

Hours of work set for civic employees – February 20, 1893

Hours of work for civic employees were fixed at 9 to 5 Monday through Friday plus 9 to 1 pm on Saturday. No reduction in the number of employees was found possible. City Council voted to expropriate 13 acres from the Capilano Indian reserve for the waterworks, plus more land on either side of the pipeline itself.

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Vancouver February 20th 1893

The Council met on Monday February 20th 1893

Present. His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Salsbury, Collins, Hackett, McCraney, Cargill, Franklin, Hobson, Brown and Towler.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From H. Bell Irving stating that he would oppose the proposed amendment to the City Charter regarding the Burrard Inlet and Fraser River Valley Railway ByLaw. Filed

From Miss Welsh stating that she would be unable to accept the position of nurse at the City Hospital on account of her notice having been addressed to Vancouver.
Referred to the Board of Health

From Wm Seidelman asking for the clearing of Block 27. 184
Referred to the Board of Works

From Father Fayard asking for the closing of a lane in 196
Referred to the Board of Works

From F.C. Cotton stating that the Private Bills Committee would meet on Wednesday to consider amendments to City Charter Filed

From the License Inspector submitting amendments required by the License Commissioner to the City Charter

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Anderson

That the City Solicitor be instructed to embody the suggestions mentioned in the Communication, in the amendments to the City Charter, the Council reserving the right to fix the License fees and to control the expenditure. Carried.

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From Lynch & Co, Victoria asking the Council to subscribe for 200 copies of their handbook.
Referred to the Finance Committee

From Yates, Jay & Russell asking for the settlement of an account claimed to be due John Wolf.
Referred to the City Solicitor

From Stanley James, City Auditor submitting Report for January. Filed

From James Toull and Jopson asking for street improvements. Referred to the Board of Works

From E. Cook in reference to sewer connections. Referred to the Board of Works

From John Brinton in reference to the Sewer in Trounce Alley. Referred to the Board of Works

The following Reports were received and read:-

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 16th 1893.

Present. Aldermen McCraney, Franklin, Brown, Salisbury & Hackett

It was recommended:-

1. That Thomas Fitzpatrick be notified that the City hopes shortly to let a contract for the clearing of the whole of Subdivision 184 in which his property is situated
2. That Mr. Abbott be notified that the City Council does not wish to be repaid the cost of the work of cutting down Cordova Street but would like to have the fulfilment of the conditions upon which the work was done.
3. That the City Engineer be authorized to proceed with the work of opening up Clark Drive near the Jute works by day labor as soon as the weather permits

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4. That in accordance with the request of the Board of Health, that A.K. Stuart be instructed to do such clerical work as may be necessary taking orders for scavengering
5. That the City Solicitor be instructed to see that the City's interests are carefully guarded and all legal points involved provided a gainst re the entrance of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway

6. That the following accounts be paid:-

B.F. Henry Harness \$5.25

Thos. Veitch Express hire 7.65

Evans, Coleman & Evans Sewer pipes 999.97

McLennan & McFeely Nails 62.39

Buse Mill Co. Lumber 90.49

Leamy & Kyle Lumber 80.92

Potter & Flett Sewers No 5 1597.95

H. Connor etal Labor 255.15
sgd H.P. McCraney
Chairman
Moved by Alderman Salsbury
Seconded by " Towler
That the Report be adopted. Carried

Civic Departmental Enquiry Committee

Your committee beg to report that the following officers are indispensable in the several civic departments:- City Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Poll Tax Collector, and two assistants of the Treasurer in the Water Works office. In the Board of Works Department, Chief Engineer with one assistant, whose duties shall include that of Street Inspector, one Clerk in office and one draughtsman. In the fire department we find no more men than are absolutely necessary but considering the great cost of maintenance we would suggest that arrangements be made whereby part of this shall be borne by

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Insurance Companies, who are primarily benefited by this service.

A salaried Medical Health Officer having been appointed we think it unnecessary to fill the position lately held by Mr. Huntly under the old conditions: part of the duties of this office will now be performed by the Board of Works Clerk and part by the Sewer Inspector.

In the Police Department we are satisfied that no curtailment can be made without impairing its efficiency, certain charges which had been made against individual members in the force we find are not proven.

We recommend that the office hours of Civic employees be from 9 o'clock A.M. to 5 P.M. daily except on Saturdays when the hours shall be from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. as at present and that the City Engineer shall attend at his office each morning at 9:30 o'clock

(sgd) W. Towler
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Cargill
That the Report be filed and the Committee discharged.
Carried

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Towler
Seconded by Alderman Franklin
That the Report be adopted
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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 17th 1893
Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins, Cargill and Hobson
It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

J.R.Foster Coal \$216.78

Ideal Grocery Supplies 9.75

C.P. M. Co ½ ticket for Sebin 2.00

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A St G. Hammersly, Cook paint on Charter amendments \$200.50

Williams Directory Co. Directory 4.00

2. That an additional sum of Insurance amounting to \$1500.00 be placed on the Library Books and that the same be issued in the Company represented by J.J. Banfield, term of insurance to be one year.

3. That the communication from the Minister of Education in reference to the deeds of the school sites be referred to the Committee who proceed to Victoria in regard to civic matters

4. That the statement of the City's assets and liabilities be filed.

5. That the Estimates of the amount required for the current year by the Library Board be laid over pending the compiling of the Estimates.

sgd R. A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Collins

That the Report be adopted. Carried

F.W & L Committee

The F.W & L Committee met on Wednesday February 15th 1893.

Present – Aldermen Franklin, Salsbury, Haskett, Cargill and Towler.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Creamer & Langley supplies .68 cts

Thos. H. Tracy duty paid \$2.10

W. Hooper etal Labor 197.90

G.W. Mitchell Boat hire 1.00

Ideal Grocery Supplies 11.65

Kansas City Fire Dept " 40.00

O'Rourke & Jervis " 10.75

Walter S. Payne " 6.00

G.H. Bayley " 10.50

Crowder & Penzer " 4.14

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J & W Powe Supplies \$2.50

Canadian Gen'l Elec Co " 2.35

Godfrey & Co " 5.02

J. Miller " 50.00

Thos. H. Tracy horse 150.00

2. That 3 hydrants be loaned to Cassady & Co and that they be sold the other supplies required at Invoice price with 10 per cent added
3. That H. Mattock be allowed one more day's pay on the waterworks extension the amount being \$2.00
4. That the Secretary of the water works furnish the Committee at its next meeting with a classified list of the meters in use; also that the bell at fire hall No 1 be transferred to the Mount Pleasant Fire Hall and that another horse be purchased for the fire department; one of them now in use being found unsuitable for fire purposes.

sgd J.L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by "Hobson

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Tuesday February 14th 1893

Present – Aldermen Collins, Anderson, Cargill, Hobson and Towler.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Russell, McDonald & Co Supplies \$9.30

Wm Urquhart " 5.00

Ideal Grocery " 9.98

W.A. McIntosh & co " 1.25

Palmer Bros " 23.86

Creamer & Langley " 15.65

McLennan & McFeely " 16.74

Cunningham Hardware Co " 1.00

Champion & White " 2.00

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J.T. Merritt & Co supplies \$56.92

Hudson's Bay Co " 3.30

F.W. Hart Burials 20.00

J.P. Blake supplies 12.42

Winch & Bower " 23.63

The Monitor P & P Co " 7.50

W.A. McIntosh " 76.00

Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing 42.47

Champion & White Scavenging 2.00

B.C. Mills T & T Co supplies 39.05

Palmer Bros " 91.26

H.T. Devine & Co " 285.00

Cream & Thomas " 24.00

Shelton & Co " 10.00

2. That the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Licensed Scavengers to dump

Night soil over the Gore Avenue Slip and garbage at the crematory

3. That permission be granted to Champion & White to construct the required buildings on the crematory

site, the City not holding itself liable in any way.

4. That the City Clerk be instructed to insert an advertisement in the papers notifying that the scavenging is now done at the expense of the parties having the work done.

5. That the City Enforcer arrange to have installed the required number of lights in the addition to the City Hospital

6. That the John Brenton be appointed Health and Sewer Inspector at a salary of \$85.00 per month dating from the 1st of January

7. That the Bonds of John Wolf, Cook & Carriere, Champion & White and John E. Borwick for pipe laying be approved.

sgd Henry Colliers

Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Brown.

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McCraney

That the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the City to sign any petition or to take any steps that may be necessary to procure the cancellation of that part of the Capilano Indian Reserve through which the water works pipe line is now laid to a breadth offeet each side of the said pipe line and also of 13 acres surrounding the point where the pipe line leaves the reserve and enters the narrows, so that the said lands may be dedicated to the City in order to better carry out the water works system. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos F McGuigan

City Clerk