

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 1913 AT 8:00 P.M.**

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> instant and of the Special Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Foreman complained that he had received no notice of that Meeting on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> instant. The Mayor explained that according to the resolution adjourning the Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant verbal notice only was to be given to the Aldermen. The Minutes of Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> instant were thereupon taken as read and on motion adopted. Alderman Fraser dissenting.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From J. Wardroper complaining that work on the sidewalk from 26<sup>th</sup> along Jones avenue has not yet been started though this sidewalk was passed some time ago; also as to the light at the corner of Larson and 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Board of Works and Fire & Light Committees.

From Dora M. Brand asking for the rough grading of a thoroughfare to Lots 18 and 19/21/552. Referred to Board of Works.

From the Secretary of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, stating the willingness of the Department to assume its proportionate share of the cost of sidewalk on the Lonsdale Avenue frontage of the City Hall. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Foreman that the work be proceeded with as soon as the weather is favorable and that Mr. J.W. Horne, owner of the land adjoining the City Hall on the north be notified that the Government's consent has now been obtained and asking him to implement his verbal promise to pay his proportion of the cost of the cement sidewalk opposite his property.

From the City Assessor stating that the Assessment Roll for 1913 is now completed with the exception of the totals and that the same will be returned to the City Clerk in a few days. Filed.

From the West End Grocery asking for the repairing of Bewicke Avenue, Larson Road and View Street which are much cut up owing to the unusual amount of

heavy hauling. Referred to the Engineer and Road Superintendent to do what repairs are necessary.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer N.V. City Ferris Limited giving notice of the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the N.V. City Ferris Limited to be held in the Registered Offices of the Company on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1913 at 3 o'clock p.m. Filed.

From A.M. West, Assistant City Engineer stating that on account of considerable amount of snow on the streets he had ordered the Howes Proctor Co. to stop delivering rock until further orders. The action of Mr. West was approved and the letter filed.

From the Chief of Police giving list of dates on which the various street lamps were reported not burning. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this report to the B.C. Electric Railway Co. in order that the usual rebate might be made from the December account.

From the City Solicitor enclosing copy of letter from his Ottawa correspondents and also copy of answers filed on behalf of the City of North Vancouver with the Board of Railway Commissioners re the C.P.R. Company's application No. 13477.1. The matter was laid over in order that a further report might be introduced by the Engineer of the figures of the various grades at the street ends affected by the C.P.R. plan.

From J.W. Fugler, Building Inspector with report for month of December:

No. permits issued for December	15
Total cost of same	\$16,900.00
Total for December 1911	55,425.00
Total for year 1912	543,605.00
Total for year 1911	775,836.00
Building fees last month	36.60
Sets of plumbing tested	13
Sewer connections made	3
Septic tanks inspected	15
Nuisance complaints	7
Garbage calls	220

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

Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. from Mahon Ave. to St. David's Avenue	\$2,529.76
Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on Queensbury Avenue from 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. to Lynn Valley Rd.	1,500.00

Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on Lonsdale Avenue	155.00
Hall & Bowyer Co.	4 <sup>th</sup> Street grading from Mahon to St. Andrew's Avenue	928.13

The reports of the Fire & Light, Finance, Water, Lanes and Board of Works Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Fraser gave report of the Special Committee consisting of Alderman McRae and himself regarding the advisability of canceling or continuing the policy of insurance covering the city workmen. He stated that in the event of the payroll from the present date to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1913 being about \$50,000 the final advantage of cancellation at the present time would be nil. If the payroll was less than \$50,000 the City would probably lose money by cancellation at the present time in addition to the loss of such protection for the period yet unexpired as the Policy afforded. Moved by Alderman Fraser seconded by Alderman Foreman that the Council recommends to the incoming Council that the policy be not renewed when it expires.

Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman that the City pay all wages due by Tolosov & Varr in respect of their contracts for grading Forbes and St. George's Avenues provided that the City Engineer is satisfied that the time cheques are in order and that the individual claiming wages take an affidavit as to the bona fides of his time cheque. This motion, however, not to include sums expended by workmen for material on behalf of the Contractors.

The Mayor stated that the time was drawing near when it was necessary that the Council should give an account of their actions during the past year. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Irwin that a meeting of the Ratepayers be held in Larson's Pavilion, North Vancouver on Thursday next at 8 o'clock for the purpose of hearing reports from the Mayor and Aldermen as their actions during the past year and that notice of this meeting be inserted in the "Express".

With regard to the difficulties which the City had experienced with contractors during the past year Alderman Irwin stated that his opinion that there should be a cash bond for all future contracts. Alderman McRae stated that in several cities a certified cheque for 5% of all the contract price had to be filed with the City and the successful tenderer on being awarded the Contract thereupon lodged a cheque for another 5% before proceeding with the work.

Alderman Irwin thought that in future the City should do its own cement sidewalk laying as there was no branch of contracting which was so liable to malpractice on the part of the Contractors. Alderman Biss stated that he cordially agreed with Alderman Irwin remarks.

The Meeting then adjourned till Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> instant at 7 p.m.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor