

Railway purchase by-law stalled on second reading - July 17, 1893

The issue of the City's Purchase of the Street Railway continued to be divisive: Aldermen Anderson, Collins, Hackett, Cargill, McCraney and Brown were prepared to hear first reading of the proposed by-law.

Aldermen Franklin, Hobson and Brown were opposed. Alderman Salsbury did not vote. It appears the Mayor did not get a vote. Yet when the by-law come for second reading, Alderman Cargill changed his vote. This left four votes in favour, four votes against, and the motion to continue with the By-Law was lost.

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Vancouver July 17th 1893

The Council met on Monday July 17th 1893. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Anderson, Salsbury, Collins, Hackett, McCraney, Cargill, Franklin, Hobson, Brown + Towler.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the City Solicitor stating that the award in the Wolf Arbitration Case was \$462.50 and the costs \$199.00 making a total of \$661.50; also claims sent in by parties who garnished Wolf asking payment of the amount awarded them by the Courts.

Referred to the City Solicitor to pay out the amounts claimed if found correct.

From A. L. St. George submitting the names of J. J. Gavin and L. Goodmurphy as his sureties on the hose wagon contract.

Filed

From S. O. Richards, W. H. Allen and T. O. Townley drawing attention to the unsanitary condition of that portion of the City in which they live.

Referred to the Board of Works

From H. Eades of New Westminster complaining of the high assessment and taxation on his property.

Filed

From John A. Lease complaining about the Sherman House.

Referred to the Licensing Boards

From C. W. Hutchings giving a certificate in favor of Steward and Mills for the rewiring of the old wing of the City Hospital.

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Hobson

That Steward and Mills be paid the account for the re-wiring the City Hospital the amount being \$52.10.
Carried

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From the City Solicitor stating that G. W. Thomas the late Market Clark cannot recover from the City for the fees for attendance at the Market Hall.

Filed

From Robert Campbell asking for a decision on his case.

Filed

From Mssrs Brown + Lovell claiming compensation for the death of Fireman Smalley.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From C. Griffith asking for early action regarding the excavations on the corner of Richards + Pender Sts and Richards and Seymour Streets.

Referred to the Board of Works

From A. M. Beattie asking for advice and instructions as to whether parties are entitled to receive a ticket and leave the Market before 11 o'clock on the simple assurance that their produce is sold.

Referred to the Police Committee.

The following Reports were received and read:-

Special Report on the bathing sheds

The bathing shed caretaker having been referred by the Board of Works of the City Engineer and Alderman Franklin, the report as follows:-

Interviewed Mr F. Morgan, all parties being present. Mr. Morgan being quite willing to carry out the duties of caretaker on the terms laid down by the Board of Works and approved by Council and is ready to commence his duties at once.

They would recommend his being made a special Constable on his appointment so as to be better able to carry out his duties as caretaker.

sgd J. L. Franklin

Thos. H. Tracy, City Engineer

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman McCraney, Seconded by Alderman Towle.

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday July 14th 1893. Present Alderman Anderson, Cargill, Hobson and Brown.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

H. M. Henderson typewriting \$25.00
W. J. Gallagher charters 209.75
James Peake clerical work 60.00
A. St. G. Hamersley Disbursements 131.50
M. A. McLean Law costs 34.00
J. Miller Supplies 5.00
News-Advertiser Ads 74.80
sgd R. A. Anderson
Chairman

The report was adopted on motion of Alderman Franklin seconded by Alderman Brown.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on July 13th 1892.

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1. That E. Cook's claim for the re-planking of the floor at Columbia Avenue be referred to the City Engineer and the Street Inspector to scavenge the amount to be paid to him and report.
2. That M. Cunningham be notified that he has no claim for damages against the City for alleged injury to his business owing to the delay in completing the sewer work in Trounce Alley.
3. That the communication from S. H. + S. J. Parkes in reference to the grading of 7th Av be referred to the City Engineer to examine and report upon.
4. That the City Solicitor take the necessary steps towards having the arbitrators appointed in connection with the expropriating of the piece of land at the corner of Hastings and Cambie Streets as the sum of \$1000.00 asked for it is not satisfactory to this Board.
5. That D. McPhaiden be notified that the sewer in

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the lane in rear of his premises will not be ready to connect with for some time.
6. That Alderman Franklin and the City Engineer be delegated to see Frank Morgan, one of the applicants for the caretaker of the bathing sheds with a few of coming to an understanding with him in keeping the the conditions imposed by the City and report at next meeting.
7. That the following tenders be awarded:-
5th Av. Mt. Pl. grading H. B. Connacher \$77.00
7th " do D. Gibbons 108.10
10th " do do 25.00
33rd Av. Fairview do Boyd + Clandenning 435.00
8. That the tenders for concrete sidewalk on Hasting Street be laid over for one week for final decision.

9. That the following accounts be paid:-

Gurney Cab Co. hauling pipes \$38.07

Van Elec Ry+L. Co. car tickets 5.00

Evans, Coleman + Evans pipes 41.63

Davis + Taylor Glazing 6.00

J. J. Nickson Sec 10. sewers 690.68

H. Lomas et al Labor 506.85

sgd H. P. McCraney

Chairman

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman McCraney seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Anderson

Seconded by " Cargill

That the By-Law to guarantee the interest on the Bonds of the Street Railway and to acquire a controlling interest in the Stock be read a first time.

Carried

Yeas, Anderson, Collins, Hackett, Cargill, McCraney and Brown

Nays Hobson, Franklin and Towler

Alderman Salsbury did not vote.

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Motions

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Towler

That the fallowing account be paid

Wm. Wilst Labor \$33.55

Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Towler

That the following account be paid

Hooper et al Labor \$550.00

Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Collins

That Whereas the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have applied to the Governor in Council for a patent to the foreshore of Burrard Inlet from the east of Sprott's Wharf to Dunlevy Av.

And whereas there is now an appeal pending in the action of the Railway Company against the City of Vancouver, which action the right to the foreshore of Gore Avenue within the above limits is in question and such a grant of a patent would take the question out of the courts where it now is and this interferes with the rights of the people.

And whereas such a grant of a patent would seriously interfere with the future trade and commerce of the City of Vancouver by placing the whole of the foreshore available for wharfs and docks in the hands of one company.

It is resolved that Mr. G. E. Corbould, member for the district be urged to resist such a patent being granted and that the Government be urged not to issue such a patent until the question is decided as to the rights of the public to the foreshore and this only on such rights being properly protected.

Carried

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " McCraney

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That the By-Law for the purchase of the Vancouver Electric Railway + Light Co's assets be read the 2nd time.

Lost

Yeas Collins, Hackett, McCraney and Towler

Nays Cargill, Franklin, Hobson and Brown

Alderman Salsbury did not vote.

The Council then adjourned

F. Cope

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk