

Mr. Pitt not to be compensated for loss of his leg – December 27, 1892

The Fire Brigade to take over inspection and maintenance of Vancouver fire hydrants, beginning in the new year. Mr. Pitt, who had been writing to council weekly regarding the loss of his leg, was denied \$50 compensation. The city's insurance underwriters complain about the Fire Inspector's work. A public meeting to be held on December 30 to discuss "civic matters".

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The Council met on Monday December 27th 1892.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Collins, Scoullar, McCraney, McGuigan Odlum Franklin, Mills + Gavin.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From R. D. Pitt asking for recompense for the loss of his leg.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " McGuigan

That he be granted \$50.00 payable at the rate of \$5.00 per week.

Lost Carried

From James Baker, Provincial Secretary stating that the By-Law passed on the 28th September had been repealed or altered to the extent mentioned in the subsequent By-Laws.

Filed.

From McPhillips + Williams claiming \$10000 damages on behalf of Fader + co for injury to a horse from falling into a cellar in rear of the Ferguson Block.

Referred to the City Solicitors

From A. M. Beattie asking that the roof of the Market Hall be repaired.

Referred to the Police + Market Committees

From G. L. Hobson, Secretary for Underwriters requesting that the Fire Inspector be instructed to look more closely after his business.

Referred to the Fire Inspector to report

From Geo Gagen stating that D. McGillivray had sublet a portion of his street paving contract.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights.

Filed.

From Geo. R. Maxwell etal asking the Mayor

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to call a public meeting in the Market Hall on Friday December 30th 1892 in regard to Civic Matters.
Request granted.

The following Reports were received and read:-

F. W + L. Committee.

The F. W + L. Committee met on Wednesday December 21st 1892.
Present Aldermen Franklin, Scoullar and Mills.

It was recommended:-

1 That John W. Reid etal, who petitioned for an Electric Light on the corner 9th Av + Alder Street be informed that there are no funds for the purpose at present.

2 That the City Engineer be instructed to ascertain if it will pay the proper percentage fixed by the Board to lay water pipes on 5th Av as petitioned for by Norman McLean etal.

3 That the Capilano Pay Roll be recommended for payment subject to being found correct:

4 That at the beginning of the year all the hydrants in the City be turned over in good condition to the Chief of the Fire Brigade, he to be responsible for them and to make an inspection once a week and report monthly thereon to the Board.

5 That H. F. Keefer be notified to clear the rocks off the fire hall lots on Oppenheimer Street.

6 That the following accounts be paid:-

David Wilson Repairs \$18.80

M. Desrosiers " 12.00

R. Llewellyn Labor 35.00

A. O. Leask Duty 38.66

W. P. Turner Labor 787.55

The City Engineer reported that the reasons

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the water was shut off during a portion of the day was from Anchor ice and the dam; he also reported that the men constructing the road up Capilano Creek had finished work for the season as the timber work was all done.

sgd J. L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odium

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Tuesday December 20th 1892.

Present Alderman Collins, McCraney, Gavin and Odlum.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following, accounts be paid:-

M. P. Harris. Interpreting \$6.00

G. L. Allan Programs 1.25

S. L. Tilley + Son Stamps 1.00

R. V Winch Vegetables 13.44

W. A. McIntosh + co. Supplies. 30.32

Atkins + Atkins " 2.80

J. P. Blake. " 17.35

Ideal Grocery " 26.15

John McLaren Ry Fares 2.00

V. W. Haywood " 2.00

Wm Murphy Uniforms 399.00

J. H. Grady Ry Fares 2.50

Johnson, Kerfoot + co. Supplies 161.75

A. M. Beattie, Weighing Fees. 26.40

2. That the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase a suit of clothes for Ibid West.

sgd. Henry Collins

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Franklin.

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday December 23rd 1892.

Present Aldermen Anderson, Odlum, Collins, and Mills.

It was recommended:-

1. That the communication from the Board of Works asking the Committee to provide funds for the clearing of a portion of 185 be laid over for further information.

2 That the communication from R. D. Pitt asking for compensation for the loss of his leg be filed.

3 That the Insurance held by McCraney + co on the Crematory be renewed.

4 That the following accounts be paid:-

H. P. McCraney + co. Insurance on Crematory \$10.00

The Monitor P. + P. Co. Printing Voters Lists 166.00

B. C. Gazette, Advertising 501.42

Bank of B. C. cost of draft 12.25

sgd. R. A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " Mills

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Friday December 23rd 1892.

Present Aldermen McCraney, Gavin, Franklin and Scoullar.

It was recommended.

1 That Geo Gagen, Secretary of the Trades + Labor Council be informed in reference to the painting of the new hospital floors that the contract was not let by the Board of Works, nor was it Carried out under the supervision of the City Engineer and, that the specifications were not drawn by him nor attended by him.

2 That the account of G. F. Rounsefell for extras

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on 7th Av be referred to the City Engineer to look into

3 That the communication from C. Goodmurphy in reference to connections with Westminster Ave bridge be laid over.

4 That Mssrs Lawson and Stephenson be requested to state why the earth placed on Gore Av by Murray + Fraser was measured up, and, paid for and state all they knew about the matter generally.

5 That the communication from R. W. Glass re, Street numbers be laid over.

6 That the communication from Wm Main etal re sidewalk on Gore Av be filed with other petitions.

7 That the chain gang be sent out to do the necessary grading on the lane in Block 34. D. L. 185.

8 That the claim of McQuarrie + co for extras on Sewer contract no 7 be referred to the City Engineer to look into

9 That Street Inspector be instructed to report on the number of threatening trees in the vicinity of Thos. Fitzpatrick's hose and ascertain the probably cost of cutting them down.

10 That the Vancouver School Board be charged one thousand dollars for the work done in the City engineer's Department in connection with the specifications plants +c for the three new schools now under construction.

11 That Mssrs Morgan + McLeod be notified to appear before the Board on Thursday next the 29th inst to substantiate the statements made in their respective communications in reference to the Engineer's Department.

12 That the contract for clearing in subdivision 185 be awarded to Thos. Thomas subject to the

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Finance Committee furnishing money to carry on the work, and also subject to a pro rata deduction from the price named in the tender for the parts already under private contract, and provided he gives another surety in place of one of those named in his tender for closecutting (lump sum \$6169.00)

13 That the claim of Potter + Flett for extra work on Burrard St sewer Sec 4 be laid over.

14 That the following accounts be paid:-

Boyd + Clandenning. Powell St. \$184.98

Evans, Coleman + Evans Sewer pipe 551.17

McQuarrie +co Sec 7 sewers 1132.69

Denton etal. Labor 290.75

The City Engineer stated in reference to a statement made in the Council meeting last Monday evening by one of the Aldermen that all the directions given to Mr Lawson by him were to number the stakes in the cemetery with a small paint brush so that they would not wash out.

sgd H. P. McCraney

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Mills

Seconded by " Odium

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

The Special Report of the Committee on the Guaranteeing of the Vancouver Electric Light Co's Street Railway Bonds was laid over for one week owing to the absence of Alderman Anderson who held the Report.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " McCraney.

That the City treasurer be authorized to pay the City officials on Saturday the 31st inst. instead of on Tuesday the 2nd of January 1893 so that the account can be closed up for the year.

Carried

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Moved by Alderman McCraney,

Seconded by " Franklin.

Whereas an agreement was entered into between the C. P. R. Co and the City wherein the said Co agreed to proceed with the construction of the terminal station at the foot of Granville Street simultaneously with the grading of Cordova Street to the level of the East corner of the planking of the roadway of Granville Street.

And whereas the City has performed its part of the contract some months ago.

Therefore be it resolved that Mr. H. Abbott the General Superintendent of the Company be communicated with and requested to proceed with the work of construction as per agreement.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Odlum.

That the C. P. R. Co be communicated with and asked to give passengers that are ticketed over this line from eastern points and destined for the Sound the option of going by the way of Vancouver or the Mission.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman McCraney gave notice that, at next meeting of Council he would introduce a motion authorizing the City Treasurer to return all forfeited deposits.

The Council the adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk