

No seats for Press during Council meetings; Railway litigation goes on – February 27, 1893

*The press again brought up the issue of suitable chairs for them during council meetings. A motion requiring two thirds support was lost. The motion would have allowed the mayor to put an end to litigation regarding the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Rail Road bonus. Alderman Cargill announced he would put forward the same motion at next week's meeting.*

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The Council met on Monday February 27th 1893

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:-

From Wm Brand, Secretary of the Band asking for a grant for 1893.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the representative of the press again asking for chairs . Why their Communication re chairs was not taken notice of. Referred to the Finance Committee

From S.A. Currie etal asking for a sidewalk on Hamilton Street.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From Paul Beygran, stating that he was about to establish himself as a consulting engineer in Winnipeg  
Referred to the F.W & L Committee

Thos. W. Hardy, Secretary of a public meeting in Elgin, Mud Bay, asking the Council to use its influence with G.E. Corbould M.P. in the construction of a canal from Fraser River to Mud Bay  
Laid over for resolution

From Wm Smith, Deputy Minister of marine acknowledging receipt of a communication from the City Clerk in reference to the cancellation of the agreement with the Marine Department for the keep of sick Mariners in the City Hospital. Filed

From A.St. G. Hammersley, stating that contractor McQuarrie, was responsible to the City for

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the costs and damages in lawsuit between Leatherdale and Smith and the City.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Several Ratepayers asking that John Brenton's salary be raised and a telephone put in his house.  
Referred to the Board of Health

From S. Weaver stating that he was about to start a Power Shop and asking for a reduction of the License. Referred to the Police Committee

Alex Webster stating that the time had arrived for the appointment of a person to inspect adulterated food. Referred to the Board of Health

From Mrs. Duchesney and others asking for an electric light on Hornby St. on corner of Smithe.  
Referred to the F.W. & L. Committee

From B. McCroud et al asking for the opening of a street through to Blocks 137 & 138. 264A  
Referred to the Board of Works

The following Reports were received and read.

F.W & L. Committee

The F.W.& L. Committee met on Wednesday February 22nd 1893.

Present- Aldermen Franklin, Haskett, Towler and Cargill.

It was recommended that:

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

C.M. Howley Harness \$25.00

R. Llewellyn Repairs, etc, 24.30

Steve Madison Screens 5.75

W Hooper etal. Labor 217.50

2. That one car load of anthracite coal be ordered through C. G. Johnson at \$9.85 per ton delivered on the track in Vancouver.

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3. That Thos. Veitch be informed that the City will not require the harness and wagon offered by him for \$100.00

4. That the communication from E. L. Kirkland Government agent re tax on Water pipes be referred to the City Solicitor to give a written opinion as to the City's liability.

5. That Alderman Towler and Hackett be appointed a Committee to act with Chief Carbole in purchasing a horse.

6. That the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company be communicated with to ascertain on which terms they will allow the City to have the use of their proposed tunnel for running water pipes through and if any information has yet been received as to the cost of the construction of the said Tunnel.

sgd J. L.Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Brown.  
That the Report be adopted.  
Carried

#### Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Tuesday February 21st 1893.  
Present. Aldermen Towler, Salsbury, Hackett and Hobson.  
It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

The Ideal Grocery Supplies \$23.37

R.V. Winch " 8.75

J.P. Blake " 12.45

J.A. Reid Repairs 20.32

Thos. Clough Express 5.00

D.H. Wilson Mental examinations 10.00

The Monitor P & P Co Supplies 5.00

W.A. McIntosh & Co " 23.92

S.T. Tilley & Co " 1.00

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The News Advertiser Supplies \$16.00

G.L. Allan " 2.50

Dr. Bell-Irving Post-Mortem 10.00

E. Clough Express Line .75

H. McDowell & Co Supplies 1.65

Winch & Bower " 4.38

F.S. Barnes Repairs 2.50

G.A. Owens Express Line .50

John McLaren Ry fares 7.75

2. That the City Engineer be instructed to report at next meeting on the cost of the repairs to the Market Hall Roof.

3. That officer Coldwell be reinstated on the Police Force and that his Substitute be placed on the Pay Roll instead of him for the time he was suspended

4. That applications be called for the position of an additional police officer, applications to be received up to Tuesday the 28th inst at 4 P.M.

5. That the Health Department be asked to give up the room used by the Health Inspector to the Police Department, and that a door be made from the Police Station.

sgd Wm Towler,  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin  
Seconded by " Salsbury  
That the Report be adopted.  
Carried

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 23rd 1893

Present. Alderment Hackett (in the Chair) Salisbury Franklin and Brown.

It was recommended:-

1. That the City Engineer be instructed to get the necessary levels and specifications prepared as soon as possible for putting in a tile sewer to replace the wooden one now in Trounce Alley.

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2. That the communication from Brown Bros. re unknown Jury to horse be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to the City's liability.

3. That the Communication from Wm Seidelman asking for the clearing of the lane back of Lots 7 & 8 Block 27 184 be laid over for the City Engineer to look into & report;

4. That the Communication from the City Solicitor in reference to the Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Railway be laid over.

5. That the Communication from Thos. Mayne in reference to the caving in of his foundation be referred to the City Engineer with power to act.

6. That the City Engineer furnish Evans, Coleman and Evans with a list of what pipes are required for surface drainage in connection with the bituminous rock paving and ask them for their closest price on same.

7. That permission be given to the secretary of the Board to have two boxes (wooden) made for filing away record papers and documents in the vault.

8. That the account of D. McGillivray for material prepared and supplied on his street paving contract be laid over.

9. That the tender of J. Potter for Section 9 of the Sewerage extension amounting to \$11,849.25 be accepted.

10. That the following accounts be paid:-

Evans, Coleman & Evans Sewer pipes \$2414.43

Larson Labor 12.50

H. Lomas etal Labor 221.75

sgd H.P. McCraney

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Franklin

That the Report be adopted. Carried

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Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Friday February 24th 1893

Present. His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Collins, Anderson, Cargill, Hobson and Towler

It was recommended:

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Star Clothing House, Supplies \$4.50

Atkins & Atkins " 68.70

H.H. Layfield & Co " 19.95

Ideal Grocery " 42.95

W. Mullett Digging graves 2.60

2. That Miss Swan be authorized to engage temporary help in the hospital pending the appointment of permanent nurses by the Board.

3. That Dr. Thomas be paid \$5.00 a visit for attending small pox patients at the Isolation Hospital, said amount to be in addition to his regular salary as Health Officer.

4. That all orders for supplies for the Isolation Hospital be signed by the Chairman of the Health Committee before being filled.

sgd Henry Collins

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by "Hobson

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Saturday February 25th 1893.

Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins, and Cargill.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

D. McRae Attending Court of Revision \$10.00

Thos. Clough Drayage 1.50

News. Advertiser. Advertising 15.30

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2. That the different committees be requested to compile their estimates as soon as possible

3. That Wm Cowderoy be employed to assist the City Clerk in compiling the tax books at a salary of \$60.00 per month dating from the 16th next.

4. That the communication from Messrs Begg & Lynch asking the Council to subscribe for copies of their guide book be filed.

5. That the communication from Alex Bell be laid over.

sgd R.A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by "Towler.

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by "McCraney

That the City Clerk notify Philip Kelly that his services will be no longer required at the Isolation Hospital.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by "Cargill

That the Minister of Justice be respectfully urged to consider favorably the granting of the prayer of the

petition of the Legal Profession of Vancouver and New Westminster in order to provide for better administration of Justice on the Mainland of British Columbia. Carried

Moved by Alderman Cargill

Seconded by " Franklin

That the Mayor be authorized to sign and affix the City Seal to a petition praying the Legislature to pass an Act Validating the

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ByLaw No 166 in order to put an end to the present litigation  
Motion lost; having failed to get the 2/3 vote required.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Cargill gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would move the following resolution:-  
That the Mayor be authorized to sign and affix the City Seal to a petition praying the legislature to pass an act validating the ByLaw No 166 in order to put an end to the present litigation

The Council then adjourned.

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk