

Columbia Avenue lowlands must be drained – July 16, 1894

The Medical Health Officer reported on the unsanitary condition of Dupont Street and urged the draining of the low lying lands south of Dupont Street and east and west of Columbia Avenue. The Provincial government requested \$200 to cover the cost of smallpox vaccine administered by Dr. McGuigan in August 1892. Taxes were coming in slowly; one citizen, John Castile wrote to suggest that persons in arrears for taxes be allowed to work them out.

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[Dupont [later Pender] and Carrall Streets, looking east]

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Vancouver July 16th 1894

The Council met on Monday July 16th 1894.

Present – Aldermen Salsbury, Shaw, McDowell, McCraney, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, Franklin, C.L. Brown and Bethune.

Alderman Wm Brown was appointed Chairman.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Medical Health officer reporting upon the sanitary condition of Dupont Street and advising the Council to have the low lying lands drained.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by “ McDowell

That the City Engineer be instructed to ascertain the cost as soon as possible. Carried.

From the City Solicitor stating that the Captain of the Barque Gutenberg had no claim against the City and also that the C.P.R. Co could not be held liable for the expenses of the Chinaman afflicted with Smallpox. Filed.

From A. McDougall asking for the levelling of Hornby Street in front of his premises.

Referred to Board of Works

From the Deputy Provincial Treasurer asking for a cheque for \$200.00 being amount paid to D. McGuigan for vaccinating incoming passengers on trains at Vancouver between August 10th and 21st 1892.

Referred to the City Solicitor

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From John Castile suggesting that persons in arrears for taxes be allowed to work them out.
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Alderman Franklin declining to put up a bond on the Engineer's investigation.
Moved by Alderman Salsbury
Seconded by " McDowell
That the Communication be laid over for one week to give an opportunity for both parties to come together. Carried

From J. Jones asking for a decision on his claim for the refund of a portion of the fine imposed on him by the pound keeper.
Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Franklin
That the communication be filed. Carried.

Reports

The following Reports were received and read:-

Water Committee

The Water Committee met on Wednesday July 11th 1894.
Present – Aldermen Wm Brown, Bethune, Shaw, and McPhaiden

Communications

From the B.C. Iron Works Co offering to supply special Castings Castings for Water Works Sept. at 2c per Lb. Filed

The following tenders for dolphins at the Narrows were received:-

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D.K. Campbell
Coppered piles \$594.00
Zinc " 451.00
Uncovered " 352.00

W.A. Ravine
Coppered piles 660.00
Zinc " 484.00
Uncovered " 352.00

Resolved

That D.K. Campbell's tender of \$594.00 for coppered piles be accepted, and that the Dominion Government be asked to pay half the expense as the dolphins will be a good protection to shipping.

Resolved

That two days be taken off John Potter's time for Monday and Tuesday January 2nd and 3rd these days being public holidays

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

C. Nelson Drugs \$1.25
News. Advertiser Bindery Supplies 10.00
Crowder & Penzer " 7.12
C.P.R. Co " 3.60
Creamer & Langley " 10.08
J. Burns Jr " 896.82
Walsh Bros. " 22.65
B.C. Iron Works Co. " 270.34
Van Elec Ry & L Co " 1.32
J. Boyd & Co " 7.00
Curtis & Newsome " 17.20
Hastings Mill " 9.52
Gas Co " .75
Purdy & Williams Reservoir 1944.00

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Hooper etal Labor \$708.65
Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman
Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " McPhaiden
That the Report be adopted. Carried

Finance Committee
The Finance Committee met on Friday July 13th 1894.
Present the full Board

Communications
From the Board of Works asking the Committee to provide funds for the purchase of bon wires for the Street Railway Track about to be laid. Estimated cost \$865.20 Laid over

From the Board of Works asking the Committee to furnish funds for the construction of a sewer in Blocks 8 & 22.185 and a basement drain constructed on Dupont Strete under the Frontage Tax system. Referred back to the Board of Works for Estimate of Cost

From E.H. Dowing and W.H. Hooper asking for a refund of a certain portion of their respective licenses, they having paid for the full year near the close of the License year.
Resolved.
That it is desirable that the Trades License By-Law be amended

From Ms. A. Cheatam asking for a reduction of the Shooting Gallery License. Filed

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From the Revenue Tax Collector stating that collections were coming in slowly and stating that it would be necessary to enforce payment.

Resolved.

That Mr. Sutherland be instructed to carry out the law.

Resolved

That the account of the B.C. Iron Works for a heater amounting to \$265.00 be paid out of the Fire & Light Contigent fund.

Resolved.

That a copy be made of the petition to be presented at the Governor General re the dyking of the lands bordering on the Fraser River and that it be presented to the Board of Trade for signature

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

City Printing Works supplies \$33.50

Bank of Montreal Note 20,000

Crowder & Penzer supplies 7.15

News. Advertiser Ads 1.05

E. Clough Drayage 3.50

sgd W.F. Salsbury

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

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Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Tuesday July 10th 1894

Present – Aldermen McDowell, Wm Brown and C.L. Brown.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

W.J. McGuigan Inquests \$45.

F. Filion supplies .85

Mellish & Gray " 122.50

Minion S.S. Co Fare 2.00

Mrs. Crawford supplies .50

McIntosh & co " 64.26

F.W. Mills " 9.35

C.S. Philp " 16.14

W. H. DeBow " 40.05

Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing 56.80

A.H. Thomas Medical Attendance 10.00

W.C. Marshall Drayage 5.00

Lockhart & Center Burials 35.60

City Printing Works Supplies 2.00

McIntosh & Co " .48

F. Filion " 64.99

B.C. Mills " 8.43

James Carnohan Scavenging 1.25
C.P.R. Co Fares 3.00
John Boyd & Co Supplies 3.30
City of Victoria. Keep of Lepers 52.63
F. Filion Supplies 17.40
E. Shurgold Drayage .50
McLennan & McFeely Supplies 2.85
Carter Bros. Crematory Chimney 101.00

Communications

From the Plumbing inspector reporting that 149 plumbing and sewer permits were issued for the half year ending June 30th Filed

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From the Health Inspector asking that immediate steps be taken to drain the low lying lands south of Dupont Street and east and west of Columbia Avenue

Resolved.

That the Board of Works be instructed to have this necessary work done at once.

From J.M. Holland asking for amendments to the Plumbing By-Law Filed

From Miss Macfie furnishing Hospital Report for June. Filed

From E.B. Morgan et al asking for a sewer in the lane running between Block 84 22.185

Resolved.

That if there are sufficient funds on hand for that purpose that the Board of Works be instructed to have the work done.

Resolved

That the City Clerk be instructed to write Philp Bros that they must supply to the City Hospital whatever vegetables are ordered and that F. Filion be notified to supply fresh eggs when required.

sgd John McDowell

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

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Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday July 12th 1894

Present – Aldermen McCraney, Shaw, Queen and C.L. Brown.

Communications

From Ivan Bushong et al calling attention of the Board to slight repairs necessary to the paving at Cordova Street at the foot of Homer Street

Resolved

That D. McGillvray be notified to make all necessary repairs to the Bituminous road pavement as soon as possible.

From J.M. Bowell, Collector of Customs stating that if the lumber coming from Australia for block paving is in sawed boards or planks undressed, or dressed on one side only, "it will be free from duty under the new tariff". Filed for reference.

From H.A. Bell asking for permission to use part of the street in front of the new Rogers' building Hastings Street for depositing building material.

Resolved.

That Mr Bell be notified that permission for the rise of 50 feet of the sidewalk for the purpose has already been granted to E. Cook but that permission for use of the paved street has in all cases been refused.

From the City Clerk informing the Board of the Resolutions passed by the Board of Health relative to the construction of a sewer in Blocks 8 & 22. 185 and drainage for the low lying lands south of Dupont Street.

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Resolved.

That the Finance Committee be requested to furnish the funds necessary to carry out these works and that the requisite basement drain on Dupont street be put in under the frontage tax system.

James Dixon, Contractor for the basement drains on Granville Street put in a claim for extra work amounting to \$364.00

Referred to the Engineer and the Inspector to look into and report.

Resolved that the Street Inspector be instructed to put down a 2 ft wall with old planks in front of Mr. Prior's residence on 10th Av west of Manitoba Street.

Resolved that the documents in connection with the investigation be kept in the Engineer's office vault and to be accessible during regular office hours to all parties concerned.

The matter of extending the Abbott Street sewer to deeper water was referred to the Engineer to see if pipe can be got for the purpose.

Resolved that the matter of providing funds for the cost of the bond wires for the Street Railway track be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved that the City Engineer be authorized to get prices for the necessary work of continuing the outlet of the Granville Street drain to False Creek.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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James Dixon Drain \$746.45
J. Menzies 11th Av. 28.28
P.G. Fenton 8th Av. 13.95
C. Nelson. Supplies 1.50
Evans Coleman & Evans “ 1.60
Minion S.S. Co. Hire of Steamer 15.00
Dunn & Co. Supplies .10
Welsh Bros. “ 8.26
McLennan & McFeely “ 35.73
Morgan etal. Labor 774.80
sgd H.P. McCraney
Chairperson

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

Fire & Light Committee

The Fire & Light Committee met on Wednesday July 11th 1894.

Present – Aldermen Franklin, Shaw, McCraney and Bethune

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Thos Dunn & Co. supplies \$2.75
Welsh Bros “ 146.09
D. Wilson “ 6.55
L. Roy Repairs 3.12
F. Fillion Supplies 9.04
I Forbes Shoeing | 4.00 4.00
McDowell & Co. supplies 10.24
Van Elec Ry & Co Lights 1668.41
James Carnohah Scavengering 1.00
B.C. Iron Works Heater \$265.00
sgd J.L. Franklin
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown
Seconded by “ Franklin
That the Report be Adopted. Carried

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Thursday July 12th 1894.

Present the full Board

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Wm Cameron. Police Duty \$2.50

Frank Blair “ “ 5.00
McIntosh & Co Supplies 25.50
F. Filion “ .60
Russell. McDonald & Co “ 2.30
Chas. Nelson “ 3.15
News. Advertiser “ 12.00
C.S. Philp “ 16.55
Gurney Cab Co. “ 2.00
John McLaren Ry fares 14.00

Communications

From J.N. Bond asking for redress for the tearing down by small boys of a stable belonging to him on the South end of Granville Street Bridge. Filed

Resolved that A.M. Beattie be notified that under the terms of his lease of the Market he is required to keep it in a good state of repair and that the Council looks to him to have it repaired when necessary.

sgd C.L. Brown, Chairman

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman McPhaiden seconded by Alderman McDowell.

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Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by “ Shaw.

That the amendments to the Health By-Law be read a 2nd time. Carried

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for to consideration with Alderman McDowell in the Chair.

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

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by “ McPhaiden

That the noxious weed By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

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

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

It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McDowell Seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Notice of Motion

Alderman C.L. Brown gave notice that at next meeting of Council he will introduce a By-Law to amend the present Market By-Law.

The Council then adjourned.

R.A. Anderson
Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan
City Clerk.