

Thomson building at Howe & Pender must be removed - May 4, 1891

\$1,032 to be paid to George Telford et al for their work on Brockton Point Athletic Grounds. Mr. Thomson, owner of the building on the corner of Howe and Pender Streets, to be notified that his building is on the street line, and he must have it removed. City Engineer to report on whether it is advisable to open up 8th Ave from Center Street (now Granville Street) east for 4 blocks.

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Vancouver May 4th 1891

The Council met on Monday May 4th 1891.

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

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Scoullar

That the minutes of the last regular meeting be adopted after inserting the word "carried" instead of the word "lost" in the resolution regarding the adoption of the Report of the Board of Works. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by Alderman DePencier

That the minutes of the special meetings be adopted. Carried.

The following communications were received and read:

From the Market Clerk furnishing his usual weekly report. Filed.

From the Manager of the Sugar Refinery asking to be placed in possession of the Sugar Refinery site deeds at once. Referred to Finance Committee.

From G.W. Hobson enclosing a Resolution from the Board of Underwriters asking the Council to pass a By-Law compelling contractors to notify the Telephone and Electric Light Companies before they erect derricks etc. Referred to Board of Works.

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From E. H. Heaps asking for a fire alarm box at the lower end of Granville Street. Referred to F.W. & L. Committee.

From the City Solicitor stating that it would be necessary to have a petition signed by two thirds of the property owners before a frontage tax could be levied for watering the streets. Filed.

From R.T. Williams asking the Council to grant him \$350.00 and subscribe for 60 copies of his Directory. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Deputy Adjutant General Holmes acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of Council relative to the formation of artillery and rifle corps in this City. Filed.

From J.M. Browning stating that he was unable to arrange an interview with Mr. Van Horne re lots opposite the City Hospital. Filed.

From A. St. G. Hamersley asking for copies of the certified plans of the City deposited in the Land Registry Office. Referred to the Board of Works.

From T. Trudeau Secretary Railway Committee of the Privy Council stating that there would be a meeting of that body on May 8th when the application of the City Council re street crossings would be considered. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Inspector of Weights and Measures stating that an Inspector would be sent to test the scales about May 1st. Filed.

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From J. M. Browning inviting suggestions from the Mayor and Aldermen in the matter of the Water Works Arbitration. Referred to the Water Works Committee.

From Thos. H. Tracy stating that from what he could gather from the telegrams received from the Mayor and City Clerk that he would not be justified in leaving London under the present circumstances. Filed.

From W.J. Lundy et al praying for certain improvements on Richards Street from Robson to Nelson St. Referred to B of Works.

From the members of the City Band praying the Council to furnish them a band stand and a room to practice in. Referred to B of Works & Market Committee.

From the Pound Keeper furnishing his report for April. Referred to the Police Committee.

From Harvey White Mayor of Seattle inviting the Mayor and Council to be present on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States. Filed.

From the Gaoler furnishing his fortnightly report on street lights. Filed.

From R. Smith et al asking for the improvement of 9th Av east. Referred to Board of Works.

From L.H. Mershon et al asking for the improvement of 8th Av from Centre

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Street to Spruce Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read:

Finance

No 12

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 24th 1891.

Present: Aldermen Brown, Scoullar and Hobson.

It was resolved:

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to at once try to make some arrangement with Messrs Gallagher and Britton respecting lots 4,5,6 in Block 48, 196 and that if he fail to come to any satisfactory arrangement to proceed at once to expropriate the land in question.
2. That the account of the World Printing and Publishing Co for advertising be referred to the Council for an expression of opinion.
3. That the Mayor be asked to send in a bill in the usual way for his claim re the Coquitlam Water Works Co.
4. That the account of J. J. Blake be referred to the Council for instructions.

The Finance Committee met again on Friday May 1st 1891.

Present: Aldermen Brown, Hobson and Scoullar.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

CP Telegraph

Co.

\$2.13

S.T.

Tilley

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1.25

sgd Wm Brown

Chairman

Alderman Brown asked for an expression of opinion regarding the accounts of J.J. Blake

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and the World Printing and Publishing Company.

The City Clerk read over the minutes of the meeting under which Mr. Blake based his claim and it was considered that the Council was committed for the payment of the amount viz \$100.00. The other amount claimed for giving an opinion re a bonus to the U.S.S. Co Mr. Hamersley promised to pay to Mr. Blake.

The account sent in by the World Printing and Publishing for inserting an advertisement for His Worship the Mayor re the City Engineer was discussed but no action was taken.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman DePencier

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

Works

No 12

The Board of Works met on Thursday April 30th 1891.

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

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

Communications from A.J. Dana et al was laid over.

It was resolved that the City Engineer examine and report about a six ft. sidewalk asked for by R. Webster et al on Seymour St.

From W. Seidelman and Ed Heastie. Filed.

It was resolved that the lane in Block 65, 541 be graded by the chain gang as asked for by H. Collins et al. That the Street Inspector be instructed to have the trees on 14th Av cut down as asked for by Mr. Gibson.

That the City Engineer examine into all the correspondence about the swing in Cambie

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Street Bridge and report to the Board if the charge of \$225.00 made by C.A. Stoess for plans is correct.

That the salary of J. Brenton be increased to \$80.00 per month as asked for by him.

That the sidewalk on the south side of Pender Street opposite the new post office be raised 1 ¼ inches.

That Mr. Thomson owner of the building on the corner of Howe and Pender Streets be notified that his building on Howe Street is on the street line and that he be requested to have it removed.

That the City Engineer report on the advisability of opening up 8th Av from Centre Street east for 4 blocks.

That the City Solicitor be requested to look into Mr. Crabb's claim in re the bunker contract.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Godfrey

That the action of the Chairman of the Board of Works in calling for tenders on April 24th be endorsed.

Resolved that tenders be called for grading lane in Block 53, 196.

That Powell Street between Raymour Avenue and Boundary Avenue be straightened in accordance with a plan prepared and submitted by the City Engineer.

That the following tenders be recommended for acceptance:

Boyd & Clendenning, Grading Harris St.	90 cts
Boyd & Clendenning, Grading Barnard St.	85 cts
M.D. Hobson, Grading Heatley Av.	85 cts
McLean Bros, 6 ft sidewalk on Harris St.	21 cts
W.G. Fraser, 6 ft sidewalk on Hornby St.	21 cts
J. Ironsides, 6 ft sidewalk on Barclay St.	21 cts
J. Ironsides, 6 ft sidewalk on Melville St.	21 cts
Angus Fraser, 6 ft sidewalk on Howe St.	20 ½ cts

That tenders be invited for the following work:

Nicola Street grading from Georgia to Barclay St and a 6 ft sidewalk.

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Eveleigh Street grading full width from Burrard to Thurlow St.

Hamilton St grading full width Georgia to Smithe St.

Oppenheimer St 6 ft sidewalk from Campbell to Raymour Ave.

Campbell Av 6 ft sidewalk from Powell to Hastings.

Smythe St 6 ft sidewalk from Homer to Burrard.

Raymour Av 6 ft sidewalk from Powell to Hastings.

That tenders be called for floats for landing gravel & c.

That tenders be called for unloading, hauling & spreading rock on the streets where directed.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Anderson & Yerex, South Park	\$291.97
S.T. Tilley, Stationery	1.00
W. Crickmay, Water wheel & c.	603.23
McLennan & McFeely, Fittings for steam roller	2.35

sgd S. Brighthouse

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse

That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted with the exception of the clauses calling for tenders for street work.

Moved in amendment by Alderman DePencier

Seconded by Alderman McDowell

That the Report be adopted with the exception of the clauses relating to the awarding of contracts and calling for tenders for new work, which will be laid over for one week. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse

That a By-Law be introduced to re-subdivide the City into Wards. Carried.

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The By-Law was introduced and read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Godfrey

That the following account be paid:

Thos. Leslie, fitting up fire alarm	\$6.00
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Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by Alderman McDowell

That the following labor account be paid:

B. Romang et al	\$185.05
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Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by Alderman McDowell

That the following labor accounts in connection with the Brockton Pt Athletic Grounds be paid:

Geo Telford et al	\$1032.15
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Carried.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Godfrey

That the Bill rendered by Mr. Blake for services rendered to the Water Works Committee for \$100.00 be paid. Carried.

Notices of Motion

Alderman Scoullar gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would move that the appointment of Mr. T.H. Tracy C.E. of London Ont to the position of City Engineer be made unanimous

and that he be notified of such action, also that he would move that the City Clerk be instructed to call for tenders for the best system of sewerage for the City.

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The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk