

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor McNeish
Alderman McRae
Alderman Biss
Alderman Dick
Alderman Irwin
Alderman Fraser

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 7th instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Alex Smith & Co. offering as a suitable site for City Hall, Lots 1 and 2, Block 85, D.L. 549. Filed for future reference.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary N. V. Board of Trade giving notice of the following resolution:

“That this Public Meeting resolve to urge the City Council of North Vancouver to bring before the Ratepayers at the earliest possible date a Bylaw to enable the City to purchase a further \$50,000 of stock in aid of the Second Narrows Bridge”. Filed.

From H.B. Robinson, Solicitor, on behalf of Wm. McNeill claiming the sum of \$31.00 for injuries sustained by him on 25th September last, while making an arrest. Referred to the Chief of Police to be brought before the Police Commissioners.

From Miss C. Homewood claiming damages for injuries received through falling into a hole left unprotected at the corner of 14th Street and Lonsdale Avenue. Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this letter to the City Solicitor and to Messrs. D.C. McGregor & Co., Agents for the Company with whom the City is insured.

From L.P. Philpot asking for a street light at the corner of 19th Street and Moody Avenue. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer N.V. City Ferries Limited, giving notice of an extra ordinary general meeting of the Shareholders for Thursday, October 17th, 1912 at 3 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of passing upon a Special resolution to place the qualifications of the Directors of the Company in addition to the possession of one share, on the same footing as the qualifications of the Aldermen of the City of North Vancouver. Filed.

From J. Goldberg making application for special water rates on premises situate on Lot 31/167/274. Referred to Waterworks Committee.

From the British Foreign & Colonial Corporation Limited, London, suggesting that their remuneration for the work involved by the payment of one-half yearly coupons on the city's debentures by L50 per annum. Referred to the Finance Committee and City Treasurer.

From D.W. McColl, Secretary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church making application for a sidewalk along side of the new church. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geoffrey L. Edwards asking for the repair of a plank roadway on 19th Street from the Boulevard to Moody Avenue and also for the placing of a light on the corner of 19th and Moody Avenue. Referred to Board of Works and Fire & Light Committees.

From S.C. McLeod, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. asking for some information in connection with the government of the City. Clerk was instructed to give all information in his power.

From W.S. Shrapnel, J. Rowe, Assistant City Clerk. asking for the opening of lane behind Lots 6 & 7, subdivision of Lot 3, Block/548-9. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From Henderson, Tulk & Bray, Solicitors on behalf of Harry Tolosov threatening to proceed against the City for the recovery of the amount due to Tolosov for clearing the City's land. Clerk was instructed to write to Henderson & Co. asking for particulars of the contract.

From W. Ernest Milne drawing attention to a bad state of plank road on 19th Street between Moody and Boulevard, and also asking for a light on the corner of 19th Street and Boulevard. Referred to Board of Works and Fire & Light Committees.

From G. Lane making application for water service on lot 14/3/616. Referred to Waterworks Committee.

From C.H. Hooley asking for the replacing of sidewalk on 13th St. between Lonsdale and Chesterfield Avenue. Referred to Board of Works Committee.

From Ross Peers asking for the opening of lane to Lot 20/127/274. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From the Comptroller of the District of Burnaby asking for certain information regarding the Assessment of the City. Resolved that the information be given.

From D.C. McGregor & Co. enclosing cheque for \$110 being compensation due to B. Melville. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin that Melville be notified that the cheque has been received and that he can have in on application.

From Rod McKenzie stating that the Contractor who laid the storm sewer on St. David's Avenue had left a number of boulders on the sidewalk on his property at the corner of St. David's Avenue and 3rd Street, and asking for the removal of same. Referred to Board of Works and City Engineer.

From Mrs. H.K. Vickery asking for the removal of stumps piled on her property at the corner of 18th and St. Andrew's avenue by employees of the City. Referred to Board of Works.

From Gerald F. Knox asking for the clearing of sufficient space for a sidewalk from Lynn Valley Trail to Lot 92, Tempe Heights. Referred to Board of Works.

From Robt. Kynock asking for a road to Lot 3/5A/616. Referred to Board of Works.

From R.G.W. Merton asking for a grade for Lots 10, 11, & 12/96, D.L. 550. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the Engineer be instructed to give a temporary grade at the same time stating that a permanent grade cannot be given at present and that Mr. Merton must take the risk of any alterations.

From the City Solicitor in regard to the grading of Keith Road stating that the width of the street varied in different places, assessment would require to be made according to the proportionate amount of benefit received. Referred to Board of Works to confer with the City Solicitor.

From the City Solicitor advising that the City and District should pay the claim of Mr. H.D. Green Armytage. Referred to Board of Works Committee.

From the City Solicitor asking for the standing of the contracts of Tolosov & Varr and whether any money can be paid by the City to the workmen. Referred to the City Engineer with instructions when the work is completed to send the required information.

From the City Solicitor regarding application of the Wardens of St. Agnes Church for a refund of taxes paid on the church, and advising that refund be made of the taxes paid for the year 1912. Referred to Finance Committee. Clerk instructed to write the Wardens on those terms.

From the Acting acting recommending the laying of concrete curb on both sides of 2nd Street from the east side of Chesterfield Avenue to the west side of St. George's Avenue at an estimated cost of \$2300. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Fraser that the report be adopted.

From Acting City Engineer recommending the extending of the macadam to the curb on both sides of 2nd Street from east side of Chesterfield Avenue to the west side of St. George's Avenue at an estimated cost of \$2000. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Fraser that the recommendation be adopted.

From Acting City Engineer regarding retaining wall on 2nd Street in front of Mr. Eves property and stating that such a wall could be put in for an estimated cost of \$75.00. Referred to Board of Works.

From Acting City Engineer stating that in putting in a retaining wall on Forbes Avenue in front of the Indian Reserve it was necessary to remove the picket fence and asking for the approval of the Council to the erection of a new fence. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Acting City Engineer stating that Messrs. Hall & Bowyer, Contactors had received permission from the owners of Lot 26/125/274 to dump surplus earth on this lot on the condition that they extend the culvert through the lot. The Engineer suggested that it would be reasonable for the City to pay for the culvert as far as 1 ½ to 1 slope would go on private property. Referred to Board of Works.

From Acting City Engineer stating that the lane space in Block 153 is nearly all private and it is therefore impossible to go ahead with the grading. Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Eves to this effect.

From City clerk stating that on the 9th instant he received a summons at the instance of Mr. Colin F. Jackson against the City in connection with alleged damage done to Mr. Jackson's property, Lots 19 and 20/25/273, and that he had handed this summons to the City Solicitor in accordance with the Solicitor's request that no time be lost in handing such documents to him. Resolved that the action of the City Clerk be confirmed.

From City Clerk stating that he had consulted the City Solicitor regarding the proposed Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of \$50,000 to purchase

additional shares in the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company. The City Clerk stated that the Solicitor had informed him that the original Bylaw provided for the borrowing of \$100,000 was void.

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser that a Committee be appointed to see the City Solicitor on the subject. The Mayor appointed Alderman McRae and Alderman Fraser as a Committee along with himself and the City Clerk, and fix the hour for the consultation at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 15th October.

From Alex Grant, Cemetery Superintendent recommending the west 15' of Block "A" of the Cemetery to be set aside for the interment of still born children, and that inclusive charge of \$1.00 be made in such cases. Referred to Parks and Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Salsbury appeared before the Council and it was moved and seconded that he be heard. Mr. Salsbury requested that a Committee be appointed from the City Council in connection with the proposed visit of the Arctic Brotherhood of North Vancouver. It was however, pointed out to him that a Committee had already been appointed for this purpose.

Mr. Cooper appeared before the Council and it was moved and seconded that he be heard. Mr. Cooper complained of the lighting of the Esplanade, and also as to quantities of sawdust which were being dropped upon the street by rigs and which gave the street a very unsatisfactory appearance. Alderman Biss agreed with Mr. Cooper's remarks and in addition stated that a number of wagons and rigs made a practice of standing on the Esplanade. He thought this practice should cease. Alderman Dick stated that a part of the Esplanade required drainage as the City had put in a drain but had not connected it up. It was resolved that the question of drainage be referred to the Board of Works and the question of saw dust and rigs standing in the street be referred to the Chief of Police. The question of the lighting was referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

A plan of proposed subdivision of Block 220/546-550 was on motion approved of by the Council.

A plan for a shed on the Chesterfield Avenue wharf which had been prepared by the City Engineer and recommended by the Board of Works was approved of.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Board of Health, Police Board of Works (3), Local Improvement, Waterworks (2), Fire and Light 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	\$348.77
Board of Health	81.55
Police	194.05
Board of Works	548.66
Board of Works	1,144.03
Board of Works	1,172.07
Local Improvement	8,391.07
Waterworks	6,257.19
Waterworks	6,023.13
Fire and Light	254.65
Parks	4.25

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

Howe's Proctor & Co.	Macadam on St. Patrick's Ave.	\$71.10
Howe's Proctor & Co.	Macadam on 3 rd Street	3.91
Howe's Proctor & Co.	Macadam on Queensbury Avenue	4.17
Howe's Proctor & Co.	Macadam on Mahon Avenue	71.10
Howe's Proctor & Co.	Rock delivered to Contractor on 1 st St. for curb & gutter	50.70
Howe's Proctor & Co.	Macadam on 2 nd	556.39
Howe's Proctor & Co.	Macadam on Lonsdale from waterfront to 19 th Street	1,917.30
Hall & Bowyer	4 th St. grading from Mahon to St. Andrew's Avenue	1,425.90
J.W. Evans	Concrete curb & gutter & sidewalk on Lonsdale Avenue to waterfront	811.71

The reports of the Waterworks, Lanes and Water Committees as contained in the Committees minutes of the 10th instant were read and on motion adopted.

With regard to the Finance Committee's minutes, Alderman Dick thought that the School Trustees should be asked if they were prepared to recommend as a City Hall site the present Chesterfield School. Alderman Irwin moved that the City Solicitor together with the City Clerk draw up the necessary form of Tender, such tender to contain the provision that the Council shall have an option on the ground offered for a period sufficient to allow the passage of the Bylaw. The price to be payable 10% within thirty days and the balance within ninety days. No tenders to be received except from Owners of land or their Attorneys who are in possession of a duly executed power of attorney. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. Seconded by Alderman Biss and carried. Alderman Irwin moved that Tenders be received not later than Monday the 9th day of December at 5 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Biss and carried.

The City Clerk was instructed to prepare an advertisement with the assistance of the City Solicitor and insert the same in the Vancouver papers and in the local paper. Alderman Dick objected to the recommendation in the Finance Committee minute that expert opinion be obtained as to the suitability of the various sites offered. Resolved that this clause be struck out. The minutes were thereupon passed as amended.

Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Dick that the sum of \$600 which had been transferred from the Lanes Committee to the Board of Works be re transferred to the Board of Works.

Alderman Fraser stated that he had obtained from the City Engineer an estimate of \$500 for macadamizing the lane in Block 166. He moved that it be left to the Lanes Committee and the City Engineer to macadamize as much of that lane as they consider necessary. Seconded by Alderman McRae and carried.

Alderman Dick stated that the excavating of the Rice Lake Tunnel will be completed on Saturday, first and he suggested that the Mayor and Aldermen be present to witness completion of the excavation. It was agreed that as many of the Aldermen as could go should be present and Alderman Dick arranged to notify them of the hour when the completion would take place.

Alderman Irwin directed the attention of the Council to the fact that owing to the absence on leave of Alderman Foreman and the attendance of the Mayor, Alderman Dick and Alderman McRae at the Convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities there would not be a quorum of the Council present. Alderman McRae stated that in these circumstances he would withdraw his name as a Delegate to the Convention. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the Council voice their appreciation of Alderman McRae's consideration in so withdrawing his name.

Alderman Dick suggested that the Aldermen prepare and produce to next meeting of Council a statement of any matters which they thought should be brought before the Convention of Municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser that in Alderman Foreman's absence, Alderman Bass be appointed temporary Chairman of the Parks Committee. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that in view of Alderman Foreman's absence another Alderman be appointed to the Finance Committee to hold office until Alderman Foreman returns. The

Mayor appointed Alderman Fraser to be a temporary member of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Dick resolved: "That in cases when grades established and where owners desire to put down permanent improvements at their own expense the City Engineer be instructed to give grades and supervise this improvement on application by the owner".

Alderman Dick moved that the City Assessor be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the Voters' List in Wards according to the resolution passed by the Council for the subdivision of the City into Wards.

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin that the Council adjourn till Friday next, at 8 o'clock and that the various Committee minutes be also held in the same evening at 7:30 p.m.

Signed: G.W. McRae, Acting Mayor