

Council Passes Lands to Vancouver Improvement Co., C.P.R. - December 2, 1895

The council passes By-laws authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands to the Vancouver Improvement Co., and the Canadian Pacific Railway, and then to fix the time for taking a vote on the above bylaws.

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Vancouver December 2nd 1895.

The Council met on Monday December 2nd 1895.

Present – His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Shaw, Coupland, Queen, Gallagher, Clandenning, Brown, Sanders, Bethune and McDonald.

The Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From John Brenton asking for instructions regarding the Market.
Referred to the F.M. & P. Committee

From John Walker etal asking for the opening up of a lane between 10th and 11th Avs. Mount Pleasant.
Referred to the Board of Works

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights.
Filed

From A.J. Whitaker asking for a sidewalk on 13th Av
Referred to the Board of Works

From A. Campbell Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary acknowledging receipt of letter re the Salary of the Police Magistrate
Filed

From the City Auditor certifying to the correctness of the City's accounts for October.
Filed

From H. J. Cambie asking that the drain from his premises on Georgia Street be lowered.
Referred to the Board of Works

From G.F. Monckton asking for the use of the City Hall for lecturing purposes.

Moved by Alderman Shaw.
Seconded by " Brown.
That his request be granted.
Carried

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From the City Engineer asking for amendments to the Fire Limit By-Law.
Referred to the Board of Works

From Mark Gosse etal asking for an electric light on the corner of Manitoba Street and Lorne Av.
Referred to the Water & Light Committee

The following Reports were received and read.

Water & Light Committee

The Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday November 27th 1895.
Present – Aldermen Brown, Coupland, Gallagher and Bethune

Communications

From Geo de Wolf etal, asking the Committee not to let the contract for street lighting without calling for tenders.
Laid over.

From Geo de Wolf making an offer the light the City.
Laid over.

From James England for the Vancouver Gas co re street lighting.
Laid over.

The following reductions in water rates were recommended:-

Dwelling house 1st tap to \$ \$9.00 per an

Bath tubs private 4 " "

" " public 10 " "

Barber shops first chair 10 " "

Butcher shops (or meter) \$10 to 20 “ “

Hotels or boarding houses per room (or meter) 1. “ “

Stables, 1 horse or cow & waging 1 vehicle 4. “ “

“ each additional horse or cow 1 . “ “

Stores 10. “ “

Workshops, not over 5 persons 10. “ “

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Work shop, each additional person. 1.00 per annum

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Can General Electric Co Supplies .27

Evans. Coleman & Evans “ \$9.

Telephone Co. Telephone 7.50

Vancouver City Iron Works Supplies 29.08

Thos Veitch Teaming 36.40

N.S.S. Co Towing 8.10

B.C. Iron Works co Supplies 158.38

G.A. Roedde “ 18.00

W. Hooper etal Labor 640.00

sgd Wm. Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brown.

Seconded by “ Coupland.

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Fire Market & Police Committee

The Fire. Market & Police Committee met on Wednesday November 27th 1895.

Present – Alderman Gallagher, Coupland, Sanders and McDonald.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

A. Blayney Supplies \$9.00

Anglo American Co “ 1.25

Hugh Findlay Inspection Market Scales 5.00

John Currell Repairs .25

R. Robertson supplies 1.

Geo Walker Repairs 8.50

M.P. Morris Interpreting 6.
K. Iriye " 1.50
Cassady & Co Supplies 1.
Hugh Graham Labor 7.50
Wm Ralph Supplies .90

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Communications

From the Coroner asking that an electric light be put in the Jail Yard.
Resolved that a light be put in.

From the Chief of Police, drawing attention to defects in the Opium and Market By-Laws.
Resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a new By-Law dealing with the opium question in conformity with the Act.

From Geo Campbell Secretary of the Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock Association asking for the use of the Market Hall on January 7, 8, 9, & 10, 1896.

Resolved that they be allowed the use of the Market Hall on condition that the City has possession and on condition that they pay for the lights and leaves the hall in as clean as condition as they found it.

From Wm Ward asking that pockets for batons be put in the policemen's overcoats.
Resolved that this be done.

From the City Clerk drawing attention to the fact that the new policemen had not signed contracts.
Resolved that contracts be prepared for the whole police force and that the clause in the present contracts with the old force allowing them to retain rewards offered for the arrest of runaway sailors of Her Majesty's Ships be eliminated.

From the City Auditor certifying to the correctness of the Pound Keeper's Report.
Filed

From Gray & Robertson asking to lease the Market Hall if it is turned over to the City.
Filed.

From A. Blayne quoting prices on Coal. Laid over.

From J. W. Johnston asking for extra pay

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while he acted as Chief of Police.
Referred to the full Council.

From Harvie Robertson applying for the position of Market Clerk.
Laid over.

From the Chief of Police stating that there was nothing to justify the verdict censuring the police on the inquest held on the remains of Chin Sung.
Laid over until the Chief gets a report from Officer Harris.

sgd W. H. Gallagher
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland.
Seconded by " Gallagher
That the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday November 29th 1895
Present – the full Board.

The following account was recommended for payment:-
H.M. Henderson Salary \$60.00

Communications

From W.E Gravely asking for the renewal of the Insurance on Fire Hall No one.
Resolved that it be renewed for one year with Mr Gravely as follows:- \$800 on the building and \$200.00 on the contents.

From D.C. McGregor asking for the renewal of the insurance on the Crematory.
Laid over.

sgd Alex Bethune
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Brown.
Seconded by " Clandenning
That the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Brown.
Seconded by " McDonald.
That the cheque of Geo De Wolf put up with his offer for lighting the City be returned the contract having been awarded.
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Coupland

Seconded by " Gallagher.

That the communication from J.W. Johnston asking for the same salary as the Chief of Police while he acted in that capacity be filed.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Shaw.

Seconded by Alderman Bethune.

That he be paid \$80.00 per month while he acted as Chief of Police

Amendment lost.

Motion Carried

Moved by Alderman Bethune.

Seconded by " Clendenning,

That the City Solicitor be instructed to look after the proposed assessment on the Mackay loan when the matter comes up before the Court of Revision at Kamloops.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Coupland

Seconded by " Brown.

That the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for proposals for leasing the market such proposals to be received up to Monday the 9th next at noon.

Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Gallagher.

Seconded by " Coupland.

That Wm Murphy be paid \$350. On account of uniforms for the police.

Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Brown,

Seconded by " Coupland.

That the following By-Laws be read a 2nd time:-

(a) A By-Law to authorize the sale and conveyance of certain lands hereinafter described to the Vancouver Improvement Co.

(b) A By-Law to authorize the conveyance to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co of a certain parcel of land hereinafter described

(c) A By-Law to fix the time etc for taking a vote on the above by-laws.

Carried

The By-Laws were accordingly read a 2nd time.

Moved by Alderman Brown.

Seconded by " Bethune.

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of these three By-Laws. Carried.

The Mayor was appointed Chairman

The first two were read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete.

The polling by-law was laid over to be considered in Committee of the whole on Monday the 9th next.

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Notice of Motion

Alderman Shaw gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a By-Law to amend the Fire Limit By-Law.

Alderman Brown gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to amend the Water Works By-Law relating chiefly to the rates.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 3rd next at 10.A.M.

Henry Collins

Mayor

THos.F. McGuigan

City Clerk