

One Vancouver leper placed on Darcy Island – December 21, 1891

Duncan MacRae to be paid \$87.50 for building on Darcy Island. One Vancouver leper established there. Accounts were submitted before year end, particularly from the Board of Works. By-Law was established to fix time and place for election of Mayor, Aldermen, Park and License Commissioners.

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The Council met on Monday December 21st 1891.

Present: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Carroll, Brighthouse, Scoullar, Templeton, Wm Brown, McDowell and C.L. Brown.

The minutes of last meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

The following were received and read:

From Fred Allen et al, Feed Merchants, calling attention to the fact that outsiders were infringing on their privileges. Referred to Police Committee.

From John Irving, President of the Vancouver Water Works Co granting permission to the City Engineer to examine their works. Filed.

From Henry Extense et al, asking to be allowed to occupy Abbott St between Hastings and Cordova as a cab stand. Referred to the Police Committee.

From the City Solicitor stating that there could be no objection to granting the application of Oppenheimer Bros for a siding if traffic was not impeded. Referred to Board of Works.

From Godfrey & Co and Abray & Haywood claiming damages from the flooding of their cellars. Referred to Board of Works.

From the City Auditor submitting reports for September, October & November. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Wm Cargill Secy of U.S.S. Co. agreeing to accept the offer made by City for rent of wharf. Filed.

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From R.C. Lawrence asking for the position of weighing master. Referred to Market Committee.

From D.A. Campbell asking that his license be fixed at \$50.00 for the remainder of the year. Referred to Police Committee.

From Ernest Buse et al asking that the road to Hastings be repaired. Referred to Board of Works.

From the Provincial Treasurer stating that the amount promised by the Provincial Government as Poll Tax refund would be paid after the meeting of the Legislature. Filed.

From the Market Clerk giving weekly report. Filed.

From the Secy of the School Board asking for the balance of their appropriation. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Robert Moore asking for the extension of the sidewalk on 10th Av. Referred to Board of Works.

From J.A. Coldwell drawing attention to the bad condition of Hastings Street near Carroll. Referred to Board of Works.

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights. Filed.

From J.W. Horne et al offering to lease the plant of the St Ry Co in case of purchase, for 4 1/2 per cent per annum for 10 yrs and keep it in efficient working order. Referred to Special Committee.

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The following reports were received and read:

Water Works.

The Water Works Committee met on Friday December 18th 1891 and resolved to extend the time for receiving tenders on the water pipes to February 1st 1892.

sgd. A.W. Scoullar
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Finance

The Finance Committee met on Friday December 18th 1891.

Present Aldermen Brown, Carroll, Scoullar and Hobson.

Tenders were received from Several parties for making 20 ballot boxes.

The Matter was left in the hands of the chairman for decision, who decided to give the contract to D.J. McPhalen.

The following account was recommended for payment:
The Telephone Co. Voters' List \$161.70

sgd. Wm Brown
Chairman
Moved by Alderman McDonnell
Seconded by " Templeton
That the Report be adopted.
Carried

Health

The Health Committee met on Friday December 18th 1891.
Present Aldermen Carroll, Scoullar, and Templeton.
It was recommended:-

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1. That the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Victoria Council that the City has placed one leper on Darcy Island and that they be requested to send supplies sufficient for said leper when they are sending their own, and render an account to the City as per agreement.

2. That Duncan McRae be paid his account for work in connection with the leper colony, the amount being \$87.50.

3. That the B.C. Carriage Works tender for making barrels for night soil purposes be accepted at \$3.25 each work to be completed within 30 days.

sgd J.T. Carroll
Chairman
Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " McDowell
That the Report be adopted.
Carried
Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday December 17th 1891.
Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Wm Brown, C.L. Brown and Templeton.
It was recommended:-

1. That J.P. Blake be authorized to extend and cavate under the sidewalk and build a wall at No. 427 Hastings Street East subject to the directions and approval of the City Engineer.

2. That the City Engineer be instructed to have the street in front of A.W.E. Thomson's Store on Westminster Av fixed with broken stone.

3. That the communication from Oppenheimer Bros. re pulling down a siding on Powell Street etc. be referred to the City Solicitor.

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to give his opinion as to what privileges it would be advisable to grant.

4. That A.D. McDonald's account for fencing lots be paid if found correct.

5. That the City Engineer be authorized to have a temporary crossing and culvert constructed on the south side of Howe Street, Block 52, to give access to the premises known as the Vancouver Opera House and that a crossing be put down on Thurlow Street east side of Robson.

6. That the following accounts be paid:-

D. McGillivray Repairs \$45.12

Oldfield + Cook Extras at Crematory 163.50

Van Elec Ry + Light Co. Fares 15.00

E.C. Britton Bute St. 122.93

W.H. Fraser Hospital 780.98

W.L. Blair 7th Av. 76.00

E.C. Britton Seymour St. 149.34

W.H. Kendall Rock 904.41

Thos Veitch delivering Rock 359.43

J. Ironsides Barclay St. 214.80

W.G. Fraser Pender St. 241.10

McLennan + McFeely Supplies 23.75

E. Myers Lanes 42.91

H.H. Spicer Lumber 5.73

H. Lomas etal Labor 464.20

sgd. S. Brighthouse

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " McDowell

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman McDowell introduced a By-Law introduced a By-Law to provide funds for the purchase of Stock in the Vancouver St Ry Co and to quarantine their bonds, which was read a first time

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Alderman Wm Brown moved seconded by Alderman Templeton that the rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced to fix the time, appoint Returning Officers etc. for holding an election for Mayor, Aldermen, Park & License Commissioners. Leave granted and the By-Law read a first and second time. The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law with Alderman McDowell in the Chair. The By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported as complete with amendments. The By-Law was then read a third time and finally passed.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by " Brighthouse

That the account of the Laundry for hospital washing be paid if found correct.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer

Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan

City Clerk