

Steamer Sunbury given a \$25 weekly bonus – August 15, 1892

The steamer Sunbury to be subsidized \$25 per week. The City Engineer was to number streets in Fairview and Mount Pleasant consistent with the numbering north of False Creek. A plan to set aside 10 acres in Stanley Park for the future University of British Columbia was quashed by the federal (Dominion) government.

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Vancouver August 15th 1892

The Council met on Monday, August 15th 1892.

Present: His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Collins, Scoullar, McGuigan, McCraney, Odium, Franklin, Gavin and Mills.

The minutes of last meetings were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:

From John McKie stating that parties had camped on Beach Avenue in front of his lots. Referred to the Police Committee

From F. Astley drawing attention to the fact that one of the firemen was keeping a cigar and fruit stand. Referred to F. W. L. Committee.

From Miss Woodward asking for leave of absence. Referred to the Health Committee.

From E. St. Arnaud asking for a box drain on Seymour Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From N. N. Hesketh applying for the position of Sewer Inspector. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John McLaren reporting on the electric lights. Filed.

From the Minister of Militia and Defence stating that on account of there being a dispute between the Dominion and Provincial Governments as to the ownership of Stanley Park, no action could be taken regarding the petition for ten acres for College purposes. Filed.

From Dr. Davie through Dr. Harold enclosing instructions regarding quarantine regulations.  
Filed.

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The following reports were received and read:

#### Financial Report

The Financial Committee met on Friday, August 12th 1892.  
Present: Aldermen Anderson, Collins, McGuigan and Odlum.  
It was recommended:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Telephone Company rents \$39.20  
Land Registry Office Registration 5.00  
Palmer Brothers Supplies 12.00  
Miss Davies – Typewriting 10.60

2. That the Fire Hall on Mount Pleasant be insured for three years to the amount of \$1000.00 in the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co.

3. That the communication from R. D. Pith, asking for compensation for the loss of his leg be filed.

4. That the communications from E. A. James and J. D. Henderson be referred to the City Solicitor to report upon to next meeting of the Committee.

(Signed) F. A. Anderson

Moved by Alderman McCraney  
Seconded by Alderman Franklin  
That the report be adopted.  
Carried

#### Health Report

The Health Committee met on Tuesday August 9th, 1892  
Present Aldermen McGuigan, Anderson, Odlum and Gavin.

It was recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Russell McDonald and Company Supplies 37.70  
Hudson's Bay Company Supplies 6.00  
Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing 28.64  
I. Pruer Hack hire 5.00

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A. Goldstein Supplies \$34.10  
Ideal Grocery Supplies 53.30  
Atkins & Atkins Supplies 189.12

Hudson's Bay Company Supplies 3.50  
Russell McDonald and Co. Supplies 8.95  
Palmer Brothers Supplies 21.87  
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J. L. Herreth and Company Supplies 50.86  
Atkins & Atkins Supplies 104.05  
Dr. Bell Irving Mental Ex. 5.00  
R. C. Winch Supplies 26.75  
Palmer Brothers Supplies 6.85  
Russell McDonald and Company Supplies 2.55  
F. W. Horn Burials 52.50  
R. C. Winch Supplies 53.26  
Bell Irving and Paterson Supplies 35.00  
W. A. McIntosh and Company Supplies 55.68  
G. Tilbury Special Constable .50

2. That the chairman of the Board of Health, the City Engineer and Health Inspector be authorized to carry to completion with as little delay as possible the additional buildings required in connection with the isolation hospital in the east-end and the other requirements in connection therewith.

3. That Shelton and Company be awarded the contract for making 34 hair mattresses [sic] for the City Hospital at the following prices from hair as per sample:

18 lbs. Mattresses @12.00 each  
20 lbs. Mattresses @12.75 each  
22 lbs. Mattresses @13.50 each  
24 lbs. Mattresses @14.50 each  
26 lbs. Mattresses @15.50 each

The committee reserving the right to open up and examine the quality of hair in any mattress to ascertain if it conforms with the furnished with tender also reserving the right to fix the weight of the mattress.

(signed) W. J. McGuigan, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Odlum  
Seconded by McGuigan  
That the report be adopted.  
Carried

Board of Works  
The Board of Works met on Thursday, August 12th 1892.  
Present: Aldermen McCraney, Gavin, Franklin and Scouller

It was recommended:

1. That the communication from J. M. Browning re the erection of an awning in front of the Opera House be referred to the City Engineer.
2. That the communication from William Sudelman be filed.
3. That the communication from Crowder and Penzer in the piling of roots on their property be referred to the Street Inspector for attention.
4. That the plans submitted by A. E. Carter of a brick building to be erected on lots 1 and 2, Block 26, 541 be approved subject to the following alterations:
  - (1) That the brick windows on the Hastings Street elevation shall not project further than those shown at end of Homer Street elevation.
  - (2) Also that the oriel over main entrance on Homer Street shall have the same projection as the others and shall be constructed in accordance with the fire by-law.
  - (3) Also that the tracings showing section and ground floor be submitted for deposit in office vault.
5. That the City Engineer figure out the best method of extending the street numbering system to Mount Pleasant and Fairview.
6. That the following tenders be accepted:

For street sprinkling – Thomas Veitch @ \$4.25 per day continuous.  
 For clearing Grunley Street (?) 79. 50 Lump Sum

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7. That the following tenders be accepted for the extension of the Sewerage System:

Section 4 Potter and .. Flith (?)..... \$14,004.00 L. S.  
 Section 5 ..... do.....do..... 7,346.00 L. S.  
 Section 6 Boyd and Clandening 20,174.33 L. S.  
 Section 7 Thomas Massie & Co. 7,538.60 L. S.  
 Cast iron and syphons to the B. C. Ironworks as per tender.

8. That the following accounts be paid:
  - George Heaman, Sprinkler \$370.80
  - Alex Taylor and J. Grant, City Shed 111. 00
  - George Rounsefell and Company, 7th Avenue 1260.00
  - W. H. Kendall, crushed rock 1142.82
  - Thomas Veitch, delivered crushed rock 424.48
  - H. Lomas et al labour 1305.25
  - (signed) H. L. McCraney, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Gavin  
 Seconded by Alderman Franklin  
 That the report be adopted.  
 Carried.

## Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman Mills

That the rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced to grant a bonus of \$25.00 per week to the owners of the Steamer Sunbury.

Carried.

Leave granted and the By-Law introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman Mills

That the By-Law be read a second time.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman McCraney

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the By- Law.

Carried.

Alderman Anderson was appointed chairman.

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The By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as completed with amendments. The rules being suspended the By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Odlum.

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan.

Motions:

Moved by Alderman Scouler

Seconded by Alderman Collins

That the City object to pay the expenses of any Health Officer appointed by the Government to examine passengers on trains arriving or leaving Vancouver.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by Alderman Odlum

That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with Dr. Davie, the Provincial Health Officer to ascertain his intentions regarding the payment of the officers appointed to examine trains.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the sum of \$750.00 be set apart by the City in aid of a produce and poultry exhibition in Vancouver, all the money to be paid out in prizes.

Lost

Moved by Alderman Scouller

Seconded by Alderman Mills

That the City Clerk get one hundred copies of the City Charter printed at once as consolidated.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the rebate on payment of taxes be extended up to the 1st of September.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman Scouller

That the City Clerk be instructed to write to the Provincial Health Officer urging for him to place before the Government the pressing necessity of

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and great advantage arising from setting aside ten acres of land outside the city limits of Vancouver for the purpose of erecting thereon permanent buildings suitable for nursing persons suffering from Small Pox and other infectious diseases.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by Alderman Scouller

That the following labor account be paid:

W. Hooper et al Labour \$190.95

Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the By-Law in aid of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company be read a second time.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by Alderman Odlum

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the By-Law and Agreement in connection therewith.

Carried.

Alderman Odlum was appointed Chairman.

The By-Law and Agreement was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Anderson gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a By-Law to

fix the polling places the time and appoint Deputy Returning Officers for holding an election on the By-Law in aid of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company.

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The Council thus adjourned.

(signed)

F. Cope

Mayor

(signed)

Thomas F. McGuigan

City Clerk