

Street lights not to be lit during full moon – May 18, 1891

The Electric Light Co. was instructed not to light the street lights on the night of full moon and for two nights before and after full moon. The appointment of Mr. Tracy as Chief Engineer came up again; however, Mayor David Oppenheimer refused to put the question to Council. He also refused to sign pay cheques for Engineering staff engaged in his absence. Request from Miss Bowes to “remove indecent pictures from advertising boards” was referred to the Police Committee.

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Vancouver May 18th 1891.

The Council met on Monday May 18th 1891 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Carroll, Brighthouse, Scoullar, Godfrey, Templeton, Hobson, Brown, McDowell, DePencier, and Doering.  
The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read.  
From the Market Clerk furnishing his weekly Report.  
Referred to the Market Committee

From A.E. Beck asking the Council to have the street in the vicinity of the Court House made more accessibly for carriages.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From the secretary of the Board of Trade requesting the City Council to pass a resolution urging the Department at Ottawa to take immediate action towards the removal of the shacks from the foreshore of Vancouver Harbor and False Creek.  
Referred to the Finances Committee

From the Telephone Co & Electric Light Co. in regard to the unused poles on the streets.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Chief of Police reporting on the Electric Lights.  
Referred to the F. W. & L. Committee.

From Miss Bowes etal requesting the Council to remove indecent pictures from advertising Boards.  
Referred to the Police Committee

From W.J. Dowler, City Clerk of Victoria, cordially inviting the Mayor and Council to be present in Victoria on the Queen's Birthday.  
Filed.

The following Reports were received and read:-

Works No 14.

The Board of Works met on Thursday May 14th 1891.  
Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Brown, Templeton, and DePencier.

It was recommended:-

1 That R.A. Anderson and J.A. Yerex be paid the final estimate on 13th Av, on their giving a Bond to complete the burning where called upon to do so by the Street Inspector.

2 That a sum not exceeding \$125.00 be granted to the City Band to enable them to fix up a room in the Market building basement for practising purposes, such sum to be expended under the directions of the Board of Works and subject to the approval of the Market Committee

3 That the City Engineer examine and report upon the petition of Wm. Wood, etal re the grading etc of 8th Av. upon the petition of Geo. Eldon for the grading of Alberni Street, upon the petition of John Devine for the grading of Princess Street, and upon the petition of D.H. Wilson etal, for the grading of Thurlow Street.

4 That before any more money is expended in opening up streets on Fairview, that the C.P.R. Co be requested to have all streets extended to the water.

5 That the tender of Thos. Veitch be accepted for the delivery of broken road metal at the following rates:-

Plan No 1. 46 cts

Plan No 2. 52 cts.

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6 That the Street Inspector be instructed to see that all gates now opening outwards be made to open inwards from the street line.

7 That the following accounts be paid:-

B.C. Cattle Co. Tallow. \$2.80

Boyd & C. Georgia St. filling 260.50

sgd. S. Brighthouse,  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey.

Seconded by “ Scoullar.

That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried.

F. W. & L. 7.

The F.W. & L. Committee met on Wednesday May 13, 1891.

Present Aldermen Templeton, Brown, Brighthouse and Godfrey.

Tenders were received for a hose wagon from:-

J & W. Powe. \$650.

F.R. Winch 525

Columbia Carriage Factory (with shafts) 630  
without 620

Sprout, Wood & Glenn. 650

F.R. Winch being the lowest, his tender was accepted. The wagon to be ordered by the Chairman, Alderman Templeton in accordance with Specifications to be made out by him.

Communications

From J.W. Lewis asking for a position in the Fire Department.

Filed.

From the Vancouver Manufacturing & Trading Co asking for a hydrant to be placed at the lower end of Granville St.

Laid over pending the completion of the Water Works Arbitration.

Resolved that the Electric Light Co. be instructed not to light the street lights on the night of full moon and for 2 nights before and after full moon until further notice.

That J. Moran be paid \$60.00 per month as teamster the increase to date from April 1st.

That the City pays the Water Works Co. \$20.00 per month for flushing the sewers and surface drains by the hydrants, their account for \$25.00 extra for flushing a surface drain be not paid.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Vancouver Elec Ry & Light Co. Lights. \$1279.11

Creighton, Fraser & Co. Waste etc. 14.78

Tye & Co Tools. 6.20

I Forbes. Shoeing. 4.00

G.H. Bazley " 3.00

McMillan & Hamilton Polish. 1.50

Palmer Bros. Fuel. 7.00

Crowder & Penzer Feed. 52.45

Van Water Works Co. Water. 345.24

sgd Wm. Templeton.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse

Seconded by " Doering.

That the Report of the F. W. & L. Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Police. No 12.

The Police Committee met on Tuesday May 12, 1891

Present Alderman DePencier, Scoullar, McDowell & Carroll

Communications.

From A. J. Ryan respecting the judgments given in the Police Court & reversed by the judges in the higher Courts.

Resolved that A. J. Ryan be requested to attend the next Police Committee.

From W. P. West, asking for an increase of salary.

Filed.

From W. P. West reporting the number of animals impounded during the month of April.

Filed.

1 Resolved.

That the City Solicitor be requested to proceed at once to revise the By-Laws particularly By-Law No 79.

2 That the City Clerk write to the Attorney General asking whether it is necessary for the Police Magistrate to be a J.P. under the new act.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

J.R. Morrow. Drugs. \$4.60

W. Murphy. Uniforms 441.90

H. McDowell & Co. Oil. 2.00

S.T. Tilley. Stamps. 1.00

J.P. Blake. Bread. 19.70

McLennan & McFeely. Repairs. 1.25

Hayes & McIntosh. Meat. 20.75

Hamilton Eligh. Milk. 3.35

C.E. Tisdall. Repairs. 1.00

D. McRae. do. 5.50

Wm. Ralph " 2.50

Jos. Gibson. Transport. 3.00

D. Bell Irving Med Attendance 5.00

Columbia Carriage Factory 8.00

sgd H. DePencier.

Moved by Alderman McDowell.

Seconded by " Templeton.

That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Health. No 12.

The Health Committee met on Tuesday May 12, 1891.

Present Aldermen Carroll, Templeton & Scoullar.

Communications

From Miss Swan reporting number of patients in the hospital for the month of April. Filed

From Miss Swan about the washing done by the Steam Laundry. Laid Over

From Dr. Herbert asking to be placed on the Medical Staff of the Hospital

Resolved

That Dr. Herbert be appointed a member of the medical Staff of the Hospital.

The following accounts were recommended for payment

Creamer & Langley Crockery \$6.33

W. S. Cook Scavenger 1.00

Hamilton Eligh. Milk 31.90

Hudson's Bay Co. Supplies 10.50

J. R. Morrow Drugs 68.97

Union S. S. Co. Dumping 15.00

R. V. Winch Supplies 13.40

J. M. O. Toole Repairs 6.25

W. J. McGuigan Inquests 10.00

Van Steam Laundry Washing 35.71

S. T. Tilley Stamps 1.00

Hayes & Mc Intosh Meat 43.70

Sgd. J. T. Carroll

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse

Seconded by " McDonnell

That the Report of the Health Committee be adopted.

Carried

Finance No 14

The Finance Committee met on Friday May 15 1891.

Present Aldermen Brown, Doering Scoullar and Carroll

It was resolved:-

1 That \$5.00 being one half fine imposed on Frank Foubert under the Census Act be paid to R.E. Gosnell.

2 That the Telephone Co. be asked to refund to the City all over charges made on the Telephones to this date.

3 That Mr. Hamersley make an offer to the owners of Lots 4, 5 & 6, in Block 48. 196, and if it is not accepted that he proceed at once to expropriate.

4 That the account of Mr. Hamersley amounting to \$573.50 for attending on the amendments to the City Charter and for opposing the amendments to the Vancouver Water Works Co's Act be paid.

5 That the sum of \$15525.00 being principal and interest on the Sugar Refinery Site be paid to the Vancouver Improvements Co. on their giving a title to the Sugar Refinery Co for Block 47. 196 less \$200.00 to be retained according to agreement.

6 That Mr. Hamersley be empowered to engage Counsel to help him in the Water Works Arbitration.

7 That the arrangement recommended by Mr. Hamersley with regard to the payment of the fees & costs of the Water Works Arbitration be agreed to.

8 That the account of Corbould & McColl for costs in the case of Schmidt vs the City and Water Works Co., amounting to \$177.83 be paid and that \$50.00 be collected from the Water Works Co and that if not paid by them that it be deducted from their Water account.

9 That the matter of the costs of Mr. Blake in the Slaughter house cases be referred to Mr. Huntly for settlement.

10 That the communication of R.T. Williams asking for a subsidy of \$350.00, and an order for 60 copies at \$3.50 each of the British Columbia Directory be laid over.

11 That the request of Sam'l H. Loughley that the City pay for some articles to be inserted in some New England papers describing Vancouver and other localities be filed.

12 That the request of Mr. Hamersley for some arrangement to be made as to recommendation for revising the City By-Laws be laid over.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Telephone Co. \$19.00

T.F. McGuigan 2.00

sgd Wm. Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Carroll

Seconded by " Doering.

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried.

License. No 4.

To the Council of the City of Vancouver.

Gentlemen,

Your License Committee beg to report having met for the transaction of business at 11 a.m. of Tuesday May 12.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Brighthouse, McDowell, and Godfrey.

Applications were received and read from:-

Winters, and [Newarty ?] to transfer Irish Saloon License from L 28 to L 26. B 13 D.L. 196.

Major Wilkins to transfer ½ interest in Glasgow Hotel to H. Lee.

Anderson & McGillivray to transfer San Francisco Hotel License to McHugh & Hay.

Reid & Dowswell to transfer Wholesale License to A. Hemmick.

All of which applications were granted.

The License Inspector was authorized to procure 100 License Cards at current contract rates.

The Board then adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

sgd D. Oppenheimer

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Templeton  
Seconded by " Doering.

That the Report of the License Board be adopted.  
Carried.  
Consideration of By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman Carroll.  
Seconded by " DePencier.

That the Cemetery By-Law be read a second time (2nd)

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by " DePencier.

That the By-Law be published for the information of the Public.

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Brown  
Seconded by " Templeton.

That the following labour account be paid:-

H.Lomas etal \$85.55  
Carried.

Moved by Alderman DePencier  
Seconded by " Carroll.

That the Vancouver City Council accepts with pleasure the invitations received from the citizens of Victoria and Nanaimo to be present on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday and that arrangements be made to go to Victoria for May 23rd and Nanaimo on May 25th in a body.  
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by " McDowell.

That the appointment of T.H. Tracy C.E. of London Ont, as Chief Engineer for this City be made unanimous and that he be notified of such action at once.

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The Mayor refused to put the motion to Council.

A Bond was submitted and read whereby Alderman Brighthouse, Godfrey, Scoullar, Brown, and McDowell, and Templeton would hold the City harmless against costs in case the suit threatened by Mr. Warren should go against the City.

The matter was discussed but the bond was not signed.

#### Notices of Motion

Alderman Scoullar gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would introduce the following By-Laws:-

1 To secure the Sanitary conditions of Buildings

2 " License and regulate plumbers.

3 " provide for the appointment of plumbing Inspectors and plumbing examiners.

Alderman Templeton gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would move a resolution vesting in some one member of the Council Authority to sign Cheques in payment of Salaries due by the City to some of the employes [sic], the Mayor having refused to sign such cheques.

The Council then adjourned,

D. Oppenheimer

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk