

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 9th OF DECEMBER 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 2nd instant copies of which had been previously furnished to each member were read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From John G. Farmer, CMC, stating that the District council had appointed Reeve May and Councillor Ward to act in conjunction with the Representatives appointed by the other Public bodies in connection with PGE construction. Filed.

From Geo. Love asking permission to place some articles of merchandise in front of his store on 1st Street. Referred to Police Commissioners.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, N.V. City ferries Limited, asking for the cooperation of the City in making application to the Department of Public Works for the services of one of the Government dredges to operate at the Ferry slip, Vancouver. Resolved that a letter be sent to Mr. H.H. Stevens, M.P. and also one to the Department of Public Works supporting the application of the Ferry Company.

From the City Solicitor enclosing receipt of Thompson & Stuart in full of all their claims for extras on the grading contracts on 13th and 15th Streets. Filed.

A copy of the Minutes of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company Co. held on 4th December was produced as also a copy of the revenue account to November 30, 1912. Clerk was instructed to get copy of these documents made for each member of the Council.

From Dow, Fraser & Co. Ltd. stating that they have in their possession executed conveyances of the lanes in Block 29/548 which they are prepared to hand over on receipt of a certified copy of a resolution accepting the lands for lane purposes and payment of \$15.00. Referred to Lanes Committee with power to act.

From the Deputy Minister of Militia & Defense stating that the Deed of the Drill Hall Site is in the hands of Major Fell. Clerk was instructed to accept the letter.

From Chief of Police Davies thanking the Council for letter of sympathy in connection with his late bereavement. Filed.

From Ruggles & Layton giving notice on behalf of Mary Isabell Clague of claim for injuries by being knocked down by the motor chemical wagon on 30th November. Resolved that this communication be referred to the City Solicitor and the writer be advised that the chemical wagon was at the time of the accident the property of the Webb Company.

From Felix Ehm asking for permission to cut cordwood on 26th and View Streets. Resolved that this be granted.

From J.N. Boulton, stating that the quantity of the illumination from the electric lamp at the corner of 23rd and Boulevard is insufficient to meet the legal requirements. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From Russell, Russell & Hancox stating that seventeen time-checks for work done on Forbes Ave. for Tolosov & Varr are in their hands for collection. Referred to Board of Works.

An account was produced from Drs. Newcombe & Martin for 72.00 for services rendered Eric Peterson. Clerk was instructed to write Drs. Newcombe and Martin to apply to the Insurance Company for payment and to forward copy of the claim to the Company.

From Taylor, Harvey, Baird, Grant & Stockton enclosing forms of affidavit to be signed relative to the loss of a prior conveyance of the City Hall site. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Campbell & Barton offering Lots 1 & 2/63/548 as a school site. It was explained that this was intended to be offered as a City Hall site and the letter was laid over till a later part of the proceedings.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary, School Board stating that subject to the passage of the \$75,000 Loan Bylaw in the acquirement of suitable school site the Board was willing to relinquish the existing central school site and buildings to the City when no longer required for school purposes. Laid over for consideration at a latter part of the Meeting.

The following report was received from J.W. Fugler, Building Inspector, as follows:

No. of permits issued for November	18
Cost of same	\$19,610.00
Total for November 1911	51,260.00

Building fees for month	46.60
Sets of plumbing tested	19
Sewer connections made	5
Septic tanks inspected	21
Nuisance complaints	6
Garbage calls	230

Alderman Dick inquired what the understanding of the Council was as to the rates to be charged by the Telephone Company after the new cable was laid. He referred to the report of the Special Committee appointed to interview the Manager of the Telephone Company which Committee reported to the Council on 30th September 1912.

That report stated that the Manager had informed the Committee that as soon as the new cable was laid the telephone toll from North Vancouver to Vancouver would be 5 cents per call.

Alderman Dick pointed out that the Telephone Co. is now charging 5 cents for each call whether the caller got the person to whom he wished to speak or not, instead of on the old system whereby the caller only paid in the event of his getting into communication. Under the new system therefore the expense per call at 5 cents would be greater than under the old system at 10 cents.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman that a Committee be appointed to interview the Telephone Co. The Mayor appointed Alderman Dick and Alderman Foreman to act on that Committee.

Alderman Foreman asked what the agreement was between the B.C.E. and the City with regard to cars on Saturday evening. He explained that on several occasions recently, single cars had been sent up Lonsdale Avenue while there were sufficient persons desiring to travel to fill another car. Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Irwin that the matter be referred to the Transportation Committee.

Alderman Irwin inquired if in the opinion of the Council it was not time the Council were asking for a reduction of the rates on the electric lighting. He pointed out that in some cases the maximum rates as laid down were being exceeded. He thought that as the first ten years of the Company's franchise was drawing to a close an arrangement should be come to give the City a reduction in proportion to its growth. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Dick that the matter be referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

Twenty four tenders for City Hall site were opened and referred to the City Engineer to tabulate as follows:

Chas. Gross	Lots 13, 14 & 15/163/271	\$78,000.00
Thos. J. Kickham	Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30/138/271	90,000.00

J.J. Woods	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4/152/274	35,000.00
Thos. Stewart	Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26/136/271	60,000.00
Wm. Thorne Thornton	Lots 5 & 6/126/274	36,000.00
Realty Financiers	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 29, 30, 31, 32/118/274	29,500.00
A. Dalton Nye	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6/113/548	60,000.00
Wm. Kirk, M.D.	Lot 7/110/548	10,500.00
Wm. Bailey	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6/110/548	40,000.00
Julius P. Biernes	Lots 17 & 18/110/548	60,000.00
Caroline S. Morden	Lots 1, 2, & 3/109/549	75,000.00
W.E. Newcombe	Lot 8/109/549-274	7,500.00
Wm. D. Haskin	Lot 10/109/549	7,500.00
Katherine H. Irwin	Lot 11/109/549	7,500.00
Katherine H. Irwin	Lot 12/109/549	10,500.00
Gus. P. Arnett	Lot 19/87/549	16,000.00
Melissa Brown	Lot 1 & unsubdivided portion of Block 97/549-274	25,000.00
Benson Gladwin	Lots 8, 9, 10/97/549-274	12,000.00
Alex. Smith & Co.	Lots 1 & 2/85/549	75,000.00
Wm. Morden	Lots 18, 19, 20, 21/85/549	48,000.00
Wm. Simpson	Northwest portion Blk. 74/549	25,000.00
Mary E. Chance	Southwest acre block 74/49	25,000.00
E. Philip Gilman	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & adjoining 2 acres Blk. 50/549	150,000.00
W.W. Montelius	No description probably Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19/142/274	80,000.00
James Clark	Lots 1, 2/63/548	25,000.00
Board of School Trustees	Lots 12, 13, 14, part of 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, part of 20 and part of lane in Blk. 134/271	

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman that Mr. Clark's offer of the School Boards offer be included among the tenders.

Alderman Fraser moved as an amendment that the matter of the inclusion of the school site be laid over for one week to see whether or not the School Bylaw passed. Seconded by Alderman Foreman.

Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Biss that the Tenders received tonight which are in proper order be referred to the Engineer for tabulation as to position, measurement and price. On a vote being taken Alderman McRae's amendment was carried. The following voted for the Amendment: Alderman Biss Alderman Irwin Alderman Foreman and Alderman McRae.

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss that the Tenders of Mr. Clark and the School Board be handed over to the City Engineer to tabulate for future consideration.

It was resolved that a Special Meeting be called to consider the tenders and that the date of such Meeting be fixed by the Mayor.

The City Engineer produced a plan of the proposed cement sidewalk around the City Hall. The plan was referred back to the Engineer to prepare separate plans for the First Street and the Lonsdale Avenue frontages and he was directed to send same with an estimate of the cost of each to the Dominion Architect in Victoria.

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

Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on lanes in Blk. 165, 166/274	\$456.60
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on Lonsdale Avenue from waterfront to 19 th St.	139.25
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on Queensbury from 3 rd to City Limits	632.81
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 3 rd Street from Keith Road to Queensbury	83.55
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 1 st from Forbes to ST. David's	2200.11
Hall & Bowyer	4 th St. grading from Mahon to St. Andrew's	2094.37

The reports of the Finance, Fire and Light and Lanes Committees as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 5th instant and of the Water Committee of the 6th instant were read and on motion adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 5th instant was considered. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Dick that the minutes be approved subject to the illumination of the recommendation with regard to the grading and macadamizing of Keith Road from the City Limits to Bewicke Avenue.

Mr. Larson was in attendance and it was moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Dick that Mr. Larson be heard.

Mr. Larson spoke on the subject of the condition of Keith Road near the City Limits and suggested that a plank road be placed at the bad spots of the road. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Dick that the matter of temporary repairs to Keith Road be referred to the Engineer and the Board of Works.

The Clerk read a recommendation from the Board of Health to the effect that the sum of \$250 be donated to the N.V. Nursing Association. Moved by Alderman

Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the recommendation be adopted and the money paid.

Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss that the City Engineer and Waterworks Superintendent be instructed to order another Giant Monitor for use at Rice Lake at a cost of \$120 f.o.b., Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that the City Engineer be instructed to bring in a report as to the cost of macadamizing Semisch Avenue. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Biss that the resolution of meeting of 2nd current as to the constitution of the Court of Revision of the Voters' List be rescinded, and that Alderman Irwin and Alderman McRae together with the Mayor form such Court of Revision to sit on the 10th current.

The Mayor brought up the question of blasting at the rock quarries, during foggy weather. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Dick that the Managers of both the City quarry and Howes Proctor quarry be instructed to send out additional signalmen in foggy weather.

It was decided that a deputation should go to Victoria on the 11th instant to confer with the Government on the question of the Rice Lake lands, and also in connection with Railway matters, and stated that Sir Richard McBride had made an appointment to meet a deputation on the 12th instant and he considered that as strong a deputation as possible of the Aldermen should go to Victoria to lay the City's case before the government. All the Aldermen agreed to go with the exception of Alderman Irwin who could not leave the City for business reasons. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Dick that Alderman Irwin be appointed Acting Mayor during the absence of the Mayor and the rest of the Aldermen.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor