

Vancouver sends \$500 for Springhill mining disaster relief – Feb 24, 1891

Council read a telegram from the mayor of Halifax calling for assistance for the sufferers of the Springhill Disaster. \$500 was telegraphed at once for their relief. [*editor's note: The Nova Scotia provincial Archives maintains a [database of Nova Scotia mining fatalities](#) as well as a more general history of mining from the seventeenth century to the present*]

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Vancouver Feb. 24th, 1891.

A special meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday February 24th 1891 at 1.30 P.M.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Brighthouse, Scoullar, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown, McDowell and DePencier.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a telegram which was received from the Mayor of Halifax calling for assistance for the sufferers by the Springhill Disaster; where about 117 lives were lost, and many children left fatherless and many widows mourning.

Moved by Alderman Templeton
Seconded by " Brown,

That \$500.00 be telegraphed at once to the sufferers.

Carried.
The Council then adjourned,

D. Oppenheimer
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk