

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 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 19th Instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Duncan & Scrimgeour asking that an Arbitrator be appointed in connection with Jack Loutet's claim for damages to his land owing to grading. Referred to the City Solicitor.

From A.C. Penland asking for a sidewalk to Lot 7/77/550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Robt. Leckie stating that he had lost his time cheque form Tolosov & Vall and asking that payment of same be stopped. Referred to City Treasurer.

From John G. Farmer, CMC, asking for information of the tentative arrangement come to regarding the lowering of the City's water main on Lynn Valley Road. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss that the District Council be notified that if they will dig the trench the City will lower the pipe.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer North Vancouver City Ferries Limited stating that plans were being prepared with reference to 50' of land and land under water adjoining the ferry wharf. The Mayor explained that this letter was written. Filed.

From J.P. Crawford, Secretary Ratepayers Association, Lynn Valley, requesting that a delegation from the Council be sent to Victoria on Friday the 30th to join a deputation to interview the Premier on the subject of the reversion to the Crown of one-fourth of subdivided land. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the Committee appoint in this connection, viz: Alderman Foreman and Alderman McRae to go to Victoria to render any possible assistance to the deputation.

From Sydney Allman, Chairman of the Inauguration Committee inviting the Mayor and Council to the opening of Lynn Valley Park and Suspension Bridge on 14th September next. Resolved that invitation be accepted and that the Clerk notify Mr. Allman accordingly.

From the City Solicitor advising as to Crickmay's claim for damage to colt by blasting. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin that the letter be acknowledged and the City Solicitor be authorized to accept service of any summons in the matter.

From Tupper & Griffin, enclosing notice of claim of Mr. C.F. Jackson in reference to property on 4th Street. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt and notify Messrs. Tupper & Griffin that the claim has been forwarded to the City Solicitor who will deal with it.

From Geo. A. Stimson & Co. asking for an early reply regarding the 4 ½% five year Debentures. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the National Surety Co. regarding agreement to be drawn up between the Corporation, J.C. Penny and the National Surety Co. Referred to the Chairman of the Board of Works and the City Engineer to consult the City Solicitor.

From F.J.S. Murray regarding amount of Local Improvement taxes on Lot 22/170/274. Clerk was instructed to reply that the tax related to the grading of the street and the sewer work, but that in any event a Court of Revision had been held in accordance with the Act that no claim for rebate would now be considered.

From Colin F. Jackson enclosing debit note for damage to a window and to some cattle feed in June and regarding damage by water to his root crops caused by the filling of 15th Street. The latter claim was referred to the Board of Works and the Engineer with power to act and the former claim was referred to the same to investigate and report to the Council.

From the Inspector of Legal Offices, Victoria stating that it was impossible to allow any person other than a Solicitor to make searches in the Land Registry Office. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From the North Vancouver Football Club asking for a donation to their funds. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Schultz & Arnold asking that no money be retained from Messrs. Thompson & Stuart to cover the loss of Mr. Crickmay's colt as Thompson & Stuart are in no way responsible for the loss of same. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Jas. B. Springford, CMC, stating that a joint conference of Committees from North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Point Grey and South Vancouver would be held on 30th instant at 2 p.m. in respect to land sold for taxes. As Alderman Foreman had to go to Victoria on that date in connection with the Crown Reversion, Alderman Fraser was appointed in his place to form the North Vancouver delegation along with Alderman Dick.

From W.C. Eisenman asking that lane in Block 53/550 be opened up. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From Peter Stewart asking for the establishment of a grade in front of Lot 6/170/274. Referred to Board of Works and Engineer.

From Mrs. M. Harris asking for connection of her house No. 1717 Chesterfield Ave. with the Chesterfield Avenue sewer. Referred to City Engineer with instructions to have the work done as soon as possible.

From Howes Proctor & Co. asking for an extension of time for the completion of their contract for the delivery of crushed rock. Referred to the Board of Works.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer N.V. City Ferries Limtid, asking for an audience for the Ferry Directorate at tonight's meeting. Resolved that the Directors be heard later on.

From Alderman W.J. Irwin asking that a sidewalk, curb and gutter be constructed on the Lonsdale Avenue and 15th Street frontage of his property and undertaking to pay cash in full on the award of the contract. Referred to Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the work.

Petition from W.F. Elliott and others for the opening of lane in Block 51/549. Referred to Lanes Committee.

Ex-Alderman Smith appeared before the Council and made a statement on behalf of the Ladies Nursing Association which has just been started in North Vancouver and suggesting an annual donation from the City Council of the sum of \$250. Alderman Foreman suggested that Ex-Alderman Smith should write a letter to the Council embodying his statement which could then be taken up by the Finance Committee and Mr. Smith agreed to do so.

Alderman Foreman requested from the Engineer the statement to date of the cost of the Rice Lake tunnel including plant, labor and material. He also suggested that the City Engineer bring in every month a statement showing the progress made since the last report. The Mayor stated that he had obtained the report from the City Engineer this afternoon which he would read to the Council alter on in the meeting.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Health, School, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks, Lanes 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	\$11,721.00
Finance, Board of Health	56.00
Finance, School	74.10
Board of Works	1,895.95
Board of Works, Local Improvement	17,773.38
Waterworks	7,026.90
Lanes	715.20
Parks	1,047.65

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

Mahon Park grading	J.C. Brown	\$833.84
15 th Street grading, Forbes to Queensbury	Thompson & Stuart	\$1,992.00

The reports of the Finance, Board of Works, Fire and Light and Parks Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 22nd instant were read and on motion adopted.

The report of the Lanes Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 22nd instant was read to the meeting and on motion adopted subject to amendment.

The Mayor read the following report from the City Engineer as to Rice Lake Tunnel:

"In accordance with your instructions I have had the Tunnel at Rice Lake measured and found that there were 535 feet driven today at 3 p.m.

Cost of tunnel from July 15th to August 26th:

Labour	\$4,090.90	\$14.61 per ft
Material	840.00	3.00 per ft
	\$4,930.90	\$17.61 per ft.

Cost of tunnel from August 12th to August 26th:

Labour	\$1,466.00	\$13.70 per ft
Material	260.00	2.43 per ft
	\$1,726.00	\$16.13 per ft.

From August 12th to the 26th the men have worked 13 days averaging 8 ¼ foot per day.”

Resolved that a copy of this report be sent to each Alderman.

A letter was read from the City Solicitor regarding the financing of the new Ferry boat and stating that as the law stands at present a Bylaw cannot be passed for the borrowing of money on Debentures except under the condition that such Bylaw will be void unless the work is completed within the time specified in the Bylaw for that purpose. Under those circumstances, however, it would be necessary that the work be financed by a Bank during its progress, the Bank being repaid out of the proceeds of Debentures to be sold after completion of the work. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser that the matter be referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee to see what arrangements can be made with a Bank and to report on Thursday night. Mr. Gladwin and Mr. Boulton, Ferry Directors, were present both impressed upon the meeting the necessity for immediate action in this matter as another ferry was urgently required.

Alderman Fraser moved, in terms of his notice of motion of 19th current:

“That the Council submit to the Ratepayers a Bylaw for the sum of \$50,000 to be applied for the purchase of further stock in the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company”.

After some discussion the motion was unanimously carried, and the Clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary Bylaw.

Resolved that a copy of the Municipal Act be placed in each Alderman’s desk.

Alderman Biss gave notice of motion to the effect that a Bylaw be prepared to regulate signs suspended from the front of business houses and overhanging the sidewalk.

Alderman Irwin read and explained a number of matters which he proposed to bring up before the Municipal Commission at its meeting on 27th instant and after various suggestions had been made by the other Aldermen as to suitable subjects to bring before the Commission. It was decided that all the Aldermen should if possible attend the sitting of the Commission on Tuesday the 27th instant.

The Chairman of the Board of Works Committee stated that the following bids had been received for the raising of the Thompson Block at the corner of 2nd and Lonsdale Avenue:

J. McEwen	\$450
Simpson Bros.	\$470
Norman Wilson	\$952

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that the Council become responsible for payment of \$450 the amount of Mr. McEwen's bid.

Alderman Irwin reported that he and Alderman _____ had interviewed Mr. Mahon of the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. regarding the terms of the conveyance by the N.V. Land & Improvement Co. to the City of Blocks 219, 219A, 219B, 219C, 220A and 220B/540 for park site by which the City are prevented from using the above blocks for anything but park purposes. The deputation impressed upon Mr. Mahon that as a full price of the land was being paid the conveyance should be unconditional and this had been agreed to by Mr. Mahon and the conveyance would be redrawn. Alderman Irwin also stated that Mr. Mahon had agreed to accept interest on the debentures from the time of handing same over instead of from the date of the passing of the Bylaw.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor