

Brown, Macgowan, Murray and Baldwin elected school trustees – July 6, 1891

The school board were unanimously elected by Council ballot; Brown was elected Chairman. An offer to the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company was drafted. The city would grade certain streets, then allow the company to put in its rails. The Company had 30 days to respond to the offer. E. Heywood appointed night constable at \$100 per month.

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Vancouver July 6th 1891

The Council met on Monday, July 6th 1891 at 8 p.m.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following Communications were received and read:-

From Annie S. Kenrick applying for the position of Nurse in the City Hospital.

Referred to the Board of Health

From Albert Nye applying for the position of Poll Tax Collector.

Referred to Finance Committee.

From A Campbell Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of the desired information regarding the Police Magistrate.

Filed

From R. C. Pitt asking for recompense for the loss of his foot.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the Market Clerk furnishing his weekly report.

Filed

From the Chief of Police furnishing his weekly report on the street lights.

Filed

From the Pound Keeper furnishing his monthly report

Filed

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From Ernest Haywood asking to be sworn in as Special Constable in place of Malcolm McLean on leave of absence.

Filed.

From Miss Bowes asking for the removal of indecent pictures from certain cigar stores on Cordova Street.

Referred to the Police Commissioner.

From J. A. Fulton Secretary to the Trades and Labor Council drawing the attention of Council to a resolution passed regarding the New Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Co; also directing the

attention of the Council to the violation of the Nine hours system.

Filed.

From Corbould, McColl, Wilson & Campbell insisting on behalf of the Vancouver Electric Railway, and Light Company to be allowed to exercise their option under Section 25 of the Street Railway Agreement; regarding the proposition of the Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Co.

Filed.

From R. P. Cooke et al protesting against the Tramway coming up Oppenheimer St.

Filed

From J. L. Brown et al asking for the grading of the lane in Block 16.196.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From the City Engineer recommending the temporary appointment of J. P. Lawson, A. K. Stuart, Thos Stephenson and John Brenton, on the Engineering Staff.

Referred to the Board of Works.

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The following Reports were received and read

Finance No 20.

The Finance Committee met on Friday July 3, 1891.

Present Aldermen Brown, Scoullar, Hobson & Doering.

Communications

From J. W. Fonseca, asking for the position of Poll Tax Collector.

Resolved that an advertisement be put in the newspaper calling for applications for the position of Poll Tax Collector, applications to be in by Friday July 10th.

From McPhillips & Williams stating that they had a lien on the amount paid to Oppenheimer Bros. on the account of McMillan and that they had notified the Treasurer to that effect.

Resolved that in as much as Oppenheimer Bros. had already put in an order for the money signed by McMillan before any notice was received from McPhillips and Williams and that as McPhillips and Williams neither put in an order nor any document proving their claim, the account of Thomson Bros for the vault Cabinets was recommended for payment if found correct and also the labor account for the Park amounting to \$470.10.

A. O. Leask 500

sgd Wm Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey

Seconded by " Doering

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried.

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Works No 20.

The Board of Works met on Thursday July 2nd 1891.

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

It was recommended:-

1. That Messrs.' Shelton and Dunn be allowed to complete the present buildings that they are constructing within the Fire Limits provided that they agree to cover the outside of them with felt or iron, subject to the approval of the Fire Inspector.
2. That A. W. Cameron be instructed to accompany the Steam Road Roller to New Westminster as soon as possible.
3. That Wm Crickmay be paid the balance of his account for wire rope etc on the delivery of all items mentioned therein.

4. That the following contract be awarded and the contractors requested to proceed with the work at once:-

Harris St grading Boyd & Clandenning

Barnard " " do

Heatley Av " W D Hobson

Harris St Sidewalk McLean Bros

Hornby " " W. G. Fraser

Barclay " " J. Ironsides

Melville " " do.

Howe " " Angus Fraser

5. That tenders be invited for the following:-

_____ a) Nicola St. grading, Georgia St to Barclay St and a 6 ft sidewalk as far as Mr. Cole's residence on the West Side and on the East side from Robson St to Barclay St.

_____ b) Eveleigh St, grading full width from Burrard to Thurlow

_____ c) Hamilton Street grading full width from

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Georgia to Smythe.

_____ d) Oppenheimer St, 6 ft sidewalk from Campbell to Raymour (sic) North Side

_____ e) Campbell Av, 6 ft sidewalk from Powell to Hastings & Crossings

_____ f) Smythe St, 6 ft sidewalk from Homer to Burrard

_____ g) Raymur St, 6 ft sidewalk from Powell to Hastings.

6. That the following account be paid:-

H. Lomas et al Labor \$108.50

The application from S. T. MacKintosh Secy of the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co regarding the right of way etc was again considered.

Moved by Alderman Brown

That the City build the line of railway from the City Boundary and that it be leased to the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Templeton

"That the streets mentioned in the petition of the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. be opened and graded and that the Company be granted the privilege of laying rails and running cars on the said streets; and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an agreement in conjunction with the Solicitor for the Tramway Co also that in drafting such agreement due care shall be taken to exclude all vested rights ever being acquired by the Company"

Amendment Carried

Ayes Ald Templeton, Godfrey & De Pencier.

Nays " Brown & Brighthouse

The following communications were received and referred to the City Engineer to

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report upon.

From D. K. Campbell offering \$25.00 an acre for the wood on the Cemetery Grounds.

From Mrs. S. Salsbury asking for the grading of a certain Street in 2000A.

From E. J. Clark of Toronto, asking for a re-conveyance of the South Park on account of the conditions

not being fulfilled.
sgd S. Brighthouse
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse
Seconded by " Doering
That the Council to into Committee of the Whole on the Report.
Carried

Alderman Scoullar was appointed Chairman on motion of Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Hobson.

The Report was read over Clause by Clause until the Clause regarding the tramway was reached where it was moved by Alderman Templeton seconded by Alderman Doering

Whereas under Clause 25 in the agreement made on the 11th day of February 1889 between the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Street Railway Co. Ltd it is agreed that in the event of any other parties proposing to construct street railways on any of the Streets not occupied by the Company to whom the privilege is now to be granted, notice of such proposal shall be given to the said Vancouver Street Railway Company.

And whereas an application has been received by this Council from the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. Ltd for permission to use Park St. Venables Street Campbell Av & Oppenheimer Street within the limits of this City for the purposes of an electric railway

Be it Resolved that the Vancouver Street

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Railway Company be and is hereby notified of this application, as provided for by said Clause 25, and that they be requested to signify to this Council within 30 days its willingness to construct and operate an electric railway in said streets in accordance with said Agreement with this City.

Carried (5.3)

The Committee then rose and reported the By-Law as complete with amendments.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " Hobson

That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by " Carroll

That the City Engineer be instructed to examine the Streets in the Eastern part of the City and report in respect to grades suitable for a railway.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " Carroll

That E. Heywood be sworn in as a special constable and that he be paid \$1000 per month for his services as night watchman.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Brown
Seconded by " Templeton
That the following account be paid:-
Alan Macdougall
To professional services and expenses on water works arbitration \$695.25
Carried

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Moved by Alderman Templeton
Seconded by " Doering
That William Brown, A. H. B. Macgowan, Charles W. Murray and G. F. Baldwin be unanimously elected as Trustees representing this City at the School Board the first two named to be elected for two years.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by " Hobson
That the names of H. Mellon R. P. Cook and C. L. Brown be added as candidates.
Permission allowed.

A Ballot being taken it was found that Wm Brown, A. H. B Macgowan, Charles W. Murray and G. F. Baldwin received the highest number of votes and were declared unanimously elect in accordance with Alderman Templeton's motion.

Moved by Alderman Templeton
Seconded by " Doering
That Wm Brown be elected Chairman of the new Board of School Trustees.
Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws
Moved by Alderman Godfrey
Seconded by " Doering
That the Amendments to the Market By-Law be read a second time.
Carried.
Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Godfrey in the Chair.

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The By-Law was read over Clause by Clause, and reported back to Council as Complete without amendment.
It was read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Doering seconded by Alderman Godfrey.
The Council then adjourned.
D. Oppenheimer
Mayor
Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk