

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1913 AT 8  
O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Hanes  
Alderman Pilling  
Alderman Kennedy  
Alderman Wheeler  
Alderman Williams  
Alderman Allen  
Alderman Vance

The Minutes of the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From His Worship the Mayor recommending that the proper steps be taken to have the Stevenson Block on Lonsdale Avenue moved back to the new street line. Referred to Board of Works.

From the Hon. Provincial Secretary stating that Alderman Vance and Mr. Roderick McKenzie have been appointed members of the Board of Licensing Commissioners, and that Alderman Allen and Mr. John B. Paine have been appointed members of the Board of Police Commissioners. Filed.

From the City Solicitor regarding progress estimates passed by the last Council payable to Howes Proctor & Company. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the City Clerk, New Westminster giving rate of wages paid to firemen in that city. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From the Municipal Clerk, South Vancouver, giving rate of wages paid to fireman in that Municipality. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From the Fire Chief giving report for the month of January. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From Geo. A. Stimson & Co. asking for particulars of debentures which it is proposed to sell this year. Referred to Finance.

From Arthur F. Muston asking for a wagon road to his property lot 29/205/545. Referred to Board of Works.

From Robt. J. Fowler asking for a sidewalk from Bewicke Avenue to Lot 18/4/265, 15<sup>th</sup> Street West. Referred to Board of Works.

From J.B. Romano asking for sidewalk on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From R. McMillan asking for discount on water rates due on 31<sup>st</sup> January, payment of which had been overlooked. Referred to Water Committee.

From the Advertising Manager of the Financial Post of Canada regarding suggested advertisement of debentures. Referred to Finance Committee.

From F.T. Salsbury, Secretary-Treasurer, N.V. Horticultural Society requesting the Council to name two members to act on the Directorate. Moved by Alderman Allen and resolved that Alderman Pilling and Alderman Kennedy be appointed Directors of this Society for the current year.

From the Hon. Secretary of the B.C. Society of Architects asking that the plans of proposed new City Hall building be thrown upon to completion among B.C. Architects. Filed.

From Alex Smith & Co. appealing against the rate charged for water on Rogers Block at 217 2<sup>nd</sup> St. West. Referred to Water Committee.

From C.J. Keller asking for sidewalk on 11<sup>th</sup> Street East between Moody and Queensbury Avenues. Referred to Board of Works Committee.

From Leslie H. Clark applying for the opening of a road and the laying of a sidewalk to his property, Lot 21/36/549-550. Referred to Board of Works.

From Geo. Campbell, Secretary Board of School Trustees enclosing detailed estimate of the sums required by the Board for the current years ordinary expenses. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Russell, Russell & Hancox regarding claims of Tolosov & Varr. Referred to Board of Works.

From the Chief of Police giving list of dates for which street lights have been reported out or in bad order during the month of January. Referred to Fire & Light Committee.

From the City Clerk applying for an increase of his salary to date from the first of the year. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the City Clerk recommending his stenographer, Miss Kelly for a raise of \$15.00 per month. Referred to Finance Committee.

From L.L. Dickinson asking for the opening of a lane at rear of Lots 19 and 20/131/274. Referred to Board of Works.

From W.T. Grahame, Janitor, recommending the purchase of a telescope ladder for general use at the City Hall. Referred to Finance Committee.

From T. Piper asking for the opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Ridgeway to Lot 21, Block 29. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from McCullough and Blomberg and twenty-one others asking for a sidewalk on 17<sup>th</sup> Street East from the Boulevard to the N.V. Nurseries. Referred to the Board of Works Committee.

Petition from John D. Johnston and another asking to have Wolfe Street opened up to give access to Larson Road. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from C.H. Moore and eight others asking for a sidewalk on the south side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Ridgeway and Queensbury Avenue. Referred to Board of Works Committee.

Petition from A. McKenzie and eight others asking for the opening of 24<sup>th</sup> St. from Lot 25/218A to St. Andrew's Avenue, and on St. Andrew's Avenue from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Street, also for a sidewalk on 25<sup>th</sup> street from St. George's Avenue to St. Andrew's Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

A peition was also presented from Horace J. Haslett and three hundred others asking that the Council carry into effect without delay the purchase of Lots 1 to 6/110/548 for civic purposes as a City Hall. Moved by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Kennedy that the petition be laid on the table for consideration.

The Engineer produced a plan of subdivision of Block 178/271 with a recommendation that it be adopted. Moved by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Allen and resolved that the plan be passed.

Report and recommendation by the School Committee on due account was submitted by the respective Chairman and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the account to the following amount:

School ..... \$2,402.73

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

Howes Proctor Co.	Macadam on Chesterfield from water front to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	\$692.09
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	Macadam on St. Andrew's Avenue from water front to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	475.80
	Macadam on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street from Forbes to St. David's Avenue	243.89
	Macadam on Queensbury from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street to Lynn Valley Road	121.97
	Macadam on Lonsdale from 19 <sup>th</sup> Street to City Limits	283.83

The reports of the Finance, Fire and Light and Lanes Committees as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo were read and on motion adopted.

The report of the Water Committee as contained in the Committees minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo was read.

Alderman Wheeler explained that in view of the present position of Rice Lake matters it was thought necessary to stop the work in the meantime. The Mayor explained the position of the ownership of D.L.'s 856 and 857 being the Rice Lake lands. The sum of \$75,000 had been expended by the previous Council in respect of these lands which under the Water Act was illegal, and it might be necessary for this Council to ask the Government to legalize this payment. The Mayor gave a history of the position of matters as regards these lands from January 1906 to date and stated that he and Alderman Williams were going to Victoria to consult the Government on the subject. The report of the Committee was then adopted.

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo was read and on motion adopted as amended.

The City Engineer produced local improvement reports and plans of the proposed sewers on 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets and it was moved by Alderman Wheeler seconded by Alderman Kennedy that the plans and estimates of the City Engineer be received and the work advertised.

Alderman Kennedy gave a report of the Committee appointed to consider the suggestions made by the City Clerk for the amending of the Municipal Elections Act as follows:

1. That one name or class of names be placed upon the Voters List in respect of any one property. In the opinion of the Committee the holder or joint holders of an Agreement for Sale where such has been granted, are the only persons entitled to vote in respect of the property affected as the registered owner has only a lien against the property enforceable in the event of installments not been regularly paid.

2. That each owner who is qualified be entitled to vote in each ward in which he is so qualified.
3. That the Voters List be prepared as in Section 15 of the Municipal Elections Act, and that the List as revised by the List to be voted upon for all purposes during the year to which it applies.
4. That the notice of the Court of Revision be advertised for five consecutive issues before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December in any year instead of as at present under subsection "b" of Section 15 for "five consecutive days in one week."
5. That a greater space of time between the nomination and the Election in City Municipalities be given as three days is hardly sufficient for the work which is necessary to be done.
6. That nominations be accepted according to Section 22 of the Act, and that the notice in Section 35 be altered so as to confine the time for receiving nominations to the hours specified in Section 22.
7. That Section 41 be amended by inserting instead of the words "at the time and" occurring in the first line of that Section the words "at two o'clock of the nomination day and at the."
8. That some arrangement be made for the counting or otherwise of tendered ballot papers.
9. That some arrangement be made under Subsection "d" of Section 8 by the alteration of the definition of the word "Householder" so as to make it applicable to cities in which improvements are not taxed.
10. That Section 4 of the "Municipal Elections Act, Amendment Act, 1912" be repealed.
11. That the voting on Bylaws be taken upon the Voters List for the year then current and not as at present in terms of Section 200 of the Municipal Act.

Moved by Alderman Kennedy seconded by Alderman Vance that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Kennedy that the City Clerk be authorized to accompany the deputation leaving tonight for Victoria in order that he may place the suggestions before the Attorney General and endeavor to have legislation enacted carrying them into effect.

Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor