

Alderman Anderson wants elected Water Works officials - December 4, 1893

Council received a request for a sidewalk on Ontario St. at Ninth Avenue (Broadway). Photo shows Ontario at 11th. Upcoming election will decide Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees, Park Commissioners, and members of the Licensing Board. Alderman Anderson proposes that three Water Works Commissioners also be elected

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Houses in Mount Pleasant near Ontario Street and 11th Avenue, ca. 1900

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Vancouver B. C.
December 4th 1893

The Council met on Monday December 4th 1893. Present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Anderson, Salsbury, Collins, Hackett, McCraney, Cargill, Franklin, Hobson, Brown and Towler. The minutes of the last regular and special were meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From A. C. Wilson re the establishment of a Pottery.
Referred to Finance Committee

From the Vancouver Gas Co enclosing an account against the Contractors on Hastings Street.
Board of Works.

From C. Downing complaining of Tramps etc.
Filed

From E. M. Boyle applying for the position of Inspector on the Stanley Park Reservoir.
Referred to F. W. + L. Committee

From H. B. Macgowan, Secretary of the Board of Trade, enclosing a resolution passed by the Board protesting against the tax on the Insurance Coys (Companies).
Referred to Finance Committee

From Dr. Thomas, Medical Health Officer, report of cases of infections or contagious diseases during November.
Referred to Board of Health

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From the Williams B. C. Directory Company enclosing a copy of introduction to the directory and asking the Council to subscribe towards the same.
Referred to Finance Committee

From John Nicholson, protesting against proposed paving of Powell Street.
Referred to Board of Works

From Russell + Godfrey, on behalf of Mrs Ellen Campbell, stating that Angus Campbell had been killed by the City's negligence.
Referred to the City Solicitor

From Geo. Johnson, Statistician of the Dominion Government, applying for statistics concerning the City. The Clerk was instructed to furnish the necessary information.

From Alex Philip, Secretary of the B. C. Municipal Association, stating that he would forward the necessary membership papers.
Filed

From W. B. Ross and others asking for the use of the Market Hall for a concert to the Sailors on H. M. S. Royal Arthur.
Filed

From R. Purdy et al asking for a sidewalk on Ontario St. and Ninth Avenue and also for a light at the Ninth Ave and Bridge St.
Referred to Board of Works + F. W. + L. Committee.

From A. Clark et al petitioning the Council to have the Water Works system placed in the hands of Commissioners to be elected.
Laid over.

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The Following reports were received + read -

Fire Water + Light Committee

The F. W. + L. Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday November 28th 1893.
Present Aldermen Franklin, Salsbury, Hackett, Cargill + Towler
It was recommended -

That Mr. W. G. Armstrong appeared before the Committee and declined to take charge of the main across the Narrows, as he could not spare sufficient time from his own business.

That after discussion the question of the repairs to sub-main at some length the Committee adjourned to meet on Wednesday afternoon Nov 29th at 3 o'clock p.m.

Signed J. L. Franklin
Chairman

The Adjourned special meeting of the F. W. + L. Committee was held on Wednesday Nov. 29th 1893.

Present a full board

It was recommended: -

That a letter from Jno Wilson and W. S. Dunbar asking for an electric light on the corner of 12th Ave and Scott St. be laid over.

The the application from J. W. Balmain for position of Inspector on the Reservoir in Stanley Park be laid over.

That Purdy + Williams be awarded the contract for flashing at \$1831.50, Excavation at \$10,490.00, Concrete at \$8,662.50

That D. McGillivray + Co be awarded the contract for pipes, pipe laying and valves at \$8,750.98

That the following accounts be recommended for payment

Collector of Customs duty on charts \$1.75

W. Hooper et al W. W. Pay Roll

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That the board recommend that all the deposit cheques on the reservoir be returned with the exception of Purdy + Williams cheque and 5% of \$5,906.70 from D. V. McDonald + Coy's cheque and 5% of \$8,758.93 on D. McGillivray + Coy's cheque, being the amount of tender for the pipe, pipe-laying and valves.

signed J. L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Hackett

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the report be adopted. The report was adopted, the Mayor giving the casting vote.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday December 1st 1893.

Present Alderman Anderson, Collins, Cargill Brown and Hobson.

It was recommended:

That the following accounts be paid

Bank of Montreal cost of advertising April + May

News Advertising Advertising Voters List 1.40

Pacific Coast Ins Co Police for Crematory 20.00

That Parties owing money for clearing Sub-Division 185 be notified that the money must be paid by the 11st December 1893.

That the City Accountant be in is hereby instructed to make every effort to have as far as possible all accounts and estimates for the year 1893 got in and certified before December 31st, and include them in his books and statements of account for the current year. That all the Officers of the Corporation be

and are hereby instructed to render the Accountant all assistance in their power to this end. Also that the City Accountant prepare a close estimate of any outstanding accounts and estimates due to or by the City which it may not be found possible to obtain in time to include in this year's statements. The object being to have the yearly balance sheet as close to date as possible

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that the City's true financial position may be seen
Signed R. A. Anderson
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Salsbury
Seconded by " Towler
That the report be adopted.
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on November 30th 1893
Present Aldermen McCraney, Brown, Franklin, Salsbury + Hackett

It was recommended:-

That the Street Inspector give immediate attention to the stones so thrown in against the foundation of Dr. Powell's building on Richards + Pender Street.

That the Street Inspector report on the condition of the Street opposite No 929 Westminster Ave.

That the Engineer investigate defective joints on Section 5 of the sewers.

That Emma Gold's application be refused to be allowed to build a corrugated-iron addition to the Albion Hotel, Water Street being contrary to the terms of the Fire Bylaw.

That Oppenheimer Browns be asked to furnish a plan to have a siding put in across Columbia Ave from the Railway track to the Warehouse.

That Mr. J. M. Browning be informed that the Board has resolved to recommend to the Council to add to the amount of the award the capital value of the assessment on the 10 feet expropriated from Cambie Street.

That R. Featherstone communication giving a figure at which he is willing to construct a narrow sidewalk on 8th Ave. from Westminster Ave Road across the ravine and extending a total distance

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of about 400 feet be laid over for consideration at next Thursday's meeting.

That the tenders for the Street Sweeping machine be held over for consideration when the City Engineer can be present.

That the following accounts be recommended for payment =

J. Martin boat hire \$3.00

J. G. Johnstone repairing of tools 2.75

Thos. Clough drayage .75

H. Lomas et al pay roll 125.20

Signed H. P. McCraney

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Towler

Seconded by " Brown

That the report be adopted

Carried

Motions

Moved by Ald. Salsbury

Seconded by " Hackett

That it is deemed expedient by this Council that the control for the Water Works Department be placed under the control of three Commissioners as provided by the Charter Clause 144 Sub – Section 3.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Collins

That the Dominion Government be petitioned to establish a free Postal delivery in this City at once, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to J. W. Corbould M. P. and his influence solicited.

Carried

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Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by " Cargill

That the Insurance policy in the Guardian Company on fire hall No 1 be renewed.

Carried

Bylaws

On motion of Alderman Towler

Seconded by " Collins

The Bylaw to amend the Market by-law was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the whole, Alderman Towler in the chair

After some discussion

It was moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by " Franklin

That the Committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Carried

On motion of Alderman Towler

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the by-law to amend the Ward by-law was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the whole Alderman Towler in the chair.

After some discussion it was moved by

Alderman Brown

Seconded by Alderman Cargill

That the Committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Carried

Notice of Motion

Alderman Anderson gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a By-law fixing the Polling places appointing Deputy Returning etc. for the election of Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees and members of the Licensing Board + Park Commissioners.

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Alderman Salsbury gave notice that he would introduce a By-law at the next regular meeting, to provide for the election of 3 Water Commissioners for the control and administration of the Water Works Department.

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor