

Vancouver May 27<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Council met on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1891.  
at 8 P.M.

Present: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen  
Brighthouse, Carroll, Godfrey, Scoullar, Hobson,  
Templeton, Brown, McDowell, and DePueir

A communication was received from Chipman  
Morgan & Co. agents for Marie Bell asking for an  
extension of time <sup>for the</sup> construction of the graving dock  
at wh. Vancouver on, account of permission  
not having been obtained to construct from  
the Dominion Government.

After this was read Alderman Scoullar <sup>asked</sup> moved  
that the City Solicitor's opinion be obtained as  
to whether they were legally sitting as Aldermen  
after signing the document at last meeting  
of Council tendering their resignation.

Alderman McDowell seconded the motion.

The City Solicitor stated that so long  
as the document was allowed to remain in the  
City Clerk's hands it was an absolute resigna-  
tion, without he was told to hold it under  
certain conditions.

They could however now withdraw their resigna-  
tions as the original intentions were not  
fulfilled one Alderman having refused  
to sign.

The Mayor and Aldermen then had their names  
struck off and business proceeded.  
The communication from Chipman, Morgan  
& Co was referred to the Board of Works.

The following portion of the Finance Committee's  
report laid over from last meeting was read and  
adopted on motion of Alderman Brighthouse  
seconded by Alderman Brown:

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27<sup>th</sup> 1891

Present: Aldermen Brown, Hobson, Scoullar and Carroll

## Communications

From J. J. Slade asking for payment of his bill of costs in the Slaughter house case.  
 Referred to the City Solicitor to certify as to the correctness of the bill.

From R. J. Williams asking for an order and a subsidy for the D.C. directory

From A. St. Geo Hamersley asking that an arrangement be made as to remuneration for revising the City By. laws.

Resolved that he be asked to give a written estimate of the cost of the work to be done.

From the Board of Trade asking the Council to pass a resolution urging the Department at Ottawa to take immediate action towards the removal of the stacks from the foreshore of Vancouver Harbour and False Creek.

Resolved that a motion be passed in Council to that effect.

Resolved that Mr. Hamersley retain Mr. Richards to help him in the Water Works Arbitration, he to be paid a retaining fee of \$250<sup>00</sup> and \$50<sup>00</sup> per day while absent from home in connection with the Arbitration.  
 That W. C. Archer and J. M. Spiro renew the policy of Insurance on the City Hospital for three years at a premium in each case of \$150<sup>00</sup>.

From Mr. Hamersley stating that he had made an offer to the owners of lots 4, 5 & 6, in Block 48, 196 for the portion of those lots through which Powell Street runs and that he has prepared a deed of conveyance to the Sugar Refining Co of Block 47, 196. Filed

A writ of Summons by H. D. Warren claiming damages in the sum of \$5000<sup>00</sup> was laid before the Committee and was referred to the City Solicitor with instructions to defend the action moved by Alderman Carroll.

That a By. law be introduced to raise a loan for permanent improvements, the amount to be left for future consideration

Carried

Edw. W. Brown, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman McDowell.

Seconded by " Scullin.

That R. H. Alexander be requested  
to act in the capacity of Police Magistrate pending  
the appointment of a duly qualified Police Magistrate  
carried.

The consideration of the Estimates was deferred until  
they were again laid before the Finance Committee

The Council then adjourned.

J. Oppenheimer  
Mayor

Thos. S. McQuinn  
City Clerk