

Post office boxes needed in Mount Pleasant, West End "suburbs" - April 15, 1889

Urgent need for more Post Office boxes for the "suburbs" in Mount Pleasant and west of Granville Street. Municipality of Richmond's agreed contribution toward the Granville Street Bridge has not been received. Bridge agreement had been made among Vancouver, Richmond and the CPR.

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Vancouver April 15th 1889

The Council met on Monday April 15th 1889 at 7:30 P.M.

Present His Worship, Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Clark, Costello, Horne, McConnell, Oppenheimer, Salsbury and Whetham.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Wm. Urquhart et al praying against the charge of \$500.00 for Shop Licenses and requesting that the charge be reduced to \$200.00. Referred to License Committee.

From W. Vankoughnet, Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs to his Worship the Mayor, informing him that Maria Island could not be thrown open for Settlement. Filed.

From H. E. McKee asking Council to have the streets fronting Block 7, 200A cleared. Referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

From Dr. Bell-Irving, asking aid from the Council for the Vancouver Rifle Association. Referred to the Finance Committee.

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From A. St. G. Hammersley asking Council to fix a remuneration for his services in consolidating the City Charter etc. Referred to Finance Committee.

From J. C. McLagan asking for payment of his account for vouchers. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From J. C. McLagan acknowledging receipt of a communication re City Advertising and printing. Filed.

Reports

Finance No 11

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 15th 1889 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship, Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Salsbury, Whetham, Clark and Costello.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Board of Works

D. McAlister, Westminster Av. \$30.73
H. Coumacher, Powell Street 202.50
D. J. McDonald, Sect 2 Hastings St. 180.00
do Gravel 222.27
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 43.56
World Printing & Publishing Co. 59.88
Robert Rutherford, Hastings Road 9.00
Godfrey & Co. Axes etc. 1.55

Board of Health

Bell-Irving & Johnston, Medical \$15.00
Vancouver Transfer Co. Drayage 7.00

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C. P. R. Co. Fares \$3.00
F. W. Hart, Stretcher 6.00
Hong Sing, Washing 25.00
S. T. Tilley, Stationery 2.00
Sorenson, Herbing & Co. Drugs 13.05
Vancouver Electric Ill Co. 30.00
J. Wolfe Scavenger Work 4.00
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. Meat 41.14
R. L. Winch, Vegetables 28.55
Palmer Bros. Coal 16.50
Scuitto & Co. Groceries 63.43
W. J. Smith, Drayage 2.00
DL. Beckingsale, Evidence 5.00
W. J. McGuigan, Inquest 10.00
Mrs. Luke, Nursing 10.50
Telephone Co. 4.00
Vancouver Wharfage Co. 7.50

Finance

World Printing & Publishing Co. \$61.24
Charter Committee, Expenses to Victoria 150.00
Jones & Bardis, Ward case 25.00
Hotel Vancouver 21.00
T.N Hibbin, Rules of Procedure 7.50
Theo Davie, Legal Services 75.00
C. P. R. Telegraph Co. .60 cts

We beg to recommend:

1. That Fire Hall No 1 be painted.
2. That a box drain be put down on the South Side of Georgia Street to prepare for the gravels.
3. That a Bunker be allowed 15 cts a cubic yard for the dirt used in filling in Burrard Street for a lane of 500 feet or under and 20 cts a cubic yard

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for a lane over 500 feet.

4. That Lot 1, Block 10, 182 be purchased for \$500.00.
5. That the City Engineer's Salary be raised to \$125.00 per month.
6. That the Firemen's petition, praying for exemption from paying poll taxes be referred to the City Solicitors for his opinion thereon.

Sgd. W. S. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brewer seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the Finance report be adopted.
Carried.

Health No 4

The Health Committee met on Friday April 12th 1889.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Salsbury, Whetham, Brewer and Costello.

Alderman Whetham was appointed Chairman in place of Alderman Lefevre resigned.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Bell-Irving & Johnston, Med All \$15.00
Vancouver Transfer Co. Drayage 7.00
C. P. R. Co. Fares \$3.00
F. W. Hart, Stretcher 6.00
Hong Sing, Washing 25.00
S. T. Tilley, Stationery 2.00
Sorenson, Herbing & Co. 13.05

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Electric Illuminating Co. \$30.00
John Wolfe, Scavenging 4.00
VanVolkenburgh & Bro. Meat 41.14
R. I. Winch, Vegetables 28.05
Palmer Bros. Coal 16.50
John Scuitto & Co. Groceries 63.43
W. J. Smith, Drayage 2.00
DL. Beckingsale, Evidence 5.00
W. J. McGuigan, Inquest 10.00
Mrs. Luke, Nursing 10.50
Telephone Co. 4.00
Vancouver Wharfage Co. 7.50
Scuitto & Simon, Relief 4.00

We beg to recommend:

That the Chairman of the Board of Health be instructed to ascertain the cost of a crematory and a steam scow and report at the next meeting of this Committee and that in the meantime that the harbour master be requested to allow the dumping to be continued in the old place pending final arrangements being made.

That the Chairman of the Board of Health be instructed to examine into and report upon the communication from the Hospital Board re better ventilation for the City Hospital.

Sgd. James Whetham, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Salisbury. That the Health report be adopted. Carried.

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Works No 11

The Board of Works met on Thursday April 11th 1889.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, McConnell and Oppenheimer.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

World Printing & Publishing Co. 59.88
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 43.56
D. J. McDonald, Sect 2 Hastings St. 222.27
do Gravel 180.00
H. Connacher, Powell Street 202.50

D. McAllister, Westminster Av. \$30.73
Godfrey & Co. Axes etc. 1.55

2. That Messrs Chilberg and Davis be permitted to move a frame building from the rear of Lot 17, Block 3, OGI, to the rear of Lot 17, Block 3 OGI, they having given the notice required by law and no objections having him filed with this Board.

3. That having given notice to Mr. J. R. Blake

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as required by By-Law to abate the nuisance consisting of his buildings on Lot 15, Block 2 OG. I we now direct that such buildings be razed to the ground.

4. That Fire Hall No 1 be painted and tenders called for same.

5. That Lewis Carter be notified to pull down his fence on Westminster Road between Lots 130 & 132, 264A the same being across the street.

6. That Hastings Street extension be built on the lines shown on the map without purchasing Lot No 1 Block 10, 182.

Re the communication of F. C. Innes for the filling and grading of the north end of Burrard Street, we consider that those who dig out basements ought to be glad to have a handy place to put the excavated material on to the streets; yet while Granville Street, Seymour Street, Richards Street and Homer Street require filling to bring them up to grade we would recommend that A. Bunker the contractor for making the excavation be paid at the following rates for filling said streets viz for all distances under 500 feet lane 15 cts per cubic yard and over 500 feet have 20 cts per cubic yard.

Regarding the communication from

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H. Abbott on the subject of veneering an ice house at Hotel Vancouver we beg to recommend that he be communicated with informing him that his request cannot be entertained as such veneering would be contrary to the provisions of the Fire Limit By-Law.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Brewer. That clause 4 of the Board of Works report be struck out and the following clause substituted therefore. That half of Lots 18, 19, 20 & 21 in Block 9, 182, offered to the City by R. G. Tatlow and Co be purchased for \$600.00. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Oppenheimer introduced a By-Law to amend By-Law No 8, which was read a first time.

Alderman Whetham introduced a By-Law to provide for the collection of Poll Tax, which was read a first time, the rules being suspended.

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Alderman Salsbury introduced a By-Law to raise \$125,000 by way of Debentures for general improvement which was read a first time.

Alderman Salsbury introduced a By-Law to fix the polling places etc. for the vote on the Loan By-Law which was read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the Loan By-Law be read a second time.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Horne seconded by Ald. Whetham. That the second reading of the By-Law to raise a loan of \$125,000 be laid over for two months until the Council is furnished more fully with all information necessary and all urgent street improvements, surface drains and sewers which are actually necessary in the City and that the same be proceeded with at once and that a temporary loan be arranged at one of our Local Bonds to pay for such improvements. Amendment lost motion carried.

The By-Law was then read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on motion of Alderman Clark.

Alderman Salsbury in the Chair.

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In committee the By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported back to Council as complete with amendments.

The By-Law to fix the polling places etc. was read a second time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on Motion of Alderman Clark, Alderman Salsbury being appointed Chairman.

The By-Law was numbered 78 and read over clause by clause and reported back to Council as complete with amendments.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello and ordered to be engrossed, signed sealed and gazetted.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the \$500.00 recommended by the Board of Finance for the purchase of Lot 1 Block 10, 182 be devoted towards the purchase of parts of Lots 18, 19, 20 & 21, Block 9, 182 and that \$100.00 more be added to the original sum. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman McConnell. That with the probability of the expenditure for improvements within those portions of the City limits which are cleared and upon which buildings are now in course of erection or where buildings are likely to be contracted for during the present season being quite as heavy as the City finances will be able to meet the expenditure be strictly maintained within those limits and not be permitted to exceed them. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. Whereas the habitable limit of the City of Vancouver are rapidly extending in every direction making the distance from the suburbs to the Post Office so great for many hundreds of people as to make it very inconvenient for them to post letters or other mail matter.

And whereas to remedy this inconvenience an increased number of Letter Boxes is absolutely necessary.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council Assembled that the Post Master General be requested to increase the number of Post Office Boxes placing one or more South of False Creek on Mount Pleasant one at the Junction of Heatley Avenue and Powell Street and one on Georgia Street or on such other street West of

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Granville Street as may be found most convenient for the inhabitants of the locality.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. the Post Master General. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That it is necessary and expedient for the convenience of the Public that a sidewalk be built from the Southern extremity of the one now in use to the City Boundary on the New Westminster Road to the Cemetery.

Therefore be it resolved that this Council ask the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for this Province to take this matter under his early and earnest consideration and take such measures as will lead to the establishing of a six ft sidewalk along the side of the North Arm Road and the repairing of the said road from its intersection with the Southern Boundary of this City to the cemetery on said road.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be at once forwarded to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary at Victoria by the City Clerk. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the following

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Police accounts certified as being correct by the City Accountants be passed for payment:

S. T. Tilley, Stationery \$20.75
The World Printing & Publishing Co. 8.27 ½
Rev. E. Robson, fares 10.00
Scuitto & Co. Supplies 142.52 ½
The World Printing & Publishing Co. 14.30
James R. Payne, Chimney 12.50
Starett & Leatherdale, Hack hire 1.50
Palmer Bros. Coal 33.00
S. T. Tilley, Postage Stamps 2.00
John Watson, Secret Service 12.50
Charles Nelson, Drugs 3.00
W. A. Cumyow, Interpreter 3.50
John McLaren, Fares 3.00
L. W. Haywood, Fares 14.00
Chas. Packe, Express 2.50
R. Mathison, Printing 7.00
C. Lewis, Express 1.00
Van Volkenburgh & Bros. Meat 26.55
Herbing & Co. Drugs 1.50

That tenders be called for the furnishing of Summer Uniforms for the Police Force.

That the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase the necessary fixings in the way of badges, clubs, hand cuffs nippers and whistles to equip the two officers who have been added to the Force. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello seconded by Alderman Brewer. Whereas by arrangement made between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Municipality

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of Richmond and the City of Vancouver it was agreed that each of the said parties should perform certain works in order to open up a direct communication between said Municipality and this City.

And whereas each of said contracting parties with the exception of said municipality has performed what it agreed to do by said agreement or arrangement.

And whereas the Corporation of the City of Vancouver relying upon the good faith of the parties to said arrangement has expended in building the Granville Street Bridge across False Creek the sum of \$22,000 which Bridge was and will be unnecessary for same time unless the whole of the work on the faith of which the said sum was expended shall be performed.

And whereas said Municipality of Richmond has not yet made provision for the work it agreed to do and the Government of British Columbia has estimated its intention to recede from its offer of \$10,000.00 to assist said Municipality of that Corporation does not provide the necessary means to fulfill its obligations on or before the 30th day of June next.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled that said Municipality be notified that it will be a breach of public faith on its part with all the other contracting parties if it does not at once provide the means

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to performs its part of said Agreement on the faith of which this Corporation has made large outlays which were unnecessary and would not have been made were it not for the reliance of the Council and citizens on the bonafides of the province made by said Municipality.

And be it further resolved that the Council of said Municipality be requested to fulfill its obligations at once as it will greatly to be regretted and will possibly do great harm in future if agreements between neighbouring Municipalities so solemnly entered into be not carried out by one of the parties thereto after the other has performed its duty in the matter.

And be it further resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Council of Richmond Municipality. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk