

Foreshore shacks again threatened - Apr 25, 1892

Thee debate was fierce over the Police Committee's recommendation that the police force forcibly demolish private shacks and cabins to ensure the City's jurisdiction over the area. Alderman Scoullar Franklin and Odlum objected to the idea; the rest found them "unsightly". The City Solicitor gave his opinion that the City would not be held liable for the cost of any shacks torn down.

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Vancouver April 25th 1892

The Council met on Monday April 25th 1892

Present His Worship and Aldermen Connor, Anderson, Collins Scoullar, McGuigan, McCraney, Odlum, Franklin, Mills and Gavin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From J. E. Browning, CPR Land Commissioner acknowledging receipt of a resolution of Council re: a Public Park on Fairview

From J. E. Browning Stating that he would sell Block 48.541 for City Hall purposes for \$34,000 with 20% off

Referred to Finance Committee

From FG Richards asking for a refund of Water rates on Sugar Refinery.

Referred to FWL Committee

From John Devine etal asking for a grant for Mount Pleasant Reading Room

Referred to Finance Committee

From the Market Clerk furnishing Weekly report

Filed

From P. Gendron asking for permission to take the water under the 6th Av Bridge etc

Referred to the Board of Works

From the Members of the City Band asking for a grant from Council to pay their leader's salary  
Referred to Finance Committee

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From J.E. Holland asking what portion of the cost the City would bear for putting down a concrete  
Sidewalk  
Referred to the Board of Works

From J.B. Henderson asking that Powell Street be extended through Block 16.184  
Referred to the Boards of Works

From S.Guntzhager asking the Council to assist in entertaining visiting Foresters on the first of July  
Laid over

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights  
Referred to FW&L Committee

From the Market Clerk drawing attention to the necessity of repairs to the front of the Market building  
Referred to the City Engineer with Power to act

#### Reports

The following reports were received and read  
Special Committee on Hospital Plumbing

The Committee Recommend  
That the contractor alter all the work not in accordance with the contract excepting the lead safes under  
Bath & WCs and that in lieu of the difference in weight of lead in these be put in safes under urinals and  
line the wood work at back of same.  
Sgd W.J. McGuigan  
Thos. H Tracy

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by Alderman Odlum

That the Report of the Committee be adopted and read. Carried

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#### Sub Committee on Fire Hall

Your committee on Fire Hall report as follows:  
After making all possible inquiries they would recommend that site on Mount Pleasant corner of 7th and  
Westminster Avenue with a frontage of 88ft and depth of 120 feet be purchased at a cost of \$3500.00  
and that a wood building be built on the rear end suitable for present requirements and reserving the  
front for a permanent building in the future.

Also that site on Oppenheimer Street corner of lane between Westminster and Gore Avenue size of some 50x120 ft be purchased at a cost of \$3200.00 and that a permanent brick building be erected thereon suitable to the requirements of the department; they would also recommend that on the completion of the New Fire Hall the building and site on Water Street be Sold and from information received the Committee are of opinion that the City would get 2 good fire halls and funds in hand from the proceeds of Sale of No one fire hall

Sgd J.H. Franklin

R. Mills

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the Report be referred to the Finance Committee to report upon at next meeting of Council

#### Report of Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday

April 21st 1892

Present Aldermen McCraney, Connor, Scoullar, Franklin and Gavin

It was recommended:

1 That D. Oppenheimer be asked to furnish plans showing exactly the connections, extensions

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etc to be required in connections with the Street Railway.

2. That Alex McDonald be granted 3 months leave of absence subject to the approval of the substitute he puts in his place.

3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare at the earliest possible date a penal clause for insertion in future City Contracts to insure the enforcement of the present clause stating that nine hours shall constitute a day's work.

4. That tenders be called for the following work:-

Melville St. 6 ft sidewalk, one block

Alberni St. grading Nicola to Bute

Nelson St. 6 ft sidewalk Granville to Homer

Richards St. 6 ft sidewalk (west side) Robson to Smythe

Boundary Av grading from Powell to Tramway line.

Dufferin St " two blocks westm

Quebec St " from Dufferin to about 6th Av.

5. That Gore Av be opened up from Powell Street to the foreshore by day work.

6. That the following accounts be paid:-

Tye & Co Hardware 17.95

A.E. Carter, Vault 204.00

E. Meyers, Lanes 112.50

Thos. Thomas, Lanes 148.50

J. Telford, Nelson St. 180.00  
H Lomas et al labor 632.00  
sgd H.P. McCraney  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Gavin  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried

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Report of the Jockey Club Committee

The Jockey Club Committee met on Thursday April 21, 1892.

Present His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen Connon, Franklin & Gavin, and Mssrs. Geo Black, Wm Cargill and Michael Wilkinson.

It was recommended:-

1. That \$2750.00 of the amount paid out for clearing the East End Park be charged to the account of the British Columbia Jockey Club.

A draft form of agreement between the City and the club was submitted and after consideration and amendment, it was referred to the Council for adoption.

sgd. J.L. Franklin  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Collins

That the Report of the Jockey Club Committee be adopted as read.

Carried.

Report of the F. W & L. Committee.

The F. W & L. Committee met on April 21st 22nd & 25th

Present Aldermen Franklin, Connon, Scoullar & Mills

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Doherty Mfg Co. Hydrant \$33.50

Thos R. Muir, preparing plans 21.50

Alex Gartshore, water pipes 4578.00

Thos. Caid, span of horses 475.00

2. That Mr. Wince be notified that unless he delivers the hose wagon by the end of the month it will not be accepted and the order will be cancelled.

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3. That the request of the 12 parties on Barnard Street to have the water for 50 cts each per month amounting to \$6.00 payable monthly in advance be granted as a temporary arrangement way to see that the City's interests are protected of other parties use the water, the old pipe to be the property of the City.
4. That the Vancouver Wire Mattrass [sic] Co be grated a water motor but that they be informed that free water can not be given.
5. That M.M. Curry and others be informed that a light cannot be placed on Eveligh Street at present.
6. That the communication from Geo. E. Magee be referred to the City Engineer with power to act.
7. That 1400 feet of 1/2 x 5 lb lead pipe be purchased from Creamer & Langley, at \$5.60 for 100 lbs.
8. That tenders be invited for furnishing 1000 set of cocks.
9. That the pipe line road running through the park be put in proper condition by day labor.
10. That Cornelius Spice be appointed Driver for the fire department at a Salary of \$55 a month and that S. F. Calkins be appointed hoseman, at \$45.00 per month, engagement to date from May first.

sgd J. L. Franklin, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Odlum

That the clause relating to the Wire Mattrass [sic] Co. be referred back for reconsideration, and that the balance be adopted.

Carried

Police Report

The Police Committee met on Thursday April 21st 1892.

Present Aldermen Collins, Connon, McCraney and Gavin

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Wm Ralph Supplies \$14.50

G.L. Allan " 1.25

Shelton & Co 80.50

W.J. McGuigan Inquests 30.00

M.G. McLeod Fares 2.00

Champion & White Scavenging 1.50

2. That the Police be detailed to carry out the instructions of the court regarding the removal of the shacks from the foreshore on the advise of the City Solicitor that the Corporation will incur no pecuniary liability in the matter.

sgd. Henry Collins  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Gavin  
Seconded by " McCraney  
That the report be adopted as read.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by Alderman Odlum  
That Clause 2 be struck out.  
Amendment lost, motion carried.  
Yeas Scoullar, Odlum & Franklin  
Nays Anderson, Collins, McGuigan, McCraney, Gavin & Mills

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#### Finance Report

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 22, 1892.  
Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins, McGuigan and Odlum.  
A number of accounts from other Committees were examined and confirmed.  
sgd. R.A. Anderson  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins  
Seconded by " Scoullar  
That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.  
Carried

#### Health Report:

The Health Committee met on Friday April 22 1892.  
Present Aldermen McGuigan, Anderson, Collins & Odlum.  
It was recommended:-

1. That the sum of \$5000.00 be placed in the Estimates for the year for the complete Scavengering of the City and \$1000 for the Alexandra Hospital.

The Estimates were finally compiled and referred to the Finance Committee.  
sgd W.J. McGuigan  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McGuigan  
Seconded by " Odlum  
That the Report of the Committee be adopted.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by Alderman Scoullar

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Jockey Club Agreement.

Carried

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Alderman Collins was appointed Chairman. The Agreement was read over clause by clause and reported to Council, as complete with amendments.

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by " Mc Guigan

That the Agreement be approved and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " McCraney

That Miss Bowes be granted \$12.00 to pay her expenses to Victoria with girl for Refuge Home.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Gavin

That the grant to Mrs. Coombes be increased to \$5.00 a month.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by " McGuigan

That our representative Mr. Corbould M.P. be requested to use his best endeavors with the Post Master General to secure free postal delivery in the City of Vancouver.

Carried

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk