

Old floating quarantine to be burned – Jan 19, 1891

Tenders to be invited to supply the City with coal, wood, and feed for 1891, with the provision that coal and feed must be weighted at the Market scales before delivery. Residents of Mount Pleasant requested a police beat in their area, and a delegation also presented to Council their strong objection to the nuisance (odor) from Slaughter Houses nearby. The Health Department recommends that the old pest house (quarantine facility) "now wrecked on the shores of Dead Man's Island" be burned.

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Vancouver January 19th 1891

The Council met on Monday January 18th 1891.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brighouse, Carroll, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown, McDowell and DePencier.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Theodore Davie, Attorney General, acknowledging the receipt of a communications from the City Clerk re telephones in the Sheriff's Office.  
Filed.

From J. H. Carlisle and the members of the Fire Brigade asking for an increase of Salary.  
F.W. & L. Committee.

From J. H. Carlisle drawing attention to the danger of the destruction of the Fire Alarm.  
F.W. & L Committee.

From C. Lettey giving Statement of the expenses for Solicitors fees during 1890  
Finance

Mr. Walter H. Kendall offering to supply not less than #10,000 cubic yards of broken rock at \$1.40 per cubic yard.  
Board of Works.

From H. L. Freer & Co notifying Council that the insurance on the Library would expire on the 7th Feb, 1891  
Finance

From C. D. Rand, Secretary of the Improvement Co stating that unless the \$15000, and 8 per cent interest for the Sugar Refining Site was paid before the 1st of February 1891 steps would be taken by the Company to declare the sale null and void.

Finance

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From S.J. Emanuels and A.H.B. McGowan enclosing resolutions passed by the Public Meeting at the Market Hall and Board of Trade respectively endorsing the graving dock By Law.

Filed.

From Courbould, McColl, Jenns and Campbell, notifying Council that unless their clients were settled that they would fence in their lots thereby closing Powell Street, through Block 48.

Board of Works.

From Jas. B. O Brian, Toronto, asking for a copy of the Mayor's address.

Filed.

From V. W. Haywood, furnishing weekly report of lights.

Filed.

From the Market Clerk furnishing weekly report.

Filed

From G.A. Roedde giving explanations regarding his tender for book binding.

Filed.

From H. McGeer drawing attention to the improper location of streets in 264A.

Board of Works.

From the working men in the East Park claiming wages under the McDonald & Barton Contract.

Board of Works.

From R.A. McMorrان etal [sic] asking for a sidewalk on 19th Av.

Board of Works.

From Wm Jones etal [sic] asking for a Policeman at Mount Pleasant.

Police Committee.

From the Coal Merchants of the City

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protesting against being forced to weigh their coal at the market scales.

Market Committee.

Reports:

Water Works Committee

The Water Works Committee met on Thursday January 15th, 1891

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Brown, Templeton, Doering, McDowell and De Pencier.

Alderman De Pencier was appointed Chairman.

It was recommended:-

1. That Mr. J.M. Browning be communicated with asking him whether he would consent to act as Arbitrator for the City, between the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Water Works Co for the acquiring by the City of the Water Works of said Co.
2. That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Solicitor of the Vancouver Water Works Co. asking him to meet our Solicitor with a view of settling the agreement to arbitrated.

Sgd. H. De Pencier

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seonded by " Godfrey

That the Report of the Water Works Committee be adopted.

Carried.

F.W. & L. No 1

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Monday January 5th 1891

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Godfrey, Templeton, Brown and Doering.

Alderman Templeton was appointed Chairman and the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in each month fixed as the days of meeting.

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The Committee met again on Wednesday January 14th 1891. All the Board being present:

It was recommended:-

That the following accounts be paid:-

J.W. Jackson, Repairs to Fire Alarm \$1.00

John Sciutto, Supplies \$15.00

Van Elec Ry & Light Co Lights: 1737.26

Sgd. W. Templeton.

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " De Pencier

That the Report of the Fire, Water & Light Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Police No 1

The Police Committee met on Monday January 5th 1891

Present Aldermen Carroll, Hobson, McDowell and De Pencier.

Alderman De Pencier was appointed Chairman and the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays fixed as the days of meeting.

The Committee met again on Tuesday January 13th 1891

Present Aldermen De Pencier, McDowell, Hobson and Carroll.

It was recommended.

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Wm Moresby, Boarding prisoners \$382.50

Hamilton Eligh, Milk 1.76

G.L. Allan, Brogans 2.50

J.H. Grady, Ry Fares 3.00  
B.C. Carriage Works Repairs etc. 30.00  
V.W. Haywood Ry Fares 3.00  
M.JU. McLeod “ “ 3.00  
John Sciutto Supplies 63.80  
B.C. Cattle Co. Meat 16.65  
2. That Henry Avison be paid \$25.00 for giving

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Evidence and laying information against Marion Casso for selling liquor to Indians in the Park.  
3. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare amendments to the opinion By-Law so that the License Inspector be more fully empower to deal with Criminal Cases coming under his duties as License Inspector.  
4. That the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase 12 pairs of blankets and have his office desk enlarged.  
sgd. H. De Pencier  
Chairman  
Moved by Alderman Templeton  
Seconded by “ Brighthouse  
That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted.  
Carried.  
Works No 2  
The Board of Works met on Thursday January 13th 1891.  
Present Aldermen Templeton, Godfrey, Brown, and De Pencier.

Alderman Templeton was appointed Chairman Protem [sic]

It was recommended:-

1. That the lane in Block 111.541 petitioned to be improved by graded by the Chain Gang at the earliest opportunity.
2. That the City Solicitor and City Engineer inquire into the matter of opening up Powell Street to the City Boundary and Report.
3. That the City Engineer be instructed to inform Messrs Yates, Jay & Russell that there is a drain on Pender Street to connect with to drain Lots 1. 2 & 3 Block 32. 541
4. That the City Engineer examine and Report upon the petition of A.J. Alcock etal [sic] asking for a sidewalk on Eleventh Av.

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5. That the City Engineer be instructed to report upon the percentage of damage done to the Chinese Laundry on Carroll Street.
6. That H. Connacher be now allowed anything extra on the plank used in the Cemetery Road Contract.
7. That the City Engineer be instructed to examine and report upon the petition from the residents on Barclay Street, between Burrard and Thurlow Streets praying for a sidewalk thereon.
8. That the following accounts be paid:-  
D. Urquhart Basement Drain \$414.00  
H. Connacher, Seymour St. 101.31  
W.D. Hobson, Sidewalk 124.70

Angus Fraser, Melville Street 15.60  
C. Millington, Repairs .60  
R.C.P. Mills Co., Lumber 394.38  
Hayden & Walker, Boat hire 1.79  
Thos Dunn & Co., Hardware 55.70  
San Francisco Sewer Pipe Association, Pipes 33.29  
Angus Fraser, Pender St. 447.08  
Rose & Marshall, Supplies 9.00  
Hugh Hamilton, Cemetery Contract 240.00  
John Telford, Hastings St. 265.32  
H. Connacher, Cemetery Road 855.89

A communication was received from James McPhee asking permission to use the streets and lanes for putting up wires.

Filed.

Also report from the City Engineer regarding Wm Lawson.

sgd Sam Brighthouse

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey

Seconded by " Brighthouse

That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried.

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Health. No 1

The Health Committee met on Monday January 5th 1891.

Present Aldermen Carroll, Templeton, McDowell, and Doering.

Alderman Carroll was appointed Chairman, and the 2nd & 4th Tuesday in each month fixed as the days of meeting

The Committee met again on Tuesday January 13th 1891.

Present Aldermen Carroll McDowell and Templeton.

It was recommended:-

1. That the Health Inspector be instructed to burn the old pest house now wrecked on the Shores of Dead Man's Island.
2. That the Health Inspector be empowered to call for tenders for connecting the two houses on Lots 19 & 20, Block 44, 541 with the public sewers.
3. That \$40.00 be offered to the owners of the hogs destroyed by order of the Health Inspector, said offer to be made without Jurisprudence.
4. That the following accounts be paid:-  
Union S. S. Co. Rent \$22.50  
J. Stevens & Son, Instruments 514.85  
B.C. Cattle Co. Meat 56.27  
Hamilton Eligh, Milk 27.25  
Philip Bros., Supplies 4.55  
A. W. Wright, " .53  
John Sciutto " 66.24  
Texas Lake Ice Co 2.70  
Dr. Lefevre Examinations 5.00  
Dr. McGuigan " 5.00

Campbell & Martin, Supplies 1.50  
R. V. Wrinch, " 11.33  
E. L. Payne, Watching 4.00  
Wo Sing, Washing 18.20  
H. H. Layfield, Supplies 4.40

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H. McDowell & Co Drugs \$43.96  
sgd. J. S. Carroll  
Chairman  
Moved by Alderman Godfrey  
Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse  
That the report of the Health Committee be adopted.  
Carried.

Finance No 2

The Finance Committee met on Friday January 16th 1891.

Present Aldermen Brown, Hobson, and Carroll.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

E. S. Scoullar & Co. Dog Tags \$30.00

New Advertiser Printing 149.75

2. That no action be taken towards donating a Screen for Stereotype Views of the City at the Jamaica Exhibition, as solicited by Halley Brows & Granville.

3. That the application of Henry Landry asking for a bonus for the erection of the Woolen Mills in the City be not entertained

4. That the British Columbia Iron Works Co be granted the same privilege in the way of exemption from taxation, as that given to the Vancouver City Foundry, said privileges to terminate at the same date.

5. That three copies of Henderson's Directory be purchased for the civic offices.

6. That tenders be again invited for the Supply of Coal, Wood and feed for the years 1891 and that a clause be inserted in the specifications to the effect that Coal and Fees must be weighed at the Market Scales before

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delivery, for which no charge will be made.

That the following tenders be accepted.

Advertising News Advertiser

Meat Hayes & McIntosh

Sgd. Wm Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Templeton

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse

Seconded by " Godfrey

That the following labor account be paid:-

D. Romang et al, Labor \$176.00

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Godfrey

Seconded by " Templeton

That the City Clerk be instructed to have printed some extra copies of the procedure by-law.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Godfrey

That this Council ask the Member for the District in the Commons Mr. Corbould to call the attention of the Postmaster General the need of postal delivery in this City and the great relief it would afford our present overtaxed postal facilities.

Carried.

A deputation from Mount Pleasant waited upon the Council with a view of their taking some action towards abating the Slaughter house nuisance

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The Council heard the explanations of the Spokesman.

The Mayor stated that amendments were being prepared to the City Charter whereby further power will be obtained to deal with the said houses.

The Council then adjourned.

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor