to submit a plan of the foreshore to be applied for and any improvements to be made thereon.

From North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. asking for settlement of amount due them namely: \$3,402 for clearing streets and lanes in D.L.'s 544/5/6. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that cheque for \$3,402 be issued in payment.

From Jas. P. Fell asking for remittance of amount due him for clearing streets and lanes in D.L. 552. Referred to City Engineer to check over and report.

From Attorney General Bowser in reference to appointment of a Police Magistrate for the City stating that he did not think the City could expect to obtain a man to undertake the duties of the position without a fairly good salary. His Department had always made it a point in Cities of importance like North Vancouver not to appoint a man except with a sufficient salary and preferred to have a Professional man. He wished to know therefore, what salary the City Council would be prepared to pay. On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman

Irwin resolved that Attorney General be advised that City is prepared to pay at the rate of \$1000 per annum for Police Magistrate.

The North Vancouver City Ferries Limited submitted a statement of traffic receipts for the month of March showing a total of \$12,803, and comparative figures March 1910, \$6,415.40; March 1911 \$10,119.45. The statement was considered very satisfactory.

The following letter gram received from H.H. Stevens, M.P. was read:

“Arbitrators award too high as building will be removed as early as possible would strongly urge that City agree to accept ninety-three thousand for land and buildings and give government possession at once if possible. The advance is too much and am afraid it will stop deal. Wire Deputy of decision. I saw Sir Thomas re route map and he has placed it in the hands of Marpole.”

After discussion the Mayor was authorized to communicate with Mr. Stevens and take up with him the question of referring back to the Arbitrators the question of whether City Hall Buildings were of any value and use to the Government.

A communication was read from the City Engineer reporting that some time during February a tunnel was commenced to drain Rice Lake but that owing to the nature of the ground it was impossible to get the tunnel started under ground. After about 100' had been constructed in the open. Another tunnel had been stated and driven about 93' and quick sand had been encountered and he was of opinion that it would require the services of some good tunnel contractors to complete the work, and he therefore recommended that Tenders be called for the construction of the tunnel. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Another letter was read from the City Engineer again tendering his resignation to take effect at once and giving reason therefore.

On motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that resignation of City Engineer Hanes tendered on March 18<sup>th</sup>, be accepted.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss the Mayor was appointed a Committee to interview Mr. West the Assistant Engineer and ascertain whether he would be willing to accept the position of Acting City Engineer.

On motion of air seconded by Alderman Fraser it was unanimously resolved that if Mr. Hanes desires to obtain a certificate as to the satisfactory nature of his services while in the employ of the City that same be drafted and presented to him.

A petition was presented from John Alexander and others with reference to 4<sup>th</sup> Street widening petition, and suggesting that before Council undertake the widening of any street in the down town section that Council take into consideration the advisability of widening all the streets in the downtown section from the waterfront to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street or 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Board of Works.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that BC Telephone Co. be communicated with and asked to give preference to telephone calls from the Police Office in the same way as Fire calls.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks, Health 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:

Local Improvement	\$10,043.43
Board of Works	3,465.38
Waterworks	3,690.16
Health	251.00
Parks	289.10

The report of the Parks Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>, was read and on motion adopted.

The reports of the Waterworks Committee as contained in the Minutes of March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> were read and on motion adopted.

The reports of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> were read and on motion adopted.

Bylaw No. 203 being a Bylaw to authorize the North Vancouver Gas and Coke Company Limited to erect, construct, maintain and operate gas works within the limits of the City of North Vancouver was introduced, read a first and second time and the Clerk directed to furnish a copy to each of the Aldermen.

The Mayor reported that the Company had deposited with the Treasurer a marked cheque for \$5,000.00

Alderman Irwin and Alderman Foreman were appointed the Council's representatives to the Joint Civic Advertising Committee.

After discussing the letter received from the City Engineer regarding tunneling at Rice Lake the matter was referred to the Waterworks Committee to bring in report on Thursday night.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that cheque be forwarded to the Government for the purchase price of D.L.'s 856 and 857. The Water Committee was appointed to interview the District Council with reference to the transference to the City of D.L.'s 1413 and 1363.

On motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that application be called for the position of City Engineer to be in one month from date. Applicants to state qualifications, experience and salary expected.

On motion of Alderman Dick and Alderman Foreman the Council adjourned till Thursday evening next at 8:30 at which estimates for the current year would be considered.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor