

Westminster Ave. purchase delayed six months – October 10, 1892

Immediate fire by-law enacted to eliminate standing rubbish in back yards. The chain gang was assigned to level a lane way behind Beach Avenue. Street lights were approved for fifteen intersections.

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Vancouver Wednesday Oct 10th 1892.

The Council met on Monday Oct 10th 1892.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read, and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:-

From. Messrs Alexander. Costello and Tatow, the Arbitrators in the case of Dupont vs the City of Vancouver re the extension of Westminster Avenue submitting their award, which was as follows:-

For the lots required. \$22830

For Severances 7500

Arbitrators fees 150.

Laid over

From Messrs Costello, McFarland + Coldwell the Arbitrators in the case of the B. C. Iron Works vs the City submitting their award, which was as follows:-

Value of Lease \$9730.00

Arbitrators fees 180

Laid over

From W. Eastman, asking for free water and exemption for a factory.

Referred to F. W. + L. + Finance

From C. L. Brown. Secy of Trustee Board of Methodist Church Mount Pleasant asking for the use of the Fire Hall to eat Harvest Home dinner on the 18th inst.

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by " Collins

That they be granted the upper room of the Fire Hall for the occasion.

Carried

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From B. Carlo, asking for compensation for loss of Goods through small pox.

Filed.

From John F. Ross claiming that the water was backed up on his property:
Referred to the Board of Works.

From H. Abbott asking for 180 years of broken stone for Abbott St at contract rates.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Johnston + Douglas of the Boulder Saloon asking what action had been taken re their claim.
Filed
From Mrs J. McPhee, asking to be paid for a fur coat destroyed by order of the Health Inspector.

From Chas. C. Wilson, asking for a reduction of the license on circuses.
Filed.

From G. A. Miller et al, asking for the extension of the water works on Westminster Av. to
5th av.

Referred to F. W. + L Committee

From the City Solicitor, asking for particulars as to the accident to Theo Hardiman's child.
Referred to the City Engineer + Solicitor

From the City Solicitor stating that the clause in the agreement with the Fraser Valley Railway Co should
provide that in the event of any other railway company wishing to operate their trains over the bridge
they should be entitled to do so on paying a proportionate cost of the bridge.
Filed.

The following Reports were received + read:-

F. W. + L. Committee

The F. W. + L. Committee met on Wednesday September Oct 5th 1892.

Present Aldermen Franklin, Mills, Scoullar + McGuigan.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

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S. S. Tilley + Son Supplies \$2.75

Fraser + Co " 2.56

S. S. Swan Towing 50.00

Keefer + Godden Hire of Scow 60.00

Geo Erwin et al. Labor. 320.00

Van Elec Ry + L. Co. Lights 1207.12

Fraser + Co Supplies 18.94

Alex McKelvie + co. " 11.00

C. M. Hawley " 1.55

pipes

Thos Veitch Delivering crushed rock 1296.00

Hayden + Mylins Boat hire 5.50

W. J. Hanna Labor. 8.00

C. M. Hawley Supplies 5.63

H. T. Devine + co. " 5.63

D. McGillivray, hire scow. 78.00

W. S. Westcott laying submerged main 3000.00

2. That the City Council be asked to immediately pass the fire by-law to enable the Fire Inspector to more efficiently carry out the provisions regarding the clearing up of back yards where combustible material is piled.

3. That the Fire Hall on Mount Pleasant be furnished through Shelton + co.

4. That C. Spice be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per month for the position of hoseman and that A. Calkins be paid \$55.00 per month for the portion of teamster both payment to date from the time the change in positions was made.

4. That the following electric lights be erected:-

At the corner of Hawkes Av + Princess St.

Westminster Road + 10th Av.

14th Av + Quebec Str.

Heatley Av + Barnard St.

11th Av + Ontario Street

9th Av + Columbia St

7th Av + Heather St South side

Comox + Jervis Streets

Burrard + Pendrill Streets [sic]

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At the corner of Davie + Howe streets

Davie + Homer “

Cambie + Robson “

Howe + Robson “

9th av + Carolina “

6. Change light at lower end of Georgia Street to the North side of street.

Move light on 7th Av + Westminster Av to the corner

sgd J. L. Franklin

Chairman

The F. W + L. Committee met on Monday Oct 10th 1892.

Present Aldermen Franklin, Connon, Scoullar McGuigan, and Mills

It was recommended:-

1. That Mssrs Bell-Irving + Paterson be advanced a further sum of \$10,000, the balance to be retained until a settlement is arrived at re breakage etc.

2. That the following account be paid:-

A. Blyth etal Labor \$112.50

3. That Wm Daly be appointed Foreman for the laying of the water mains at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

sgd J. L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by “ McGuigan

That the report be adopted.

Move in amendment by Alderman Gavin.
Seconded by Alderman McCraney
That Clause 3 of the Report re the appointment of Wm Daly be struck out.
Amendment lost: motion carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday October 7th 1892.
Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins + Mills.

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It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

A. St. G. Hamersley Law costs \$500.00

McPhillips + co. " 350.00

C. P. Telegraph Co. Messages 35.50

S. T. Tilley + Son Supplies 15.15

F. W. Hart " 8.60

H. Extence Drayage 3.00

Telephone Co. Rent 35.60

School Trustees Grant 10,000.00

Bank of B.C. Commissions 89.87

2. That John Connon be awarded the contract for painting the floors of the new hospital for the sum of \$59.00

sgd. R. A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Mills

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Thursday Oct 6th 1892.
Present Aldermen McCraney, Gavin, Franklin and Scoullar.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following plans be approved:-

Hunter Bros. Brick Block, Granville Street east side between Georgia + Dunsmuir St.

N. S. Hoffer, Architect, Addition to Byrnes Block Carrall Street.

A. E. Carter, B. C. Investment Co's building corner Homer + Hastings St.

2. That a sidewalk be laid on Prior Street with old plank if possible.

3. That the matter of fixing up the lane near Mrs Meakin's restaurant be referred to the Street Inspector for attention.

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4. That the question of removing rubbish etc off Pender St. near Post Office Site be referred to the ^Chief of Police City Inspector for attention.
5. That the Chain gang be utilized in making a roadway back of Mr. McGillivray's residence on Beach Av.
6. That the Street Inspector be instructed to make use of the old plank for the construction of a 3 plank walk on 5th Av between Prince Edward, and Carolina Street.
7. That Alderman Scoullar be instructed to proceed to Victoria at once to investigate the delay in the delivery of sewer pipes and to notify the contractors that if they fail to supply the pipes in accordance with the terms of their contract with the City; the City will obtain them elsewhere and will hold them responsible for any loss occasioned by the delay.
8. That the trees on 12th Av between Ontario and, Quebec streets be cut down, and removed.
9. That the Chief of Police be instructed to detail a man to measure up dangerous lots that are not properly fenced in and report to that notices to property owners can be sent out;
10. That the Street Inspector see that all the street contracts, are completed, and the final estimate submitted as soon as possible.
11. The following accounts to be paid:-
 - Boyd + Clandenning Race Track \$3575.75
 - Chas. Heyndricks Painting Pest House 13.60
 - G. F. Rounsfell, Fence at Cemetery 102.85
 - J. A. Coldwell Painting Crematory House. 8.25
 - Oldfield + Cook Crematory Cottages 48.90
 - John Connon Painting Pest House 36.10
 - Vancouver Book Binding Co. Supplies 2.50
 - H. T. Devine + co. " 20.49
 - Van Elec Ry + L. Co Tickets 5.00
 - Thos Dunn + Co. Supplies 42.99
 - Evans Coleman + Evans Sewer Pipes 1024.68

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- D. McGillivray Repairs to Granville St. Bridge. \$38.98
 - S. T. Tilley + Son. Supplies 2.90
 - G. A. Fraser " 1.05
- sgd. H. P. McCraney
Chairman
Moved by Alderman Mills
Seconded by " McGuigan
That the report be adopted
Carried

Introduction of By Laws

Moved by Alderman McCraney.

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the rules be suspended to allow of the introduction of a By-Law to provide for the purchase of certain lands in the City of Vancouver necessary for the existence of Westminster Av.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " McGuigan

That the By-Law be read a first time.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " McGuigan

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman Connon.

That the By-Law receive consideration Six months hence

Carried.

Yeas. Anderson, Connon, Collins, Scoullar Franklin + Mills

Nays McGuigan, McCraney + Gavin.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Connon

That the following account be paid:-

H. Lomas et al. Labor \$420.05

Carried

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Consideration of By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Franklin

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

Carried.

The council went into committee of the whole on the By-Law with Alderman Collins in the Chair.

The By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported to the Council, as complete with amendments.

The By-Law was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McCraney seconded by Alderman Scoullar.

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Council