

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 1912 AT 8:00 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 29th ultimo and of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the first instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.H. Martin requesting that a stump in front of Lots 17 and 18/241/545 be removed. Referred to Board of Works.

From John G. Farmer, C.M.C. stating that as this Council cannot agree to build the new pipe line road to the satisfaction of the District Engineer the District Council withdraws its appropriation of \$1000.00 towards the cost of the road and will consider the advisability of spending that sum in improving the road after completion by the City. The Clerk was instructed to reply agreeing to this proposition. Filed.

From S.J. Holmes regarding the condition of Lot 26/70/271 on 2nd Street and stating that unless the street was immediately put in good condition he would hold the City responsible for three months rent. The Clerk was instructed to reply repudiating all liability.

From Miss Marion Howard asking for a reduction of her water rate owing to the poor supply and stating that she had not yet received her water notice. The Clerk was instructed to reply that no reduction could be made and the Treasurer was directed to send out a water notice.

From the R.V. Winch & Co., Agents of the National Surety Co. of New York re Tolosov & Varr's contract stating that they had notified Mr. J.S. Penny of Vancouver to finish the contract. Referred to the Board of Works with authority to take the matter up with the City Solicitor and act on his advice.

From Hope & Farmer stating that Mr. McDermott will not sign a conveyance of 10' on 4th Street until he knows more of the proposition. Resolved that Hope & Farmer be asked to appear before the Board of Works on Thursday next and the whole proposition will be explained to them.

From Ruggles & Layton drawing attention to their previous letter claiming damages for injuries sustained by Mrs. Pitt through falling on a defective sidewalk and threatening proceedings. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. Cozens Cooper regarding condition of lane in Block 166/274. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From the City Solicitor enclosing amendment of Local Improvement Bylaw to bring the Bylaw to correspond with the Act. Filed.

From the B.C. Permanent Loan Co. stating that it is not their intention to deduct any part of their property for the widening of 4th Street. Filed.

From the City Solicitor acknowledging receipt of letter from Gwillim, Crisp & McKay re damages on 3rd Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From the Medical Health Officer stating that he was prepared to cover treatment, hospital and drugs for the employees of the City at the rate of 50 cents per two weeks per man. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From H. D. Green Armytage enclosing voucher for repair to ditch amounting to \$301.75. Referred to Board of Works.

From the North Vancouver Board of Trade giving a copy of a resolution to the effect that the executive of the Board be the representative from the Board of Trade on any Joint Committee to receive the Governor-General. The Clerk was instructed to call a Meeting of representatives from the District of North Vancouver, the District of West Vancouver, the School Trustees of North Vancouver and the N.V. Board of Trade on Wednesday the 14th instant.

From the B.C. Electric Railway Co. pointing out that under the N.V. Tramway Light and Power Bylaw, the Company is freed from all taxation. Referred to Finance Committee.

From S.H. Excell requesting that a light be placed at the corner of 3rd and Queensbury Avenue. Referred to Fire & Light Committee. The Clerk was also instructed to notify Mr. Excell that the Fire & Light Committee had not yet inspected the streets with a view to learning where more lights are needed but will do so soon.

From F.W. Dalton requesting that a sidewalk be laid to his house at 450-16th Street (between Ridgeway and Moody). referred to Board of Works.

From Chas. Moore and John Alexander re the condition of Keith Road at the junction of Fell Avenue. Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Alexander to the effect that the road has already been repaired.

From Messrs. Beall & Co. regarding oil sprinkler attachment and stating that a good part of the trouble has been caused by the factory not shipping the attachment by rail as instructed. Field.

From the Clerk of the District of South Vancouver enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver suggesting a conference of the Municipalities interested to discuss ways and means to safeguard the position of these Municipalities regarding land sold for taxes. The Clerk was instructed to inquire the nature of the means proposed to be adopted, whether by way of legislation or otherwise, and report.

Petition from W.L. Lightfoot and others requesting that a wagon road be made on 16th Street from Queensbury to Williams Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from W.D. Jones and others requesting a sidewalk on the north side of 2nd Street between St. Patrick's and St. David's Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

On Alderman Foreman's suggestion the Engineer was directed to bring in for next Thursday's meeting of Council a supplementary report on the cost of the Rice Lake tunnel from the close of the former report to date.

Alderman Irwin inquired when the Board of Works intended to move the Stevenson Block. The Chairman of the Board of Works stated that the delay was caused by the change of City Engineers and the Engineer was directed to take up the question.

It was resolved that the Engineer take up the question of the raising of the Thompson Block and examine and report at next meeting of Council.

The two Tenders which had been obtained by Mr. McDowell for the lowering of the block at the corner of 1st and Lonsdale were produced and referred to the Board of Works.

The City Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the laying of surface and storm drains on both sides of First Street from the east side of Forbes to the west side of St. David's Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

The Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the construction of ornamental lights on both sides of First Street from Mahon to St. Andrew's Avenues. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

The Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the construction of ornamental lights on Lonsdale Avenue from the north side of First Street to the south side of 8th Street. Referred to Fire & Light Committee to bring in a recommendation.

The City Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter and ornamental lights on Lonsdale avenue from the Ferry wharf to the North side of First Street. The report was adopted and the Clerk was instructed to advertise the work.

The City Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the grading of 3rd Street to a permanent grade from Mahon Avenue to Forbes Avenue. The report was adopted and the Clerk was instructed to advertise the work.

The City Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the construction of a curb and gutter on Lonsdale Avenue from the north side of First Street to the south side of 11th Street. The report was adopted and the Clerk instructed to advertise the work.

The City Engineer produced a recommendation and report for the construction of cement curb and gutter on both sides of First Street from the west side of Mahon to the east side of St. Andrew's Avenue. The report was adopted and Clerk instructed to advertise the work.

The Engineer reported subdivision plan of Lot 12/7/616 should be accepted provided that an undertaking be given by the owner that the City will not be called upon to furnish an entrance or outlet to the proposed lane. The plan was passed on this condition.

The Engineer recommended the acceptance of plan of subdivision of part of Blocks 19, 33, 34 & 35/552/265. The recommendation of the Engineer was adopted and the plan approved.

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

Number permits for July 1912	41
Cost of same	\$55,415.00
Total for July 1911	196,415.00
Building fees collected	1`05.00
Sets of plumbing tested	34
Sewer connections made	18
Septic tanks installed	13
Nuisance complaints	5

Reports and recommendations by the School, Local Improvement 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:

School	\$366.10
Local Improvement - Thompson & Stuart	4,508.31
Parks	79.80

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

Macadam on Lonsdale Avenue from waterfront to 19 th Street, Howes Proctor Co.	\$3,143.61
Macadam on Lonsdale Avenue from 19 th to City Limits, Howes Proctor Co.	342.30

The City Engineer produced a written report of an interview which he and the City Clerk had had with the City Solicitor on the subject of payment of Howes Proctor & Co. for crushed rock, in the course of which the Solicitor had advised that the Council were in order in paying Messrs. Howes Proctor & Co. for the streets so far as finished at the date of the letter from Messrs. R.V. Winch & Co. Agents of the Guarantors, which was produced to him. On this footing the following accounts were passed:

Macadam on Esplande & Crescent Streets from St. George's Avenue to St. David's Avenue, Howes Proctor Co.	\$1171.83
Macadam on Esplanade from Forbes to Lonsdale Avenue, Howes Proctor & Co.	750.00

The reports of the Finance, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire & Light and Lanes Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of the first instant were read to the meeting and on motion adopted.

Regarding the request for grades on Keith Road and Boulevard and 9th Street and Queensbury Avenue respectively, Alderman Dick asked if it was not possible that grades should be given as requested. Alderman Biss stated that the Board of Works did not desire to commit the Council to establish a grade in case it might be found necessary to alter this at some future date. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Dick that the matter of the grades be gone into by the City Engineer and that he bring in a recommendation as to what he thinks should be done as to establishing grades.

With regard to the ordering of 10,000 gals of oil, Alderman Dick desired to go on record as being opposed to the whole question of oiling the streets.

Alderman Dick asked if a motion had been passed instructing the conveyance of the Armory site to the Government and if such had not been done he moved that conveyance be immediately prepared, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and Sealed with the City Seal and forwarded to the Minister of Militia at Ottawa. Seconded by Alderman Foreman and agreed to.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Dick that the report of the deputation who represented the Council at Victoria in connection with the application by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. for the settlement of their right of way be accepted.

Bylaw No. 213, being a Bylaw to amend the Local Improvement General Bylaw No. 124, was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the City Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Mr. Tolosov of Messrs. Tolosov & Varr attended the meeting, but as he could not speak English well, and as there was no interpreter present it was arranged that he should bring an interpreter on Monday next when the matter of Tolosov & Varr contract might be discussed.

Council then went into Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Fraser suggested that a Committee be appointed to call on the Municipality of Burnaby and find out if it is correct if the Municipality has no intention to pass a Bylaw for payment of their share of the stock of the Second Narrows Bridge or to make the first payment of 10% thereon. It was resolved that Alderman Irwin and Alderman Fraser be asked to attend the next meeting of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & bridge Co. and if the Directors of the Company cannot state definitely whether or not the Corporation of Burnaby intends to carry out its agreement that the two gentlemen above named be authorized to call on the Municipality of Burnaby and find out what they propose to do in the matter.

The Mayor intimated a Meeting in Vancouver on 26, 27 and 28th August of the Commission appointed to examine the Municipal Act and stated that Municipalities are requested to offer any suggestion which may occur to them. His Worship Mayor McNeish thought it would be well that a committee be appointed to consider the local improvement portion of the Act. Alderman Dick suggested that the question be left over for one week in order that suggestions may be formulated by various members of the Council.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor