

Browning named to Water Works arbitration panel – Apr 22, 1891

Council appointed J.M. Browning as their arbitrator in the Water Works arbitration. A list of potential third arbitrators was presented - the City Solicitor to contact each of them to see if he would be willing to act as third arbitrator.

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A Special meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday Apr 22/91.

Present his Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Templeton, Scoullar, Brighthouse, Brown, Godfrey, DePencier, Hobson, McDowell & Carroll and the City Solicitor, for the purpose of appointing an arbitrator on behalf of the City of Vancouver in the matter of the arbitration to be held for the purchase of the Vancouver Water Works by the City, and also for the purpose of considering a letter from Mr. Browning C.P.Ry Land Commissioner respecting the acquiring by the City the triangular piece of land in front of the City Hospital.

The following communications were received

From J.M. Browning asking that the City Clerk be instructed to write him stating the purpose for which the City wishes to acquire the triangular piece of land in front of the City Hospital, or if they prefer, to appoint a Committee to wait on Mr. Van Horne to lay their views before him.

Moved by Alderman DePencier

Seconded by “ Hobson

That his Worship the Mayor and the Health Committee wait on Mr. Browning to arrange for an interview with Mr. Van Horne respecting the piece of land in question

From J.W. McFarland enclosing notice of the appointment by the Water Works Co. of their arbitrator

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by “ Templeton

That the notice of the Vancouver Water Works Co. of the appointment of their arbitrator be received and acknowledged.

From John Irving, President of the Vancouver Water Works Co. acknowledging receipt of City Solicitor's letter asking for permission to have the Water Works Co's books audited on behalf of the City. Also from

John Irving stating that in the opinion of the Directors of the Water Works Co. the auditing of the books should be dealt with by the arbitrators.

No action taken

Moved by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by " McDowell

In perseverance of the provisions contained in clause 2 of the Vancouver Water Works Act 1886
Amendment Act 1891

It is hereby resolved that Mr. Browning of Vancouver, Land Commissioner C.P.Ry Co. be and he is hereby appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the City of Vancouver in the matter of the arbitration to be held as directed and provided for by the said act. And notice under the Corporate Seal of such appointment be served on the Vancouver Water Works Co.

Motion Withdrawn.

Unanimously resolved that the Water Works Committee wait on Mr. Browning to ask him to accept the position of arbitrator on behalf of the City and if he accepts, if he will write to Mr. Tilton asking him if he will consent to the Water Works Co's books being audited on behalf of the City. Also to submit to Mr. Browning names of certain Engineers and to ask him if they would be acceptable to him as third arbitrator.

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Secunder " Scoullar

That the City Solicitor communicate with the following Engineers asking them if they would be willing to act as third arbitrator between the City and the Water Works Co in the matter of the arbitration about the purchase of the Water Works.

H.T. Bovey Montreal

C.P. Baillairge Quebec

W. Chapman Brockville

W.J. Jennings Toronto

H.T. Perley Ottawa

Henry Ruttan Winnipeg

P.W. St. George Montreal

E.O. Baggs St. Bernardino Cal.

Rosewater & Chrysler Omaha Neb.

Rudolph Hering New York

S.A. Arkingstall Chicago

Co. G.E. Waring New York R.I

W.W. Curtis St. Paul Minn.

Thos. H. Tracy London, Ont.

C.E.W. Dodwell 52 Imp Building Montreal

D. Brian McConnell City Hall Montreal

Walter Shanly St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal

C.S. Sproalt City Hall Toronto

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk