

Phone brought in to Mountain View Cemetery – July 20, 1891

Mrs. McDonald, wife of the cemetery keeper, to be paid \$5.00 per month for attending to the telephone. City Solicitor gave his opinion that the position of Police Magistrate is technically vacant as Mr. Isaac Hallett is not a qualified Justice of the Peace. Hallett's position as a Stipendiary Magistrate allows him to collect fines under the City Bylaws.

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Vancouver July 20 1891

The Council met on Monday July 20th 1891 at 8 P.M.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:
From the Chief of Police reporting on the Street Lights. Filed.

From the City Solicitor stating that E.J. Clark of Toronto ought to pay to the City the \$1000.00 promised on the South Park. Referred to Finance Committee.

From A. Campbell Reddie, Dep Prov Secretary acknowledging the receipt of the notification giving the names of the School Trustees appointed by the Council. Filed.

From Henry A. Barton Dep Attorney General, asking to be informed whether Mr. Hallett's appointment as Police Magistrate had been cancelled by resignation or otherwise. Referred to Police Committee.

From G.W. Thomas, Market Clerk furnishing his weekly report. Filed.

From the City Solicitor stating that the office of Police Magistrate was vacant through Mr. Hallett not being a J.P. and stating

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that he was empowered to try cases under the City By-Laws on account of him being a Stipendiary Magistrate be he [sic] has not under the regulations of the City. Referred to the Police Committee.

From W.D. Burdis et al asking for a stand pipe for fire purposes at the junction of Campbell Av and Princess St. Referred to the Board of F W & L.

From Wm Ralph et al asking that the Tramway come down Hastings St. Referred to the Board of Works.

From David Brockwell asking that two trees be cut down on the corner of Lansdowne & Scotia Streets. Referred to City Engineer.

From R.D. Pitt asking to be allowed to explain his case to the Council. The City Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Pitt to be present.

From Joseph Pope of Ottawa conveying the thanks of Lady Macdonald to the Mayor & Council of Vancouver for their kind sympathy with her in her affliction. Filed.

From J.H. Smith complaining of the conduct of the Health Inspector. Referred to the Health Committee.

The following accounts were received and read:

Finance No 22

The Finance Committee met on Friday

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July 17th 1891.

Present: Aldermen Brown, Hobson and Scoullar.

It was recommended:

1. That the communication from R. D. Pitt asking for remuneration for the loss be referred back to Council for discussion.
2. That the communication from H.A. Jones offering the lots adjoining the City Hall for \$6000.00 be filed.
3. That the sum of \$250.00 be placed to the credit of the British Columbia Association Provincial Exhibit as Vancouver's Grant.
4. That Thos Whitelaw be paid \$750.00 less the amount already received by him for services rendered in connection with the examination of the water works submarine pipe, as per agreement the amount being \$703.40, which includes cost of draft.
5. That the following accounts be paid:
Provincial Govt for Schools \$2740.00
Thos F. McGuigan, Refund .50
Daily Telegram, Ad 2.40
R. Fairclough, W.W. Arbitration 57.75
A.N. Richards, W.W. Arbitration 1050.00
Corbould & McColl, Costs in Hendry Case 49.10

In respect to the Hendry Case this Committee would suggest that the City Solicitor and Police Magistrate be instructed to work more amicably together where the City's interests are involved and thus save the payment of unnecessary costs; otherwise action should be taken to secure the services of officials who would act more in conformity with the wishes of the Council.

Sgd Wm Brown, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works no 22

The Board of Works met on Monday July 20 1891 at 3 P.M.

Present: Aldermen Brighthouse, Brown, Godfrey and Templeton.

It was recommended:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Thos Stephenson, Expenses to North Arm \$2.50

H. Blyth, Salary 20.00

H. Connacher, East End Park 472.50

W.G. Fraser, Hornby St. 225.73

Angus Fraser, Howe St. 217.91

J. Callister, Filling 11.50

H. Lomas et al 130.50

2. That tenders be invited for the following works.

Nelson St. grade full width from Granville to Bute.

Robson St. grading from Thurlow to Broughton.

Bute St. 6 ft sidewalk from Nelson to Comox.

Burrard St. 6 ft sidewalk from Dunlevy to Heatley both sides.

Box drain on Cambie & Water Streets.

Campbell Av. 6 ft sidewalk from Hastings to Princess St.

Hornby St. grade full width from Georgia to Dunsmuir and 6 ft sidewalk on the east side.

Grading approach to Cambie Street Bridge from the south.

Harris St. sidewalk (6 ft) to Heatley.

3. That the City Engineer's recommendations for temporary appointments in his Department be endorsed, the question of salaries being referred to the Finance Committee.

4. That the loose plank now lying on Westminster Avenue be made use of for the extension of

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of the present sidewalk on 6th Av. on the north side from Scotia to Brunswick St.

5. That the City Engineer be instructed to have a minute survey made of the Victoria Street contract to see whether the contractor for that work has gone outside of the city limits.

6. That as the City Engineer has reported that under the agreement with W.H. Kendall the City is not bound to supply him with wire rope etc. the Board cannot see its way clear to grant his request.

7. A communication was received from H.T. Ceperley, Secy-Treas. Van Elec Ry & Light Co, informing the Board of the willingness of that company to accept the option of building their lines on certain streets within the city limits viz Park, Venables, Campbell Av and Oppenheimer Streets and asking same to be graded; also giving notice to the City Engineer under Section 8 of the agreement between the company and the city. It was resolved that the Board does not understand that the agreement between the city and the company requires the city to grade any streets.

8. That Mrs. McDonald, wife of the caretaker of the Cemetery be paid \$5.00 a month for attending to the telephone.

9. That this Board has no power to return W.H. Kendall's deposit as requested by him.
Sgd S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey
Seconded by Alderman Scoullar
That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

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Motions

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by Alderman Scoullar

That the Attorney General be informed that the office of Police Magistrate is not vacant and that Mr. Hallett has not been dismissed.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk