

Rates for 1892 will be 2 1/4 percent with 20% off – May 12, 1892

*The estimates of income and expenses for 1892 were presented to a Committee of the Whole. Totals estimated to be \$360,865.55 A number of adjustments were proposed and carried. Rates this year will be 2 1/4 percent with 20% off. The City Engineer was authorized to order a cast iron pipe for the First Narrows and enough lead pipe for current use.*

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Vancouver May 12, 1892.

The Council held an adjourned meeting on Thursday May 12th 1892.  
Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Connon, Collins, Scoullar, McGuigan, McCraney, Franklin, Mills and Gavin.  
The estimates for 1892 were submitted for consideration.

Moved by Alderman Anderson  
Seconded by " Collins  
That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for their consideration.  
Carried

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman.

The following is a copy of the Estimates as submitted:-

Estimated Revenue

Balance on Land Jan 1st 1892. \$20,413.36  
Receipts, as per Schedules. 104,155.20  
Taxes Arrears 25,609.49  
Taxes 1892. Assessment of  
\$16,885.00 School rate 1 Mill  
Int + Skg fd. 4 9/10"  
Gen Rate 6 6/10  
12 5/10 210,687.50  
360,865.55

Estimated Expenditure  
Finance Committee \$142,331.99  
Police " 19,591.00  
Board of Works 28,445.00  
" " Health 31,467.00  
F. W + L. Committee 56,893.06  
Allowance for unpaid Taxes + Rebate 82,137.50  
360,865.55

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#### Debenture Account

Balance on Hand Jan 1, 1892  
B of Works \$17,793.65 }  
B of Health 1,830.21 } \$20,732.27  
F. W + L. 1,108.41 }

[in pencil] 590,000 [in pencil, crossed out] 65,000  
By-Laws 126 + 127 and proposed }  
\$689,759.20  
Loan of \$100,000 for W. W. extension }  
[in pencil] 175,000 [in pencil] + purchase

Proposed By-Law for Sewerage 150,000.00  
" " " Streets 95,000.00  
" " " Schools 130,000.00

Estimated Revenue 1892.

Balance on Land Jan 1st 1892. \$20,413.36  
Provincial Government:  
Grant to Hospital \$5,000.00 }  
" " F. Brigade 500. } 8,000.00  
Refund of Poll Tax 2,500. }

Licenses, Hotels etc. 18,600.00  
" Transfers etc. 1,000.00  
Billiards + Pool 5,000.00  
Hack + Dray 500.00  
Dogs 700.00  
Pawnbrokers. 600.00  
Opium 1,000.00  
Second Hand Stores 500.00  
Auctioneers 700.00  
Livery, Feed etc. 220.00  
Theatre 200.00

Hawkers 300.00  
Plumbers 200.00  
Pipelayers 150.00  
Scavengers 50.00  
Miscellaneous 680.00  
Poll Tax Collections 10,000.00  
Cemetery Fees 1,500.00  
Police Court Fines 5,500.00  
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Estimated Revenue (Continued)

Market Fees + Rent \$25,00.00  
Hospital fees 1,200.00  
Brockton Point Association 605.20  
Jockey Club Refund 2,750.00  
Water Rates 4,3000.00  
Rent of Rock Crusher [in pencil] 400.00 600.00

Taxes 1887 \$107.57 }  
" 1888 271.51 }  
" 1889 1293.38 }  
| 25,609.49  
" 1890 4272.37 }  
" 1891 19,664.66 }  
Miscellaneous 2,500.00  
Taxes 1892 @ 1 ¼ on \$16,855,000 210,687.50  
\$360,865.55  
Finance Committee.  
Salaries  
Treasurer Ass Comm 1,500.00  
Accountant 1,500.00  
City Clerk 1,500.00  
Solicitor 1,000.00  
Auditor [in pencil] 440.00 360.00  
Poll Tax Collector 825.00  
Messenger, Jan, Feb, March. 75.00  
License Inspector 2. Mos (½) 100.00  
Temporary Assistance 1,000.00  
Interest + Sinking Fund

Int Sk Fund

By-Laws Nos 12 \$846.00 \$478.00  
" 13 483.00 563.27  
" 29 9,000.00 1,578.00  
" 44 1,200.00 210.40  
" 64 9,000.00 1,578.00  
" 70 750.00 375.00  
" 80 6,250.00 1,315.00

" 91 1,000.00 210.40  
" 94 1,500.00 315.60  
" 100 6250.00 1,315.00  
" 80 + 100 (Revote) 1,209.11  
" 126 + 127 1959.41 6,208.68  
Net on New Loan 11,360.00 [crossed through]  
Total 68,442.11 [crossed through] 14147.35  
[in pencil] 57,082.11  
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Stationery. \$1,500.00  
Commission's + Ex. 500.00  
Telephone City Hall. 48.00  
Lights " " 250.00  
Fuel " " 300.00  
Revisions of Voters Lists: 100.00  
Reading Room purposes [in pencil 2,000] [original figure crossed through] 2,300.00  
Law Costs 3,000.00  
Grant to Mayor (Revote) 62.75  
" " " 1892 2,000.00  
Grant for Board. 400.00  
Schools. Salaries. 13,260.00  
" Incidents. 4,590.00  
Elections expenses 500.00  
Contingent Accounts 24,071.78

#### Police Committee

Salaries  
Chief of Police \$1,200.00  
Sergt " " 960.00  
Policeman No 1 840.00  
" " 2 840.00  
" " 3 840.00  
" " 4 840.00  
" " 5 840.00  
" " 6 840.00  
" (7) 2 mos @60 120.00  
" 10 " @70 700.00  
" 8 720.00  
[inserted in pencil] Extra 420.00 420.00  
Jailer [inserted in pencil] 810.00 [original figure crossed through] 720.00  
Caretaker 300.00  
Watchman 120.00  
Extra 100.00  
Poundkeeper 600.00  
Market Clerk 9 Mos. 675.00  
Police Magistrate 1,500.00

Uniforms 1,000.00  
Board of Prisoners 1,600.00  
Transport 150.00  
Telephone 36.00  
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Police Committee (continued)

Market Sheds 1,600.00  
" Maintenance 1,000.00  
Inquests + Ex. 350.00  
Contingent. 1,000.00

Board of Works.

Salaries

Chief Engineer \$2,700.00  
Asst. " 1,500.00  
Street Inspector 1,200.00  
Draughtsman [in pencil] 860.00 [original figure crossed through] 780.00  
Rodsman \$2.25 per day 720.00  
" 2.00 " " 650.00  
Cemetery Caretaker 600.00  
" proposed increase 8 mos @ \$5.00 40.00  
" Assist: 60.00  
Sewer Inspector 900.00  
Market Clerk 3 mos. 225.00  
Park Keeper 720.00  
Stationery 250.00  
Repairs 7,500.00  
Street Cleaning 1,000.00  
Telephones 100.00  
Repairs to Bridges 2,000.00  
Parks 2,500.00  
Contingent Account [in pencil] 10,000 [original figure crossed through] 5,000.00

Board of Health

Salaries:

Inspector 10 mos @ \$100.00 }  
" 2 mos ½ @ 50.00 } \$1,100.00  
Matron Hospital 600.00  
Nurse No 1 360.00  
" No 2 240.00  
" Night 360.00  
Porter 360.00  
Extra Help 150.00  
Hospital Supplies 4500.00

[inserted in pencil] 7670.00  
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Health Committee (continued)

[inserted in pencil] 7,670.00  
Hospital Lights \$500.00  
" Telephone 48.00  
" Fuel 500.00  
" wing (revote) 4,572.00  
" " (over apprs) 3,467.00  
" " plumbing 700.00  
" " heating 1,175.00  
" " Alexandra (revote) 530.00  
" " " grant 1,000.00  
Scavenging 4,300.00  
Contagious diseases 500.00  
Relief for destitute 500.00  
Compulsory Sewer Connections 400.00  
Crematory  
" Attendants 12 mos @75.00 900.00  
" " proposed increase 7 mos@ \$25.00 175.00 175.00  
" Fuel 1,200.00  
" Lighting 30.00  
" Repairs, Tools etc. 400.00  
" House + Sheds. 900.00  
" Contingencies 2,000.00  
[inserted in pencil] 31,467.00

F. W + L. Committee  
Salaries  
Chief of Fire Brigade \$1,200.00  
Foreman No 1 780.00  
" " 2 720.00  
Engineer No 1 960.00  
" " 2 [in pencil] 840.00 [original figure crossed through] 780.00  
Stoker No1 660.00  
1 month @ 45.  
" " " 2.50 595.00  
Hosemen 3 @ 55.00 each  
[inserted in pencil] 2012.50 [original figure crossed through] 1980.00  
" 3 mo @ 45 }  
1 " 9 " " 50 } 585.00  
2 Teamster { 720.00  
{ 720.00  
4 Callmen@ 15 each } 720.00  
or 1 permanent men }  
Repairs Tools etc. 750.00  
Feed + Shoeing 1,800.00

Fuel oil + waste 1,000.00  
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F. W + L. Committee (Continued)

Telephones \$100.00  
Horses, harness, hose wagons etc 1,500.00  
Uniforms [in pencil] 600.00[original figure crossed through] 500.00  
Chemical Engines 2,740.00  
Fire Alarm boxes etc 850.00  
Hose [in pencil] 3000.00[original figure crossed through] 1,500.00  
Contingencies [in pencil] 1000.00[original figure crossed through] 500.00  
Street Lighting 16,000.00  
Brigade Salaries  
Add 1 Driver 8 Mo @ \$55.00  
“ “ “ 5 “ @ “ 440.00  
“ “ “ Chemical Engine 6 mo @ 60. 360.00

Water Works Maintenance

Water Works Employees 10 mos. 3,000.00  
Workmen Dam + Pipe line 1,560.00  
“ Mains etc. 624.00  
Shop, repairs etc. 1,000.00  
Submerged Main [in pencil] 4000.00 [original figure crossed through] 2,000.00  
Incidentals. 1,216.00  
Hydrants, lowering pipes + }  
Water account 1891 } 6,749.06  
Insurance on bonds }  
Cablegrams etc } 2,000.00

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by “ Franklin

That the water works receipts be fixed at \$3,500.00 and the rock crusher receipts reduced by \$200.00.  
Carried

Resolved

That the Auditors salary be increased to \$40.00 per month dating from May 1st.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by “ Collins

That the Reading Room grant be reduced to \$2,000.00

Carried

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Moved by Alderman Collins  
Seconded by " Connon  
That \$420.00 be added to the Estimates for an extra policeman.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman McGuigan  
Seconded by " Gavin  
That the Jailer's Salary be increased to \$70.00 per month dating from the 1st of April.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins  
That the \$4300.00 for scavengering be struck out.  
Lost

Moved by Alderman Scoullar.  
Seconded by " Franklin  
That the Engineer of Fire Hall No 2 be increased to \$840.00  
Carried

Moved by Alderman McGuigan  
That Hugh Campbell's salary be increased to \$60.00 per month.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by " Franklin  
That two permanent men be added to the fire brigade instead of one at \$45.00 per month each.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman  
That \$100.00 be added to the appropriation for firemen's uniforms.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
That the appropriation for hose be increased to \$3,000.00  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
That the F. W + L. contingent be increased to \$1,000.00  
Carried

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Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
That \$2,000.00 be added to the appropriation for the submerged main.  
Carried



Moved by Alderman McCraney.

That A. K. Stuart's salary be increased by \$10.00 per month dating from the first of May.

Carried

Resolved

That the cemetery caretaker's salary be increased by \$10.00 per month and that his salary be charged to the Health Committee.

Carried

Resolved

That the appropriation for the Park Ranger's Salary and the Park appropriation be taken out of the Board of Works and charged to a separate account.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Scoullar

That the Board of Works contingent be increased to \$10,000

Carried

Resolved.

That the interest on the proposed loans be struck out of the Estimates

Carried

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " Collins

That the rate be struck at 1 1/4 with 20 per cent off.

Moved in amendment by Ald McCraney

That the rate be struck at 15 mills with 20% off.

Amendment lost. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

That the Committee rise and report.

Carried

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Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " Anderson.

That the Estimates be adopted as passed in Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar.

Seconded by " Franklin.

That the City Engineer be authorized to order a cast iron main for the Narrows.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Gavin

That the City Engineer be authorized to purchase sufficient lead for present purposes.

Carried

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos. McGuigan

City Clerk