

Railway Bonus guarantee raised to \$400,000 – April 4, 1893

In spite of a motion to put the matter off for six months, the Railway Bonus By-Law was completed, and the amount in question was raised from \$350,000 to \$400,000. Immediately afterward, arrangements were made for holding an "election" [referendum] on the By-Law. J Reith was appointed superintendent of the "isolation" [quarantine] hospital at \$50 per month. Fireman Campbell was allowed half pay because he broke his leg on duty; however "it must be a distinct understanding ... that no similar case will in future be considered...the men will be expected to insure [themselves] at once in one of the established companies".

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Vancouver April 4th 1893

The Council met on Tuesday April 4th 1893 at 7:30 P.M.

Present His Worship. The Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Salsbury, Collins, Hackett, Cargill, Franklin, Hobson, Brown and Fowler.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the City Clerk reporting on the petition of the owners on Oppenheimer Street regarding the change of name to Cordova Street East;
Referred back to him to ascertain the value of the property represented on the petition.

From McLennan & McFeely stating that the brass work for the water works department was at hand and offering same as per tender less 1 ½ per cent for claim in deficiency of material
Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Hobson
That their offer be accepted.
Carried

From C.I. Knowdell requesting the City to grade the lane in Block 90 D.L. 541.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From the City Solicitor stating that there was no legal liability on behalf of the City regarding the claim of the widow of the late Jacob Dockendorf.
Filed

From Geo Polloy on behalf of Louis F. Post inviting the Mayor and Aldermen to be present at a lecture to be delivered in the Market Hall on Single Tax.

Moved by Alderman Fowler

Seconded by " Hackett

That the invitation be accepted and the thanks of the Council extended to Mr. Polloy.

Carried

From the Chairman of the Licensing Board, asking to be informed whether it is the intention of the Council to alter the scale of fees for Liquor licenses

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Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Collins

That the Licensing Board be asked to meet the Council on the subject.

Carried

From the President of the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Co asking permission to extend the Street Railway on Westminster to the City Boundary, and on Robson Street to Streets double track the streets on which the bituminous rock is to be laid along the line of the present track. Referred to the Board of Works

From J.H. Smith asking permission to remove the trees on Hastings Street between Carroll and Abbott if they were not required by the City.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From E. Cook in reference to the Sewer on the Court House Grounds.

Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Saturday April 1st 1893

Present – Aldermen Anderson, Brown, Cargill, Collins and Hobson

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Albert Ufford, Fixing typewriter \$1

F. Cope etal. Expenses to Victoria 98.50

News advertiser Supplies 24.05

S.I. Tilley & Son " 11.00

sgd R.A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Cargill

That the Report be adopted
Carried.

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F.W. & L. Committee

The F.W.& L. Committee met on Wednesday March 29th 1893. All the members being present;
It was recommended :-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

A.H. Nesbitt \$14.50

Kansas City Fire Dept Supply Co 40.00

Creamer & Langley .52

W. Fraser etal 39.65

J.H. Carlisle 6.20

Bank of Montreal 1.20

W. Hooper etal 292.00

2. That Fireman Campbell be allowed half pay until further notice as a gratuity in consideration for incapacitation by breaking his leg while on duty and as an exceptional case: that it must be a distinct understanding by the member of the Fire Brigade that no similar case will in future be considered, the City having provided by an increase of pay for provision against accidents and the men will be expected to insure at once in one of the established companies.

sgd J.L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by " Hackett

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday March 30th 1893.

Present – Aldermen McCraney, Franklin, Salsbury and Hackett

It was recommended:-

1. That the communication from J.T. Cromley asking for the grade of the sidewalk in front of his store on Hastings Street East be referred to the City Engineer for attention

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Rock to fill up a soft spot opposite his premises on Georgia Street

3. That the Communication from J. M. Browning regarding the condition of Granville Street in front of the Hudson's Bay Building be referred to the City Engineer for attention; also the communication be

from E. Machin asking for the sidewalk grade in front of the Y.M.C.A. on Hastings Street.

4. That the Street Inspector be instructed to use the old plant box drain taken up on Columbia Avenue and use same in the lane in Block 60, 541.

5. That the Standard Oil Co be permitted to erect a building near the foot of Cambie Street on the C.P.R. Reserve, for the storage of petroleum, and also a brick stable subject to the plans being submitted to the Board.

6. That George Pollay, Inspector on Section 8 of the Sewers be notified to see that the terms of the contract are carried out to the water.

7. That Thos. Veitch be permitted to put a sidewalk crossing over the sidewalk opposite his stable on Hastings Street provided he undertakes to keep the crossing clean.

8. That Alderman Franklin act as a Committee of 1 to look into the matter of the closing of the lane in Block 85,196 and report.

9. That the City Engineer be instructed to see Mr. Abbott again in reference to the putting in of flood gates or culverts across the track along Water Street from Carroll to Cambie Street.

10. That the Street Inspector be instructed to attend to the cleaning out of ditches etc in Yale town complained of by the Health Inspector

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11. That J. Smith be granted permission to take away the shade trees now standing on Hastings Street East provided they are not needed by the City.

12. That D. McGillivray be permitted to close up such portions of streets in connection with his Street paving contract as may be considered necessary from time to time by the Engineer.

13. That Thos. Muir be appointed Inspector on Bituminous Rock Paving at a salary of \$3.00 per day.

14. That C. Slade be paid \$5.00 per in full of all claims for injuries received in falling off a sidewalk on 13th Avenue, Mount Pleasant.

15. That the Street Inspector be instructed to have all old planks taken up on the Streets to be paved to such parts of the City as require temporary sidewalks.

16. That the following accounts be paid:-

Diplack's Stationery House Stationery \$4.25

John Potter Sec. 8 Sewers 1348.22

Evans, Coleman & Evans Sewer pipe 761.84

Potter & Flett Sec. 4. Sewers 900.00

Do do " 5 " 523.40

J. Potter " 9 " 1446.97

D. McGillovray Street Paving 3950.08

B.C. Ironworks Covers for Manholes 654.88

A Lomas etal. Labor 522.05

sgd H.P. McCravey

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Cargill

Seconded by " Anderson

That the Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Fowler

Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the clause in the Report recommending the appointment of Thos. Muir as Inspector of Bituminous

Rock Paving be referred back to the Board of Works and that applications be invited for the position.
Carried.

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The balance of the Report was then adopted.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Cargill.

That David Biggar, the substitute appointed by Chief Carlisle in place of John Campbell, who broke his leg, be paid at the same rate from the time he went on duty, as Campbell was receiving.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by " Cargill

That the sum of \$2000.00 payable quarterly be granted for the Mayor's salary dating from the 1st of January

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Salsbury

That Robert Campbell be paid \$44.00 for 22 days services as guard at the Isolation Hospital.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Brown.

That the Members for the City be instructed to oppose the proposed amendments to the Municipal Act 1892, providing for the appointment of Police Commissioners to provide that they the commissioners shall not have any jurisdiction over the Licences other than liquor of the City.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Brown.

That J. Reith be appointed Caretaker at the Isolation Hospital at a Salary of \$50.00 per month dating from the 1st of March.

Carried

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Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Cargill

Seconded by " Hackett.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Fowler
Seconded by Alderman Collins.
That the By-law be read six months hence.
Amendment lost; motion Carried.

Alderman Fowler, Collins and Hobson voted for the amendment

The By-Law was accordingly read a 2nd time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration, Alderman Collins in the Chair.

Moved by Alderman Cargill
That it is desirable that the value of bonds to be guaranteed by the City be altered from \$350,000 to \$400,000 and that all figures in this By-Law in connection with these amounts and the interest therein be amended accordingly.

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

Moved by Alderman Anderson.
Seconded by " Franklin,
That a By-Law be introduced to fix the time etc for holding an election on the By-Law to guarantee the interest on the Debentures of the Street Railway Company.
Carried.

The By-Law was introduced and read a first time.

The By-Law was read a second time on motion of Alderman Collins seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole

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on the By-Law with Alderman Anderson in the Chair.

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

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

Notice of Motion

Alderman Franklin gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to provide for increased fire protection in all large blocks of buildings in the City.

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk