

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</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 16<sup>th</sup> instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Co. regarding application to C.E. Lawson & Co. for \$145.00 for water rates for year 1912 and suggesting that the best means of handling the matter would be for them to pay a flat rate per month. Clerk was instructed to reply that while the North Vancouver Land & Improvement Company may have had various agents in North Vancouver collecting their rates not one of them has ever paid to the City of North Vancouver water rates which have been collected by such agents from the tenants. The question of flat rate was referred to the Waterworks Committee.

From the Attorney General stating that no further privileges could be given to the Municipality than are to be obtained by a private individual and that therefore it would be necessary to employ a Lawyer to search the titles. The City Assessor was instructed to do what he could in the way of searching on behalf of the Lanes Committee, and to report to the Council what privileges he is granted.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer N.V. City Ferries Limited enclosing copy of resolution asking the City Council to pass two Bylaws one for \$135,000 and the other for \$155,000. Laid over to be dealt with under the head of motions.

From A.D. Nye offering for sale as a City Hall site Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6/113/548-9. Resolved that this letter be filed for future references.

From D.H. Whitlow regarding claim of \$7.50 against Thompson & Stuart for damage done by blasting. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. R. Curror asking that the sidewalk be continued on the south side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street west from the east boundary of Lot 3, Block 29/548, to connect with the existing sidewalk on the west side of Chesterfield Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wallace Shipyards Limited, enclosing copy of letter addressed by them to the North Vancouver Express regarding telephone rates to Vancouver. Alderman Foreman and Alderman Fraser were appointed a Committee with authority to see the Telephone Company to find if they have a cable ready for laying or whether the cable is under construction.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary North Vancouver Board of Trade, regarding the coal supply from North Vancouver. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick that the Board of Trade be requested to give some concrete cases showing the scarcity of coal.

From L.B. Philpot asking for the installing of more arc lights between 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets from the Boulevard west to Ridgeway. Referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

From L.B. Philpot asking for the removal of a dangerous tree in Block 11/550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Messrs. Schultz & Arnold regarding Thompson & Stuart's claim for extras in respect of their contracts for the grading of 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets and asking that the matter stand over till next meeting of Council. Filed.

From R.G. Hulbert asking for various information regarding the local improvement frontage tax on Fell Avenue in D.L. 265. Referred to Engineer to furnish the required information.

From the City Solicitor intimating that an action had been brought by John Lennon against the Corporation for damages for personal injuries and asking authority to accept service on the City's behalf. Clerk was instructed to advise the Insurance Company of the commencing of the action and also to intimate to the City Solicitor that he is to use his own judgment as to the acceptance of service.

From Alexander Law asking for a sidewalk in front of his four houses at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Moody Avenue, and also for a street lamp at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeway Avenue. Referred to Board of Works and Fire & Light Committees.

Petition from F. Hewitt asking for the opening of 24<sup>th</sup> Street from St. Andrew's Avenue to Ridgeway Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from Walter M. Thornton asking for the opening of lane in Block 70. Referred to Lanes Committee.

Alderman Foreman asked the Engineer if he had prepared information regarding the streets in which sewers were to be placed next year. The Engineer replied

that this had not yet been done and promised to have it done within the next two weeks.

A letter was read from the City Engineer advising the acceptance of plan for the continuation of the car line to the City Boundary. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman that the plan be passed and that the Council waive a statutory ten-day notice of the Company's intention to commence the work.

Plan of subdivision of Lots 11, 12, 13/9/616 and of Lot 9/10/616 was presented by Abbott & Sutherland. The letter explained that owing to the signatories of the plans residing in various parts of the United States the time allowed for registration (being 30 days from date of Engineer's signature) had elapsed and that it was necessary that the plans be re-dated. The Engineer was authorized to alter the date as required.

Mr. Heard, Manger of the Ferry Company, produced a plan of water lot 50' wide on the west side of the present ferry wharf. It was referred to a Committee consisting of the Mayor and Alderman McRae to consult with Mr. Edward Mahon on the subject.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Health, Police, School, Board of Works, Local Improvement, waterworks and Fire & Light 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	\$560.00
Board of Health	56.00
Police	950.00
School	3,993.38
Board of Works	2,729.99
Local Improvement	6,093.15
Waterworks	5,591.90
Fire and Light	958.30

The report of the Fire & Light Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant was read and on motion adopted.

The reports of the Board of Works and Waterworks Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant were read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Foreman asked for an explanation of the amount of \$25 in the Lanes Committee account payable to Mr. Shepherd. Alderman Fraser explained that Mr. Shepherd had been appointed at a monthly salary of \$150.00 and that had he wished he could have collected a month's salary. Alderman Foreman did not

consider the explanation satisfactory and moved that the item be not paid.  
Seconded by Alderman McRae.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote whereupon four voted for the payment of the account and two against. The two Aldermen who voted against the payment of the account were Alderman Foreman and Alderman McRae.

The Engineer produced a report of the position of Rice Lake Tunnel up to and including August 31<sup>st</sup> showing that the total cost per foot to date was \$29.61. Alderman Dick reported that the work was proceeding very satisfactorily and that he expected that the tunnel would be completed within thirty days.

The Engineer also produced a statement showing the particulars of the different works carried out during June, July and August with regard to the cost of labor, but without regard to the cost of material.

The Engineer also produced a statement showing the amount of crushed rock delivered by Howes Proctor & Co. up to and including September 20<sup>th</sup> to be 16,149.54 cu. yds.

The City Assessor forwarded a communication stating that he had prepared seven plans of the City from last years roll and had sent a copy to the Mayor and each of the Aldermen.

Resolved that the various reports from the Engineer and Assessor be received and placed on file.

Alderman Dick moved the following resolution:

“THAT WHEREAS it was deemed necessary to construct another ferry boat to handle the traffic of North Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS a certain Bylaw was passed by the ratepayers of North Vancouver guaranteeing the ferry debentures to this end;

AND WHEREAS the Ferry Directors have found that through a legal technicality the said Bylaw presented to the ratepayers of North Vancouver by them requires validation;

RESOLVED THEREFORE THAT this Council replace before the ratepayers of North Vancouver the required support in this amendment for, viz: That two Bylaws be drawn instead of one, the first guaranteeing the interest and bonds on a loan of \$128,000 for repurchase of mortgage, and the second guaranteeing the interest end bonds on a loan of \$155,000 for ferry construction, both of which are to be guaranteed by the City, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary Bylaws and call an election of the ratepayers in this connection”.

Seconded by Alderman Irwin and unanimously carried.

Alderman Dick moved that the Treasurer be instructed to make all camp water rates payable the first January in each year and that proportionate amounts of the rate be accepted where the tenancy only lasts a portion of the year. No sum, however, to be collected less than \$1.25 for a tenancy of three months or under. Seconded by Alderman Fraser and carried.

Alderman Dick gave notice of resolution that in every case of a camp, water be not furnished unless the tenant is agreeable to have the water tap placed inside the camp, and that in each case of a camp application for water connection must be made to the City.

Alderman Dick brought up the question of the division of the City into wards. Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Dick that the City be divided into six wards. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Foreman that the City be divided into three wards. On the question being put to the meeting, Alderman McRae and Alderman Foreman voted for the amendment. Alderman Biss Alderman Irwin Alderman Dick and Alderman Fraser voted for the motion which was accordingly carried by four votes to two. The Mayor appointed Alderman Foreman and Alderman Irwin a Committee to consider the boundaries of these six wards.

Alderman Irwin gave notice that he would bring in a motion to discontinue the Employers Liability Insurance at present carried by the City except as regards Rice Lake Tunnel and the Rock Quarry.

The Mayor reported his gratification at the success which attended the visit of H.R.H. the Governor General to the North Shore and considered that every person connected with the matter had every reason to feel satisfied with the result. Alderman Biss moved that the Council put on record its appreciation of the work done by the Reception Committee on the North Shore. Seconded by Alderman Foreman and carried. Alderman Dick dissenting.

With regard to the decorations of the City Hall it was resolved that the question as to when these should be removed be left in the hands of the Mayor with power to act.

The Mayor recommended the Aldermen to keep in view the question of City Hall site as this was a matter which could not be indefinitely delayed.

Meeting then adjourned till Thursday evening.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor