

Vancouver will crack down on prostitution at once – July 25, 1892

In an effort to curb prostitution, the allowable area for brothels will be made as small as possible. Drinking in open vehicles, "sauntering" around on foot, smoking at open windows, and other ways of attracting attention to be "wholly restrained". Mayor of New Westminster reported he would lift the smallpox quarantine on Monday or Tuesday; Mayor of Port Townsend, WA reported the quarantine there would last another two weeks.

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Vancouver July 25th 1892.

The Council met on Monday July 25th 1892.

Present : Aldermen Anderson, Connon, Collins, McGuigan, McCraney, Odlum, Franklin, Mills, and Gavin.

Moved by

Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum.

That Alderman Anderson be appointed to act as Mayor during the absence of Mayor Cope, with full power to sign cheques, etc.

Carried

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following Communications were received and read : -

From Geo Kilby applying for the position of nurse in the pest house.

Referred to the Board of Health.

From the B.C. Pottery & Terra Cotta Works appointing Evans, Coleman & Evans their agents in Vancouver.

Filed

From Francis Hyde & Co., quoting the prices of Sewer pipes.

Referred to the Board of Works

From Evans, Coleman & Evans, asking for a crossing on Alexandra Street to their wharf.

Referred to the Board of Works

From W.H. Fraser, asking for his final payment on the hospital wing.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Odlum.

That the final estimate be paid to him when the 30 days required by law expires.

From Geo Gagen Secretary of the Trades & Labor Council asking that the Mayor & Council attend the Labor Day Demonstration and take a place on the Speaker's Platform on that day.

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Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the invitation be accepted.

Carried

That Comte G. Des Etangs, asking for a grant of 32000 acres and subsidy of \$400,000 in consideration of his settling 200 families in British Columbia

Filed

From H. Abbott, asking that Abbott Street be extended south through the C.P.R. Reserve.

Referred to the Board of Wards

From W.S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Wards stating that the Deed of Lot 2, Block 2, O.G.T., could not be handed over until the City was able to effect the registration of the school lots

Referred to Finance Committee

From Mathers & Carson, Merchant Tailors submitting an account for \$472.50 for firemen's uniforms.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Mills

That the account be paid

Carried

From J.W. Hart asking for an order for Mattresses to be supplied to the hospital.

Referred to the Board of Health

From Geo Pollay drawing attention to the nuisance created by the cattle sheds and hog pens at the C.P.R. Corral (sic) and asking for their removal.

Referred to the Board of Health.

From the License Inspector asking for an investigation into the matter of Liquor being sold at Brockton Point with a view of preventing the same.

Referred to Police Committee

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights

Filed

From J. Rogers, asking for the permanent grade in front of his lot on Hastings Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From G. Patterson submitting an account for \$9.00 for work on Market building.

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Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum,

That the account be paid

Carried

From the Mayor of Port Townsend stating that the quarantine would not be raised there for two weeks or more.

Filed

From Mayor Townsend of New Westminster stating that he contemplated raising the quarantine on Tuesday and asking this City to co-operate.

Filed

The following Reports were received and read : -

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Tuesday July 19th 1892.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Collins, Cormon, McCraney, Odlum and Gavin (sic).

It was recommended : -

1. That the following accounts be paid : -

Dr. Tunstall, Med attendance \$10.00

Ideal Grocery Supplies 37.20

Sam North, Ry Fares 2.00

W.J. McGuigan Inquests 20.00

W.A. McIntosh, Supplies 28.40

J.P. Blake, " 19.70

2. That D. McLean be appointed night watchman at a salary of \$10.00 a month.

3. That the Police Magistrate be instructed to make returns to the Government of all fines imposed under the Indian Act since 1887.

4. Re Social Evil

That the Council instruct the Chief of Police to see that the By-Laws are enforced generally through the City and that the evil referred to in the petition be confined to bounds as limited as possible that public drinking in open vehicles be prohibited. Sauntering around

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the gates, front yards and the sidewalks be stopped; sitting in the open windows either up stairs or down stairs be ended, that smoking in view of public streets and all manifestations intended to solicit or

attract attention either on the streets, in the yards, at the doors or windows be wholly restrained; and it is further recommended that those hotels and saloons under suspicion or known to be places of ill repute used for the accommodation of prostitutes be closely watched, and in case of known violation be punished to the full extent of the law, and that the License Commissioners be recommended to Council the Licenses of all hotels or saloons known to keep brothel accommodations as which in other ways set the laws at defiance.

Sgd. Henry Collins

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " Odlum

That the Report be adopted

Carried

F.W.& L. Committee

The F.W.& L Committee met on Wednesday July 28th 1892

Present Aldermen Franklin, Connon, Scoullar & Mills

It was recommended: -

1. That the following accounts be paid : -

W. Hooper et al Labor \$ 458.90

P. Fewshir & Co. Supplies 4.04

Tye & Co. " 1.00

Fraser & Co " 4.20

B.C.M.T.& T. Co " 37.14

John Costello " 6.00

A Blyth et al " 207.35

Godfrey & Co. " 3.70

A Sleet " 1.50

Brunette Saw Mill Co " 4.48

G.L. Allan " 2.00

McDonald Bros Drayage 3.00

David Wilson Supplies 99.20

Godfrey & Co " 16.25

John Daly Engine Co " 24.70

Shelton & Co " 31.25

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Thos Dunn & Co Supplies \$ 13.41

J. H. Carlisle Freight 3.50

1. That N. R. Wells et al be granted permission to lay pipes on Princess Street under the supervision of the City Engineer and according to terms to be arranged by him.

2. That H.H. Spicer be informed that all the water rates will be revised on or about the end of the month.

3. That the City clerk be instructed to telegraph for a copy of the latest addition (sic) of the Manual of American Water Works.
4. That the water works department be instructed to prepare a statement showing the amount paid for water by 20 of the largest consumers during the last three months.
5. That a rate of \$10.00 a month be charged Mr. Abbott for the water used in the Chinese Passenger Sheds, subject to any changes that the Council may desire to make hereafter.
6. That the firemen be permitted to take part in the Labor Day Procession.
7. That A. M. Beattie be informed that he cannot be granted free water but that the rates will be as favorable as possible.
8. That the pay roll of the water works employees be made up and paid weekly.
9. That all water works connections outside of the ordinary be reported to the Committee and authorized before being acted upon by the officials.

Sgd.  
J.L. Franklin,  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney  
Seconded by " Cormon  
That the Report be adopted Carried

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday July 22nd, 1892.

Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins, Odlum and Mills

It was recommended : -

1. That the following accounts be paid :-  
J. Miller. Postage stamps \$ 5.00

2. That a subsidy of \$25.00 a week be paid to Captain Ward in consideration of him running the Steamer Sunbury bi-weekly between Vancouver and Chilliwack and other Fraser River points; said subsidy to be continued for six months.  
sgd. R.A. Anderson, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum  
Seconded by " Collins

That the Report be adopted  
Carried

#### Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday July 21st 1892  
Present Aldermen McCraney, Cannon, Scoular, Franklin and Gavin  
It was recommended :-

1. That the City Engineer be instructed to inform J.W. Reid who petitioned for the grading of 8th Av. That, as 7th Av will be graded through it will answer his purpose for the present.

2. That the following accounts be paid :-

H. Lomas et al, Labor \$524.15

J. M. O'Toole, Silver supplies 2.55

Ths Dunn & Co " 42.40

G. Mitchell, Expenses to New Westminster 1.00

Buse Mill Co., Lumber 87.20

Canadian Architect & Builder, Ad, 5.00

W. Fowler, Repairs to Sewers 5.65

Van Book Binding Co. Supplies 6.75

Hobson Brs., Beatty St. 555.00

J.M. Thomas, Princess St. 270.00

D.H. Morgan, Prior Street 360.00

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McLeod & McDermid, Fire Hall Mt. Pleasant \$ 270.00

3. That the following contract be awarded : -

J. M. Thomas, Alberni Street 2495.00

4. That the time for receiving tenders on the bituminous rock paving be extended to Thursday noon the 28th incl

5. That tenders be called for the following work.

3 ft. sidewalk on 14th Av, from Quebec to Sophia

3 ft. " " Sophia St. from 13th to 14th Av.

3 ft. " " 13th Av, from Sophia St to Westminster Road

For the building of a float on the North end of Gore Av.

6. That the Contractors on Powell Street be notified to repair the fence torn down along the C.P.R. track.

7. That C.C. Ralston, et al be informed that a By-Law will be introduced at a later date for the joining of Hastings Street between Carrall and Cambie.

8. That the communication from J.J. Dougan be referred to the Street Inspector for attention.

Sgd. H. P. McCraney  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum  
Seconded by " Mills  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Odlum  
Seconded by " McGuigan  
That John Brenton be appointed Health Inspector during the absence of Joseph Huntly.  
Carried

The board then adjourned

Sgd F. Cope,  
Mayor

Ths. F. McGuigan,  
City Clerk