

Vancouver and New Westminster Councils urge formation of Provincial Board of Health – July 9, 1892

Joint meeting of New Westminster and Vancouver City Councils to prevent the spread of smallpox from Victoria and other suspected ports. Provincial Government urged to form a Provincial Board of Health to coordinate vaccinations.

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Vancouver, July 9th, 1892

A special meeting of the Councils of New Westminster and Vancouver was held on Saturday, July 9th, 1892.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and full Council of Vancouver and His Worship Mayor Townsend and Aldermen Kennedy, Smithers, Hay, and Dr. DeWolf Smith, Medical Health Officer.

The object of the meeting was to consider what action should be taken to prevent the spread of small pox from Victoria and other suspected ports.

Moved by Alderman Odlum.

Seconded by Alderman Smithers

That the Government be urged to form a Provincial Board of Health to adopt at once the most effective course possible for the protection of the people against the spread of small pox and further resolved that the Government be asked to answer by telegram it's decision in this matter when reached so that the Cities of Vancouver and New Westminster may know what course to adopt.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by Alderman Kennedy

That passengers arriving from infected districts by vessel in the City produce certificates of recent vaccination or submit to vaccination before being allowed to land, and that the Health Officer appointed by the City be requested to examine every vessel entering and take whatever steps may be considered necessary and further that, a copy of this Resolution be sent to each steam boat company the vessels of which call at the City.

Carried

The Board herein adjourned.

T. Cope, Mayor

Ths. S. McGuigan, City Clerk.