

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY THE 23rd OF DECEMBER 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 16th 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 H.A. Jones, Secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers regarding the discharging of employees by the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Filed.

From Geo. E. Kyle regarding sidewalk in front of Lot 19/47/271-548. Referred to Board of Works.

From Alf. Hewitt asking for the removal of trees in front of Lot 22/218A/546. Referred to Board of Works with power to act.

From Robt. J. Fowler enclosing building permit covering Lot 11/227A/545 and withdrawing his application to build and asking a return of the fee paid in consequence of 27th Street not having been opened to his lot. Referred to Board of Works.

From J.D. Wolfer asking for a sidewalk on the north side of 16th Street from Chesterfield to Lot 12/29/548. Referred to Board of Works.

From D.C. McGregor & Co. Ltd. re accident to Wm. Spence stating that there was no liability in the City for his accident and that they could not authorize a settlement on their behalf. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman McRae that the letter be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

From Theodore Howard making application for the installation of an arc light at the corner of Sutherland and 18th Street. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From Drs. Newcombe and Martin re treatment of E. Peterson and stating that the account had been guaranteed by the City. Referred to Water Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the City Solicitor asking the present position of the claim at the instance of Miss Homewood against the City.

Alderman Fraser asked if any temporary repairs had been done on the Keith Road towards the western city boundary. The Mayor stated that a number of the holes had been filed up and the road otherwise repaired.

Re claims against Tolosov & Varr. On Alderman Irwin's suggestion the matter was referred back to the Engineering Department to find what claims have been properly substantiated and it was resolved that the matter be taken up at next regular meeting of the Council.

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

Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 15 th Street from Forbes to Queensbury Ave.	\$73.57
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 2 nd Street from Mahon to St. David's Ave.	3,075.86
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 3 rd Street from Keith Road to Queensbury Ave.	5.01
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam in lanes in D.L.'s 165 and 166	101.62
Eugene Brown	Repairs to roof of No. 2 Fire Hall	32.60

The reports of the Finance, Board of Works, Fire and Light and Parks Committees of the 19th instant as contained in the Committees minutes were read and on motion adopted.

The Mayor reported that the claim of Mary Isabel Clague for damages for injuries through being knocked down by the motor chemical wagon had been settled and release from all claims in respect thereof produced to him and that the chemical wagon had now been taken over and the cost thereof paid.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that the nominations of Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees and of persons to be recommended to act as Ferry Directors for the ensuing year shall be held within the City Hall, North Vancouver on Monday the 13th day of January, 1913.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that W. Austin Brown, City Clerk be appointed Returning Officer at the ensuing Elections.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that in the event of a poll being necessary the same shall be opened in the City Hall, North Vancouver for all wards of the City on the 16th day of January 1913.

The question of the proposed City Hall site was then taken up and it was moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Fraser that the matter be now discussed.

Alderman McRae gave a report of the visit which he and the Mayor had made to the City Solicitor regarding the ability of the School Trustees to hand over to the City the present Central School site on a new site being purchased.

The Solicitor stated that the Trustees could hand over to the City any property held by them for school purposes provided they obtain the consent of the Lieutenant Governor.

Alderman McRae also reported that the Council had the power to purchase property for civic purposes without obtaining the consent of the people thereto.

Alderman Irwin then left the Meeting.

Bylaw No. 224, being the "Plumbing Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, 1912" was produced and after certain alterations had been made upon it was read a first and second time.

After some discussion it was agreed that a Special Meeting to consider the matter should be held on Monday next the 30th instant at 4 o'clock p.m.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor