

Committee Meetings to be held in private – Jan 25, 1892

Alderman McGuigan moved and alderman Gavan seconded that henceforth all Committee meetings be held in private. Liquor license payments to be refunded for unsuccessful applicants. Letter received from Miss Bowes, a frequent writer to Council, drawing attention to the Social Evil (prostitution) and gambling.

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Vancouver, January 25, 1892

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The Council met on Monday, January 25, 1892, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: His Worship Mayor Cope, and Aldermen Anderson, Connon, Collins, Scoullar, McGuigan, Odium, Gavan and Mills.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:

From Miss Bowes et al drawing attention to the Social evil and gambling.

Referred to Police Committee

From W.B. Ross complaining about the annoyance caused him by the City officials.

Referred to Police Committee

From Wilson McKinnon et al asking for the Market Hall for Locksley Lucas for discussing the Chinese question.

Referred to Police Committee with power to act.

From the Reporters asking for more accommodation for reporting.

Referred to Finance Committee

From E.V. Bodwell, solicitor for H.B. Warren requiring particulars as to defence from the City Solicitor. Already attended to by order.

From the City Solicitor advising the Council that Messrs. Abray and Haywood, Godfrey +& Co and Clark and Co. had no claim for damages.

Filed

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From the City Solicitor advising the City not to pay any more money to Mr. Morgan until he completes his contract to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.  
Referred to Board of Works

From the Market Clerk reporting on the receipts.  
Filed

From the Chief of Police reporting on the Electric Lights.  
Filed

From G.A. Roedde claiming the contract for all binding last year.  
Referred to Finance Committee

From the City Solicitor stating that there was no remedy regarding the feed merchants' petition.  
Filed

From J.W. McFarland enclosing Provincial Government Assessment Notice on water pipes.  
Referred to Finance Committee

From W.J. Gallagher claiming \$82.50 for not receiving the printing of the Debentures.  
Referred to Finance Committee

From W.J. Dowler acknowledging receipt of communication re lepers.  
Filed

From the City Clerk of Port Arthur asking to be furnished with the area of the City.  
Referred to City Clerk for reply

From D. Oppenheimer asking that the Council give their attention to the Sir John A. McDonald Memorial Fund.  
Referred to Finance Committee

From Her Majesty the Queen and the Prince of Wales acknowledging telegrams of ...

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... condolence.

From Joseph Brown asking for damages for the loss of his election list.  
Filed

From Peter Walgrew asking for damages for the burning of his house in Stanley Park.  
Referred to City Solicitor and Park Commissioners

From J.A. Codwell asking that the Mayor's address be not printed in pamphlet form.  
Filed

From Authors & Cox reporting that they had forwarded Pitts Leg.  
Referred to Health Committee

From Mrs. Webster enclosing a resolution passed by the Directors of the Women's Hospital appointing the Chairman of the Finance and Health Honorary Trustees and Directors of said Hospital.  
Referred to Health Committee

From Marshall & Macrae asking for a share of the City's stationery.  
Referred to Finance Committee

From Alex Struthers et al asking that the sidewalk on Barclay Street be widened and the street cleared of rubbish.  
Referred to Board of Works

From the Speaker of the B.C. Legislature inviting the Mayor and Aldermen to be present at the opening of said Legislature on the 28th inst.  
The Clerk was instructed to accept the invitation on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

From C. Gardner Johnson asking for the ...

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... grading of 8th Av from Centre Street East.  
Referred to Board of Works

From C. Gardner Johnson asking for a light on the corner of Centre Street and 9th Av.  
Referred to F.W. & L. Committee

The following reports were received and read:

Finance

The Finance Committee met on Saturday January 23rd 1892.

Present: Aldermen Anderson, Collins, McGuigan, Odlum and Mills.  
Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.  
It was recommended:

- 1) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract between Smead Dowd & Co. and the City for the heating of the hospital.
- 2) That Stanley James be reappointed City Auditor.
- 3) That 3000 Annual Reports be printed for distribution and that Aldermen Anderson and Odlum be appointed to revise them before they are printed.
- 4) That the following liquor license moneys be refunded:  
Avis, M. Winters \$ 220.00  
C.A. Drilling 100.00  
McCoskery & Beer 10.00

J. Brown 20.00

5) That the following tenders be accepted for supplies for 1892:

Bread: J.P. Blake for first half year

John Sciutto for second half year

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Milk: James McGeer

Wood & Feed: H.S. Devine & Co.

Coal: Palmer Bros.

Anthracite Coal: C.G. Johnson

Burials: F.W. Hart

Meat: Hayes & McIntosh

Drug tenders referred to Hospital Board

Printing, Advertising, Groceries and Greengroceries referred to Aldermen Collins and Odlum for examination.

6) That the following accounts be paid:

Daily Telegram, Printing \$ 160.80

G.A. Owens, Express 6.00

T.H. Wooton, Express 5.00

James Orr, Clerical work 5.00

F.W. Hart, Chairs etc. 20.00

Deputy Returning Officers 70.00

D. McRae, Screens etc. 20.25

W.B. Fisher, Clerical work 12.00

A.J. Mould, Clerical work 26.00

J. Miller, Stamps 30.00

Signed: R.A. Anderson, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried

F. W. & L.

The F. W. & L. Committee met on Thursday January 25th, 1892.

Present: Alderman Connon, Scoullar, McGuigan, Franklin and Mills.

Alderman Franklin was appointed Chairman.

It was recommended:

1) That a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Aldermen Scoullar and Mills be appointed to examine the hose wagon now being ...

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... made by F.K. Winch to ascertain if it is being constructed according to specifications.

2) That the following accounts be paid:

H.P. Dunn & Co. Supplies \$ 24.13  
Godfrey & Co. " 1.75  
J.M. O'Toole " 2.45  
Crowder & Penzer " 65.77  
Tye & Co. Supplies \$ .90  
Fraser & Co. " 4.25  
B.C.M. S & S " 5.37  
T.R. Morrow " 1.40  
G.H. Bozley, Horse shoeing 2.00  
T. Forbes, " " 2.00  
F.D. Gross, Drayage 10.00  
C.P. Ry. Co., Supplies 22.96  
C.G. Johnson " 168.62  
Van Elec Ry & Lt Co. Lights 1360.24

The Committee decided to hold its regular meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5 P.M.

Signed: J.L. Franklin, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by Alderman Odlum

That the Report be adopted. Carried

#### Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday, January 21st, 1892.

Present: Aldermen Connon, Franklin, Gavan, Scoullar and McCraney.

Alderman McCraney was appointed Chairman.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

J. Telford, Drains \$ 190.98  
W.H. Fraser, Hospital Wing 2003.45

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H.P. Veitch, Delivering Rock 381.29  
W.H. Kendall, Crushed Rock 1077.57  
Boyd & Clandenning, Cordova Street 1100.00  
J. Potter, Cambie Street Drain 393.44  
McLennan & McFeely, Supplies 45.43  
B.C. Mills Co., Lumber 296.92  
Godfrey & Co., Supplies 76.60  
McDonald Bros., Drainage .50  
Baily Bros., Stationery 6.25  
Thomson Bros., " 3.65  
S.T. Tilley & Son, " 9.60

M.S. Rose, Plumbing 1.50  
E. Cook, Rent of Wharf 25.00  
H.H. Spicer, Lumber 47.31  
H.P. Dunn & Co., Supplies 249.77  
Gurney Cab Co., Drayage 1.00  
Ludger Ray, Plumbing 2.75  
Veysey & Co., Supplies 23.77  
H.P. Dunn & Co., " 4.35  
H. Blyth et al, Labor 756.80  
Communications

From J.M. Browning re site for storage purposes. - Laid over

From Mrs. Webster re a sidewalk to the Women's Hospital. - Referred to City Engineer

From W.H. Kendall re account for breakage to rock crusher. - Referred to City Solicitor

From G.G. McKay re drainage – Laid over until City Engineer gives complete report on drainage.

The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday at 10 o'clock and drive around the City to see what improvements were necessary during the year.

Signed J.J. Gavan for Chairman

Moved by Alderman Connon  
Seconded by Alderman Gavan  
That the report be adopted.  
Carried

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Motions

Moved by Alderman Connon  
Seconded by Alderman Odlum  
That the Board of Works be empowered to have water tanks located on Mount Pleasant for fire purposes.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman McGuigan  
Seconded by Alderman Gavan  
That hereafter all committee meetings be held private.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Connon  
Seconded by Alderman Franklin  
That all By-Laws be laid over for one week.  
Carried

The Council then adjourned.

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk F. Cope, Mayor