

Iron & Steel bonus decision delayed – August 27, 1894

*Milk Vendors will be invited to meet with the Health Committee on Thursday. {Papers continued to run advisory to scald all milk before consuming}. A detailed proposal to provide a bonus for an iron and steel manufactory to settle in Vancouver was overturned, as no proposal had been recieved.*

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A livestock show at Hastings Park, 189-?

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Vancouver August 27th 1894

The Council met on Monday August 27th 1894.

Present: His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Salsbury, Shaw, Queen, McDowell, McPhaiden, McCraney, William Brown, Franklin, and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

### **Communications**

From the Honourable {Colonel} James Baker, Provincial Secretary, giving information regarding the movements of Prince Gregoire Galitzin {Lieutenant-General and member of council of the Russian Empire} for such action as the Council may decide to take in the circumstances. Referred to His Worship, the Mayor.

From Father Eummelin {Parish Priest}, asking that the Sisters Hospital be exempt from taxation. Referred to the Finance Committee.

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**City of Vancouver**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**P**UBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following communication has been received from Dr. Thomas regarding the danger of using milk without first scalding same. Consumers will therefore govern themselves accordingly.

THOS. F. McGUIGAN,  
City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER,  
Vancouver, B.C., July 30, 1894.

To the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—There being at present a considerable number of cases of tuberculosis amongst the dairy stock from which the milk supply of the City is drawn, and this being a disease which is communicable to human beings, especially to children, I beg to call the attention of milk consumers to the danger of using milk at present without first scalding it, and so destroying any germs of the disease that may be present therein.

Your obedient servant,  
(Signed)

A. HARRISON THOMAS, M.D.  
Medical Health Officer.

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From James McGeer asking the Mayor to call a meeting to discuss the Milk Vendor's By-Law. Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify Milk Vendors to meet the Health Committee on Tuesday at 4pm.

From J.M. Fromme offering 25 cents a cord for red cedar on Hastings Park. Referred to the Park Commissioners.

From John Stevens, Express Agent regarding the payment of coupons lost in a CPR wreck on the 9th of June. Referred to the Finance Committee.

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From the Chief of Police {John McLaren} reporting on the electric lights. Filed.

From Jacob C. Peterson asking for the appointment of Inspector of Chimneys. Referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

The following reports were received and read:

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 24th 1894.

Present: Aldermen Salsbury, McDowell, McPhaiden & William Brown

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

A.E. Crickmay	Duty etc.	\$27.30
H. Henderson	Clerical Work	\$60.00
J.J. Banfield	Insurance	\$23.00
Bank of Montreal	Notes	\$10,000
Thomson BrP	Supplies	\$6.85
City Printing Works	Supplies	\$1.50
Diplock & Co	Supplies	\$38.15

**Communications**

From J.L. Raymur, Auditor, Victoria asking for the City's shares of the leper account due last June. The City Clerk was instructed to write again to Ottawa on the subject.

From H. Abbott, asking for a reply to his communication re the leasing of the foreshore. Laid over until the City Solicitor ...

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.... Receives particulars regarding the Gore Avenue lawsuit from his solicitors.

From Robert Barders requesting the Committee to exempt him from paying costs in a suit he had with the City. Filed.

From J.F. Ross asking for exemption from taxation on the lands and buildings in connection with the Vancouver City Foundry. Resolved.

That he be informed that the Council has no power to grant his request unless a By-Law is submitted to the ratepayers which entails a large expense.

The City Solicitor informed the Committee that the Council had no power to exempt the Militia from paying the poll tax.

The communication from Life Insurance Underwriters regarding the proposed license on them was again discussed but no action was taken.

Signed W.F. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman William Brown; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

**Water Committee**

The Water Committee met on Tuesday August 21st 1894

Present: Aldermen William Brown, Bethune, Shaw and McPhaiden

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Communications

From Fred Young, etal, asking for water service on Beach Avenue. The Secretary to make enquiries as to the cost of laying pipe and the amount of revenue to be derived from same.

The Foreman’s report of work done to date was received and filed.

Resolved, that the Brockton Point Athletics Association be charged for water used at the Athletic grounds.

Resolved, that a 22” pipe be laid across Granville Street before the paving is laid.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Vancouver City Iron Works	Supplies \$19.62
William Thurston & Sons	Supplies \$2.50
Vancouver Electric Rly & Co	Supplies \$5.00
Dunn & Co	Supplies \$35.05
Creamer & Langley	Supplies \$23.89
Vancouver Gas Co	Supplies \$25.00
McIntosh & Co	Supplies \$4.00
McLennan & McFeely	Supplies \$14.45
Welsh BrP	Supplies \$18.49
B.C. Iron Works	Supplies \$159.88
City Printing Works	Supplies \$44.00
Market Hardware Store	Supplies \$10.07
Thomas Veitch	Teaming \$31.00
W. Hooper etal	Labor \$239.40

Signed William Brown, Chairman

Report adopted. Salsbury, McPhaiden.

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**Police Committee**

The Police Committee met on Wednesday August 22nd 1894.

Present: Aldermen CL Brown, McPhaiden and William Brown

Communications

From James McGeer making charges against the Pound Keeper. Mr. McGeer appeared before the Committee in reference to his charges. The matter was referred to the Chairman to arrange a meeting between the parties in dispute and to call a meeting of the Committee at some convenient date. The Chairman subsequently decided to call a meeting on Wednesday next, at 4 pm.

From W.H. Hooper asking for the refund of a certain portion of his auctioneer's license. Laid over until the City Solicitor prepares a By-Law.

From A.M. Beattie in reference to the market lease. Mr Beattie interviewed the Committee on this matter but no action was taken.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Robert Clark	Supplies \$2.25
News advertiser	Supplies \$16.00
W.J. Campbell	Supplies \$13.75
Joseph Martin	Supplies \$5.50
Carswell & Co	Supplies \$10.20

Signed C.L. Brown, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman McDowell; Seconded by Alderman Bethune  
That the Report be adopted. Carried

#### **Introduction of By-Laws**

Moved by Alderman McCraney; Seconded by Alderman William Brown  
That the By-Law to raise \$4000 for local improvement purposes be read a first time. Carried.  
The By-Law was read a first time.

#### **Motions**

Moved by Alderman Shaw: Seconded by Alderman McCraney  
Be it resolved,

1. That if a company be formed with sufficient capital to construct and operate street and iron works within the limits of the City of Vancouver that will turn out 40,000 tons per annum of Bessemer iron, steel billet, plates, rails, bars or structural iron or any modification thereof.
2. That if the construction of the mills, furnaces and works are commenced by a date not later than the 1st day of June 1895 and completed and in working order and in operation before the 1st day of June 1897.
3. That if a sum not less than one million dollars is expended by the company in the acquiring of a site, construction of the mills and works and providing all necessary furnaces....

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... plant and machinery within the City of Vancouver and at least on half million dollars in the acquisition of mines, coking plant, steamers and auxiliary equipment so that the said mills and works shall be fully supplied with material and enabled to make the agreed output or least 50,000 tons per annum.

4. That the Company obtain from the Dominion Government, the bonus for the production of Bessemer iron and steel billets and plates and also use their best endeavors to obtain from the Provincial Government a bonus or grant in and of the enterprise.

5. That a trustee or trustees be appointed on behalf of the City of Vancouver to receive from the Dominion and Provincial Governments all monies so granted and to be paid by way of bonus in aid of the said enterprise with the object that any monies so to be received shall go in payment of and as

security for the payment of the interest hereafter mentioned.

6. That in the event of the above being complied with to the satisfaction of the City Council, the Council will cause a By-Law to be submitted to the ratepayers of the City to authorize the City to guarantee the interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on \$1,000,000 bonds for a period of 20 years, the said bonus to be secured by mortgage on all the real and personal property of the Company.

7. All bonuses received by the Company and all profits earned to be paid over to trustees to pay any monies under guarantee until after the said amounts have been credited to the said 5 per cent interest liability.

The guaranteed bonds only to be delivered over to the .....

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...Company on completion of their works, mines and plant and until the works have been in running order and operation for a certain period of time so that it can be fully established that the works are capable of making the annual output of at least 50,000 tons of Bessemer steel iron or sheet billets, structural iron.

Moved in amendment by Alderman William Brown; Seconded by Alderman McDowell

That this Council will give careful consideration to any proposition brought before it in a proper business way by the promoters of iron and steel works to be constructed and operated within the City limits and will give such aid to the undertaking as the furnaces of the City will permit, but the Council having no such proposition before it should not impose any conditions on their successors in office.

Amendment carried.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 4th of September.

Thomas Francis McGuigan      R.A. Anderson  
City Clerk                              Mayor

*Note*

*Comments in parenthesis { } denote further illumination provided by the writer and from The Vancouver Daily World Newspaper; Our City Fathers Meet, August 28 1894, pg 3*