

\$100,000 for Vancouver Street Lighting? – August 13, 1894

*Federal Government was “not inclined to bear any cost” in piling under First Narrows. Race track insurance was renewed for both the Grand Stand and the stables. The Union Steam Ship company requests City water connection at the wharf. The Van Elec. Railway & Light Co’s account of \$1,735.19 was approved for payment, and a by-law was introduced to raise \$100,000 for street lighting.*

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B.C. Electric Railway Co. power house & street lighting

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Vancouver August 13th 1894

The Council met on Monday August 13th 1894.

Present – His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Salsbury, Queen, McDonald, McPhaiden Wm Brown, Franklin, C.L. Brown and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

#### Communications

From J.C. Rounding, Sydney, Australia stating that 843 pieces of wood were shipped for putting down on the streets of Vancouver.

Referred to the Board of Works

From E.K. Knowdell Secretary of the Plumbers Union (Journeymen) recommending Wm Gamble as a fit and proper person as a member of the Plumbing Board.

Referred to the Board of Health.

From H.T. Ceperley, Manager of the Vancouver Loan Trust Savings & Guarantee Co. asking for a reply to their offer for the sale of their electric light plant;

Laid over for motions.

From J. Buntzen, Stating that meters were installed in fire halls Nos 1 & 2. Filed

From John Hardie, Deputy Minister of Marine stating that the Government were not inclined to bear any portion of the cost of piling in the 1st Narrows. Filed.

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From E. Cooper asking for the grading of the lane in Block 9.185.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From J.J. Hanna etal asking for an electric light on the corner of Dunsmuir & Richards streets  
Referred to the Fire & Light Committee

From J.C. Rowley asking for the grading and sidewalking of Pacific Street  
Referred to the Board of Works

From C.W. Hooper asking what as being done in regard to the refunding of a portion of his license.  
Referred to the Police Committee.

From F. Harris asking for the grade of Lansdowne St.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Meytyer asking for permission to excavate under the sidewalk at the Sherman House.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Thos Lewis, Secretary of the Fraser Valley Relief Committee, requesting assistance.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From Major Townley requesting the Council to exempt the Militia from paying poll tax.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From J.F. Ross asking for the refund of taxes paid on lots 7 & 8. Block 1.196.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

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From the Chief of Police reporting on the Electric lights. Filed

The following Reports were received and read

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday, August 10th 1894

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

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Telephone Co Rents. \$36.45

C.P. Telegraph Co Telegrams 5.04

Crowder & Penzer. Supplies 7.08

News. Advertiser Ads 3.60

C.P. Ry Land Dept Rent 5.00

Communications

From Stanley Henderson, Secretary of the Life Insurance Underwriters protesting against the imposition of a License on them. Laid over

From H.P. McCraney & Co stating that the Insurance Policy on the Grand Stand, Hastings Park had been returned to them for cancellation and asking that it be reinsured by the City for three years to the amount of \$800.00

Resolved. That it be renewed for three years the Insurance to cover the stables also.

The City Clerk at the request of Wm McGirr

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produced the contract for the roofing of the Grandstands, Hastings Park. Mr McGirr stated that he was unwilling to sign the contract as drawn up. No action taken

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Water Committee

The Water Committee met on Wednesday August 7th 1894.

Present Aldermen Wm Brown, Shaw and McPhaiden

Communications

From H. Darling, Manager of the Union S.S. CO asking to have water laid on the Wharf.

The Secretary was instructed to enquire into the matter, and have the work done if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

From the School Board, re service to High School. Filed

The Foreman's report of work done from July 16th to date received and filed.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

City Printing Works. Supplies. \$32.50

Evans, Coleman & Evans " 9.70

Robertson & Heckett " 5.00

A. Ufford " 6.00

Clark & Stuart " 2.20

C. Nelson " 1.85

John Boyd & Co " 33.51

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Champion & White Supplies \$1.30

Creamer & Langley " 151.20

News. Advertiser " 2.80

Purdy & Williams Estimate on Reservoir 1760.00

Hooper etal Labor. 355.50

sgd Wm Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell  
Seconded by " C.L. Brown  
That the Report be adopted. Carried.

#### Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Franklin  
Seconded by " Bethune  
That the By-Law to raise the sum of \$100,000 for street lighting etc be read a 1st time. Carried

#### Motions

Moved by Alderman McDowell  
Seconded by " Franklin  
That the following accounts be paid:-  
C. Nelson Supplies \$183.85 Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin  
Seconded by " Bethune  
That the following account be paid:-  
Van Elec. Railway & Light Co. \$1735.19 Carried

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Moved by Alderman Franklin  
Seconded by " Bethune  
That the resolution passed on the 2nd day of April last requesting the Electric Railway & Light Co to state price they would ask for the purchase of their arc light plant be and is hereby rescinded. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown  
Seconded by " C.L. Brown  
That the Wharfage charges on Street paving blocks per S.S. Arowa amounting to \$15.00 be passed and paid. Carried.

The Board then adjourned

R.A. Anderson  
Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan  
City Clerk.