

City Reviews Estimates of Costs and Revenues – April 30, 1894

Two firemen fined \$5.00 each for being intoxicated on duty. The Sisters of Charity, who operated St. Paul's hospital, given the grade for Pendrell Street. Council appointed a Committee who would look into allegations against the City Engineer. This meeting extended into Consideration of Estimates after usual business concluded.

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Vancouver Apr 30th 1894

The Council met on Monday Apr 30th 1894 at 8pm.

Present: His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman Salsbury, Shaw, Queen, McCraney, McPhaiden, William Brown, Franklin, C.L. Brown and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. Buntzen asking whether the contracts for lighting the Fire Halls could be temporarily reserved until the arrival of meters from the east. Referred to the Fire & Light Committee

From C. Sweeny asking for the payment of the sidewalk around the Bank of Montreal building. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Thomas Allen asking for an allowance for loss on McQuarrie contract. Laid over.

From Leany & Kyle agreeing to allow dumping in the ravine belonging to them south of False Creek. Filed.

From William Farrell stating that the money was read to take up the debentures recently purchased by him. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Mayor and Council of Nanaimo inviting the Mayor and Council to be present at their celebration on the 24th of May. Accepted on motion of Alderman McCraney; Seconded by Alderman Queen.

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From HJ Ceperley stating that a statement was being prepared as to the value of policies etc belonging to the City lighting system. Filed.

From FW Black applying for the position of Detective. Referred to the Police Committee.

From Theodore Horrobin etal, asking for the removal of the crematory. Referred to the Health Committee.

The following Reports were received and read:

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 27th 1894.

Present – Aldermen Salsbury, William Brown, McDowell, McPhaiden and Bethune

A deputation from the Vancouver Improvement Company waited upon the Committee with a view of obtaining a reconveyance of certain portions of lots in Block 48, 181 on Powell Street not required for street purposes. The Committee promised to give the matter their consideration.

From George A. Cheney offering to lease the Race Course for \$10 a month and put it in repair and give a percentage of receipts at race meetings.

Resolved, That he be informed that the Committee is of the opinion that the race course should be leased for such sum as will cover the interest and sinking fund on the debentures issued for improving said grounds; the amount being \$605.00

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From the City Auditor stating that he was ready to go on with the auditing of the Tax Books and asking for a checker. Laid over.

From E. Machin asking the Council to place to the credit of the Free Library in the Bank of BC the sum of \$1000. Request granted.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to request Mr. D. Oppenheimer to deliver the minerals presented by him to the City, to the Secretary of the Library Board.

That Messrs. James & Richards be offered \$6500 for Lots 37 to 41, Block 38, S41 on condition that the street to the south can be closed without opposition.

The communication from Major Townley was laid over for another week.

From E. Lindsay Phillips asking the Committee to rectify the assessment on Lot 21, B33, 185 he having been assessed for a house on a vacant lot in 1893. Resolved that his request be granted.

That the following accounts be paid:

News advertiser	supplies	\$92.40
Monetary Times	ads	\$7.50
H.M. Henderson	clerical work	\$60.00

Signed W.F. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney; Seconded by Alderman Queen

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

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Fire & Light Committee

The Fire & Light Committee met on Wednesday April 25th 1894. Present: Alderman Franklin, Shaw, Queen, McCraney and Bethune.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

BCMT & L Co	Supplies	\$13.98
James A. Skinner	supplies	\$1.50
Welsh BrP	supplies	\$160.49
City Printing Works	supplies	\$5.80

Communications

From A. Blaney offering anthracite coal at a reduced rate. Filed.

From John McKie asking if the City would oppose his application to the Dominion Government for permission to erect generating works in Stanley Park. Resolved. That he be informed that the City cannot look with favor upon his application.

From McDowell & Co asking payment for a car boy furnished the Fire Department. Chief Carlisle was instructed to return the car boy.

From Chief Carlisle reporting William Elliott as being intoxicated while on duty. Resolved that William Elliott be fined \$5.00 and also A.G. Evans who was guilty of a similar offence and that in future any firemen guilty of intoxication while on duty be suspended for one month and if the offence is repeated the second time that he be discharged.

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That the agreement prepared by the City Solicitor re the insuring of the firemen be approved and that the firemen be notified to sign same and that the chief of the Fire Brigade be instructed to ascertain

where he can obtain the insurance on the most-favorable terms and report to Council next Monday night.

That J.A. Lester be appointed fireman for one month and that he be paid the usual salary while he acted as substitute for Fireman Biggar.

That the Vancouver Electric Railway & Light Company or their legal representatives be notified that if a decided answer is not received to the communication from Council re the purchase of their poles etc by the 7th of May that the Council will take steps to make other arrangements for lighting the City at the expiration of their contract.

Signed J.L. Franklin, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin; Seconded by Alderman Bethune.

That the clause in the Report in relation to the street railway be amended by making the 7th of May read the 14th of May. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Queen; Seconded by Alderman Franklin.

That the Report as amended be adopted. Carried.

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Wednesday April 25th 1894. Present: Aldermen C.L. Brown, William Brown, Shaw and Queen.

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The following accounts were recommended for payment:

F. Fillion	supplies	\$24.60
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Wong Yuen	interpreting	\$1.50
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From Welsh Bros, refusing to pay the expense of the Market scales if they were found correct. Filed.

Resolved, That the Chief of Police be authorized to order 5 pairs of blankets for the Jail.

Signed C.L. Brown, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on April 26th 1894. Present: Aldermen McCraney, Shaw, Brown and Queen.

Correspondence

From J.D. Byrne on behalf of the Sisters of Charity of Providence asking for grades on Pendrell Street and also sewerage connections.

Resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to give them the grades asked for and that permission be granted them to make the requisite sewer connections at their own cost.

From George Martin, C.M.C. South Vancouver drawing attention to the bad condition of South Granville Street. Referred to the Street Inspector to send some rock to repair the bad places.

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From G.W. Hobson, Secretary of the Fire Headquarters objecting to the small greenhouse in course of erection at the northwest corner of Granville & Pender Streets. Filed.

From the Street Inspector re clearing in subdivision 185 and other matters. Laid over.

From A.G. Ferguson et al, asking that a double track be laid on Hastings Street between Carrall and Cambie Streets at the same time as the paving.

Resolved, That this Board recommends the putting down of a 72 lb grooved girder rail for double track on Hastings Street between Carrall & Cambie Streets provided the money for same can be found.

From A. Prefontaine et al, asking that the stumps in front of their residences on the Park Road be removed. Laid over.

From E. Atkinson asking that the lane in rear of 5th Avenue be graded. Laid over.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

News advertiser		\$6.80
William Steel		\$.75
D. Gibbons	Richard St drain	\$187.71
Martin Kelly	curbstones	\$1110.38
H. Lomas et al	labor	\$223.10

Signed H.P. McCraney, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney; Seconded by Alderman Queen.

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

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Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Franklin; Seconded by Alderman Queen

That the By-Law to repeal By-Law No. 22 be read a 1st time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman William Brown; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden

That the following Aldermen compose the Water Committee viz Shaw, Queen, McPhaiden, William Brown and Bethune. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Franklin; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden

Whereas certain allegations accompanying this resolution have been made that the City Engineer has been negligent and has not shown due capacity in carrying out certain works and contracts in connection with his department and that the interests of the City and Citizens have suffered thereby be it resolved that the Police Magistrate be requested to hold a court of enquiry concerning the conduct of the Engineering Department of the City and the management thereof by the City Engineer. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Franklin; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden.

That the Mayor be requested to appoint a Committee from Council who shall sit as an advisory Board during the investigations on the City Engineer. Carried.

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His Worship appointed Alderman Shaw, McDowell, McPhaiden, William Brown and Bethune.

Moved by Alderman McCraney; Seconded by Alderman Franklin.

That the contract with Martin Kelly for the delivery of curb & gutter stones for the permanent pavement be notified and that the Mayor be authorized to sign same and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Queen; Seconded by Alderman Salsbury

That the following labor account be paid:

Hooper etal	\$278.90
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That the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to furnish the Committee with a report upon the companies (sic) plant and assets and a full inventory of same with estimated value, and to employ an electrician to cooperate with him if necessary. Carried

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman McCraney; Seconded by Alderman Queen

That the amendments to the Ward By-Law be read a 2nd time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown; Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the By-Law to amend the Market By-Law be read a 2nd time.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Queen; Seconded by Alderman Shaw

That the By-Law be read six months hence. Amendment lost; motion carried.

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Notices of Motion

Alderman Salsbury gave notice that he would introduce a motion to appoint Henry Avison, the Park Ranger in Stankey Park, a pound keeper for the City at a salary of \$1.00 per year; also that he would introduce a By-Law to strike the rate for 1894.

Alderman Shaw gave notice that at the next meeting he will introduce a By-Law to provide funds under the Local Improvement Acts for certain improvements in Lot 185, also a By-Law to provide for the collection of taxes in arrears.

Consideration of Estimates

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for the Consideration of the Estimates, Alderman Salsbury in the Chair.

After considerable discussion the Committee rose and adopted the following on motions of Alderman Bethune seconded by Alderman Wm Brown:-

Revenue

Gross amount of taxes on assessment }	
\$18,301,184. ⁰⁰ at 20 Mills }	\$366,023.68
Less delinquent	<u>50,000.00</u>
	\$316,023.68
Less Rebate	<u>70,000.00</u>
	246,023.68
Amount to be realized by enforced }	
payment of taxes due to end of 1892 }	25,431.89
Collections on account of Taxes	
overdue for 1893	12,000
Additional Licenses	3,756.06
Miscellaneous Receipts as per Schedule	<u>118,757.52</u>
	\$406,008.15

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Expenditure

Finance Committee as per schedule	\$184,092.79
Board of Works	\$ 28,650
Fire & Light Committee	\$ 41,889.69
Water Committee	\$ 15,000
Board of Health	\$ 23,006
Police Commissioners	\$ 17,640
School Trustees	\$ 49,182
Park Commissioners	\$ 2,700
Free Library Board	\$ 2,458
Special Street Work executed by Board of Works	
To April 20 th 1894	\$ 14,866.65
Provision for 1893 accounts unpaid at Dec 31 st	\$ 26,523.02
TOTAL	\$406,008.15

Recapitulation

Interest & Sinking Funds	\$115,105.87
Schools	\$ 49,184
General Fund	\$201,735.81
TOTAL	\$366,023.68

Interest & Sinking Funds 115,105.87 = 6.29 mills	\$115,114.45
Schools 49,184 = 2.68 mills	\$ 49,047.17
General Fund 201,735.81 = 11.05 mills	\$201,862.06

Total Assessment \$18,301,184 @ 20.00

\$366,023.68

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Estimated Miscellaneous Receipts for year 1894

1893 Licenses

Liquor	\$20,000	
Billiards	\$ 400	
Hack & Dray	\$ 500	
Dogs	\$ 600	
Pawnbrokers	\$ 400	
Opium	\$ 1000	
Second Hand Stores	\$ 400	
Theatres	\$ 100	
Auctioneers	\$ 500	
Scavengers	\$ 275	
Pipe Layers	\$ 550	
Miscellaneous	\$ 275	\$25,000
Cemetery Fees		\$ 1,000
Police Court Fines		\$ 3,000
Hospital Fees		\$ 2,500
Market Rent		\$ 1,200
Poll Tax		\$10,000
Frontage Tax arrears 1893	\$ 663.42	
Frontage Tax current	\$ 5,791.27	
Frontage Tax By-Law 199	\$ 1,205.98	\$ 7,000
Rent of Rock crusher		\$ 500
Provincial Gov't Grant to Hospital		\$ 5,000
Provincial Gov't Grant to Fire Department		\$ 500
Brockton Point Athletic Association		\$ 605.20
City Pound fees		\$ 100
Provincial Gov't per capita School Grant		\$ 14,000
Miscellaneous		\$ 500
Water rates		\$ 46,000
Premium on sale of L. Deb (??)		\$ 1,852.33
TOTAL		\$1,187,757.52

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Finance Committee

Interest & Sinking Funds

	Interest	Sinking Funds	
By-Law 12	\$846	478	
By-Law 13	483	563.27	
By-Law 29	9001.70	1578	

By-Law 44	1200	210.40	
By-Law 64	9000	1578	
By-Law 70	750	91 *	
By-Law 80	6250	1315	
By-Law 91	1000	210.40	
By-Law 94	1500	315.60	
By-Law 100	6250	1315	
By-Law 126/127	23593.60	6208.68	
By-Law 146/151	22814.92	5998.30	
City's proportion 1/3 155	1851.67	1117.16	
Owner's proportion 2/3 155	3703.33	2234.33	
City's Proportion 1/3 199	602.97		
Owner's proportion 2/3 199	1205.94		
	\$90,053.13	\$23,213.14	
Revote a/c 1893	1500	339.60	
	\$91,553.13	\$23,552.74	\$115,105.87

* By-Law calls for \$375 annually but \$157.85 annually is all that is required. Say value of \$1.00 annuity compounded @ 4% for 40 yrs = \$95,025
Therefore \$15,000 divided by \$95,025 = \$157.85

The amount of Sinking Fund instalments to close of 1895 = \$1875.00

The amount of accrued interest on close of 1895 \$ 156.11

Total amount capitalized to close of 1895 \$2031.11

Say value of \$1.00 for 36 yrs at 4% compound interest \$4.1039

Therefore \$2031.11 x \$4.1039 = \$8,335.47, the amount while present sum capitalized would produce at maturity of debentures.

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~~Say value of \$1.00 annuity compounded at 4% —~~

Therefore \$15,000 - \$8,335.47 = \$6,664.53 the amount yet to be provided by annual Sinking Fund.

Say value of \$1.00 annuity compounded at 4% for 55 years = \$73.652

Therefore \$6,664.53 divided by \$73.652 = \$90.48 amount of Sinking Fund instalment annually required from 1894 to maturity or say \$91.00

Salaries

Treasurer	\$1500.00
City Clerk	\$ 125.00
City Clerk	\$1000.00
Accountant	\$ 125.00
Accountant	\$1000.00

Auditor	\$ 720.00
Solicitor	\$2000.00
Poll Tax Collector	\$ 75.00
Poll Tax Collector	\$ 725.00
Licence Inspector	\$ 20.00
Extra assistance Treas & Collectors office	\$ 720.00
Temporary	\$ 500.00
Stationery	\$2000.00
Election expenses	\$ 500.00
Fuel City Hall	\$ 450.00
Light City Hall	\$ 300.00
Mayor's allowance	\$1200.00
Legal expenses	\$6500.00
Fire Insurance	\$ 500.00
Interest, exchance etc	\$5000.00
City Band Allowance	\$ 480.00
Telephone	\$ 50.00
Contingencies	\$3500.00
Debenture moneys to be refunded	\$39,026.92
TOTAL	\$184,092.79

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Board of Works

Salaries	\$7000	
Cleaning Streets	\$2500	
Street & Sewer repairs	\$7000	
Bridge repairs	\$1000	
Street sprinkling	\$ 400	
Stationery	\$ 400	
Sewer Construction	\$20,000	
Street work, crushed rock, drains etc, incl relief grant	\$5000	(58,450 struck out)
Bathing sheds, cleaning rocks, etc	\$ 200	
Resurvey of D.L. 264A	\$1580	
Contingencies	\$5000	
Street sweeper	\$ 350	
TOTAL	\$28,650	

Fire & Light Committee

Salaries	\$15775.00
Fuel, oil & waste	\$ 1250.00
Repairs, tools etc	\$ 1100
Fire alarm, maintenance	\$ 250
Feed & shoeing	\$ 2000
Telephone service	\$ 200
Uniforms	\$ 800

New fire alarm boxes	\$ 1400
1 horse	\$ 300
Hook & ladder truck	\$ 3500
2 horses for hook & ladder truck	\$ 500
1 sit harness for hook & ladder truck	\$ 110
House for hook & ladder truck	\$ 2000
2 men for hook & ladder truck @ 55	\$ 1320
Contingencies	\$ 700
Suction hose (rerate)	\$ 626.69
Street lighting, 140 lights @ .44 per weight	
\$61.60 for say 306 nights	\$19388
	\$41,889.69

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Water Committee

Salaries	\$2610.00
Telephone service City	\$ 72.00
Telephone service Water Works	\$ 78.00
Repairs submerged main	\$4000.00
Maintenance north side	\$3500.00
Maintenance City	\$2500.00
Tools	\$ 250.00
Shop expenses	\$ 300.00
Stationery	\$ 350.00
Contingencies	\$ 1340.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,000

Board of Health

Salaries Officers	\$3936.00
Salaries Hospital	\$2845
Contagious diseases	\$3000
Inquests	\$ 225
Fuel Hospital	\$1000
Light Hospital	\$ 650
Telephones Hospital	\$ 50
Supplies Hospital	\$5000
Relief	\$ 600
Crematory salaries	\$ 700
Crematory expenses	\$ 500
Scavenging expenses	\$ 500
Contingencies	\$1650
Contingencies Hospital	\$ 350
Cemetery expenses	\$ 500
Additional ward for hospital	\$ 500
	\$23,006.00

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Police Commissioners

Salaries	
Stipendiary Magistrate	\$1800.00
Force	\$12400.00
Transport of Prisoners	\$ 100.00
Clothing for Prisoners	\$ 50.00
Board of Prisoners	\$1600.00
Police uniforms	\$1100
Telephones	\$ 40
Pound expenses	\$ 50
Market Hall repairs	-
Contingencies	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$17,640.00

Park Commissioners

Salaries & Maintenance	\$2000.00
Revote	\$ 700.00
TOTAL	\$2700.00

Free Library Board

Rent	\$ 500.00	
Salaries	\$ 1200.00	
Lighting	\$ 275.00	
Heating	\$ 50.00	
Papers & periodicals	\$ 250.00	
Stationery & printing	\$ 50.00	
Post office box	\$ 8.00	
New books	-	
Contingencies	\$ 50.00	
Binding	\$ 75.00	\$2458.00

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School Trustees

Salaries	
High School	\$7740
Central School	\$6660
East End School	\$8880
West End School	\$7920
Mt Pleasant School	\$7440
Fairview School	\$1380
	\$40,020

Caretakers

High School	\$ 300
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Central	\$ 600	
East End	\$ 672	
West End	\$ 660	
Mt Pleasant	\$ 600	
Fairview	\$ 120	\$2952
Fuel		\$1500
Water		\$ 250
Necessary repairs		\$1000
Mortgage West End School		\$1500
Insurance		\$ 300
Rent East End Branch		\$ 480
Rent Fairview		\$ 180
Contingencies		\$1000
Heating East End		\$4000
Truant Officer		\$ 150
Secretary		\$ 300
Water connections		\$ 150
	\$49,182.00	

The Council then adjourned.
Thomas Francis McGuigan
City Clerk

R.A. Anderson
Mayor

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