

Board of Works to find a new quarantine site - June 6, 1892

The location for the new Pest House (quarantine facility) to be determined by the Board of Works. Cabins behind the Market Hall to be burned, as recommended by the Health Inspector. Vancouver Council writes letter of concern and protest to the Dominion (of Canada) that the carelessness of the medical staff at Albert Head near Victoria has resulted in a province-wide smallpox outbreak. Men working on city payroll will be paid at City Hall on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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Vancouver June 6th 1892

The Council met on Monday June 6th 1892 at 8 p.m. Present His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman Cannon, Collins, Scoullar, McGuigan, Odlum, Franklin, Mills and Gavin.
The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:-

From. S. Gintzberger, asking the Council to proclaim Saturday the 11th inst in the afternoon , a half holiday.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar.

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the afternoon of Saturday the 11th int be proclaimed by His Worship the Mayor a half holiday.
Carried.

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights.

Filed

From W. A. McIntosh and John McDowell offering \$125.00 a month for the rent of the Market
Laid over to be considered when the By-Laws are introduced

From John Brown etal asking for a sidewalk on Sophia Street

Referred to the Board of Works

From H. G. Ross, Secretary of the Provincial Exhibit Association, asking for a grant from Council
Referred to the Finance Committee

From the City Solicitor advising the City to move the pest house from its present location as soon as possible.

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " Cannon

That the City Engineer be instructed

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to ascertain the exact distance the pest house is from the work carried on by Mr. Henderson.
Carried

From the Park Commissioners protesting against the pest house being located on Dead Man's Island.
Moved by Alderman McGuigan
Seconded by " Odium
That the communication be filed.
Carried

| amendment
| Moved by Alderman Scoullar
| Seconded by " Connon
That the Selection of a site for a pest house be left in the hands of the Board of Works.
Lost

From the Market Clerk reporting on the receipts
Filed

From D. Goldberg asking the Council to set aside a portion of the public cemetery for the Jewish
Congregation.
Referred to the Board of Health

From S. J. Emmanels, Chairman of the Dancing Committee asking for the Market Hall on the first of July
Mills-Scoullar
That the communication be referred to the Market Committee with power to act
Carried

From John. B. Saint asking that three dangerous trees be cut down.
Referred to the City Engineer

From the Health Inspector reporting upon the Small pox and advising the destruction of the cabins in
rear of the Market Hall.
Moved by Alderman McGuigan
Seconded by " Franklin
That the Shacks in rear of the Market Hall be destroyed by fire when arrangements are made with the
owner.
Carried

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The following Reports were received and read:-

Finance Report

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 3rd 1892.
Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins, ^ Odlum and Mills.

It was recommended:-

1 That S. L. Wilgress be paid the commission allowed him heretofore by the Provincial Government for the collection of the Provincial Government for the collection of the Provincial Revenue Tax, the amount being 5 per cent.

2 That the City Auditor be informed that his increase in salary dated from the 1st of May.

3 That S. J. Pitts be refunded \$6.30 taxes paid by him through error.

4 That the agreement of leased prepared by the City Solicitor between A. M. Beattie, and the City be recommended to the Council for acceptance

5 That the following accounts be paid:-

S. S. Tilley + Son Stationery \$15.25

Atkins + Atkins Benzine .65

Fraser + co. halyard. 1.35

Miss Davis Typewriting 5.60

Albert Gifford Repairs 1.50

sgd R. A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum

That the Clause re Market Lease be laid over and the balance of the Report adopted.

Carried

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 2nd 1892. Present Aldermen Scoullar, Gavin and Franklin

It was recommended:-

1 That the following building plans be approved:-

Addition to Hotel Vancouver

Hudson's Bay co's Building

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Bank of B. N. A. Building

Cordell Building Homer St.

2 That tenders be called for grading the streets surrounding the following school sites:-

Block 80. 541.

Block 121. 301.

Tenders to be sent in by noon the 23rd inst.

3 That the City Engineer be instructed to look into the question of the obstruction which has been put up at the western terminus of Seaton Street, and to see that same is removed.

4 That in future plans of all buildings being created within the fire limits be submitted in the City Engineer's office for approval by the Board of Works: that the drawings be in ink on paper, tracing linen or blue prints, that a copy of the basement plan shewing drainage and a copy of the section shewing construction be submitted and deposited in the City Engineer's office all drawings to be not less than 1/8" scale and, all plans, and specifications when approved to be stamped, and initialed

5 That the Street Inspector be instructed to notify the men employed on City work that wages will be paid at the City Treasurer's office on Wednesday's between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock and persons not attending personally or by agent each payday will not be paid until the following week.

6 That the following tenders be accepted:-
Georgia St. Sidewalk A. D. McDonald 26 cts
Seymour St " E. C. Britton 21 1/4

7 That the following accounts be paid:-
Boyd + Clandenning Powell St. \$900.00
A. Gifford. Repairs 1.50
S. T. Tilley + Son Supplies 18.90
Fraser + co " 3.35
Market Hardware Store " 75.00
H. Lomas etal Labor 432.20
sgd A. W. Scoullar, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Gavin
Seconded by " McGuigan
That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted.
Carried

Aldermen Scoullar and Franklin reported having Selected a site, at the foot of Burnaby Street on English Bay as a Suitable location for a bathing ground.
They then moved that their Selection be confirmed by Council and that tenders be at once invited for the construction of bathing houses.

Moved by Alderman Collins | in amendment
Seconded by " Mills |
That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.
Carried

W. J. Elliott representing the Toronto Mail asking for a bonus of \$15000 from the City for writing it up.
Moved by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by " Franklin

That his request be not granted.
Carried

Introduction of By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by " Odlum.

That the Rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced to provide for the closing of Hotels Saloons etc on Sunday.
Carried

The By-Law was introduced and read a first time

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Market Lease

Moved by Alderman Collins
Seconded by " Odlum

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Market Lease.
Carried

Alderman Collins Franklin was appointed Chairman

The Lease was read over clause by clause and reported to the Council as complete.

Moved by Alderman Gavin
Seconded by " McGuigan

That the Lease as adopted in Committee of the Whole be confirmed by Council and that the Mayor be authorized to sign it on behalf of the City, as soon as A. M. Beattie consents to the terms thereof.
Carried

A Bond was submitted in connection in con with the above Lease and the amount fixed at \$100000, the approval of the bondsmen to be left in the hands of the Finance Committee

Moved by Alderman Gavin
Seconded by " Odlum

That the lease take effect from the 1st of June and that Mr Beattie be refunded the difference between the time he takes charge and the 1st of June.
Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by " Connon

That Tuesday the 5th day of July, at 11 a.m. be the day fixed by this Council for holding a Court of

Revision under the Local Improvement By-Law passed by Council on the 26th day of May 1892.
Carried

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Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Gavin

That the City Engineer be instructed to have the alterations to the market building done as soon as possible, the Market Committee to explain to the Engineer the nature of the work required.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " Odlum.

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is now undergoing an epidemic of Small pox, due to alleged Carelessness on the part of the quarantine officer, at Albert Head And whereas several valuable lives have been sacrificed to this fell disease, and others are in danger.

Be it therefore resolved that the Dominion be respectfully requested to make a strict enquiry into the actions of the quarantine officer at Albert Head in order to settle the responsibility upon the proper authorities, if any negligence has been practised by any one.

And that a copy of this resolutions be forwarded to the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Connon

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the clause in the last report of the F. W + L. Committee awarding the contract for brass work to Thynne, Henshaw and Turner be struck out and the matter referred back to the F. W + L. Committee for the reconsideration

Lost

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Connon

That the following men employed in connection with the water works extension be paid:-

H Blythe etal. Labor \$2486.45

Carried

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " Scoullar

That the Sunday Closing By-Law be read a 2nd time.

Carried

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Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " Collins

That the amendments to the Liquor License By-Law be read a 2nd time
Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by " McGuigan

That the Council to into Committee for the consideration of the above By-Laws.
Carried

Alderman Odlum was appointed Chairman

The By-Laws were read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments.
They were then read, a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Scoullar Seconded by Ald McGuigan and finally
passed.

The Council then adjourned

F. Cope
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk