

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 4th instant copies of which had been previously furnished of each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From F.T. Salsbury giving the details of the arrangements made for the entertainment of the Arctic Brotherhood which meet in North Vancouver on November 12th, 13th and 14th and stating that the total expense could not be more than \$600.00 of which the District of North Vancouver had promised to pay one fourth.

Alderman Irwin gave history of the negotiations which had lead to the holding of the Convention of the Arctic Brothers in North Vancouver, and moved that Mr. Salsbury's letter be referred to the Finance Committee pending the financial report as to the cost of the entertainment and that the Finance Committee be empowered to act. Seconded by Alderman Biss and carried.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries Limited containing copy of resolution passed by the Directors of the Ferry Company on 8th November to the following effect:

"That whereas in the opinion of this Directorate satisfactory progress has not been made in connection with the construction of the proposed passenger subway entrance to this Company's premises at Vancouver;

And whereas the Board of Railway Commissioners do intend to be in session in Vancouver during the latter part of the present month;

Be it therefore resolved that a communication be forthwith directed to the City Council requesting that they do appoint a committee or a representative of the City to attend upon the Commission for the purpose of hastening action in that regard".

Alderman Irwin moved that the Mayor be requested to attend the next meeting of the Railway Commission and that the City Solicitor be requested to accompany him. Seconded by Alderman Dick with the alteration that Alderman Irwin's name be added to the Mayor's. This was agreed to.

From Mr. J.C. Sabin and the other members of the Decoration sub Committee of the Committee appointed to receive the Duke of Connaught enclosing letter from H.E. Kemp, Secretary Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. declining to pay for the decoration of the Ferry wharf (\$150) and for flags obtained in connection therewith (\$62.85). Alderman Dick moved that the Committee be written to that the Council have nothing to do with Ferry matters, but that if a report was made by the Decoration Committee to the Reception Committee and the Reception Committee reported to the Council the matter should then be gone into. Seconded by Alderman Foreman and carried

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary North Vancouver Board of Trade enclosing copy of the following resolution:

"That the Secretary be instructed to write the City Council endorsing application of the B.C. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and would respectfully suggest that this Council bring in a recommendation for their successors for 1913, supporting it and asking that provision for the necessary grant towards the Inspector's salary be provided."

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss that the letter be acknowledged and that Mr. Donaldson be advised that the BCSPCA had already been written to to the effect that the matter cannot be taken up by this Council.

From Leonard J. Gregory re grading and sidewalk on 29th Street between St. George's and St. David's Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From D.C. McGregor & Co. regarding accident to Miss Homewood, stating that there is evidently liability but that it rests with the Worswick Morganti Co. Referred to City Solicitor.

From W. Ernest Milne regarding the placing of a light at the corner of 19th Street and Moody Avenue. As it has been arranged to place a light on this corner mentioned the letter was ordered to be filed.

From Miss A.C. Vance asking for the extension of a sidewalk on 21st Street at Lot 6, resub 10/206/545. Referred to Board of Works.

From T. Hutcheson asking for the filling in with plank of the space between his new store and apartment building corner of Keith Road and Mahon Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From TAR. Whitehead complaining of the condition of 21st Street East opposite his house at 153 21st Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. stating that the postponed extra ordinary meeting of the shareholders will be held in the registered offices of the Company on November 14th at 3 o'clock. Filed.

From Mrs. Jessie Fowler asking for the opening of 27th Street between Chesterfield and Mahon Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From John G. Farmer, CMC, acknowledging letter of 30th ultimo advising that the City has finished its part of the construction work on the new Intake Road, and stating that the matter had been referred to the Engineer for recommendation.

From M.R. Kennedy asking permission to cut down some trees at the rock quarry for firewood. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser that the matter be referred to the Chairman of the Board of Works with power to grant the permission if he thought it desirable. Carried.

Alderman Dick dissented on the ground that if the trees were situated in the Park permission should not be given but that if they were situated on a street permission was not necessary.

From J.L. Manworing, Secretary-Treasurer Lethbridge Board of Trade asking particulars regarding the working of the single tax system in the City. Resolved that the Clerk give Mr. Manworing all information in his power.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. explaining that the cause of the failure to install a number of the new street lights ordered was that a large number of arc lamps which had been ordered by the Company, had not yet been delivered. They were, however, expected in Vancouver on the 15th instant and immediately on their arrival the Company will place its entire line staff on the installation. Filed.

From A.G. Perry, Local Manager, B.C. Electric Railway Co. regarding quotations for the installation and operation of Flaming Arc lamps. A demonstration set will be placed on Broadway, Vancouver and as soon as this was done the Company would forward quotations. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the letter and request that the Council be informed when the demonstration set is in operation.

From the City Assessor giving the report of his search against that portion of the Chesterfield School site which lies within D.L. 274. Alderman Irwin moved that the report be received and that an official communication be sent to the District Council asking that authority be given by the District Council to the Assessor to examine the Minute Books of the District Council which are at present in Court in Vancouver.

The Clerk was instructed to retain the letter which had already been prepared to be sent to Mr. Hammersley until the result of the Assessor's examination of the District Council Minute Books is made known.

Alderman Foreman asked the Chairman of the Board of Works if it was the intention of the Board to lay plank crossings on Lonsdale Avenue. The Chairman explained that certain crossings had been recommended and would be laid down.

Alderman Irwin asked if the Police were taking notice of the various times when the Street lights were turned on and stated that this evening the Company had been three-fourths of an hour late in turning on the lights. The Company's franchise stated that the lights were to be in operation from dusk till daylight and that for any lamp that may fail to burn for at least fifteen minutes a proportionate reduction should be allowed. The Chief of Police stated that he reported to the Police Commissioners each month any occasions on which lights were out.

Statement of the traffic receipts for the North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. for the month of October 1912 was submitted showing total receipts amounting to \$11,692.40; comparative figures, October 1910, \$6,974.95; October 1911, \$11,230.25.

Plan of resubdivision of Lots 14 and 15/227/544-5 was approved by the City Engineer and on motion accepted by the Council.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, (Police), Board of Works, (Local Improvement), Waterworks, Fire and Light, 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	\$709.67
Finance, Police	277.75
Board of Works	1,525.46
Local Improvement	3,887.77
Waterworks	1,880.17
Fire and Light	828.07
Parks	14.55

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

Worswick Morganti Co.	concrete sidewalk & curb on Lonsdale, 13 th , 16 th & 15 th	\$1,550.62
Hall & Bowyer Co.	4 th Street grading from Mahon to St. Andrew's Avenue	1,665.98
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 3 rd Street from Keith	2,551.38

	Road to Queensbury Avenue	
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 15 th Street	68.49
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on Lonsdale Avenue from waterfront to 19 th Street	790.66

The reports of the Board of Works, Fire and Light and Parks Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 11th instant were read and on motion adopted.

With reference to the report of the Parks & Cemetery Committee, Alderman Dick asked the Chairman of the Parks Committee what steps were being taken to improve the approach to that portion of the cemetery lying on the south side of the Lillooet Road. The Chairman explained that the matter was under consideration. The Engineering Department in conjunction with the Engineering Department of the District examined the ground and he expected a report in a few days.

The following suggestions with regard to the lanes in the City were made by Alderman McRae.

1. That the City Assessor be instructed to have a deed prepared covering all lanes and parts of lanes shown in plans submitted to the Council and still in the name of I.M. Hammersley. Said deed to be forwarded to Mr. A. St. George Hammersley or his Agents in Vancouver for execution together with a letter explaining the circumstances.
2. That the City Clerk be instructed to write to all the owners of lanes or parts of lanes as shown on the plan submitted by the City Assessor asking if they would be willing to convey such lanes to the City and to have deeds prepared and executed by the persons who are willing to execute the same.
3. That in all cases where the owners of lanes are unwilling to convey the same to the City that such lanes or parts of lanes be expropriated by the City.

With regard to the first suggestion, moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Dick, that the matter be left in the hands of the City Solicitor and that the Chairman of the Committee and the Assessor call on the Solicitor and give him all the information they can.

With regard to the second suggestion, moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Irwin that this suggestion be adopted.

On motion of Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser the third suggestion as to expropriation was laid over for future consideration.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser that the B.C. Electric Railway Co. be written to the effect that they are not living up to the terms of their franchise in the matter of turning on the street arc lamps at dusk, pointing out the danger to pedestrians caused by their neglect.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser that in the letter above mentioned be included a statement that the City Council proposes to make a deduction in terms of the franchise, for lights not turned on and that a list of such be sent within the next few days.

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin that the Police Commissioners be requested to give the Council a list from the beginning of the year of all times and places at which the street lights had not been in operation.

Alderman Irwin stated in the connection with the Ferry Bylaws there were a number of points that should be discussed with the Ferry Directors and the City Solicitor. He stated that such a conference would be desirable. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Irwin that the Council and the City Solicitor meet with the Ferry Directors on Thursday first, at 3 o'clock. The motion was carried and the Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Resolved that owing to a holding of the Convention of the Arctic Brotherhood this week that the Committee meetings be postponed till 7 o'clock on Monday the 18th instant.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor