

James McGeer new milk inspector – December 31, 1894

*James McGeer appointed milk inspector at a salary of \$50 per month. Miss Hewitt hired as a nurse at \$10 per month. The Finance Committee reported that ten dollars had been raised for Williams, a “shackite” (person living in a shack). All remaining debts incurred by this Council to be paid at once.*

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The council met on Monday December 31, 1894.

Present this Lordship the Mayor and Aldermen

Shaw, Queen Salsbury, McCraney, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, C.L. Brown and Bethune

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From John Devine asking compensation on behalf of Mrs & Mrs Ramsay for the raising the grade on Westminster Avenue.

Referred to the Board of Works

From Davis Marshall MacNeill and Abbott, Solicitors for the C.P.R. Co, asking that an amicable settlement be arranged regarding Gore Avenue slip.

Referred to the City Solicitor and Finance Committee

From Miss Macfie stating that she had engaged Miss Hewitt as nurse at \$10.00 a month dating from December 1st.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown,

Seconded by “ CL Brown,

That the appointment be confirmed

Carried.

From Hanson Bros. Offering \$96 ½ for the electric lights debentures if they are made in sterling.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the workmen on the Reservoir asking for another pay month.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by “ CL Brown

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That the workmen employed on the reservoir be paid another half month's pay subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

Carried

From the Thos. P. Stretch etal asking for plots in the cemetery grounds on which to cut timber.

Referred to the Health Committee

The following reports were received and read

Fire and Light Committee

The Fire and Light Committee met on Wednesday December 26th 1894

Present Aldermen Bethune, Shaw, Queen and Wm Brown.

Communications

From J.Z. Hall stating that terms can be arranged for the payment of the lots selected as a site for the power house provided the same is paid within three months.

Resolved that he be informed that on account of the By-Law under authority of which the funds are to raised being still in litigation the committee is not in a position to make any definite agreement to pay for the lots lately recommended for purchase.

From Rand Bros. offering lots 13 to 16 Block 23, 196 for \$7500 as a site for the power house.

Filed.

From F. S. Barnard, General Manager of the Consolidated Railway and Light Co offering to continue the lighting of the city at the old rate until fresh arrangements are made.

Laid over

Resolved that the Chief of the Fire Brigade be authorized to order a carload of anthracite

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coal, and have the large room in Firehall No 1 papered.

Referred

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

A. Blaney	Supplies	\$8.95
HP. Dun & Co	"	\$6.05
H. McDonell & Co	"	\$43.37
McLennan & McFeely	"	\$27.07
A.H. Hatch	"	\$2.00
F. Fillion	"	\$9.82
Chas Hach	"	\$1.50
C. Casselman	"	\$2.25
Can Gen'l Elec Co	"	\$26.10

Wm Ralph “ \$ .50  
F. Fillion “ \$6.25  
McRae & Hall “ \$1.95  
B.C.M.T. & T Co “ \$.54  
Crowder & Penzer “ \$21.38  
J. Carnahan Scavenging \$1.00  
Welsh BrP Supplies \$246.44  
H.P. Dunn & Co “ \$1.50  
McLennan & McFeely “ \$3.70  
Godfrey & Co “ \$2.10  
Van Elec Ry +L Co Lights \$1738.42  
Sgd Alex Bethune  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown  
Seconded by “ Bethune  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

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#### Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Thursday December 27th, 1894  
Present: Aldermen McDowell, McPhaiden, Wm Brown and C.L. Brown  
The following accounts were recommended for payment:

J.K. Davis Glazing \$5.75  
F. Fillion Supplies \$104.22  
C.S. Philp “ \$23.45  
HP Dunn & Co “ \$2.50  
Evans, Coleman & Evans “ 3.50  
W.A. McIntosh & Co “ \$70.32  
Champion & White “ \$2.00  
Wm Collier Disinfecting \$5.00

The following applications were received for Mr Jordan of Milk Inspector:

Dr Thomas and J. Brenton, James McGeer, P. Waram, A. McDonnell, R.H. Stevenson, R.H. Caswell, Thos. P. Prekaus, G.W. Edwards, J. Addison, F. A. Barnes, G. A. McDonnell, A. J. Richards, Thos. S. Rooke, J. P. Brown, J.B. Newcomb, John Norton, Robert Dickie and Johnston Gibbins.

Referred to Council to make the appointment.

A communication was received from a number of citizens asking for a grant for the orphan's home.

Referred to the incoming council for favourable consideration.

We have again considered the resolution regarding in reduction of the salary of the Health Inspector, and beg to repeat that we cannot see our way clear to alter our former recommendation.

Report from the Milk Inspector received and filed.

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Resolved

That the Matron of the City Hospital be requested to furnish a list of C.P.R. patients treated in the City Hospital from the beginning and the amount owing the City.

Resolved

That the resolutions passed on the last meeting of the board regarding the Plumbing Inspector be again brought to the notice of the Council as we cannot see our way clear to alter said resolution.

Sgd John McDowell  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Queen

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the report be adopted

Carried

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Wednesday December 26, 1894.

Present Aldermen C.L. Brown, Queen, McPhaiden and Wm Brown

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

O.J. McLean & Co Supplies \$4.25

F. Fillion " \$54.48

Communications

From R.B. Ellis and A.A. Book & Co asking if the policemen will be allowed to insure in companies not licensed to business in Canada.

Three of the policemen having insured in a company whose head office is in Denver Colorado, the whole question was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

Sgd C.L. Brown, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the report be adopted

Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance committee met on Friday December 28th, 1894.

Present the full board

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Bank of Montreal, Advertising Coupons \$178.83

E. Kingcombe, Salary \$25.00

News Advertizer, Ads \$4.50

A. St. G. Hamersley, Disbursements \$59.50

Communications

From the City Solicitor stating that as Edward Wintersmith advertised as a banker and paid his license fee he was not entitled to have paid license returned.

Filed

From Lucy R. Johnson etal submitting a list shewing that \$10.00 had been subscribed for the relief of one Williams a shackite.

Filed

From Dr Kendall submitting the names of Thos. Dunn and W. A. McIntosh as his sureties on his rock crushing contract.

Resolved

That the sureties named be accepted and the bond fixed at \$5000 each.

From Hanson Bros asking what was done with their offer for debentures.

The City Clerk was instructed to reply as follows:- "Your telegram 15th not satisfactory. Loan must be payable in Vancouver. We have good

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offer elsewhere if you decide to withdraw answer."

From the City Solicitor stating that directly another certificate is given by the City Engineer to Mssrs Curdy and Williams on the Reservoir he will be prepared to advise how the money payable which ought to be distributed.

Laid Over

Dr Kendall submitted his rock crushing contract for the approval of the Board.

Resolved

That a clause be inserted in the contract providing that the rock to be delivered in payment of the rock crusher shall extend over a period of 5 months.

The City Auditor submitted his monthly statement which was received and filed.

Sgd W.F. Salsbury

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown  
Seconded by " Queen  
That the report be adopted  
Carried

The council went into Committee of the Whole for the appointment of a Milk Inspector.  
The Mayor in the Chair  
After a ballot was taken it was found that James McGeer received a majority of the votes cast.

The Committee was to report the appointment of James McGeer as Milk Inspector at a salary of \$50.00 a month dating from 2nd of January.

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#### Motions

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown  
Seconded by " McCraney  
That the Water Works payroll for two weeks ending December 24, 1894 amounting to \$427.40 be passed and paid.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney  
Seconded by " C.L. Brown  
That the Mayor be and hereby instructed to make the necessary arrangements so that the debts in the city that have passed by this council shall be paid at once.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown  
Seconded by " McCraney  
That W.S. Wiffin be notified to put his lot on Dupont Street in a proper sanitary condition in as short time as possible.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown  
Seconded by " McCraney

The council then adjourned.

R.A. Anderson  
Mayor  
Thos F McGuigan  
City Clerk