

Committees established for 1891 - January 5, 1891

Six committees established for the year 1891, with some initial disagreement about the composition of the Finance Committee and the Board of Works. The Licensing Board, Health Committee, Police Committee, and the Fire, Water and Light Committee were established without opposition. Aldermen Brighthouse and Templeton both gave lengthy notices of motion.

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Vancouver January 5, 1891

The new council met on January 5, 1891 at 12 pm. Present His Worship Mayor David Oppenheimer, Aldermen Sam Brighthouse, J.T. Carroll, James F. Garden, Alex Godfrey, C.G. Hobson, Wm Templeton, Wm Brown, John McDowell, Charles Doering and Henry DePencier.

The Aldermen were sworn in by His Worship the Mayor after which he read his address forecasting the work which it would be necessary to take under consideration during the year.

The address was received and filed.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for striking the Standing Committees for 1891. Alderman Brighthouse was appointed Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey

Seconded by Alderman Templeton

“that the Finance Committee be composed of the following Aldermen: viz, Carroll, Garden, Hobson Brown and Doering

Moved in amendment by Alderman Garden that the Finance Committee be composed of the following Aldermen, viz Brighthouse, Godfrey, Hobson, McDowell and DePencier.

Amendment lost (2.7) Motion Carried (7.2)

Moved by Alderman Carroll

Seconded by Alderman McDonald

That the Board of Works Committee be composed of the following Aldermen: viz. Brighthouse, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown and dePencier.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Doering:

That the Board of Works be composed of the following Aldermen: Carroll, Garden, Templeton, McDowell and Doering.

Amendment lost: (3.6) Motion Carried (6.3.)

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Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by Alderman Templeton

That the Licensing Board be composed of the following Aldermen: Brighthouse, Godfrey, Hobson, McDowell and DePencier. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse

That the Health Committee be composed of the following Aldermen: Carroll, Garden, Templeton, McDowell and Doering. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Templeton and seconded by Alderman Brown

That the Police Committee be composed of the following Aldermen: Carroll, Garden, Templeton, McDowell and DePencier. Carried.

Moved by Alderman DePencier and seconded by Alderman Carroll

That the Fire, Water and Light Committee be composed of the following Aldermen: Brighthouse, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown and Doering. Carried.

The committee then rose and appointed the following appointments to Council:

- (1) Finance Committee Carroll, Garden, Hobson, Brown and Doering.
- (2) Works Brighthouse, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown and DePencier
- (3) Licensing Board Brighthouse, Godfrey, Hobson, McDowell and DePencier.
- (4) Health Committee Carroll, Garden, Templeton, McDowell and Doering.

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(5) Police Committee Carroll, Garden, Hobson, McDowell and DePencier

(6) Fire, Water and Light Committee Brighthouse, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown and Doering

Notices of Motion

Alderman Brighthouse gave the following Notices of Motion:

1. That he would move for the appointment of a committee re: 1892 Exhibition
2. For the appointment of a Jockey Club Committee
3. For the appointment of a Charter Committee for the revision thereof
4. For a Grant from Government in aid of the hospital and fire department

5. For the appointment of a Committee to appoint expert witnesses for Water Works
6. For the appointment of a Committee on Water Works
7. That application be made to the local Government for a free grant of Burnaby Lake for the joint use of the cities of New Westminster and Vancouver
8. That a Crematory committee be appointed
9. That a Market committee be appointed
10. That a Free Reading Room and Library Committee be appointed
11. For the appointment of a committee to appoint an arbitrator for Water Works
12. That application be made to the local government for a grant in aid of a public art gallery and museum to be established in this city

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13. That application be made to the discussion forum minutes to take measures to remove the Burnaby and Parthia Shoal situate at the entrance to Burrard Inlet.

Alderman Templeton gave the following notices of motion:

1. That this Council is of the opinion that the meetings of the several committees appointed by this Council should be conducted in the same way as the Council meetings with the regard to admission of the public to such Committee meetings.
2. That at next meeting he would [sic] that the CPR be requested to have proper gates or safeguards placed at the railway crossings on Hastings, Carrall, Oppenheimer, Powell, Alexander, and Dunlevy Aves.
3. That the Treasurer be instructed to furnish to this Council the amount of money paid by this city during last year for legal advice Solicitors salary and other legal charges that have been paid together with the names of the recipients thereof.
4. For a return by the Engineer of the total amount of works for which contracts have been let that has not been completed at close of year also for a return of the number of men in his department and in connection with its showing what work they perform and what pay they received from the City.

The Council then adjourned.

Signed: D. Oppenheimer, Mayor and Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk