

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> instant were taken as read and on motion.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From W.H. Wyles referring to previous letter to Board of Works regarding clearing of lane behind Lot 17/12/273. Clerk was instructed to bring the former correspondence before the Lanes Committee at their next meeting.

From the City Assessor giving list of the properties which under Section 228, Subsection 1 of the 'Municipal Act' 1911 are exempt from taxation. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the City Solicitor stating that he has received a letter from the Solicitor for the B.C. Electric Railway Co. stating that the latter agreed with Mr. Reid that the Company were not exempt from local improvement frontage taxes. Resolved that contents of the letter be noted and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer N.V. City Ferries Limited, giving notice of the extra ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company to be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> instant at 3 p.m. Filed.

From the N.V. Nursing Association giving statement of the expected receipts and expenditure on behalf of the nurse whom they intend to establish in North Vancouver. Referred to Finance Committee.

Re letter from Chas. McWilliam asking that a dangerous tree standing on St. Andrew's Avenue, north of 26<sup>th</sup> Street be cut down at once. Referred to Board of Works.

From Linburg & Lund asking for an extension of period for completion of their contract for grading Keith Road from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. Bailey suggesting improvements in the method of oiling the roads. Referred to City Engineer and Board of Works. Resolved that Mr. Bailey be written to and thanked for his suggestions.

From Ruggles & Layton on behalf of Mr. M.W. Williams of the N.V. Tin & Sheet Metal Works with reference to the condition of 1<sup>st</sup> Street East. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. D. Hoyland regarding lane behind Lot 5/116/274 and also regarding dangerous tree standing on Lot 17/116/274. Referred to Board of Works and Lanes Committees.

From MacNeill, Bird, MacDonald & Bayfield stating that they are going to enter suit in connection with Mr. Crickmay's claim for \$200 for loss of colt. Clerk was instructed to send this letter to the City Solicitor and notify Messrs. MacNeill, Bird, MacDonald & Bayfield that this has been done.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary N.V. Board of Trade enclosing letter from Edwin A. Mansfield & Co., Hamilton, Ontario regarding as lighting plant. Clerk was instructed to write that the Council are not considering the installation of a gas plan in the meantime.

From Thomas R. Whitehead regarding condition of 21<sup>st</sup> Street East of Lonsdale Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Thos. L. Locke asking for the grading of the street Alderman Dick for the placing of the sidewalk on 26<sup>th</sup> Street to Lot 27/230A/545-6. Referred to Board of Works.

From T. Hutchison asking for a permanent grade for a store building on Keith Road opposite Lot 3/71/271. Resolved that the Engineer give Mr. Hutchison in the meantime a grade as near as possible to the permanent grade.

Statement of the traffic receipts of the North Vancouver City Ferries Limited for the month of July 1912 was submitted showing total receipts amounting to \$14,484.30; comparative figures, July 1910, \$10,268.90; July 1911, \$15,039.65.

From L. Reda asking that a sidewalk be laid on the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from corner of St. Patrick's Avenue 100' westward. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from Harold Watt and others asking for the opening of 27<sup>th</sup> Street one block west from Jones Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from Grace James and others asking for the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Ridgeway Avenue west to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from J. Osborne asking for a road on 19<sup>th</sup> Street from Williams Avenue to Stephen Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Health, 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:

Board of Health	\$344.60
Board of Works	3,209.20
Local Improvement	3,797.65
Waterworks	6,325.85
Lanes	652.10
Parks	106.60

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

Mahon Park grading	J.C. Brown	\$307.96
Lonsdale Avenue curb and sidewalk from waterfront to First Street	J.W. Evans	1,226.25
Keith Road grading from Lonsdale to Queensbury	Linburg & Lund	1,192.50

The report of the sub-committee to report on the case of Mr. Nelson's account was presented by the Medical Health Officer. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the same be received and the accounts therein recommended be paid.

The reports of the Board of Works, Waterworks, and Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant were read and on motion adopted.

The report of the Lanes Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant was read and adopted as amended.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant was read in the course of which it was recommended that the question of the exemption from taxation of St. Paul's School be dealt within Council.

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin that the application for exemption of this school from taxation be granted.

On a vote being taken there voted for the motion:  
Alderman Irwin, Alderman Dick, Alderman Biss, and Alderman Fraser.

And against the motion:  
Alderman Foreman and Alderman McRae (the latter of whom gave his reason for voting against the motion that it was not proved to his satisfaction that the Institution in questions was an orphanage).

Bylaw No. 215 being the "Bath Parlors Bylaw 1912", was introduced, read a first, second and third time and passed by the Council.

Bylaw No. 212, being the "City Pound Bylaw, 1907, Amendment Bylaw 1912", was reconsidered and as certain alterations were necessary the Clerk was instructed to make these and to bring the Bylaw up again at next Regular Meeting.

Clerk was instructed to introduce a provision for the publication of Notices of animals retained in the pound on the Notice Board in front of the City Hall.

Council then went into Committee of the Whole.

Alderman McRae left the meeting.

Alderman Fraser gave certain information regarding opposition to the Second Narrows Bridge and suggested that to strengthen the hands of the Directors a motion might be passed by the Council and forwarded to Ottawa.

Council was then reconstituted.

Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Irwin, the following resolution which was unanimously carried:

"In view of the fact that the Railway Commission and the Department of Public Works at Ottawa are delaying the issuing of the Order of Approval of the two hundred foot span of the Second Narrows Bridge which two hundred foot span was approved by the Railway Commission at their recent sitting in Vancouver, and which has been approved by the Councils of the City of Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and District of West Vancouver, all of which Municipalities border on Burrard Inlet, and in view of the fact that the two hundred foot span has now been changed from a Bascule to a Swing bridge having a clear span of two hundred feet on each side of the central pier which is considered ample for any and all navigation in those waters.

Resolved that our Member Mr. H.H. Stevens be requested to use his utmost endeavors to have the Order issued by the Railway Commissioners and the Public Works Department authorizing the construction of the Second Narrows

Bridge as we consider further delay will be very detrimental to the interests of the Municipalities on both sides of Burrard Inlet.

Resolved also that a copy of this resolution be sent to the City Solicitors in Ottawa, Messrs. Pringle & Guthrie”.

The question of the rate of interest to be paid on the Debentures proposed to be issue in respect of the additional shares in the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. for which it was proposed to subscribe was discussed and it was moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick that the rate of interest to be paid on said debentures be 4 ½%.

The City Treasurer reported that certain coupons for local improvement debentures (which debentures had been sold through Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co.) had been presented at the Bank of B.N.A. in Vancouver but that the Bank had refused to pay them. It was resolved that the coupons be promptly taken up by the City and forwarded to Mess. Brown, Shipley & Co. in London.

Alderman Irwin reported the result of his visit to Victoria in connection with the consideration by the Minister of Railways of the plans of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through the District of West Vancouver. A compromise had been arrived at between the original plans of the Railway Company and the suggestions of the District on the basis of a plan prepared by Col. Davis, but as Col. Davis was not present and the plans were not properly authenticated consideration of the matter was deferred till 26<sup>th</sup> September when it was possible that a decision would be given.

Alderman Dick moved that Alderman Irwin be thanked for his report and for trouble he had taken in going to Victoria in connection with the matter.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor