

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 1912 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Linburg & Lund offering to complete the uncompleted portion of their contract on Keith Road for the sum of \$150 to \$200 and further asking that the 25% retained from the original contract price be paid them. Referred to Board of Works.

From Drs. Newcombe & Martin enclosing detailed accounts of their charges in the cases of Wm. Spence and Eric Peterson. Referred to Board of Health.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer, N.V. City Ferries Limited, stating that a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held in the Registered Offices of the Company on Thursday, January 3, 1913. Filed.

From Mrs. Wm. Seale asking that the arc light at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeway, part of which has already been erected might be completed. the Clerk was instructed to reply that the cause of the delay was the non-receipt by the B.C. Electric Railway Co. of certain essential parts but that it was expected that the light would soon be in operation.

From the City Solicitor stating that under the circumstances set out in the letter from Messrs. D.C. McGregor & Co. to the City re Wm. Spence's accident there would appear to be no legal liability upon the City and consequently none upon the Insurance Company. Filed.

From D.C. McGregor & Co. Ltd. stating that the total earned premium to date in the Workmen's Compensation Policy is \$7,700 providing the Policy was enforced for one year, but that in the case of cancellation at the present time the premium short term rate would be \$8,800, and that although the Company would benefit considerably in the matter of premium in hand, by cancellation of the Policy now such cancellation would be to the disadvantage of the City unless the expenditure during the next three months should greatly exceed \$50,000.

From D.C. McGregor & Co. Ltd. re Wm. Spence stating that their contract with the City was to protect them against legal liability and if Spence chose to bring action against the City it will be defended by the Company at their costs.

The Mayor appointed Alderman Fraser and Alderman McRae as a Committee to look into the question of the Insurance Policy and figures supplied by D.C. McGregor & Co., and report at the meeting of Council on Thursday evening.

From the Deputy Minister of Public Works regarding the application for the use of one of the Government dredges to dredge at the ferry slip, Vancouver, and stating that he would have the matter taken up with the Dredging Branch and report. Filed.

From the City Engineer giving a list of streets in which he would recommend that sanitary sewers be constructed during the coming year at a total cost of \$101,800. Referred to Board of Works.

Alderman Foreman asked the City Engineer to bring in a complete report the 1<sup>st</sup> January next of the cost of the Rice Lake and tunnel work.

Alderman Biss asked when the City Council were to give their annual report to the Ratepayers. The Mayor intimated that complete figures were now ready except as regards to the Bylaw and these could be seen in the Treasurer's office.

Alderman Foreman thought the Treasurer and Clerk should be instructed to make out a complete report of the work of each Committee. The Mayor stated that this could be better done by the City Engineer as he had all the figures at hand.

The City Engineer produced a plan of the grading of Keith Road from McKay Road to Bewicke Avenue and recommended its adoption. He also stated that in his opinion sixty days notice should be given to owners of frontage under Sections 399, 400 and 401 of the Municipal Act. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that the report of the Engineer be adopted and that the necessary advertisements be inserted and notices sent out.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Police, School, Board of Health, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Lanes 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	\$2,304.02
Finance Police	986.56
Finance School	2,014.30

Finance Health	291.00
Board of Works	3,414.99
Local Improvement	24,901.59
Water Works	2,052.09
Fire and Light	9,739.22
Lanes	101.62
Parks	244.50

The reports of the Finance, Waterworks and Fire and Light Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant were read and on motion adopted.

The report of the Lanes Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant was read and on motion adopted as amended.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant was read and on motion adopted as amended.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman McRae that a copy of the following resolutions together with the sum of \$15.00 be sent to Messrs. Dow, Fraser & Company:

“WHEREAS Messrs. Dow, Fraser & Co. Ltd. have in their possession Deeds from Wm. Singleton and Jas. D. Wolfer to the City and Quit Claims from Lucy Monica Parham and Otto Julian Klotz of the lanes in Block 29/548, which they are prepared to hand over to the City on certain conditions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that said land when transferred to the City shall be used from henceforth for lane purposes only;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the said Wm. Singleton shall be entitled at any time within eighteen months from the date of this resolution to remove any buildings or improvements belonging to him upon the land so conveyed to the City.”

Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Irwin that a plebiscite be taken as to the taking into the City of D.L. 272 on certain conditions as to payment for clearing of streets and lanes.

Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that the Mayor and Alderman McRae be a Committee to give the Clerk instructions as to the embodiment of the plebiscite.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare the following Bylaws:  
 \$28,000 for constructing a subway under C.P.R. Tracks;  
 \$15,000 for purchasing road machinery;

\$5,000 for clearing and rough grading lanes;  
\$30,00 for constructing storage reservoir at Rice Lake;  
\$30,000 fro waterworks purposes;  
\$25,000 for making, preserving, improving and repairing roads and streets and  
constructing sidewalks.

It was arranged that a conference should be held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock so that the Chairmen of the various committees could carefully examine the Bylaws when prepared.

Several representatives of the employees of Messrs. Tolosov & Varr were present and it was moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman that Frank Mazzone be allowed to state his case. After hearing Mazzone and after considerable discussion it was resolved that in view of the fact that the Guarantee Company had not made payment of the amount of their guarantee that nothing be done in the matter of the amount of payments until the question of the guarantee is settled.

Bylaw No. 224, being the "Plumbing Bylaw Amendment Bylaw, 1912" was read a third time and passed by the Council.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor