

Money to be found, but not for Oppenheimer – May 16, 1892

Taxpayers to be polled June 21, 1892 regarding tax increase to fund schools, sewers and water works extensions. Council refuses (by one vote) to reimburse former Mayor Oppenheimer \$500 spent out of his own funds on City business. A.M. Beattie proposes to lease the Market Hall. The By-Law to change the name of Oppenheimer Street to Cordova Street was defeated on the second reading.

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Vancouver May 16th 1892

The Council met on Monday, May 16th 1892 at 8PM

Present: His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Collins, Connon, Scoullar, McMcraney, Franklin, Odlum, Mills and Gavin

The Minutes of last meetings were read and adopted  
Communications

The following were received and read:

From James McGreer, asking the Council to subsidize a Steamer to run from Vancouver to Chilliwack  
Referred to Finance Committee

From S.Gintzberger Secy of the Foresters asking the Council to proclaim a half holiday on the 11th of June in honor of the visit of outside foresters Vancouver.

From E.P. Emerson, Proprietor of the Delmonico asking for permission to put in a grating on the Sidewalk on Pender Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Wm. Skene asking for a 10 ft, sidewalk on the south side of Georgia Street leading to Stanley Park  
Referred to the Board of Works

From the City Solicitors Stating that the City could not legally refund Mr. D Oppenheimer \$545.00 advanced by him on behalf of the City.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman Connon

That the amount be refunded to him.

Yeas, Anderson, Connon, Odlum & Gavin

Lost

Nays, Collins, Scoullar, McCraney Franklin & Mills

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights  
Filed

From Thos. W. Dyas of the Toronto Mail Stating that a man would be sent from there to write up Vancouver  
Referred to Finance Committee

From Wm. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine asking is the Vancouver Council would take care of

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sick mariners in the Vancouver City Hospital for 90 cts. a day  
Referred to Health Committee

From A.M. Beattie suggesting for the lease of the Market Hall  
Referred to the Market Committee

From the Secretary of the Union Steamship Company asking on what terms his company can have water  
Referred to F.W& L. Committee

From the City Solicitors stating that Mr. W.H Gallagher had not yet produced a deed for Powell Street Lot that could be registered.  
Filed

From the Deputy Provincial Treasurer stating that an error had been made in quoting the returns of the Poll Tax Collection in Vancouver.  
Filed

From the City Treasurer enclosing Notice of an assignment of account from Wm. Fraser and asking for instructions  
Referred to the City Solicitor

From Robertson & Hackett, asking for permission to build a temporary Mason's shed across the lane north of Lot 36 Block 33,541  
Moved by Alderman Franklin  
Seconded by Alderman Odium  
That the required permission be granted  
Carried

From the Market Clerk reporting on receipts  
Filed

The following Reports were received and read:

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday, May 12th 1892 at 3PM  
Present, Alderman McCraney, Gavin & Scoullar  
It was recommended :  
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1 That the Communication from WE Brown business Manager of the Vancouver Electric Railway & Light Co. re connections with Vancouver and New Westminster Tramway Co be referred to the City Solicitor to make out the necessary agreement.

2 That the communication from James & Richards re grade on Hastings St. sidewalks be referred to the City Engineer for attention.

3 That the following tenders be accepted:

Nicola Street grading	J. Telford
Princess Street grading	F. Thomas
5th Av. Fairview grading	M. McIntyre
Manitoba St, grading	D.H. Mayfair
Lanes in Blocks 6 & 20.185	F. Thomas
Harris St. Side walk	W. Jones

4 That the lanes in Block 7 & 21.185 be graded by day was under the direction of the City Engineer

5 That the following accounts be paid:

J.M. O'Toole, Plumbing Hospital	\$484.70
Leamy & Kyle, Scow	30.00
V. E. R. & L. Co*. Tickets	10.00
Nelson Carter. Hospital	489.00
G. Robertson & Co. Vault Door	113.00
McLennan & McFeely. Nails	73.71
Thos. Dunn & Co. hardware	27.00
Hobson Bro. Lanes	30.00
H. Lomas et al Labor	634.00
Sgd HP McCraney Chairman	

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried

F. W. & L. Committees Report

The F W & L Committee met on Wednesday, May 11th 1892. Present. His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Franklin, Connon, McGuigan & Mills

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It was recommended:

1 That the following accounts be paid:

Palmer Bros. Coal	\$12.00
John Daly Engine Co. Polish	8.60
C. Cocking Blacksmithing	1.25
J.P Hale Supplies	10.55
M.C. Marshall Supplies	.50
Palmer Bros. Supplies	6.00
H.T. Dunne & Co Supplies	54.34
The Colonist Ad	19.60
S.S. Clyde Services	20.00

Hastings Saw Mill Co. Coal	10.33
McDonald Bros. Drayage	4.50
R.D Hodgson Drayage	1.50
H. McDowell & Co Supplies	1.80
Fraser & Co Supplies	28.00
P. Fewster & Co. Supplies	12.71
John Doty Engine Co.	2.25
Thos. Veitch Delivering Pipes	93.25
J.M. O'Toole Supplies	23.64
S. T. Tilley & Son Supplies	2.25
TH Dunn & Co Supplies	22.43
Fraser & Co Supplies	24.75
Godfrey & Co Supplies	4.09
Ideal Grocery Supplies	3.25
V. E. R. & L. Co. Lights	1274.27
G. H. Bozley Shoes Set	6.00
Ideal Grocery Supplies	3.25
I. Forbes Shoes Set	4.00
Gutta Percha Rubber Mfg. Co Supplies	14.00
Hastings Saw Mill Co. "	6.30

2 That the request of SR Jessop for free water for foundry purposes be not granted

3 That the Council be asked to appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 for the construction of a road up Capilano Creek along the Pipe Line from the Narrows to the Dam according to a plan submitted by Mssrs Garden, Hermon & Burnell and dated May 2nd 1892; said road to be constructed from Specifications to be approved by the City Engineer and carried out to this satisfaction.

Signed J.H. Franklin, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman Anderson

That the Report of the FW&L Committee be adopted

#### Health Committee's Report

The Health Committee met on Tuesday, May 10th 1892

Present, Aldermen McGuigan, Anderson, and Collins

It was recommended:

1 That the following accounts be paid:

Capt. Pettenrich, Inquest	\$14.50
Gurney Cab Co Fares	1.50
Thos. Dunn & Co Supplies	1.65
Creamer & Langley Supplies	4.15
J.A. Skinner Supplies	2.80
J.P Blake Supplies	10.95
W & C Tramway Co Fares	.50
Ideal Grocery Supplies	39.89
W.A McIntosh Supplies	67.75

CH. Nelson Supplies	11.25
R.C. Winch Supplies	27.70
Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing	40.77
F.W. Hart: Burials	10.75
John Wolfe Scavengering	3.00
Atkins & Atkins Supplies	57.18
W.D. Brydone Jack Export Evidence	5.00
Palmer Bros. Supplies	17.39
do do do	18.00
Hudson's Bay Co do	5.25
Herbert & Co. do	45.58
Dr. Mills Med Attendance	5.00

2 That Arthur Cecil Green be allowed \$10.00 per month advance in salary in lieu of Board and lodging at the City Hospital to come into effect on the first of June

3 That the matron be requested to make a strong effort to collect more fees from patients

Sgd W.J McGuigan

Chairman

The Report was adopted on motions of Aldermen Connon

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

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Introduction of By-Laws

The following By-Laws were introduced and read a first time.

1) Late By-Law for 1892 on Motion of Anderson & Odlum

2) Local improvement By Law for Carroll, Cordova, Hastings, Abbott & Cambie Streets on Motion of McCraney & Connon

3) A By-Law to provide funds for the purchase of Block 48.541 for City Hall Site on motion of Collins & Anderson

4) A By-Law to provide for permanent improvements in the City of Vancouver on motion of Anderson & Odlum

5) A By-Law to provide funds for Sewerage on motion of Aldermen Scoullar & Mills

6) A By-Law to provide funds for purchasing School sites on motion of Anderson & Collins

7) A By-Law to provide funds for the erection of Schools on motion of Aldermen Anderson & Collins

8) A By-Law to provide funds for the completion of the purchase of the Water Works on motion of Aldermen Anderson & Wills

9) A By-Law to provide funds for the extension of the Water Works on motion of Aldermen Anderson & Mills

10) A By-Law to change the name of Oppenheimer Str. to Cordova Street East on motion of Odlum and Franklin (Aldermen Connon and Collins moved a Six month's hiatus to this By-Law which was lost)

11) A By Law to regulate and enforce the Cutting down of trees etc within the City Limits on motion of Aldermen Franklin. Seconded by Ald. McCraney.

Moved by Anderson

Seconded by Collins

That the Rules be suspended and that the following By-Laws be read a 2nd time.

1) A By-Law to provide funds for r the purchase of Block 48.541 for City Hall Site

2) A By-Law to provide funds for permanent Street improvements

- 3) A By-Law to provide funds for Sewerage
- 4) A By-Law to provide funds for the purchase of School Sites
- 5) A By-Law to provide for School Buildings  
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- 6) A By-Law to provide funds for completing the purchase of the Water Works
- 7) A By-Law to provide funds for the extension of the Water Works

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the above By-Laws

Carried

Alderman Collins was appointed Chairman

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by Alderman Mills

That the By-Laws to provide funds for the purchase of Block 48.541 be laid over for six months

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by Alderman Connon

That the By-Law be laid over until the Government is Communicated with on the subject of the Court House Site

Amendment Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar,

That the Street Improvement By-Law be laid over.

Lost

The By-Laws with the one viz. City Hall Site By-Law were read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete without amendment.

After the Mayor took the Chair it was moved by Alderman McCraney Seconded by Alderman Connon

That the by\_Laws as passed in Committee of the Whole receive a 3rd reading on Monday the 27th of June

Carried

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by Alderman Odlum

That the By-Law to appoint the Polling Places, etc. on the above By-Laws be read a first time.

Carried

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Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the By-Law be read a 2nd time

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman Anderson

That the rate By-Law be read a 2nd time

Carried

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the By-Law to change the name of Oppenheimer Street be read a second time

Lost

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by Alderman McCraney

That the By-Law to provide for the Burning etc of timber within the City Limits be read a 2nd time

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by Alderman Odium

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Rate By-Law, Burning By-Law & Polling Place By-Law

Carried

These By-Laws were read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete without amendment

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by Alderman Anderson

That the Burning By-Laws be read a 3rd time

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman McCraney

That the Polling Place By-Law be read a 3rd time

Carried

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Motions

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by Alderman Connon

That the Government of British Columbia be communicated with to find out on what terms and condition they would allow the City to unite with them in the erection of a Joint Court House and City Hall and Public Buildings

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman McCraney

That this Council offer a reward of \$100.00 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who destroyed the trees and orchards in the west end of this City on Sunday Morning May 15th

Carried

The Board then adjourned

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Mayor

Thos. McGuigan

City Clerk

\* Vancouver Electric Railway & Light Company