

Police to enforce tramway construction ban - August 10, 1891

The Police Chief authorized to prevent the New Westminster Tramway Co to interfere with Vancouver streets, and to obtain extra assistance if necessary. Alderman Carroll authorized to purchase an artificial leg for Mr. R. D. Pitt, "the City to pay for same." By-Laws introduced to raise \$440,000 "by way of debentures" for the purchase of the Vancouver Water Works and a further \$150,000 for the extension of the Water Works.

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Vancouver August 10, 1891.

The Council met on Monday August 10th 1891

Present His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen Carroll, Godfrey, Scoullar, Templeton, Hobson, Brown, McDowell, and Doering.

The Minutes of last meetings were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:-

From W.S. Salsbury giving amount due to the Vancouver Water Works Co. on account of interest: Same being \$33,847.44
Filed

From Chas. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine stating that the question of Foreshore rights were still under consideration
Filed.

From D. H. Morgan et al asking for a 3 ft on 13th Av.
Referred to Board of Works

From John Clark et al asking for the opening up of Manitoba Street,
Referred to Board of Works.

From the Secy of the School Board requesting that \$2500.00 be placed to the credit of the Board
Referred to Finance Committee

From the Market Clerk furnishing weekly report.
Filed

From the Chief of Police on Electric lights.
Filed

From the City Solicitor stating that it was illegal for the Tramway Co and the Electric Light Co to break up the streets.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From C. N. Davidson et al, asking that Robson Street be graded and that the street cars be allowed to run over same.
Referred to Board of Works.

From J.J. Nickson [sp. should be Nixon] Supt. of Water Works giving the amount of money that would be required for extending the Water Works system.
Filed.

The following reports were received and read

Finance
The Finance Committee met on Friday August 7, 1891.

Present Aldermen Brown, Scoullar, Hobson, and Carroll.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

C.P. Telegraph Co. \$3.85

H. McDowell & Co. drugs. 3.20

Telephone Co. 23.10

2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to enter an appearance for the City in the suit of Carbould & McColl vs the City; who are suing to recover \$100.00 costs in the Schmidt case.

3. That the Park Commissioner be informed that the City has no funds at present to grant to them for underbrushing Brockton Point.

4. That the time be extended until the 1st of September for allowing the 20 percent rebate on taxes.

5. That instructions be given to Aldermen Carroll to purchase artificial leg for Mr. R.D. Pitt the City to pay for same.

6. That the valuator be instructed to assess all lands and buildings at the full cash value.

7. That the sum of \$1105 be paid for lots 7 & 8, Block 3, District Lot 302, as a site for a crematory

sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Doering

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.
Carried.

Works.

The Board of Works met on Thursday August 6, 1891

Present Aldermen Templeton, Brown, and Godfrey,

It was recommended:-

1. That the following tenders be accepted:-

Robson Street grading D. Gibbons

Repairs to City Hall, Connor & Moss

Street Signs, A. Hodgson

Harris St. grading W. Archibald

Lane Blocks 65 & 75, 541 E. Myers,

Hornby St. sidewalk J.D. Fraser,

Cambie St. " J.D. Fraser,

The awarding of Hastings Street contract was laid over for one week.

2. That the following accounts be paid:-

H. Lomas et al Labor. \$172.50

D.H. Morgan, Victoria St. 300

W.H. Kendall Rock 374.40

Thos. Dunn & Co. shot, .55

H.H. Spicer Lumber, 85. 14

J. B. Thornton, Campbell Av. 99.53

W. D. Hobson, Heatley Av. 1266

H. Connacher, East park 740

J.B. Thornton, Bute St. 190

S. Beaumont, Eveleigh St. 161.10

Boyd & Clandenning, Harris St. 358.20

Bailey & Jones, Oppenheimer St. 106.59

Boyd & Clandenning, Barnard St. 1102.01

sgd Wm Templeton

Acting Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by "Hobson

That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Godfrey

Seconded by "Templeton,

"That Professor Robertson be allowed the use of the Market Hall on Tuesday Evening Aug 11, 1891, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on agriculture"

Carried

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by "Brown,

That the Resolution passed on Thursday the 6th day of August authorizing the City Solicitor to apply for an Injunction restraining the Street Railway and New Westminster Tramway Company from interfering with the Streets of the City be and is hereby confirmed

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brown,

Seconded by "Templeton,

“That the Chief of Police be authorized to take what steps he considers necessary to prevent the Vancouver Streets Oppenheimer, Venables, Park Streets and Campbell Av. being interfered with by New Westminster Tramway Co. and to obtain what assistance he may need.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by “ Templeton,

That the Vancouver Street Railway and Electric Light Company not having exercised the option given or made the necessary agreement with the City, and having entered into an illegal contract with the Westminster Tramway Co., the resolution passed on the 6th day of July 1891 shall be and it is hereby rescinded.

Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by “ Brown,

That the Rules be suspended for the introduction and consideration of By-Laws.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by “ McDowell,

That the By-Law to raise the sum of \$440,000 by way of Debentures for the purchase of the Vancouver Water Works be read a first time

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by “ McDowell,

That the Rules be suspended and the By-Law read a second time

Carried

Moved by Alderman McDowell,

Seconded by “ Hobson,

That the By-Law to raise the sum of \$150,000 for the extension of the Water Works System be read a first time

Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar,

Seconded by “ Hobson,

That the rules be suspended to allow of the second reading of the By-Law.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on both By-Laws with Alderman Brown in the Chair. The By-Laws were read over clause by clause, and reported to Council as complete with amendments.

Moved by Alderman Brown
Seconded by " Templeton,

That the above By-Laws receive a third reading on Monday the 14th of September at 8 P.M.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Scoullar,

That a By-Law be introduced to fix the polling places, time etc on the above By-Laws.
Carried.

The By-Law was introduced and read a 1st and 2nd time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Godfrey in the Chair.

The By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete.

It was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Scoullar seconded by Alderman Godfrey.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer
Mayor
Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk