

Vancouver Library and Reading Room to move to larger quarters – November 21, 1892

Dr. McGuigan (who was also an Alderman) was appointed City Health Officer at no salary. Council agreed with the Library Board that the present Reading Room and Library was far too small. Request from the B. C. Cooperage and Jute Co. to have city taxes waived for five years was laid over for one week.

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The Council met on Monday November 21st 1892.

Present His Worship the Mayor, and, Aldermen Anderson, Connon, Collins, Scoullar, McGuigan, McCraney Odium, Franklin and Gavin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:-

From W. H. Allen applying for the position of Fire Marshall.

Referred to the F. W.+L. Committee

From Joseph Huntly reporting on the dismissal of one of the small pox patients and some of the guards.
Filed.

From John McLaren reporting on the electric lights.

Filed

From C. L. Brown asking for water on 10th Av.

Referred to the F. W.+L. Committee

From Thos. H. Tracy, City Engineer, advocating the construction of a reservoir in Stanley Park.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From D. McRae, asking for a sidewalk on Alberni Street:

Referred to the Board of Works.

From the B. C. Mills Timber and trading Co asking for exemption from taxation etc

Referred to the Finance Committee

From Z. G. Goldberg in reference to the construction of an addition to his building in the fire limits.

Filed

From the Fire Underwriters asking that the Fire By-Law be more stringently en-

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forced.

Already attended to

From C. L. Brown thanking the Council on behalf of the Methodist Ladies of Mount Pleasant for the use of the fire hall.

Filed

From M. C. McLean asking that certain rocks be removed from the lane in rear of his premises.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Norman McLean et al, asking for a sidewalk on 5th Av. Mount Pleasant.
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read:-

Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met on Friday November 18th 1892.
Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins, McGuigan and Odlum.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

Bank of B.C. Insurance etc on Bonds \$674.60

F. Evans, Transcript 26.00

C. P. R. Co. 1/2 ticket to Victoria 1.50

2 That P. Kelley be placed on the permanent pay roll as caretaker of the Isolation Hospital at a salary of \$45.00 per month dating from the time of his appointment by the Health Inspector.

3 In the communications from the BC Cooperage and Jute Co asking for exemption from taxation this Committee recommends the exemption from taxes for a period of five years of the British Columbia Jute Co on the following conditions:-

1st, That the said Co erect a two storey building 50 ft by 100 ft with wharf on the North side of the C. P. R. track

2nd That said building be used for the

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manufacture of jute and cotton of all descriptions.

3rd That said building be also used for the manufacture of barrels, kegs, hogsheads and cisterns.

4th That said Company keep steadily employed at least twenty men per annum.

The taxes to be exempted five years from the date on which said buildings are complete and the machinery running.

Should the above mentioned manufacture cease operations or any of the said conditions be broken the taxes to be levied regularly thenceforward.

Sgd R.A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Scoullar.

Seconded by " McCraney

That the clause re the Jute Co be laid over for one week.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Collins
That the report as amended be adopted.
Carried

Board of Health.

The Health Committee met on Friday November 18th 1892.
Present Aldermen McGuigan, Collins Odlum and Anderson.
It was recommended that Dr. McGuigan be appointed Medical Health Officer for the City of Vancouver without salary.

sgd

W. J. McGuigan

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Anderson

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

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F. W. + L. Committee

The F. W. + L. Committee met on Wednesday November 16th 1892.

Present Aldermen Franklin, Scoullar and McGuigan

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

W. P. Turner etal. Labor \$1028.20

Wm Templeton, Supplies 1.20

Van Elec Ry & L CO " 24.24

John Barclay Shoes set 2.00

G. L. Allan Supplies 7.50

Wm Templeton " 26.55

Market Hardware Store " 7.69

W. C. Marshall Expenses 1.50

Daniel Hunter Supplies 1.00

McLennan + McFeely " 5.85

P. Fewster + Co " 14.64

B. C. Mills " 2.50

W. A. Mc Intosh " 118.44

B. C. Mills " 88.07

Robert Clark " 12.00

Queen Bros. Hack hire 5.00

Hastings Saw Mill Supplies 15.00

S. L. Honeyford Examination of horses 19.50

David Wilson Supplies 1.70

Dr. L. Lloyd Carriage hire 10.00

G. H. Bazley Shoes set 5.50

H. McDonell + Co Supplies 1.89

David Wilson " 29.20

Canadian Genl Elec Co. Magnet 1.14
C. M. Hawley Supplies 5.50
Palmer Bros " 13.95
Daniel Hunter " 6.00

2 That the City Engineer be authorized to obtain prices for driving piles to protect the new main on the North side of the Narrows.

3 That the B.C. Cooperage and Jute Co. be informed that they will be supplied with water at the lowest possible figure when the rates are revised, such revision to take place on Tuesday next.

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4 That the City Accountant furnish a statement at the next meeting of the Board shewing the state of the different appropriations of the Committee.

5 That the communication from Theo Harrobin etal re water service on Dufferin Street be referred to the City Engineer for attention.

6 That the Chairman and City Engineer examine and report upon a water service to the slaughter houses.

Officer McKeown was present to explain as to the light that Alderman Scoullar claimed was out on the night of the 22nd of October and stated that said light might have been out.

W.A. McIntosh stated was that the light was out at the time mentioned by Alderman Scoullar.

sgd J. L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Thursday the 17th inst.

Present Aldermen McCraney, Gavin, Scoullar and Franklin.

It was recommended:-

1. That Chief Carlisle as Fire Inspector be instructed to carry out the provisions of the Fire By-Law in respect to the building of Z. G. Goldberg and further that the Health and Fire Inspectors be instructed to have the back premises of all stores etc in the business section cleaned up, as soon as possible.

2 That the City Engineer be instructed to procure

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the levels of Grove Avenue as soon as convenient.

3 That the Health Inspector be informed that a Box drain was put in in the lane in Block 41. 196 two months ago.

4 That the Street Inspector be instructed to widen the sidewalk near the corner of Haro and Jervis Streets with old plank, as soon as possible.

5 That the City Engineer be authorized to take the necessary steps to have the partners of the flush vault suppliers for the sewage extension changed to the Van Franklin pattern at a stipulated price of \$34.00 each.

6 That tenders be called for clearing that portion of Subdivision 185 of all standing timber now remaining uncleared, tenders to be sent in by noon on December 1st next.

7 That the following accounts be paid:-

G. W. Fuller, Market floor \$52.38

Evans, Coleman + Evans, Sewer Pipe 1516.27

Porter + Flett Sewers 1742.81

B. C. Iron Works, Castings 672.87

H. Lomas et al, Labor 238.25

sgd H.P. McCraney

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the clause relating to the Goldberg building be laid over for one week.

Lost

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McCraney

That the Report be adopted as read.

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Connon.

Seconded by " Odlum.

That this Council having learned that the present quarters used as a Free Reading Room are too small and

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quite inadequate for the present needs and, that more commodious quarters should be secured as early as possible hereby approve of this course recommended by the Library Committee.

Carried

Consideration of By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum.

That the amendments to the Pound By-Law be read a Third Time.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins.

Seconded by " Odlum.

That the fees of the Pound Keeper remain at the same rate as before the passing of the amendment to the Pound By-Law and that the balance be paid into the City Treasurer.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Collins

That the assessments to the Cubic Air By-Law be read a second time.

Carried

The Council went into Committee of the whole for the consideration of the By-Law with Alderman McGuigan in the Chair. In Committee the By-Law was read over clause by clause, and reported to Council as complete.

Notice of Motion.

Alderman McCraney gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to amend the Health By-Law No 133.

The Council then adjourned.

Thos. F. McGuigan F. Cope
City Clerk Mayor