

Champion & White ousted from city crematory – February 26, 1894

Champion and White were given one month's notice that their services (operating the city garbage burning crematory) were no longer required. Aldermen Brown, Bethune, Queen, Shaw and McFaiden appointed as a committee to manage the water works. The Police Magistrate granted two weeks leave. The City Band was given the same grant as last year.

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[Champion and White yard on Dupont Street , city garbage collectors and miscellaneous cartage]

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Vancouver Feb 26th 1894

The Council met on Monday February 26th 1894

Present – His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Salisbury, Queen, McDowell, McPhaiden, McCraney, Wm Brown, Franklin, C.L Brown and Bethune

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Robert Steel, Geo Richardson, W. Thwaite, Wm Guill, A.J. Chisholm applying for the position of Crematory Caretaker Laid over

From H.J. Cady asking for a sidewalk on Carolina St between 5th & 6th Avs
Referred to the Board of Works

From M.C. McLean asking for a reply to his letter of the 10th inst. Filed

From R Mackay Fripp asking for means to connect the lavatories of the Inns of Court:
Referred to the Board of Works

From A. Prefontaine and John Ober asking for a water supply
Referred to the Water Committee

From the Deputy Minister of Marine acknowledging receipt of communication re the dredging of False Creek. Filed

From James Gaudin Marine Department Victoria asking the Council to make such arrangement for the keep of sick seamen in the City Hospital.
Referred to the Health Committee

From Miss Macfie stating that she had engaged Mrs. Dobby as assistant in the kitchen of the

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City Hospital.
Referred to the Health Committee

From WmT. Green and J.H. Davidson asking the Council to establish a tariff for Chimney Sweeping.
Referred to the F.W.& L. Committee

From E. P. Fewster etal asking the Council to enforce the Sunday Closing By-Law.
Referred to the Police Committee

From the City Engineer reporting on the cost of connecting the old main in the Narrows.
Referred to the Water Committee

From J.W. Smith etal asking for the improvement of Victoria Street
Referred to the Board of Works

From the Police Magistrate asking for two weeks leave of absence dating from March 14th.
Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " C.L. Brown
That his request be granted. Carried

From Wm Brand, Secretary of the City Band, asking for the same grant as last year.
Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " McPhaiden
That the request be granted

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by Alderman Bethune
That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.
Amendment Carried

From Harris & McNeil asking for compensation for injuries received by Harry Michael.
Referred to the City Solicitor

From J. Lester etal asking for the opening up

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of 8th Av west of Granville Street
Referred to the Board of Works

The following Reports were received and read:-

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 22nd 1894.

Present – Aldermen C.L. Brown (in the Chair) Queen and Franklin

It was recommended:-

1. That E. Kingcombe's salary be raised to \$2.50 a day and also that J. Romang's salary be raised to \$2.25 both changes to take effect on the 1st of March next.
2. That the space between 7th Av bridge and Doering's building be bridged in as requested provided the cost does not exceed \$95.00
3. That J. Dixon be permitted to put in the sewer across Granville Street by day work on the same conditions that J. Potter is putting in the sewer on Burrard St. His pay as foreman to be \$2.50 per day and \$10.00 extra for the use of the his own tools, the City to do the sharpening and that he be authorized to hire a pipe layer at \$2.00 per day and the rest of the gang to be made up of relief men.
4. That the communication from A. Williams asking for the grading of the lane in Block 33.185 be referred to the City Street Inspector for attention.
5. That the plans and specifications submitted by Carter Bros for the Gambruins Hotel be approved subject to a proper application being made to excavate for the areas and particulars furnished as to the kind of sidewalks it is proposed to put down.

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6. That the application from R.G. Tatlow, President of the Trustees of the Van Elec Ry & L. Co requesting permission to continue their double track on Granville Street from Hastings to Robson be refused
7. That the Street Inspector be instructed to keep the pavements clean.
8. That the following accounts be paid:-
W.S. Cook Delivering crushed rock. \$505.27
Market Hardware Store Supplies 18.50
H. Lomas etal Labor 159.75

Sgd H.P. McCraney
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the clause in relation to the closing in of space on 7th Av near Brewery be expunged. Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown.

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the clause in relation to J. Romang be struck out. Carried

Moved by Alderman Queen

Seconded by " McDowell

That the balance of the Report be adopted. Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday Feb 23rd 1894.

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

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

News Advertiser supplies \$4.33

H.M/ Henderson Clerical Work 60.00

Evans, Coleman & Evans supplies 21.00

City Pringing Works “ 4.00

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Alex Duff Repairs \$1.50

2. That the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Committee be authorized to sign a note on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver for the sum of \$10,000 bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 5 1/2 per cent per annum, said note being drawn on authority of By-Law No 193, passed on the 22nd day of January 1894.

3. That the different committees be requested to frame their estimates as soon as possible and send them in to this Committee.

4. That the Board of Works be requested to temporarily suspend the delivery of crushed rock pending the compiling of the Estimates.

5. That the Communication from W.G. Tretheway asking for a bonus for a flour mill will be filed as the Committee does not consider the capacity of the proposed will sufficient to recommend exemption from taxation or other assistance

6. That the communication from Messrs Wulffsohn & Berwicke asking for a share of the City's Insurance be filed for reference.

Sgd

W.F. Salsbury

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by “ C.L. Brown

That the Report be adopted. Carried

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown.

Seconded by “ Queen

That the rules be suspended to all of the introduction of a By-Law to provide for the recovery of the costs and expenses of clearing lands. Carried

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The By-Law was introduced, and read a first time

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown.

That the rules be suspended to allow of the introduction of a By-law to appoint the time etc for holding an election to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Board, caused by the death of W McRae. Carried
The By-Law was read a first time.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Queen.

That Messrs Champion & White Caretakers of the City Crematory be notified that their services will not be required one month from date of notice. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the following Pay Roll be passed:-

Wm Tierney etal Labor \$297.75 Carried.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Bethune

That the following labor account be paid:-

Hooper etal \$447.60 Carried

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Queen

That the following Aldermen be a committee to manage the water works Viz Aldermen Wm Brown, Bethune, Queen, Shaw and McPhaiden. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by " McDowell

That the Provincial Government be again urged to pass the necessary legislation to enable them to vest the school lands in the City and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the local members with the request that they give the matter their attention Carried

Consideration of ByLaws

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by " Queen

That the Rules be again suspended to allow of the second reading of the By-Law to provide for the recovery of the Costs and expenses of clearing lands.
Carried

The By-Law was read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole, for its consideration Alderman Wm Brown in the Chair.

The By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete.

It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Salsbury seconded by ALd Queen, the Rules being again suspended.

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the rules be suspended and the polling bylaw read a 2nd time.

Carried

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It was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete.

The rules were again suspended and the By-Law read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McCraney seconded by Ald Wm Brown.

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The 3rd reading of the Street paving ByLaw was laid over another week the City Solicitor in the meantime to prepare a bond, re the delivery of the –

Notices of Motion

Alderman Wm Brown gave notice that he would move the following resolution

That at all elections the Deputy Returning Officers shall on the morning of Polling proceed to the City Hall for their instructions and ballot boxes from the Returning Officer. After closing of the poll and counting of the ballots the Deputy Returning Officers shall return the ballot boxes to the Returning Officer at the City Hall.

Alderman Salsbury gave notice that he would at the next regular meeting of the Council introduce a By-Law providing for further temporary loans to meet the expenditure pending collection of taxes.

Alderman Franklin gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would introduce a motion requiring the Contractor for street paving to work 9 hours per day and pay the regulation wages and employ citizens only;

Also that the Engineer prepare and submit to Council profiles showing the grade of Powell Street from Vernon Street to Campbell Avenue; Carrall Street from Dupont to Cordova, also showing profile of Railway track where it crosses Carrall Street and to prepare profiles showing grade of extension of Sewer outlets into the Narrows where made in 12" Iron Pipe.

The Council then Adjourned

R.A. Anderson
Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan
City Clerk