

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 16th OF DECEMBER 1912 AT 8 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 9th instant, copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Thos. Irwin asking for a continuance of the present sidewalk on 2nd Street to Lot 16/155/274. Referred to Board of Works.

From A. Rowan claiming damages for the opening of a lane 10' wide across his property Lot 5/29/548. Referred to Lanes Committee.

The Assessment Notice for 1913 for the Rice Lake lands was produced showing the total assessment to be \$37,885. Referred to Waterworks Committee.

From Herbert Day complaining of the condition of 18th Street in front of his house at 344 18th Street West. Referred to Board of Works.

From Campbell & Barton stating that Mr. Clark's offer of Lots 1 & 2/63/548 as a school site should read as a City Hall site. Filed.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary Board of School Trustees stating that in compliance with the requirements of Section 57 of the Public Schools Act it is necessary for the Council to appoint an auditor to carry out the annual audit of the accounts of the Board of School Trustees. Moved by Alderman Foreman seconded by Alderman Irwin that the City auditor be appointed to carry out this work and that the Board of School Trustees be notified of the appointment.

From W.W. Montelius stating that his Tender for City Hall Site should read Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19/142/274. Referred to the Meeting called for the purpose of considering City Hall Sites.

From G.S. Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Canadian Municipalities calling the Council's attention to the notice given to Dominion Parliament by the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. applying for extension of time on their Charter. Filed.

From the City Solicitor stating that he is in receipt of a letter from his Agents at Ottawa stating that the matter of the C.P.R. and North Vancouver is set down for hearing on the 2nd Tuesday in January, and that they have obtained a copy of the plans. Filed.

From M.S. McDowell and W.H. Wainman objecting to the proposed increase of the water rates for drug stores. Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Biss that these two letters be referred to the Water Committee.

From Fire Chief Findlay stating that in accordance with Mr. Massey's report the Webb Company had remedied all the defects in the motor chemical wagon and that the machine was now ready to go in service on the acceptance thereof by the City. A guarantee was also produced from the Webb Company with regard to the partition and the mud chains, as well as a guarantee with regard to the same from A.G. Brown Jamison Co. Ltd., Agents for the manufacturers.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser that the Council accept the wagon and authorize payment therefore subject to the approval of the City Solicitor.

The matter of the accident to Mary Isabell Clague to be brought to the attention of the City Solicitor at the same time.

From Fire Chief Findlay recommending that Wm. Bennett Motor mechanic be insured against accident. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From the City Engineer stating that he had examined the foreshore improvements in D.L. 265 which was found correct and recommending payment of \$16,480.38 as the cost thereof. Referred to Board of Works.

Petitions were presented from W.J. Patton and seven others asking for the repairing of 18th St. between Mahon and Jones Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. S. Edwards and fourteen others asking for the extension of the sidewalk on the south side of 13th St. between St. George's and St. Andrew's Avenue extended to St. Andrews Avenue.

Alderman Fraser inquired the position of the dairy on Western Avenue the proprietors of which received sixty days notice sometime ago to improve the condition of the place or quit. Alderman Biss stated that the late proprietor had sold the concern to other parties and he understood that there were now no

complaints. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Fraser that this matter be considered at next meeting of the Board of Health.

With reference to the proposal for the acquisition for a new City Hall site the Mayor fixed Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock as the date of a Special Meeting to consider the various Tenders.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, (School, Police, Board of Health), Board of Works (2), Local Improvement, Waterworks (2), Fire and Light, Parks and Lanes 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	\$1,498.08
Finance School	1,500.42
Finance Police	200.00
Finance Board of Health	264.05
Board of Works	6,826.05
Board of Works	4,182.00
Local Improvement	13,754.81
Waterworks	2,520.52
Waterworks	4,198.67
Fire and Light	2,059.66
Parks	179.35
Lanes	638.35

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

Linburg & Lund, grading Keith Road from Lonsdale to Queensbury \$1,192.50; Ledingham & Cooper, 2nd St. concrete curb from Chesterfield to St. George's Ave. \$1,295.05.

The Clerk produced an excerpt from eh Minute of the Licensing Commissioners held on the 11th current to the following effect:

“From Prof. Macnaghten respecting the offer which he made on 26th February to pay the expense of submitting to the Electros the question as to whether if a bottle license were granted it should be granted to a private individual or to a Company devoting all profits above 5% interest on the capital invested to objects of public utility”.

Moved by Commissioner McKenzie seconded by Commissioner Biss that the City Council be recommended to take the opinion of the Electros on the subject at the forty-coming election on the terms mentioned by Prof. Macnaghten.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the recommendation of the Board of License Commissioners be adopted and the question as specified by Prof. Macnaghten be submitted to the Electors. On a vote being taken there voted in favor of the motion, Alderman Irwin and Alderman Biss, and against the motion, Alderman Dick Alderman McRae Alderman Fraser and Alderman Foreman. The motion was thereupon declared lost.

Alderman McRae gave a report of the visit of the delegation to Victoria regarding the Rice Lake lands and railway matters. He stated that Sir Richard McBride was addressed by the Mayor who gave the position of affairs as they existed in North Vancouver at the present time as a result of the conditions imposed the P.G.E. by their Charter not being carried out.

Sir Richard McBride gave an assurance that the road will be built into North Vancouver within the time specified in the Agreement but stated that the difficulty of building the road and the money question were factors which had to be taken into account. If they were to start through North Vancouver at present they would require to raise more money and pay interest on it from the time when it was borrowed. The Premier also stated that Newport would not be the terminus of the P.G.E. but that the road would be built into North Vancouver.

Mr. D'Arcyate put up a strong argument for not building the railroad into North Vancouver at the present time and gave a statement of the progress laid down as he thought it would be carried out.

The Mayor corroborated the statements of Alderman McRae. Alderman Irwin asked if any statement was made with regard to the building of a depot for North Vancouver. The Mayor replied that a statement to that effect had been made and that the proposed depot would cost a large sum of money. There was a suggestion from the Premier that the different public bodies should get together and try to arrange the cost, etc. of the right-of-way so as to make it as easy as possible for the railway.

Alderman McRae asked if the meeting suggested by the Premier would be held as he thought it would be an excellent procedure. The Mayor stated that he would call a Meeting in the near future as suggested by the Premier with regard to Rice Lake matters. He also stated that the delegation had spoken to the Premier and he had every expectation that the matter would be settled in the near future.

Alderman Irwin expressed his opinion that the Council was to be congratulated on having such a large delegation and on the excellent work that the delegation had performed.

Alderman Irwin also stated that he had spoken to one of the large land owners in West Vancouver who had stated that he was willing to give a right-of-way through his land free of all cost to the Company. This right-of-way would extend for half a mile and he thought there would be other land owners in the same position.

Alderman Dick gave the report of the Committee which was appointed to interview the Manager of the Telephone Company regarding rates. He stated that he and Alderman Foreman had interviewed the Assistant Manager, the General Manager being sick.

The Committee laid before the Company the proposition that the citizens up till recently paid 10¢ per call, but that such charge was only made when communication was obtained with the person called. The new rate introduces a charge of 5¢ for every call when the number desired is obtained or not which practically meant an increase instead of a decrease in the rates.

The Assistant Manager had stated that it had been advertised in the newspapers for a considerable time, that the rate would be 5¢ per call on the two number system but that as the words "two number" conveyed no meaning to the average person the Committee considered the Telephone Company's explanation very unsatisfactory.

Alderman Foreman corroborated what Alderman Dick had stated and added that he considered that the B.C. Telephone Company played a sharp trick in regard to the matter. He thought that something should be done to offset the Telephone Company's trick. Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Irwin that a letter be drafted to the Telephone Co. based on the correspondence which had been produced and that the Committee visit the Telephone Co. and present such letter; the drafting of the letter to be in the hands of the Committee which has just reported. In seconded the motion Alderman Irwin said he wished to make it clear that there was no cause of complaint against the Local Manager as the negotiations had all taken place direct with the Vancouver office.

Alderman Foreman gave the report of the Committee appointed to interview the B.C. Electric Railway Co. regarding the over-crowding of cars, etc. They had called on Mr. Perry and found that the statement that only one car was running on Saturday nights was quite correct. They had also found that with regard to persons standing on the steps of the cars this was covered by Dominion law. Mr. Perry stated that the over-crowding on the rear platform of the cars would soon be put a stop to as it was intended to prohibit smoking on the platform. A new car would be put on Saturday nights to run behind the ordinary north going car from the Ferry to the siding at 15th Street and to accompany the next south going car back to the ferry. Alderman Fraser the other member of the Committee and associating himself with Alderman Foreman's report stated that the double service on Saturdays would be from 5 p.m. to 1 o'clock in the morning.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman that the Treasurer be authorized to issue cheques on or after 21st December for the salaries for the month of December of the City Hall staff and the heads for the various departments who are on monthly salary.

The Mayor brought up the question of assistance which was required by two families in the City and asked the Chief of Police to explain the position and

matters. The Chief reported that one of these families named Smith consisted of husband and wife and five children. The husband had been laid up with pneumonia and they were penniless and on behalf of the City he had given them assistance. The other family consisted of only husband and wife, the wife being in the last stages of tuberculosis. The husband had been in steady employment but had to leave the job as his wife required constant care. This man is two months behind with his rent but the Chief had seen the landlord who stated that if he could get two months rent of the tent now he would be willing to let them stay till the end of February. He had consulted with Dr. Thomson regarding the matter and the Doctor was of opinion that something should be done. The husband had been offered two posts quite recently but the Chief thought he had better remain at home and attend to his wife. Moved by Alderman Dick that the matter be left in the hands of the Chief of Police with power to act. Alderman Irwin in seconding stated that he would like to see any other emergency cases which might require assistance prior to a meeting of Council left in the hands of the Chief.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Humphreys desired guidance from the Council as to the case of Weeks & Co., Plumbers, Vancouver, who are at present doing a job in North Vancouver and wished to be allowed till the first of January before paying the Plumbers' License. It was resolved that Messrs. Weeks & Co. be required to duly take out a license before doing any work in North Vancouver.

Bylaw No. 214, being "The ferry Improvements Aid Bylaw, No. 1", having received the assent of the Electors was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council and the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to sign the Bylaw and the City Clerk to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

Bylaw No. 216, being "The Ferry Improvements Aid Bylaw, 1912, No. 2" was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 217, being "The Ferry Improvements Aid Bylaw, 1912, No. 3" was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 219, being "The Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company Shares Purchase Bylaw" was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 220, being "The Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company Shares Purchase Loan Bylaw" was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Bylaw No. 225, being "The City of North Vancouver School Site Purchase Bylaw" was also reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor