

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 1912 AT  
8:00 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 4<sup>th</sup> June and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> June were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Irwin and Alderman Biss adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From G.G. Palmer making application for sidewalk in front of offices on Lonsdale Avenue north of 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From H. Hesketch asking for tree to be felled on Williams Avenue in front of Lots 7, 8 and 9, resub. Lot 1/8/616. Referred to Board of Works.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C., advising that the District Council had appointed Councilors Loutet and Westover a Committee to meet with similar Committees from the City Council and District council of West Vancouver to discuss Bridge matters. His Worship Mayor McNeish and Alderman Biss were appointed a Committee from the City Council in this matter.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C. with information that District Council had resolved to pay \$1000.00 towards the cost of the City of North Vancouver Waterworks Road. The road to be 12' wide and properly graded to the satisfaction of the District Engineer. Alderman Dick explained that the work would be undertaken under the supervision of the City Engineer.

From Wm. Skeene offering to sell to the City for use as a public Park D.L. 834. Mr. Skeene to be informed that City does not require the land in question and advised to communicate with the District Council.

From G.G. Palmer re delay in installing water to Tempe Heights. Alderman Dick explained that Water Committee were only waiting for the District to supply the water. The mains in the City area had been laid.

The Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the letter of the District Council urging upon them the desirability of getting the water in as quickly as possible.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary North Vancouver Board of Trade with reference to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's visit to Vancouver this year and asking that the Council consult with the Councils of the District of North Vancouver and West Vancouver and tender an invitation to His Royal Highness to visit the North Shore. His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Irwin were appointed a committee in this connection with power to act.

From Messrs. Hope & Farmer making inquiry on behalf of Mr. McDermott owner of Lot 14/133/274 as to Council's intention regarding the widening of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and intimating that owner was not disposed to give 10' off his property.

From Messrs. Harris, Bull, Hannington & Mason advising that the B.C. Permanent Loan Co. owners of Lot 1/126/274 most strenuously objected to the widening of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

From Messrs. Harris, Bull, Hannington & Mason, objecting on behalf of Mr. J.W. Horne, owner of Lot 6/132, to any part of his property being taken for the widening of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Committee.

From Mina Dawson accepting decision of Council with regard to hospital and asking that the City should continue its support by making a grant of \$27.00 per month until the end of the current year. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman resolved that Council continue aid to hospital by making grant of \$27.00 per month as formerly.

From City Engineer Smith with plan of Water lot applied for by Messrs. Newcombe and Fraser in front of lot 4/173 stating that he saw no reason why the application should not be granted and recommending that the Council approve of granting of the application. On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss resolved that the recommendation of the City Engineer be accepted.

The Mayor read the following letter received from the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. with respect to Second Narrows Bridge matters:

Mayor McNeish,  
City Hall, North Vancouver

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, there has been considerable difficulty encountered by this Company in getting approval of the width of span for the opening of the Bridge, as well as securing the proper location of the Site. I am pleased to say that since the last meeting of the Board of Directors, we have had communications from our Solicitors to the effect that all troubles are now in a fair way of being removed, and we fully expect that at a very early date, all obstacles towards the early construction of the Bridge will be overcome.

A work of this magnitude requires very careful consideration as one wrong step taken at this stage might lead to innumerable troubles as well as an unnecessary large expense, when the Directors would immediately be blamed, and rightly so, but there are a great number of things which come under review of the Board which it is not always policy to make public at the time, and as this is practically a trust which the public has placed in their hands, they feel that they cannot exercise too much caution and carefulness in the matter.

Regarding the finances: the Company are now in a very good position to carry this work through to completion. With the assurances they have from the Municipalities interested to subscribe for more stock in the Company whenever such is required together with the power under the Company's Charter to issue debentures on the Bridge for a certain amount, practically assures them that sufficient capital will be forthcoming to defray all expenses incurred in connection with the enterprise.

It will require nearly two years to complete the structure and before that time the assessed values of the land adjacent to the Bridge will have so increased in value that it will be much easier for the Municipalities to subscribe for more stock, and meantime, for a year at least, we have sufficient funds to meet all expenses in connection with construction, and before that time the Government bonuses will be available for use as it is the intention of the Directors to ask for tenders separately on the substructure and the superstructure of the Bridge.

Yours truly  
BURRARD INLET TUNNEL & BRIDGE CO.

Resolved that communications be accepted and Company thanked for the information thus far given.

Mayor McNeish directed attention to certain erroneous articles appearing in the Press which materially affected the City's welfare and advancement and it was suggested that such matters should be referred to the Publicity Committee to deal with.

The following Tenders were received and opened for the grading of Keith Road from Lonsdale Avenue to Queensbury Avenue and referred to the Board of Works and City Engineer to tabulate and report upon:

Linburg & Lund Co.	\$6,879.00
MacKenzie, Broadfoot & Co.	\$7,128.00
I.M. Clemens	\$7,900.00
Burce & Ford	\$8347.50
Thompson & Stuart	\$8,612.50
The Schacht Co.	\$10,586.00

Fred C. Lane	\$11,748.00
J.C. Brown	\$13,250.00

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

Fell Avenue grading, Higgins & Fisher	\$1,785.00
St. David's Avenue storm sewer, Ledingham & Cooper	\$3,598.44

A recommendation by the Lanes Committee that the City Engineer prepare a plan of all public lanes in the City was adopted by the Council.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. was read and on motion adopted.

The reports of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June were read and on motion adopted, with the following amendment that the rebate on taxes should close on the 15<sup>th</sup> September instead of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The report of the Parks Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant was read and confirmed.

The Council having previously met the applicants selected for the office of City Clerk a ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

W. Austin brown	4
R.A. Hunt	2
R.C. Hilliam	1

On motion of Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser, Mr. Brown was duly elected to the office of City Clerk as and from 15<sup>th</sup> June next.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser resolved that all regular employees in the City Hall be allowed two weeks holidays in each year this to include the heads of the different departments and foremen. All holidays to be arranged for by the heads of Departments and receive approval of the respective Committees.

Council decided to delay action with respect to dividing the City into wards.

The Mayor reported that the City Solicitor had advised that Council could pass 4<sup>th</sup> Street widening Bylaw but would not be liable for damage to property owners until the land was entered upon. The Bylaw could be rescinded at any time.

Bylaw No. 208, "Fourth Street Widening Bylaw", was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

The Mayor reported that the City Solicitor had advised that it would be unlawful for the Council to pave Lonsdale Avenue from the waterfront to the north side of the Esplanade and at the same time collect an assessment for macadamizing unless by unanimous petition of the property owners affected.

The Chairman of the Board of Works was deputed to interview the property owners and ascertain if they would be willing to have the paving gone ahead with.

On motion of Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Dick resolved that the property owners on 4<sup>th</sup> Street be communicated with and asked to sign a dedication deed to the City.

The Mayor intimated that the Bridge Committee of the Vancouver Council would meet this Council on Wednesday evening at the City Hall here at 8 o'clock.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin Council adjourned till Wednesday evening.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor