

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, THE 13TH OF JANUARY 1913 AT 3:00 P.M.

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the 6th instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From A.G. Perry, stating that on September 13th and 14th he had handed to the Treasurer their tax notice on the Masonic Temple, but on receiving his bank book and cancelled cheques he found that said cheque had not been presented. Concluding it must have been lost, the enclosed cheque for \$127.05 being the amount of the missing cheque. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Foreman that on satisfactory evidence being produced to the Council that the original cheque was duly presented at the time mentioned, that the cheque now sent be accepted and the rebate allowed. Carried. Alderman Irwin and Alderman Dick being Members of the organization affected did not vote.

From H.H. Stevens, M.P. stating that there was no Government Dredge in the Harbor suitable fro dredging the ferry slip at Vancouver, but promising his assistance in this matter at any future time. Filed.

From the City Assessor returning to the City Clerk completed Assessment Roll fro the year 1913. Received and filed.

From J. Wylie Donaldson, Secretary N.V. Board of Trade stating that a regular Meeting of the Executive Council of the Board it was unanimously decided that a public ambulance conveyance should be procured for the North Shore and asking the Council to give consideration to the matter. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman that the letter be laid over for consideration of the next Council.

From those. J. Chambers asking permission to provide an open air concert party for North Vancouver during the summer of 1913. Referred to the incoming Council.

From the City Engineer advising the installation of a luminous arc system of electric lighting on Lonsdale Avenue from the waterfront to First Street. Laid over on the table for the consideration of the incoming Council.

From the Misses Dawsons offering Lots 9 and 10/85/549 as a site for a new police station at the price of \$20,000. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Foreman that the ladies be replied to that the Council have no immediate intention of purchasing site for such a purpose.

From A.C. Sutton, asking that the Council consent to plans filed by the B.C. Telephone Company for the erection of poles on 19th Street East in order that telephone communication may be established to Mr. Sutton's house. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Biss that communication be referred to the Engineering Department and that the writer be so advised.

Alderman Dick brought up the question of alleged reductions in rates recently granted by the B.C. Telephone Co. in respect of calls to Vancouver. He moved that it be recorded as being the sense of this Council that the B.C. Telephone Co. has not acted fairly in the matter inasmuch as they had previously promised to reduce the tolls to Vancouver by 50%, whereas they had introduced a 5 cent rate, it was charged in every case when the number asked for was obtained, whether the party asked for was obtained or not, although they will still continuing to charge 10 cents on the long distance calls and that the incoming Council be requested to deal with the matter at an early date, also that a copy of this resolution be sent to the B.C. Telephone Co. Seconded by Alderman Foreman and unanimously carried.

From Edward Dissette stating that there was a balance of \$22.50 due to him from Mr. W.T. Boulton who had recently been contracting with the City and asking that the amount be collected for him. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Fraser that a copy of this and any other demands for payment be forwarded to the City Solicitor together with a copy of the contract stating the date of the completion of the work, the amount held back and for what purpose and the date of the passing of the work as completed, and any other information in connection with the contract.

From Wm. Townsley on behalf of the Trustees of the N.V. Methodist Church applying for repayment of \$81.48 being sum paid for taxes in respect of church property which should have been exempted under the Municipal Act. Moved by Alderman Irwin seconded by Alderman Foreman that the Treasurer be authorized to return the amount claimed provided it is correct, and that he is satisfied that the property is in realty church property.

A letter was read from Linburg & Lund offering to complete the uncompleted portion of their contract on Keith Road for the sum of \$150 to \$200 and asking for the release of the 25% of the contract price held back by the City. Alderman Biss

stated that this referred to a portion of the contract which had not been completed owing to the wetness of the ground. He recommended that the contract be finished by the City, a sufficient sum to cover the cost of the finishing to be retained and that the balance should be paid over to the Contractors. Moved by Alderman Dick seconded by Alderman Foreman that the Engineer bring in a written estimate of the cost of finishing the work, and that double the amount of that estimate be retained till a completion of the work, any balance remaining due to be paid to Linburg & Lund. Meantime a difference between the 25% of the contract price retained and double the amount of the Engineer's estimate to be handed over to the Contractors. Mr. Archer of the firm of Linburg & Lund who was present expressed his willingness to agree to this proposal and to take a statutory declaration that all the bills for material and labour in respect to this contract had been paid.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Health, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks, 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:

Board of Health	\$53.20
Board of Works	1,069.58
Local Improvement	730.72
Waterworks	1,072.35
Parks	38.50

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 9th instant was read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Dick reported Rice Lake work was proceeding almost as rapidly as it was during the summer months in spite of the great amount of snow on the ground.

Alderman Biss brought up the question of a letter from Howes Proctor & Co. regarding the payment of the bill for placing rock on the quarry road and stating that the cost of production of the rock was \$2.37 but that they were willing to charge the City for this work at the rate of \$2.25 per cubic yard. Alderman Biss suggested that if Howes Proctor & Co. were willing to accept \$1.80 per cubic yard this account for the quarry road and 19th Street should be paid. Seconded by Alderman Irwin.

A letter was also produced from Howes Proctor & Co. asking to be allowed but \$4,000 of their percentage-retained accounts they had some heavy payments to make on traction engines and wagons purchased by them for city work. The Engineer stated that in his opinion a detailed statement should be submitted as to the streets in respect of which this \$4,000 was asked and the matter was referred to the Engineering Department to report.

The Engineer produced his annual report of the work done during the past year. Moved by Alderman McRae seconded by Alderman Irwin that the report be adopted and that publicity be given to the facts contained therein. The motion was carried.

Alderman Dick dissenting on the ground that the report dealt with matters which were not within the scope of the Engineering Department.

Mr. Eaton of the N.V. Coal & Supply Co. attended before the Council and on motion was heard. He stated that several City Contractors were considerably indebted to him for material supplied and asked the Council to take steps to assist him to collect his accounts. After some discussion it was suggested by the Mayor that Mr. Eaton consult a Solicitor on the subject who could get in communication with the City Solicitor.

Alderman Irwin desired to make a report as to the excellent work done by the Public Works Departments during the past year and in the first place he voted a cordial vote of appreciation to the Board of Works Department for the excellent work that had been done on the streets during the year. Seconded by Alderman Dick and unanimously carried.

Alderman Irwin moved a hearty vote of appreciation to the Waterworks Committee and the Lanes Committee. Seconded by Alderman Foreman and carried unanimously.

Alderman Dick moved a vote of appreciation of the work done by the Finance, the Lanes and Parks & Cemetery Committees. Seconded by Alderman Fraser and unanimously carried.

The Meeting thereupon adjourned till Friday next 17th instant at 4 o'clock p.m. This to be sufficient notice to the Aldermen.