

Alexandra Hospital needs better drainage – July 30, 1894

Council received a request for the chain gang to dig drains around the Alexandra Hospital (pictured). In light of a local epidemic of bovine tuberculosis, Dr. Thomas advised that all milk be scalded before using. Council also passed a new By-law to license and regulate milk vendors was adopted.

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Vancouver July 30th 1894

The Council met on Monday July 30th 1894.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Dr. Brydone- Jack asking for assistance for Mrs. Gunn {of 113 Hastings}. Referred to Board of Health.

From Dr. Thomas advising that all milk be scalded {to destroy all germs} before using {due to number of bovine tuberculosis cases}. Moved by Alderman Salsbury; seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown

That the communication of Dr. Thomas be published for one month. Carried.

From Thomas Lewis, Secretary of the Fraser Valley Relief Committee urging upon all those in a position to give or procure funds to use every effort to do so without delay. Moved by Alderman Salsbury; seconded by Alderman queen.

That the Report be referred to the Relief Committee of Vancouver with a recommendation from the Council that they take every means to collect sufficient monies from citizens to meet their quota of the necessary relief that may be required. Carried.

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From J.R. Anderson, Department of Agriculture Victoria reporting upon disease among cattle on Lulu Island {and Sea Island}. Filed.

From A.H.B. Macgowan on showing the necessity of the City being represented at the Fruit Growers meeting at Agassiz on August 10th. Filed.

From H. Abbott offering to lease the Gore Avenue slip or any other portion of Burrard Inlet not in use at a nominal rental of \$1.00 a year. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Health Inspector reporting on repairs necessary at the Alexandra Hospital. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J.L. Franklin declining to put up any bond on the City Engineer's investigation. Filed.

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights {142 lights burning per night}. Filed.

From C.W. Murray, Secretary of the School Board stating that water connections were not made with the old High School building as per request. Referred to the Water Committee.

From the Secretary of the School Board drawing attention to the fact that the mortgage {\$1500} on the school building on the corner of Hornby and Nelson Streets was due. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From C.D. Rand, Treasurer of the 1st of July Celebration Committee giving report of receipts and expenditures. Filed.

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Reports

The following Reports were received and read:

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Tuesday July 24th 1894. Present: Aldermen McDowell, William Brown, McPhaiden.

Communications

From the Health Inspector drawing attention to the sewer outlet on Abbott Street. Referred to the board of Works with the request that they give the matter their immediate attention.

Resolved

That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft a By-Law to provide for the licensing of Milk Vendors also a By-Law to empower the Council to inspect milk sold in the City and to regulate and inspect premises where milch cows are kept.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Champion & White Supplies \$8.25

F. Filion Supplies \$89.98

Champion & White Scavenging \$1.00

William Ralph Supplies \$.25

Russell, McDonald & Co Supplies \$11.15

Texas Lake Ice Co Supplies \$6.50

Miss Marsden Nursing \$5.00

Weeks & Robson Supplies \$13.75

C.S. Philp " \$22.51

G. Gobele Repairs \$12.00

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Minnie Cook Shirts \$5.75

Sehl Hastie & Co Supplies \$22.80

W. Kelly Labor \$4.14

Signed John McDowell, Chairman. Moved by Alderman William Brown; seconded by C.L. Brown

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Wednesday July 25th 1894.

Present: Alderman C.L. Brown and Shaw.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Thomas Clough Drayage \$.50

William Ralph Repairs \$.25

D.J. Campbell Supplies \$59.79

F. Filion Supplies \$68.93

Communications

From Mrs. A.E. Webster asking for the chain gang to dig drains around the Alexandra Hospital. Referred to the Health Inspector to examine and report upon.

Communications received from J. McGregor and J. Jones previously considered were filed.

Resolved.

That J.A. Reid, the pound keeper be instructed to send in monthly reports. Signed C.L. Brown; Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman Queen; seconded by Alderman Franklin

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Fire & Light Committee

Fire & Light Committee met Monday July 30th 1894. Present Aldermen Franklin, Shaw, Queen & Bethune.

Resolved

That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare specifications for installing an electric light plant and to engage such electrical assistance as he may deem necessary. Signed J.L. Franklin, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin; seconded by Alderman Queen

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

The Water Committee

The Water Committee met on Tuesday July 17th 1894. Present: Aldermen William Brown, Bethune & McPhaiden.

Communications

The Foreman's Report of work done from June 30th to date was read and filed. Applications from F.D. Boucher et al were received for a water service on Davie Street. It was resolved to give them a water service at as early a date as possible.

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The Water Works payroll amounting to \$265.75 was recommended for payment.

Signed William Brown, Chairman. Moved by Alderman Queen; seconded by McPhaiden.

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday July 20th 1894.

Present: the full board.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Hamersly & Hamilton Disbursements \$77.06

Telephone Co Rents \$36.60

Ellen Bloomfield Supplies \$5.00

H.M. Henderson Clerical Work \$60.00

Communications

From the City Engineer stating that the cost of constructing a sewer in Blocks 8 & 22, 185 would be \$2725, and a drain in the lane back of Dupont Street \$200.

From P. Carey asking to be allowed last year's taxes on his property for loss sustained on account of the incomplete condition of Hastings Street. Filed.

From Oppenheimer Brothers asking to be refunded

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... the sum of \$65 paid by them last year on lots 8 & 9, Block 1. 191 said amount being chargeable to Messrs. Ross & Howard. Filed.

From John Castile requesting the Council to allow ratepayers who are unable to pay taxes to work them out. Filed.

Signed W.F. Salsbury, Chairman; Moved by Alderman Shaw; seconded by Salsbury.

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman McDowell; seconded by Salsbury

That the Rules be suspended to allow of the introduction of a By-Law to License Milk Vendors. Carried.

The By-Law was read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Salsbury; seconded by Shaw

That the thanks of this Council are due to and are hereby tendered to Admiral Stephenson and officers of the Navy who so kindly and so largely contributed to the success of our Dominion Day Celebration

and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Admiral. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown; Seconded by Alderman William Brown

That the Pay Roll for the period of two weeks ending July 25th 1894, amounting to \$1663.55 be passed. Carried.

Alderman Salsbury Dissented.

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown; seconded by Franklin

That the following account be paid:

Martin Kelly Curbstones, etc \$707.40

Carried. Moved by Alderman William Brown; seconded by C.L. Brown.

That the Water Works payroll for the week ending Jul 23rd 1894 amounting to \$278.25 be passed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McDowell; seconded by McPhaiden

That the following account be paid:

CPR Co Tickets \$49.65

Allan Smith Watching \$22.00

J. Firnin Labor \$15.00

Carried. Moved by Alderman Salsbury; seconded by Alderman McDowell.

That the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to provide an estimate of the cost of the work at present in hand on Westminster Avenue and that the same be handed in in time for the Finance Committee meeting on Friday next. That such estimate include also an estimate of the last amount required to bring the work to a conclusion with safety to the public. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman McDowell; Seconded by Alderman Salsbury

That the Rules be suspended to allow of the Second Reading of the By-Law to license and regulate Milk Vendors. Carried.

The By-Law was read a second time.

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

The By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments. The Rules were again suspended and the By-Law read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McDowell seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown.

Moved by Alderman McDowell; seconded by Alderman Salsbury.

That the amendments to the Health By-Law be read a 3rd time. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Franklin gave notice that at next meeting of Council he will introduce a By-Law to provide for the raising of the sum of \$ for the purpose of putting in a new arc lighting plant to light the streets of Vancouver.

The Board then adjourned.

Thomas Francis McGuigan R.A. Anderson

City Clerk Mayor

Note

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