

A North Burnaby/Mission City tramline proposal from 1912

Tom McCafferty, burnaby2celista@hotmail.com of North Burnaby has been researching an almost-forgotten tram line proposed in 1912 that was to run from Vancouver, through his Morton Park neighbourhood, then via Coquitlam to Mission.

The newspaper clips below are from his own collection.

VANCOUVER TO MISSION
 Burrard, Westminster Boundary Ry. and Navigation Company File Plans for Electric Line.
 Plans for an electric railway between Vancouver and Mission have been filed at Ottawa by Mr. William MacNeill, as president of the Burrard Westminster Boundary Railway & Navigation Company. Mr. MacNeill is also assistant general manager of the Western Canada Power Company. From a point on Main street near the junction with Keefer, the railway is shown to extend eastward towards the head of False Creek, where it turns almost to the creek, thence runs due east till Nanaimo street is reached. There another turn south is made, and thence the line runs due east across Hastings Township. It enters Burnaby almost exactly in the centre of the north and south line of the western boundary of D. L. 117, running due east across this lot the railway passes near Port Moody. From lot 311 the railway route runs due east to a crossing of the main tracks of the C. P. R. in lot 291. On the north side of the C. P. R. tracks the proposed line parallels the tracks east of the crossing of the Pitt river. The electric line right-of-way begins immediately on the north side of the Dewdney trunk road. The Pitt river will be crossed by a bridge to extend a few hundred yards to the north of the C. P. R. Assistance from the provincial government towards the construction of this bridge is to be sought.
 East of the proposed bridge the line continues immediately north of the Dewdney trunk road to a point about ten miles west of the Slave river, or to the point where the trunk road turns abruptly due south. Leaving the line of the trunk road the railway strikes the Slave river in power plant of the Western Canada Power Company. Slave river is crossed, and the line continues eastward for about two miles. It then makes a right-angled turn to the south, continuing in that direction for between two and three miles, thence turning eastward again to a point in the northeast of the town of Mission, where it makes a wide loop into Mission from the northeast.

Tram-line to Mission-Acreage

Burnaby
 4 20-Acre Tracts in D. L. 142
 23 3-4-Acres in D. L. 6—mostly cleared
 4 1-2-Acres on corner of Johnstone Road

Coquitlam
 192 Acres in D. L. 371 at \$500 per Acre

Maple Ridge—On Dewdney Trunk Road
 20 Acres in the S.W. 1-4 of Sec. 21, T.S. 12, at \$200 per Acre
 40 Acres in the N.W. 1-4 of Sec. 14, T.S. 12, improved
 170 Acres fronting on Tram-line at \$300 per Acre
 35 Acres at Hammond—partly improved, at \$425 per acre
 30 5-Acre Tracts on Tram-line

HANEY
 46 Acres having over one mile of WATER FRONTAGE on the Fraser river, one mile East of Haney. This property carries all mineral rights, including COAL which has been found at the above point in abundance.
 This property also has C. P. R. Trackage.
SEE US FOR HANEY ACREAGE.

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NORTH BURNABY ACRES

“Buy acreage near a growing city,” was James J. Hill’s advice to a friend who asked him what he considered the safest and most profitable form of investment. . . . It is here on the American continent, or in the world, for that matter, a city that is growing more rapidly than the city of Vancouver? And the growth of the last five years, wonderful as it has been, is no nothing compared with the development that may be looked for during the next decade. Hundreds of residents of Vancouver have made fortunes within the last five years by buying acreage in Point Grey, North Vancouver and South Burnaby. Within the past three months several investors have been quickly buying acreage near a growing city in North Burnaby. We were wide awake enough to secure some of the very choicest North Burnaby acreage six months ago at a price that enables us to offer the small investor an opportunity seldom open to any but the man who has thousands of dollars to invest. A study of the above map will give a good idea of the location of our property. We spent weeks in looking over the Burnaby property before purchasing, and we know we have the choicest block of acreage in North Burnaby.

We have subdivided the property into 72 blocks containing from five-sixths of an acre to one and a quarter acres. Every block has frontage on the two full sixty-foot streets. The dimensions of every block are such that, with the double street frontage, it will re-subdivide perfectly into smaller lots without one foot of the property being required for street allowances.

It is impossible to go into full particulars here as to the advantageous location of this property and the opportunity it offers for an absolutely safe and profitable investment. We can only say that the man who is able to handle only one block of our property can buy it at the same price per acre as has been paid by careful investors for 20 and 40 acre blocks in the same locality. Payments are extended over three years, enabling purchasers to hold for the great advance in value which is certain to come.

We shall be pleased to furnish full information by mail together with plans of subdivision and price list. Mail us your name and address today. We know that this property will sell very quickly, so do not delay. Take sound advice: “Buy acreage near a growing city.”

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 Please mail me full information about North Burnaby acreage.
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MORE STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS FOR COQUITLAM

Vancouver-Mission Tram Line of Western Canada Power Company will pass through Rosedale. **ROSEDALE NEARLY GONE.** Will not be advertised again. Many buyers have taken our advice. This is the last time we will give advice regarding **ROSEDALE.** Call or wire but do not write.

We told you Friday and Saturday to **GET IN THE CROWD** and get one or more lots in **ROSEDALE, COQUITLAM.** We were right again. There was a crowd, and they bought lots so fast that Rosedale is now so nearly gone that this is the last time it will be advertised. We are giving you here your opportunity—the opportunity others took advantage of Friday and Saturday, and are now on the road to profits, and we are giving it to you for the last time.

The New Tramline to be built by the Western Canada Power Company, which will connect Mission City, Vancouver and intermediate Points, will PASS RIGHT THROUGH ROSEDALE

If you will look at the “World” of Saturday, March 2, you will see a map of the approved route, passing through D. L. 373, in which Rosedale is situated. There is also an article in connection with the map, which, besides giving the route in detail, tells something about what this new tram line will do to develop the wonderful valley of the Fraser and connect up all the communities of the lower mainland.

Do you realize that Rosedale will be on the main highway of commerce between all these settlements? Farmers will bring in their produce to the unlimited markets of Greater Vancouver, passengers and tourists will be carried by the thousands, and Every-

thing will pass through Rosedale. But this advantage, great as it undoubtedly is, is only one of the many which Rosedale has. Before this announcement came out, we had dozens of applications for Rosedale lots. Those who applied have already bought in nearly every case, and if you want to make a slice of the money which will be made, and is being made in Rosedale, this is the last time we will ask you to do it. **WHY BUY LOTS IN FAR AWAY SUBDIVISIONS EVEN IF YOU DO STAND A GOOD CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY ON THEM? IF YOU CAN MAKE MONEY ON OUTSIDE STUFF, YOU CAN SURELY MAKE MUCH MORE ON INSIDE STUFF.**

Rosedale is only half a mile from the C. P. R. Station

MORTON PARK
D. L. 117, BURNABY

Many people prefer a 50x132-foot lot to an ordinary 33-foot, and also high and dry property with good drainage. This property has these and many other advantages, such as two good earlines, Hastings Street on the north and Burnaby on the south, to the city, and the main trunk road between Vancouver and Westminster runs through the property. This road has now both light and city water.

The announcement of the new Fraser Valley earline, to pass through this property, has had a pronounced effect on the values. It is proposed to raise the prices on March 1.

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