

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1913 AT 8
O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Hanes
Alderman Kennedy
Alderman Wheeler
Alderman Williams
Alderman Allan
Alderman Vance

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 17th instant were taken as read and on motion adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Mr. Domenico asking for a continuation of the existing sidewalk on Chesterfield Avenue north from 19th Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. Earland asking for the opening of 2nd Street through Block 30. Referred to Board of Works.

From Hon. Thos. Taylor, Minister of Railways acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed at Meeting of Public Bodies on 14th February. Referred to the Adjourned Meeting of Public Bodies.

From W.B.A. Ritchie, K.C. enclosing extract from Bill No. 43 of the Legislative Assembly being a Bill for the amendment of the Municipal Act. Filed.

From H.H. Stevens, M.P. acknowledging receipt of wire supporting his action in connection with Harbour improvements for Vancouver. Filed.

From Percy S. Howard, City Auditor, complimenting the City on the perfect shape in which he found the City's books. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Taylor, Harvey, Baird & Stockton asking for payment of \$25.00 being the cost of advertising the loss of conveyance Hammersley to the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver dated 1904. Referred to Finance Committee.

From S. A. Fletcher, Water Commissioner, New Westminster enclosing copy of report made by him to the Comptroller of water rights. Moved by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Kennedy and resolved that the Solicitor be asked to take up this matter with the Mayor and bring out a statement as soon as possible, and that he be instructed that the City wishes to keep the record which it already has as well as to obtain the one at the point of diversion.

From McCullough & Blomberg asking the Council to give permission to erect poles on 17th Street from Sutherland Avenue East to the Nurseries for the B.C. Telephone Company's line. Moved by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Kennedy that McCullough & Blomberg be authorized to erect poles on 17th St. Moved as an amendment by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Vance that the B.C. Telephone Company be asked to erect the poles. There voted for the amendment, Alderman Williams, Alderman Kennedy and for the motion Alderman Allen, Alderman Williams and Alderman Vance. The amendment was thereupon declared carried.

From the City Solicitor regarding the definition "wild land" as applied to City Municipalities. Filed.

From A.Y. Tullis, President of the St. Andrew's & Caledonian Society stating that it is the intention of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Societies of B.C. to hold their annual convention and provincial sports this year in North Vancouver and asking for a donation towards prize money. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the North Vancouver City Bank enclosing financial statement for the year 1912. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Geo. D. Hoyland, regarding the removal of a dangerous tree on Lot 17/116/274 and also as to lane in Block 116. Referred to Board of Works and Lanes Committees.

From the West End Grocery regarding the repairing of Bewicke Avenue and View Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From the B.C. Mountaineering Club asking the City to take a page of advertising in the Club's Journal. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John J. Brown asking that the Council pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to write the Provincial Secretary for admission to the Old Man's Home of Cryprian Dion who is eight-one year of age, and unable to support himself. Moved by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Wheeler and resolved that the Mayor be authorized to take the necessary steps as requested.

From W.S. Compston asking for the clearing and burning of stumps on the Boulevard on View Street between Larson Road and 19th Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From H.E. Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer North Vancouver City Ferries Ltd. asking that his Board be furnished with a copy of report by a Committee of the 1912 Council re construction of subway at the Vancouver terminal and also annexing copy of a resolution as follows:

“Moved by Director Circkmay, seconded by Director English and unanimously carried that:

WHEREAS in the opinion of this Directorate, the construction of the subway is unduly delayed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary Treasurer be directed to communicate with the North Vancouver City Council, and request that body to direct a letter to the City Engineer of Vancouver, requiring to know what progress is being made towards the undertaking of the construction of the Subway beneath the CPR tracks at the entrance of the Vancouver terminal of this Company”.

The Clerk was instructed to give the necessary information.

Petition from W. Orr and others asking for the revision of the water rate of two cabins situated at 318 and 322 3rd Street West. Referred to Water Committee.

Petition from Geo. A. H. Baxter and others regarding the condition of 19th Street East between Queensbury and Ridgeway Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

Petition from H. Holdsworth and others asking for a sidewalk on the south side of 14th Street from Forbes to Delbrooke Avenues. Referred to Board of Works.

The letter from Geo. Campbell, secretary Board of School Trustees giving a detailed estimate of sums required for special or extraordinary expenses legally incurred by the said Board during the current year amount to \$140,000 which came before the Council at its meeting on 17th current, and by them referred to the Finance Committee, was again read to the Council and it was moved by Alderman Kennedy seconded by Alderman Williams and resolved that the request of the Board of School Trustees for said sum of \$140,000 be registered owing to there being no fund out of which such sum could be paid.

A letter was thereupon produced by the Mayor from Mr. Campbell requesting that a Bylaw be duly submitted for the assent of the Electors in manner prescribed in Section 124 of the Municipal Act.

Moved by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that Bylaw for the sum of \$140,000 as requested by the Board of School Trustees be submitted to the Electors at an early date and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare such a Bylaw.

Alderman Vance asked if any answer had been received as to the legality of the plebiscite taken in respect of Bylaw No. 234 regarding the purchase of Lots 1 to 6/110/548.

The Mayor read a letter from the City Solicitor stating that the Bylaw not having been registered, the plebiscite was illegally taken notwithstanding this, however, the opinion of the people had been ascertained and the Council could act upon it or not as they saw fit, he added that even had the Bylaw been legally registered it would have had no binding effect upon the Council. Alderman Vance thought it was the duty of the Council either to complete the purchase or to turn it down. He accordingly moved that owing to the financial position of the City at the present time the Council do not purchase the property, Lots 1 to 6/110/548. Seconded by Alderman Wheeler.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if the Council had given the Ferry Company any authority to invest the sinking funds of that Company in any way. The Clerk having replied in the negative, the Mayor stated that he had discovered that there was no such fund, although the financial report for last year shows cash on hand in Bank for this purpose to the amount of \$4,446.41. This money apparently was only in the Bank for two or three days. He asked for the authority of the Council to investigate into how that money got into the account mentioned, and on whose authority it had been withdraw, and what had been done with it.

Move by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Wheeler and resolved that the Mayor be authorized to inquire into the matter and report to the Council.

The Mayor stated that at the last Meeting of the Provisional Directors of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company a motion was passed to the effect that the opinion of the various Municipal Solicitors be obtained as to the questions asked by the Mayor. He had a copy of the letter sent by the Bridge Directors to the Company's Solicitor and he suggested that this letter together with a copy of the Charter of the Company be sent to the City Solicitor for his opinion. Alderman Vance moved that the City Solicitor be requested to furnish an opinion on the various questions submitted by the Mayor to the Provisional Directors of the Bridge Company. Seconded by Alderman Kennedy and carried.

The Mayor stated that the Bank of British North America would not pay any more cheques until the various matters in connection with local improvements had been straightened out. The following accounts were thereupon passed subject to the settlement of the questions between the Bank and the City.

Reports and recommendations by the Board of Health, School, Board of Works, Local Improvement, Waterworks 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	\$210.00
School	3,815.79
Board of Works	1,815.79

Local Improvement	2,535.50
Waterworks	665.90

Moved by Alderman Kennedy seconded by Alderman Vance that Howes Proctor Co. be paid \$1,446.16 and Hall & Bowyer \$258.00 subject to the settlement of the questions above mentioned.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's minutes of the 19th instant was read and on motion adopted.

The reports of the Board of Works, Fire and Light, Waterworks and Lanes Committees of the 20th instant were read to the meeting and on motion adopted.

Mr. Harries, a letter from whom was read among the correspondence asking for a rebate on water rates not paid in time was present and on the motion of Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Wheeler was allowed to speak. Mr. Harries stated that he had been north at the time when the notice came in and immediately on his return had to go to the Hospital. Alderman Wheeler explained the position of the Council in the matter and stated that if Mr. Harries applied for a flat rate he would be willing to take up the matter with the Council.

Owing to the impossibility of Alderman Pilling not being able to be present at the Court of Revision to be held the 25th current it was moved by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Kennedy and resolved that Alderman Vance be appointed a member of the Court in place of Alderman Pilling.

The Mayor then left the Chair which was taken by Alderman Kennedy.

The Mayor moved the two following resolutions which were both seconded by Alderman Allen and carried.

"Resolved that this Council of the City of North Vancouver requested the Provincial Government to use their influence with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company towards inducing them to commence early construction of their railway between Newport and the City of North Vancouver".

"Resolved that Mr. H.H. Stevens, M.P. be written to and asked when the Government will be in a position to announce their intention as to the location and construction of a Government Dock in North Vancouver."

Bylaw No. 236, being the "Road Machinery Purchase Bylaw, 1913, No. 2", was read a first and second time.

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Bylaw No. 238, being the Waterworks Loan Bylaw, 1913, No. 2", was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 239, being the "Rice Lake Loan Bylaw, 1913, No. 2" was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 240, being the "Streets Maintenance Bylaw, 1913, No. 2", was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 241, being the "Lanes Loan Bylaw, 1913, No. 2" was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 242, being the "Subway Loan Bylaw, 1913, No. 2", was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 243, being the "Schools Extraordinary Expenditure Bylaw, 1913", was read a first and second time.

Bylaw No. 244, being the "Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company Shares Purchase Bylaw, 1913", was read a first and second time.

Some discussion took place as to the newspaper in which the Bylaws should be advertised. Left in the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Bylaw No. 235, being the "Building Bylaw, 1910, Amendment Bylaw, 1913", was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed and authorized to be signed and sealed as above.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor