

Council supports petition for East End post office – April 9, 1894

Council supports petition for free postal delivery and branch post office and savings bank in the East End. Cemetery caretaker allowed two weeks' leave to recuperate from illness. The Oppenheimer brothers complained of surface water flooding a property on St. George Street. Decision postponed regarding a supplier of crushed rock for the Board of Works.

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[Post office under construction S.W. corner of Granville and Pender Streets]

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Vancouver April 9th 1894

The Council met on Monday April 9th 1894.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Salsbury, Shaw, Queen, McDowell, McCraney, McPhaidin, Wm Brown, Franklin, C.L. Brown and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Vancouver Electric Ry & Light Co and about 3000 others praying the Council to request to Government to establish a free postal delivery in the City and to have a branch postal office and savings bank in the east end.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown.

That this Council is in entire sympathy with the Petition from the Ratepayers and Citizens. Because of the great inconvenience to a large portion of our merchants and all persons living in the centre and east end of the City; also people requiring money orders who must now necessarily go to the Granville Street Post Office, a very long distance at a loss of time and possibly injury to their business.

And be it further resolved that this Council respectfully request the Dominion Government to establish a branch post office with money order connected and Savings Bank near Carrall St. which is central and also a free delivery throughout the City.

And it is further resolved to forward this petition with our resolution through our member Mr. Corbould and request him to urgently press this matter upon the Post master General that

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Justice may be done the petitioners.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each British Columbia member requesting him to use his influence to assist the prayer of the petitioners.

Carried.

From Wm Munro etal asking the Mayor to call a public meeting to be held in the Market Hall on Saturday the 14th next to discuss Provincial politics.
Request Granted.

From Hugh Condrew asking for a sidewalk on Dunlevy Avenue from Princess to Keefer Street
Referred to the Board of Works
From Alex McDonald, Caretaker of the Cemetery asking for two weeks leave of absence to recuperate from recent illness.
Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " McPhaiden
That his request be granted.
Carried

From J. Buntzen, Business Manager of the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Co stating that an electric light was being erected at the corner of 7th Av and Cedar St.
Filed

From the B.C. Mills Timber and Trading Co asking for the payment of an account amounting to \$23.35 for planking Dunlevy Av.
Referred to the Board of Works

From Margaret E. McClennan asking for assistance to secure Justice in the Court in the State of Washington over Miners Claims.
Referred to the Finance Committee

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From W.C. Archer etal asking for the improvement of the lane in Block 37.200a
Referred to the Board of Works

From F. Gendron asking for the filling up of a whole with crushed rock in front of his premises on Westminster Av
Referred to the Board of Works

From J.M. O'Toole asking permission to erect steps in front of his premises on Hastings Street
Referred to the Board of Works.

From A.J. Matthison etal asking for a box drain on Richards Street
Referred to the Board of Works

From M. C. McLean, Secretary of the Ward 5 Ratepayers Protective Association asking the Council to establish the survey in 264A
Referred to the Board of Works

The following Reports were received and read:-

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 6th 1894

Present – Aldermen Salsbury, McDowell, McPhaiden, Wm Brown and Bethune.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

City Printing Works Supplies \$7.50

C.P. Telegraph Co Telephones 2.77

Crowder & Penzer Supplies 34.54

Thomson Bros 2.50

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News. Advertiser Supplies \$31.50

The World P & P Co “ 38.90

Telephone Co. Rents 36.30

2. That the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Committee be authorized to sign a note for \$10,000 on behalf of the City of Vancouver bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, said note being drawn under authority of By-Laws No 198 passed on the 3rd day of March 1894.

Sgd W.F. Salsbury

Chairman

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown

Seconded by “ McPhaiden

That the Report be adopted. Carried

Water Committee

The Water Committee met on Monday April 9th 1894.

Present – Aldermen McDowell, Shaw, Wm Brown, Queen, McPhaiden and Bethune.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Crowder & Penzer Supplies \$2.00

Thos Dunn & Co “ 17.42

Gutta Percha & Rubber Co “ 8.57

B.C. Mills “ 1.25

Hastings Mill Co “ 32.33

Columbia Carriage Factory “ 21.35

B.F. Heney “ 1.35

Ontario Water Meter Co “ 390.00

Evans, Coleman & Evans “ 7.00

Van Gas Co “ 6.75

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McLennan & McFeely Supplies \$11.34

Thos Dunn & Co “ 13.28

W.A. McIntosh & Co “ 1.25

H.F. Keefer Hire of Blocks 124.50

Evans, Coleman & Evans supplies 9.80
B.C. Iron Works " 252.85
W. Hooper etal Labor 375.95

2. That the water service on 8th Av be extended 3 blocks farther east as requested by G.W. Hutchins etal.

3. That the communication from J.W. Balmain and J.J. Nickson be filed.

Sgd John McDowell

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Queen

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday April 5th 1894.

Present – the full Board

Communications from J.L. Powell asking for the permanent grade of the sidewalk on Westminster Av corner of 6th Av Lot 11 Block 30.200a

Permanent Grade established by the Board from W.S. Gore asking for a map of Dundas Street

Referred to the City Engineer

From Oppenheimer Bros complaining a surface water flooding the house in Block 92, 264A from a culvert on St. George Street.

Referred to the Street Inspector to investigate

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From Welsh & Nightingale Mount Pleasant asking that the lane in rear of their premises be fixed up; also from J.A. Coldwell making a similar request in regard to the lane in Block 87.196.

Referred to the Street Inspector.

From the Street Inspector putting the cost of removing stumps from in front of Mr. McFie's house, Dufferin Street at \$12.00.

Resolved that Mr. McFie be allowed \$12.00 to take the stumps out.

From W.S. Cook asking that his deposit on his contract for delivery of crushed rock be returned to him. Request granted.

From P. Carey submitting a claim of \$116.00 in connection with expenses incurred owing to attestation of grade of sidewalk at Brunswick Hotel.

Referred to the City Engineer to look into & report.

From John Campbell of Wilson & Campbell, Barristers in reference to the location of the Park Road, adjoining subdivision 185.

Resolved that Mr. Campbell be informed that the Board considers the road in its right place as it now

exists.

From a large number of rate payers protesting against a resurvey of 264A. Laid over

From J. Coates asking for a share of the City Teaming.
Referred to the Street Inspector.

From J. Lilley asking that Heatley Avenue between Prior & Gore streets be opened up

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Laid over pending the consideration of the Estimates.
The following tenders were received and opened:-

Crushed Rock

Crushed Rock Rough Rock

Burrard Inlet | False Creek | Burrard Inlet | False Creek

Armstrong & Morrison \$1.50 per yd | 1.55 per yd |

Keefer & Godden 1.43 " " | 1.47 " " | 1.25 per yd | 1.30 per yd

A.F.Fingland 1.23 " " | 1.30 " " | 1.10 " " | 1.17 " "

W.H. Kendall 1.38 " " | 1.43 " " | 1.25 " " | 1.30 " "

Richard Street Drain

Box Culvert Culvert

J.F. Nelson 27 cts per ft 54 c per ft

A. Paré 27 " " " 57 " " "

S. Gardiner 29 " " " 60 " " "

A.D. McDonald 30 " " " 55 " " "

D. Gibbons 27 " " " 48 " " "

Resolved.

That the following tenders be recommend for acceptance:-

Crushed Rock A.R. Fingland at prices mentioned

Richard St drain D. Gibbons " " "

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Evans, Coleman & Evans Supplies \$10.40

McLennan & McFeely " 38.49

W.S. Cook, Delivering Crushed Rock 475.13

W.H. Kendall " " " 4738.86

J. Dixon Basement Drain 703.67

J.Johnson Drayage 5.50

Ross & Co. Gratings 18.00

H.Lomas etal Labor 236.05

Sgd H.P. McCraney Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " McDowell.

That the Clause in the report awarding the contract for crushing rock be struck out. Carried

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown

Seconded by " McDowell.

That the Report as amended be adopted. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Shaw

That the By-Law to alter the boundaries of Ward one and 5 by adding all that portion of Ward 5 west of Centre Street to Ward one be read a first time. Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown.

Seconded by " McCraney

That the following labor account be paid:-

Geo Telford \$360.00 Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Bethune

That the following account be paid:-

W.I. Blaney Supplies \$192.15 Carried

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The Council then adjourned

RA Anderson Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan

City Clerk