

Rev. E. D. McLaren to head University of British Columbia – August 11, 1890

Rev. E.D. McLaren appointed the City's representative to the newly-formed Corporation of the University of British Columbia. Council recommended that the Union Steam Ship Company be granted a subsidy of \$250.00 per month to run the S.S. Cutch "or some other good boat" on the Vancouver-Nanaimo route, at least six days per week. Since the Park Commissioners had "no amount placed in the estimates" for buying or maintaining animals or birds in Stanley Park or elsewhere, no payments would be made for related expenses.

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Vancouver August 11th 1890

The Council met on Monday August 11th 1890 at 8 P.M.

Present: His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer and Aldermen Browning, Caroll, Garden, Fox, Sentell, Costello, McLeod and Mason.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications

From Justice McCreight furnishing a copy of the order granted in the information restraining operations being proceeded with on Cambie Street Bridge. Filed.

From S. Beaumont praying for the grading of Princess St. Referred to Board of Works.

From Messrs Boyd and Clandenning acknowledging that they had made a mistake in the tender for the grading of Burrard St and asking that the contract be not awarded to them. Referred to Board of Works.

From Frank Humphrey, Porter of the Hospital, asking Alderman McLeod to withdraw certain remarks made by him in reference to the hospital staff. Referred to Health Committee.

From H. McDowell & Co protesting against paying their trade license. Referred to Licensing Board.

From the City Solicitor informing Council that there was no process at present to cause the removal of Slaughter houses. Referred to Board of Health.

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From the City Solicitor giving an opinion in reference to the wood on the cemetery grounds, advising that the workmen should put a line on it. Referred to Board of Works.

From the City Solicitor notifying the Council that the appeal of the Vancouver Water Works Co, restraining the Council from proceeding under By Law No 101 was dismissed with costs. Water Works Com. filed.

From Wm Cargill Secy Union S.S. Co. withdrawing the application made for a subsidy for the Steamer Cutch. Filed.

From B.T. Rogers, Manager of the Sugar Refinery Committee asking the Council to spend the balance of money due on clearing boulders from in front of the wharf. Referred to Sugary Refinery Committee.

From J.J. Blake advising that the Council had his power to grant a subsidy to the U.S.S. Co. Filed.

From John H. Bouchon applying for the position of Market Clerk. Laid on Table.

From Yates, Jay & Russell claiming damages on behalf of Harry Arnold Reese for false arrest. Referred to City Solicitor.

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Reports

Board of Works No 22

The Board of Works met on Friday August 8th 1890.

Present: Aldermen Costello, Doering, Browning and Sentell.

It was recommended:

1 That the lane in Block 285 District Lot 541 be planked 100 feet, at a cost of 67.00 subject to an arrangement being made by the Aldermen of Ward 2 for the provision of the funds.

2 That John Crabb be paid \$5.00 for burying a horse near the public cemetery and \$20.00 in full settlement of his claim for watching wood and protecting property against fire, at the cemetery.

3 That the communication from R. Mackay Tripp asking permission to create sample rooms on the Dougall house property be referred to the Fire Inspector to report upon.

4 That there are no funds available for the gravelling of an approach from Powell St. as petitioned for by Messrs Webster and Edmonds, nor for the extension of the Sewer in Block 10, 196, as petitioned for by H. F. Keefer.

5 That the City Clerk be authorized to have the connection made from the Vancouver Water Works Co's main to the City Market to complete the plumbing of said building.

6 That Homer Street between Davie and Drake be grubbed as far as necessary to receive the filling obtained from the cutting on said street between Helmcken and Davie.

7 That the following tenders be invited:

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(a) Ditching and crowning the connecting road from the cemetery to the hill about 4000 feet.

(b) Filling the Market Grounds to grade.

(c) Grading Ninth Av 1 block east of Scotia Street.

(d) a 3 ft sidewalk on Carolina St from 6th to 7th Av.

8 That the following contracts be awarded:

Dupont St. Box drain D. Gibbons

11th Av grading D.H. Morgan

11th Av Bridge F.C. Budlong

Burrard St grading Boyd and Clandenning

Raymur St grading ditto

Jervis St sidewalk W.G. Fraser

Robson St sidewalk Urquhart & Morris

Lane in B94 541 D. Gibbons

Bute St. sidewalk W.G. Fraser

9 That the following accounts be paid:

James Clandenning, Brockton St 550.90

H.F. Keefer, Sewers 3478.21

Wm Cullen, Market grounds 225.00

D.J. McDonald, Davie St. 117.00

Leatherdale & McDonald, Bute 336.48

H. Connacher, Keefer St. 214.20

John Telford, David St. 187.65

R.C.P. Mills Co. Lumber 18.63

Alex McDonald, digging graves .50

C.H. Lloyd, Pender St 146.30

Van Gas Co. 22.50

Gurney Cab Co. 2.50

Woods, Turner & Gamble, Survey. 30.00

Several petitions received were laid over until next meeting.

Sgd. M. Costello, Chairman pro tem

Moved by Alderman Sentell, seconded by Alderman Gordon. That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the Report. Carried.

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Alderman Costello was appointed Chairman. In Committee the Report was read over clause by clause and adopted without amendment. The Committee then rose and adopted the Report on Motion of Alderman McLeod, seconded by Alderman Sentell.

Finance No. 21

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 1st 1890.

Present: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Browning, Costello and Garden.

It was recommended:

1. That the Union S.S. Co Ld. be granted a subsidy of \$250.00 per month terminable at the pleasure of the Council, provided it is legally empowered to make such grants in consideration of said Company running the S.S. Cutch or some other good boat on the Vancouver – Nanaimo Route, at least six days in every week, and keeping the service up to a proper standard, the object being to build up a trade and develop the interchange of commerce between the two cities, and further that the City Solicitor's opinion be obtained as to whether the Council has power under its Charter to grant such subsidy.

2. That Messrs Tatlow and Spinks be paid the costs of making certain repairs to fences etc. on Oppenheimer St, rendered necessary by the change of grade on said street provided it is shown that these fences etc. were put on a grade established by the City. Alderman Costello dissenting.

The Finance Committee met again on Friday August 8th 1890.

Present: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Browning, Costello and Gordon.

It was resolved:

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1. That the following accounts be paid:

The World P&P Co Printing \$18.34

The Mail Printing Co Ad 45.00

The Empire Printing Co Ad 45.00

Telephone Co Rent 23.00

Stephen Green Messenger 3.00

T.O. Townley Registration 5.00

C. Nelson Paper 1.50

C.P. Tel Co. 12.43

J. Miller Stamps 25.75

2. That the Chief of Police be instructed to report upon the application of Geo Morley for the reward offered by Council for information regarding the murder of Henry T. Sunbury.

3. That \$250.00 be placed to the credit of His Worship the Mayor to be expended in connection with the Toronto Exhibition.

4. That the minutes of the Board of Works be confirmed.

Sgd. J.M. Browning, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Garden. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That no further actions be taken under By-Laws Nos 79 & 102 until they are fully considered by the Licensing Board. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Gordon, seconded by Alderman Sentell.

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That James Clandenning and Thos H. Boyd be paid \$1002.00 as an Estimate on the Sugar Refinery Site. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Mason. That the following labor account be paid: B. Rowling et al \$196.50. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That the Park Commissioners be notified that, on account of there having been no amount placed in the Estimates for either the purchase of, or expense connected with procuring or keeping any beasts or birds on Stanley Park, or elsewhere in the City, or for the erection of fences for keeping the same, no payment will hereafter be made or sanctioned in connection with any such expenditure. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Gordon, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That the Board of Works be requested to examine in to the manner in which the sidewalk has been laid in front of the Young Men's Christian Association building on Hastings St and to have the same reduced from the present level which it occupies to the straight through grade. Carried.

A Deputation consisting of Rev E.D. McLaren, Dr McGuigan and Messrs C. Whetham and J.M. O'Brien appeared before the Bar of the Council on behalf of the graduates of British Universities, resident in Vancouver, to impress upon the Council

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the necessity of taking steps to secure for the Mainland the Establishment of the proposed university and to gain the co-operation of New Westminster towards this end. After hearing the views of the deputation the Council promised to favourably consider the arguments advanced.

It was then moved by Alderman Gordon, seconded by Alderman Carroll, that the Rev E.D. McLaren, M.A. B.C. be appointed by Council to represent the Municipal Council of the City of Vancouver on the Corporation of the University of British Columbia. Carried.

Rev. Mr. McLaren thanked the Council for the honor conferred on him, after which the deputation withdrew.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Carroll gave notice that he would at the next regular meeting of this Council, introduce a By-Law to amend By-Law No 79 as follows:

1. That clauses 7, 27, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 & 42 of the said By-Law be struck out.
2. That in the first line of clause 40 as amended by By-Law 102, the name Commercial Traveller be struck out and the words "person or persons" inserted instead.
3. That in the 10th line of said clause 40 there be inserted after the word "in" the words "lines 10 & 11 of".
4. That in clause 56, Schedule A of said By-Law lines 12, 13, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 53, 54, 55 be struck out.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk