

Vancouver needs to borrow \$50,000 - January 22, 1894

Letter received from J. Buntzen, Business Manager of the Van Elec. Ry & L Co, stating that a light was to be erected on Granville Street Bridge. The City Clerk was to write to Toronto and Montreal to inquire about the budget for milk testing. Following the precedent set by previous Councils, Mr. Mooney, a long-term occupant of the jail, was allowed clothing costing \$25.00 for the year. The Chairman of each Committee was directed to account for all staff employed in their respective departments: length of time employed, salary, and days of absence. By-Law formed for the city to borrow \$50,000 to cover current expenses.

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[The old Granville Street Bridge], about 1909

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Vancouver January 22nd 1894

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The Council met on Monday January 22 nd 1894.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Geo Freeland etal, asking for the improvement of 8 th Av.
Referred to the Board of Works

From H.T. Ceperley on behalf of J.M. O'Toole, objecting to the lowering of the grade of the sidewalk in front of his premises on Hastings Street.
Referred to the Board of Works

From the School Trustees, asking for a grant to meet current expenses.
Referred to the Finance Committee

From J.R. Anderson, Victoria, asking for the loan of the City's exhibit of minerals for exhibition, at the Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.
Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Franklin
That the Communication be filed.
Carried

From W.S. Gore, stating that the Government had no funds to build a sidewalk in front of the Court House grounds.

Filed

From R.G. Tatlow, acknowledging receipt of communication re laying of girder rail on Granville St.

Filed

From the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Engineers asking the Council to send a representative to San Francisco. Laid over for one week.

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From J. Buntzen, Business Manager of the Van Elec. Ry & L Co, stating that a light was to be erected on Granville Street Bridge.

Filed

From McQuarrie & Co asking that the City Seal be attached to their Contract.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From Potter & Platt giving notice of suit on sewer contracts.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From Alex Webster Sr. asking for the appointment of a Milk Inspector.

Referred to the Board of Health

From Richard P. Sharp, Secretary of the Institute of Architects enclosing a resolution regarding allowing all architects to compete for all public buildings proposed to be erected.

Referred to the Board of Works

From M. Ellison, asking the Council to utilize the lake near Clark's Park for water power purposes.

Referred to the F.W & L. Committee

From Newton Bros etal petitioning against a sidetrack being laid on the lane in rear of Oppenheimer Bros Warehouse.

Referred to the Board of Works

From B.J. Short etal drawing attention to the impassible condition of the lane between Pendrell and Davie Streets from Thurlow to Bute.

Referred to the Board of Works

From C.G. Johnson etal asking the Council to take action to compel the Street Ry. Co to run their cars on Ninth Av. & Granville Street South.

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Wm Brown

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That the communication be referred to the City Solicitor to report by next meeting.
Carried

Mr C. G. Johnson appeared before the bar of the Council to press his claim.
The following Reports were received, and read:-

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Monday January 15th 1894.

Present. Aldermen McDowell, Salsbury, Wm Brown, C.L. Brown, and McPhaiden.
Alderman McDowell was appointed Chairman.
The first business meeting was fixed for Thursday at 4p.m.

The Health Committee met again on Thursday January 18 th 1894.
Present Aldermen Wm Brown (in the Chair), Salsbury and McPhaiden.
It was recommended:

1. That the account rendered by Dr Mills for attending a man hurt on the street be not paid.
2. That the City Clerk be instructed to write to Toronto and Montreal to obtain prices of milk testers.
3. That the Chief of Police be authorized to expend \$25.00 in the purchase of clothing for Mr Mooney, an inmate of the City Hospital, said amount being allowed yearly by former Councils.
4. That the City Clerk be instructed to hand over the watch found on the late W.J. Blaney to the party who claims to be the owner on proper security being furnished that the City will be held harmless in the matter and that the said Blaney's chain and wring be forwarded to his sister.

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5. That the watch belonging to the late David Glasgow be sold and the proceeds applied to the account due the City.

6. That the following account be paid:-

Crowder & Penzer Supplies 141.10
C.S. Phelp " 17.79
L. Carter " 5.50
A.H. Thomas Med Attendance 17.60
W.J. Warren Supplies 42.15
McIntosh & Co. " 56.35
Dr Bell-Irving Med Attendance 5.00
J.P. Blake & Co. Supplies 17.75
C.F. Foreman " 84.49
Atkins & Atkins " 73.57

Crowder & Penzer " 21.01
Thos Dunn & Co " 2.15
Champion & White Scavenging 18.00
C.F. Foreman Supplies 54.05
W.H. DeBon " 49.96
McLellan & McFeely " .30
Weeks & Robson " 14.25
J.K. Davis Glazing 7.25
C.F. Foreman Supplies 42.77
James Carnohan Scavenging .75
J.P. Blake & Co. Supplies 5.10
Tilley & Son. " 2.80
Crowder & Penzer " 14.54
McIntosh & Co. " 12.14
Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing 53.15

7. That the Regular meetings of the Board be held on the 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday in each month.

sgd W Brown
Acting Chairman

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

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Monday January 15th 1894.
Present Aldermen Salsbury, McDowell, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, and Bethune.
Alderman Salsbury was appointed Chairman.
The first business meeting was fixed for Friday at 4p.m.

The Committee met again on Friday January 19 th 1894.
Present Aldermen Salsbury, McDowell, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, and Bethune.
It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

D Burton Hack hire \$1.50
Van Elec Ry&L Co. Tickets 12.50
F.W. Hart. Burials 13.50
Crowder & Penzer Supplies 56.00
J. Fletcher " 1.00
Vancouver Bill Posting Co 4.00
News Advertiser Supplies 68.40
C.P. Telegraph Co. 2.36
News Advertiser Supplies 50.40

Tilley & Son " 17.35
B.C. Gazette " 34.00
Tilley & Son " 8.80
J. Miller " 40.00
News Advertiser " 11.25
Tilley & Son " 7.30
Telephone Co. Rent 29.10

2. That the sum of \$700.00 be revoted to the Park Commissioners, and a further sum of \$200.00 placed to their credit for general purposes.
3. That the Communications received from Messrs R.H. Alexander & John Devine be laid over.
4. That the Communications received from the Typographical Union & John Mytyer be filed.

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5. That funds be provided to cover the remittance to London, Eng in payment of the interest on City Bonds falling due there.
6. That the Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to engage temporary help in the City Accountant Office.
7. That the City Treasurer be instructed to make out a list of all those who have not paid their taxes.
8. That the following tenders be accepted:-
 - (a) Meat. McIntosh & Co on condition that the meat supplied to the Park be the same price as the jail meat.
 - (b) Milk. W.H. DeBon, the milk to be subject to test.
 - (c) Burials. Messrs Lockhart & Center.
 - (d) Wood. W.H. Mellish, subject to him furnishing security that he will carry out his contract.
 - (e) Printing & Binding. Assessment Roll & Tax Books. Marshall & McRae subject to the work being done in the City and no extra charge made for alterations from the present ruling.
 - (f) Washing. Pioneer Steam Laundry.

The regular meeting of the Committee was fixed for every Friday at 4p.m.

sgd W.F. Salsbury
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the Binding tenders be referred back for reconsideration, and the balance of the Report adopted.

Carried

F.W. & L. Committee

The F.W. & L. Committee met on Monday January 15 th 1894.

The F.W. & L. Committee met Present Alderman Franklin, Bethune, Shaw and Queen. Alderman Franklin was appointed Chairman and the first regular meeting fixed for

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Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The F.W. & L. Committee met again on Wednesday January 17th Present Aldermen Franklin, Shaw, Queen and Bethune.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Thos Lobb. Setting shoes \$1.60

Godfrey & Co. Supplies .25

Atkins & Atkins " 3.95

Gutta Percha & Rubber Co " 122.75

C.G. Johnson. " 24.00

E.Lipsett " .35

Van Elec Ry & L. Co " 1865.31

C.P.R. Co. Freight 3.94

2. That all matters relating to the water works, including unpaid accounts be turned over to the Water Commissioners.

3. That the bank on the corner of Georgia and Hamilton Streets be raised to the grade of the street.

4. That the Chief of the Fire Brigade be instructed to ascertain the price of a Silsby heater.

5. That the Council be asked to communicate with the Government with a view of obtaining a title to fire hall lot on Water Street.

6. That in future the regular meetings of the Board be held on the 2nd Wednesday in each month at 4p.m.

sgd J.L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

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Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Monday January 15th 1894.

Present Aldermen Shaw, Queen, Franklin and C.L. Brown.

Alderman McCraney was appointed Chairman and the first business meeting fixed for Thursday at 4p.m.

The Board met again on Thursday January 18th 1894.
Present Aldermen McCraney, Brown, Queen, Franklin & Shaw.

It was recommended:-

1. That the Street Inspector be authorized to put crushed rock on the lane between Dupont and Keefer Streets in rear of the Glasgow Hotel, also to put in box culvert across Harris St at Westminster Av also to put a one plank walk of on 7th Av about 150 feet to Officer North's house.
2. That the Street Inspector be instructed to put the crushed rock on the Streets in rotation taking the list prepared last year, as his guide.
3. That Thos Hooper who applied for a basement drain on Water Street be informed that the City will put in a basement drain under the Local Improvement System.
4. That the Board be authorized to subscribe for the Daily News Advertiser and World at \$5.00 each and kept on file for reference.
5. That the Board cannot pay the account present by Mr Boardman.
6. That tenders be called up to Thursday next the 25 th inst for nails.

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7. That the tenders sent in for clearing in 182 and for the delivery of crushed rock, and the sewer across Georgia Street be laid over for final decision, at a special meeting to be held on Monday afternoon at 3p.m.

8. That the following accounts be paid:-

Tilley & Son. Stationery .50cts

M.S. Rose. Supplies \$3.00

Thos Dunn & Co. " 1.85

C.F. Foreman. " 1.55

Thos Dunn & Co. " 31.20

Cosman & Son. " 1.00

W.G. Marshall. " 1.50

Lomas etal. Labor 191.04

sgd H.P. McCraney

Chairman

The Board of Works held a special meeting on January 22 nd to consider tenders.
Present. The Full Board.

1. It was recommended that contracts be awarded to the following tenders for clearing in 182, subject to the men appearing before the Board on Thursday next and proving themselves satisfactory, and capable to carry out the work, and subject to the signatures of all the owners being obtained:-

Block 3 D. Foubert \$95.00

" 7 J. Peterson 72.00

" 10 P. McLean 110
" 11 E. Eldridge 225
" 12 E. Cocking 250
" 13 H. Blith 160
" 16 Thos. Fitzpatrick 197
" 17 R.H. McCaulay 336
" 18 T. Crawford 350
" 19 J. Wood 280
" 22 F. Fox 150
" 23 W. Jennings 150
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2. That the tenders sent in for the sewer across Georgia Street be laid over.

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3. That the contract for the delivery of crushed rock be awarded to Arch McRae at the following prices and subject to the tenderer furnishing a suitable bond:

No.1 haul 37 cts per yard

2 " 45 " " "

3 " 57 " " "

4 " 59 " " "

5 " 50 " " "

sgd H.P. McCraney
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Brown (C.L)

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Introduction of By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McDowell.

That the amendments to the Water Commissioners By-Law be read a first time.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McDowell

That the Rules be suspended and the By-Law read a 2nd time.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by Alderman McCraney

That the By-Law be read six months hence.

Amendment lost, motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by " McDowell

That the Rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced to authorized the Council to borrow the sum of \$50,000 to meet current expenses.

Carried

The By-Law was introduced & read a first time.

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The rules were again suspended on motion of Alderman Salsbury, seconded by Ald Bethune and the By-Law read a 2nd 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 3 rd time on motion of Ald Salsbury, seconded by Ald Wm Brown, the rules having been suspended.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Second by " McDowell.

That the following account be paid:-

C.P.R Co. Tickets. \$8.90

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown.

Seconded by " John McDowell.

That the Chairman of each Committee be, and is hereby instructed to furnish the Council with the names of the permanent staff in his department; the salary paid per month to each, the total amount paid each during the year 1893, and the length of time each has been absent from duty during that period, also the names of those temporarily employed in each department, the salary paid to each per month and the total paid to each during 1893.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Franklin

That the thanks of this Council be tendered to the World P&P. Co for the copies of their Annual furnished to the Aldermen.

Carried.

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The Council decided to meet on Wednesday the 31st inst at 8 p.m. to talk over civic matters. The Council then adjourned.

R.A. Anderson
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk