

Lancaster March 9th 1891.

The Council met on Monday March 9th 1891
Present: His Worship the Mayor and Alder-
men Brighthouse, Carroll, Godfrey, Scoullar,
Scumpton, Hobson, Brown, McDowell, De-
Sencier and Doering.

The Minutes of last regular and Special meet-
ings were read.

After the Minutes were read the Mayor stated that
he would firmly but respectfully decline to sign the
Minutes of the last meeting beyond the point
at which he left the Chair and the Special meet-
ing.

It was then moved by Alderman Scumpton
seconded by Alderman Brighthouse

That the Minutes of last re-
gular and Special meetings be adopted as read.

The Mayor ruled that he would not sign that por-
tion of the Minutes of the regular meeting after he
left the Chair, but would sign the preceding min-
utes and the Minutes of the Special meeting.

Aldermen Carroll and DeSencier wished a note
to be made of the fact that they retired from the
Council Chamber after the Mayor declared the
adjournment and did not take part in any
subsequent business.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse
seconded by " Brown.

That the Mayor leave the
Chair.

The Motion was put by the mover and de-
clared carried by a vote of 5 to 4.

The Mayor referred the Mover and Seconder to
Clause 19 of the procedure By-law.

The City Solicitor being asked his opinion on the situation stated that he did not think it mattered whether the minutes were adopted or not.

The business could go on just as well as not.

As regards the motion that the Mayor should leave the Chair, there was nothing to that effect in the City Charter. There is special provision in the Charter of Victoria that when a Mayor refuses to just, a motion another can take his place. This had been just in for just such an emergency as a deadlock had occurred at Victoria. If the business went on he thought it would be legal.

Whether the action of the Council at the last meeting was legal or not was an entirely different question. It was purely a matter of discretion on the part of the Mayor whether he refused to just the motion or not. They could overrule him by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

As far as the signing of the Minutes were concerned it did not matter either way, as far as the legality was concerned as the Minutes were simply a record of the proceedings.

The Mayor then ordered the Clerk to proceed to the next order of business.

He proceeded to read the Communication whereupon six of the Aldermen left the Council Chamber thus leaving no quorum.

The Mayor then left the Chair and the Council stood adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer
Mayor

H. S. MacGillivray
Clerk