

Water Works Superintendent Nickson dismissed – September 5, 1892

J. J. Nickson was dismissed as superintendent of the Water Works with one month's salary in lieu of notice. The Police Committee's recommendation that J. M. Beattie be allowed to build a shed on the Market grounds was overturned.

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The Council met on Monday Sept 5th 1892.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read, and adopted.

The following communications were received, and read:-

From Foster and Flett stating that their contract was delayed on account of pipes not being ready for delivery.

referred to the Board of Works.

From Joseph Dixon claiming compensation for loss of furniture etc. through quarantine regulations

Referred to Board of Health

From Nettie Willis submitting an account for milk supplies during quarantine.

Referred to Board of Health

From Wm Templeton etal asking that Westminster Av be opened up to Burrard Inlet

Referred to City Solicitor and Board

of Works

From Angelo Calori claiming compensation for loss of trade etc through the quarantine.

Referred to the Board of Health

From Leamy and Kyle submitting an assignment from C.F. Rounsfell for acceptance.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From Ralph G. Mickson submitting an account for \$929.96 for examining and inspecting water pipes, during manufacture in Scotland.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " Franklin

That the amount be paid.

Carried

From Alex Gartshore submitting an account for \$284.75 for freight on flexible main.

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " Franklin

That the amount be paid.

Carried

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From Walter Taylor, Manager of the B.C. Canning Co asking for free water.

Referred to F.W.+L. Committee  
From W. Cowderoy asking for a position in the City's Service.  
Referred to City Clerk for reference.

From the Vancouver Electric Railway + Light Co. asking for a larger water pipe at the power house.  
Referred to the F. W. + L. Committee

From J.W. McFarland asking for the renewal of the Insurance on the hospital furniture.  
Referred to the Board of Health with power to act.

From J.A. Coldwell asking for an additional \$2.50 for 13 hours watching on the C.P.R. wharf.  
Referred to the Board of Health

From Rand Bros. asking for a share of the Insurance on the school buildings.  
Referred to the school board.

From John McLaren, submitting weekly report on electric lights.  
Filed

From S. J. Goodfellow + A. E. Suckling claiming damages for injury to horse and buggy through an open sewer.

Referred to the Contractor

From the B.C. Iron Works , asking for assistance to rebuild the foundry.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read:-

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday September 2nd 1892.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Collins + Mills.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-  
Land Registry Office Searches \$50.00  
The World P. & P. Co. Advertising 7.20

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C. P. R. Co. Law Costs \$243.70

A. St. G. Hamersley, Law Costs 332.47

F. Evans, Transcript of evidence 15.10

2. That the communication from Pemberton + Dumble for the damages on behalf of L. K. James bldg be referred to the City Solicitor

3. That the City Clerk be instructed to apply to Mr. Horne's communication re the erection of the Court House and City Hall giving the facts in the case.

The City Solicitor directed the Committee's attention to his opinion of June 2nd 1892 wherein he stated that the City would be liable to J. B. Henderson in damages if the powers contained in the City Chamber and Health By-Law were not exercised in strict conformity with private rights.

sgd. L. A. Anderson  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by " Collins  
That the Report be adopted.  
Carried.

F. W. + L. Committee.

The F. W. + L. Committee met on Wednesday August 31st 1892.  
Present Aldermen Franklin, Scoullar, Mills and McGuigan.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

W. Hooper etal. Labor. \$344.35

B. C. Iron Works. Supplies. 222.81

2 That the services of J. J. Nickson, the superintendent of the Water Works be dispensed with as the City Engineer is of the opinion that there is no longer any necessity for the office and that said J. J. Nickson be paid on month's salary in lieu of one month's notice.

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3. That the Chief of the Fire Brigade be granted \$55.00 to pay his travelling expenses to Portland to attend a meeting of the Chiefs of the different fire departments on September 6,7,8 + 9.

4 That the Chairman and Chief be authorized to purchase a set of wheels and axles for the new hose wagon.

5 That C. Spice be transferred from the position of driver to hoseman and that A. Colkins take his place as driver, as recommended by the Chief.

sgd. J. L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum  
Seconded by " McGuigan  
That the Report be adopted.  
Carried

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Tuesday August 31st 1892.  
Present Aldermen Collins, Connon, Gavin and McCraney.

It was recommended:-

1 That the Market be kept open every until 2 P.M.

2 That A. M. Beattie be permitted to erect a shed on the Market Grounds running along Dupont Street and the lane between Dupont and Hastings Street;

3 That the following account be paid:-

M. G. McLeod, Ry Fares \$2.00

sgd Henry Collins

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum

That clause one be struck out.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum

That the Report as amended be adopted.

Carried

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Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday Sept 1st 1892

Present Aldermen McCraney, Gavin, Franklin and Scoullar.

It was recommended:-

1 That if the property owners in the uncleared portion of 185 will agree with the City to pay their portion of the clearing the City will call for tenders and get the work done.

2 That the City Solicitor be instructed to furnish an opinion on the case of Mrs. J. Dufferin for the next meeting.

3 That a new form of permit for depositing building material on the streets be arranged the signatories to the permit hereafter to be that of the City Engineer and City Treasurer the deposit in each case being left with the City Treasurer.

4 That the following accounts be paid:-

J. M. Thomas, Alberni Street \$1170.00

J. Telford, Nicola Street 220.00

D. L. Smith Burrard + Helmcken 715.13

W. H. Kendall, crushed rock 1893.82

E.C. Britton, 13, 14, 15 Avs. 208.16

Gibbons + Meyers, Hastings St. 1260.00

Thos. Veitch, Delivering Crushed rock 845.44

G. F. Rounsfell, 7th Av. 2250.00

Chas Kendricks Painting Pest House 122.40

Oldfield + Cook 1697.45

H. B. Connacher, Dufferin Street 495.00

Hobson Bros, Comox Street 625.00

W. Jones, Westminster Av. 186.00

J. Leatherdale, Float 1023.40

Vancouver Book Binding Co. Supplies 5.25

Evans, Coleman + Evans, Pipes 1500.00

Hobson Bros, Pender St. 57.00

D. H. Morgan, 8th Av. 103.92

do Prior St. 362.78

do Manitoba St. 143.36

H. Lomas et al, Labor 901.00

sgd H. P. McCraney, Chairman  
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Moved by Alderman Gavin  
Seconded by " Franklin  
That the report be adopted.  
Carried

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Scoullar  
Seconded by Franklin  
That a By-Law be introduced to amend By-Law No 142.  
Carried  
The By-Law was introduced to and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Collins  
Seconded by " McGuigan  
That the Rules be suspended and the By-Law read a 2nd time.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Scoullar  
Seconded by " Collins  
That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the Consideration of the By-Law.  
Carried.  
Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman. The By-Law was read over clause by clause, and reported to Council as complete.  
Moved by Alderman Anderson  
Seconded by " McGuigan  
That the By-Law be amended providing for the creation of Verandahs or Porches of incombustible material for public resorts.  
Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Gavin  
Seconded by " Collins  
That John S. Anderson be notified that unless work be commenced on the foundation at the corner of Pender and Seymour Streets

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inside of one week that he immediately replace the sidewalks in their proper places.  
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Gavin  
Seconded by " Franklin  
That Notice be given to the proprietor of all that piece of land lying between the present termination of Westminster Avenue and Burrard Inlet 90 feet in width will be expropriated for use of the City for the purposes of a street and that the proprietors be requested to appoint an Arbitrator to meet an

Arbitrator to be appointed by the City to decide on the value to be paid for the land.

In default of the owners appointing an arbitrator the City proceed to expropriate without delay under the provisions relating to expropriating.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Collins gave notice that he would at next regular meeting of the Council introduce a By-Law to amend the Market By-Law.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Wednesday Sept 7th at 10 a.m.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan

City Clerk