

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 9th instant and of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the 11th instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Messrs. Johnston & Salsbury notifying Council that water had flooded their basement causing a certain amount of damage.
Referred to City Engineer to investigate and report as to whether flooding had been caused through any fault of the City.

From N. Nettleland asking for sidewalk on south side of 17th Street to Lot 24/30/549. Referred to Board of Works.

From D.A. MacIntosh requesting that St. George's Avenue be opened up from 27th Street to Lots 18, 19/238 on which he proposed building a residence.
Referred to bow.

From A.H. Parsell requesting that 21st Street east be opened up to Block 209.
Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. N. Hilliam asking for a crossing to her house on Lot 18, Block 10/273.
Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. D. Hoyland asking that Boulevard be filled in between sidewalk and property line in front of the Fraser Block, Lot 21, Block 130. Referred to Board of Works.

From John G. Farmer, CMC, again bringing to the attention of the Council the need of repairing that part of Lynn Valley Road immediately inside the City Limits. District council to be informed that as soon as weather is dry it is the intention of the Board of Works to put the road in a good state of repair.

From A.M. West, Acting City Engineer reporting that it would cost approximately \$6500 to build a dock extending 360' from the shore end of Chesterfield Avenue.

Board of Works authorized to go ahead with construction of dock extending 160' at an estimated cost of \$2500 or \$3000.

From Acting Engineer West with plan of proposed widening of 18th Street from Lonsdale Avenue East and an approximate value of the property it would be necessary to purchase. Referred to Board of Works.

From Acting Engineer West with local improvement report recommending the widening of 4th Street to a uniform width of 100' from Forbes Avenue to St. David's Avenue. The estimated cost of the work to be \$40,000.

A communication was read from R. MacKenzie, License Commissioner asking why a communication addressed by the Board of License Commissioners to the Mayor and Council was submitted to the City Solicitor for opinion before the same was first brought to the notice of the body to whom it was addressed. The Mayor explained that as it appeared doubtful whether Council had power to take a plebiscite on bottle license question he had instructed the Clerk to submit the correspondence of the City Solicitor for opinion.

Alderman Irwin moved that the action of the Mayor be confirmed and that the writer be informed as to what had been done in the premises. The motion was seconded by Alderman McRae and agreed to.

A petition was presented from W.L. Barker and others asking for a sidewalk to be constructed on the north side of 20th Street for one block west of Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

A petition was received from 133 workmen of the City requesting that Council pay the standard rate of wages namely: \$3.00 per day of eight hours. The petition was referred to the Clerk to check over the signatures with names of workmen appearing on the payroll.

Alderman Biss inquired if the tax rate for the current year had been settled upon. The question was answered in the negative. Thereupon, Alderman Biss called attention to a notice appearing in the "Sun" newspaper to the effect that the tax rate in North Vancouver had been raised 30%. The representative of the "Sun" was asked to correct the erroneous and misleading statement.

Alderman Dick then referred to an article which appeared in the "Sun" on Saturday last headed, "Vicious procedure", and having reference to the rock quarry, in which it was asserted that the quarry was owned by one of the Aldermen. He defied any person to cast any such assertions at himself or any other member of the Council. He understood that the quarry was leased for a term of years and he was of the opinion that any member of the Council could lease a piece of property without its being termed "Vicious procedure".

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin resolved that Mr. G.C. Walker representing the North Vancouver Dock & Storage Company and the Ferry Directors be asked to meet the Council in Committee on Thursday with reference to application being made by the Storage Company for foreshore rights adjoining the Ferry landing.

Mr. O.C. Soots upon being granted leave addressed the Council with reference to lending assistance to the publication of a Special Empire Day prosperity number of the "Express". Referred to Finance Committee.

Messrs. John Alexander, A.W. Sargent, Jesse Williams and others upon being granted leave addressed the Council laying their views regarding the widening of 4th Street and other streets in the downtown section before the Council.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 222/546 was on motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Irwin approved of by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Irwin approval of the Council was given of plan of proposed subdivision of Block 222A/546.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Lots 12 and 13, Block 90, D.L. 550 was next considered. The Engineer pointed out that there was no lane allowance provided at the rear of Lots A, B and C. Alderman Irwin moved that the party subdividing be advised that lane allowance at least 10' wide should be provided at rear of Lots A, B and C.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (2), Health, Police, School, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks, 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	\$1325.20
Finance	700.00
Health	5.35
Police	932.45
School	3931.80
Board of Works	5570.96
Local Improvement	633.37
Waterworks	6375.44
Fire and Light	2351.18
Parks	117.05

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 15th instant was read and on motion of Alderman Foreman and Alderman Biss adopted by the Council.

The report of the Parks Committee of the Waterworks Committee and of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 11th instant were read and on motion adopted.

A proposed plan of subdivision of Lot 5/20/548 was referred back to the owner to show adjoining subdivisions on the plan. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to go ahead with the making of that portion of the road over which City has control to the new Intake.

Alderman Irwin reported that one of the horses at No. 2 Fire Hall was a balky horse and had to be exchanged with one of the horses of the garbage team. Council approved of the exchange temporarily.

Alderman Foreman gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a Bylaw to regulate laundries and washhouses.

Alderman Irwin was appointed the Council's representative to attend the arbitration in the matter of Lots 16 to 21/159/271 between J.W. Manson and the Corporation.

Council adjourned till Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor