

Arcade Building plans sent back – June 18, 1894

C.O. Wickenden, Architect submitted plans & specifications for Arcade building to be erected at the corner of Hastings & Cambie Streets. The were referred back to the Architect to comply with the provisions of the Fire Limit By-Law. Meanwhile, the contractor for the Arcade, W.A. Mace, was granted permission to block part of the street and sidewalk during construction on the usual terms, providing he furnishes the usual deposit or bond.

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Vancouver June 18th 1894

The Council met on Monday June 18th 1894.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From F. Schofield asking for 9 ballot boxes for the Richmond Elections

Request granted on motion of Ald Wm Brown seconded by Alderman CL. Brown.

From J.M. Bowell, President of the Vancouver Cycling Club asking the Council to proclaim the 19th day of July a public holiday on which day a number of Bicycle races will be given and the proceeds given to the Fraser River sufferers.

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by “ Shaw
That his request be granted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by Ald Wm Brown
That it be not granted.
Amendment lost motion carried.

From Geo Bartley, Secretary of the Celebration Committee asking for an additional grant for 1st of July Celebrations

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Bethune
That \$250.00 more be granted them.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Shaw
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden
That \$500.00 more be granted to them.
Amendment lost. Motion Carried.

From W.H. Kendall and A.E.E. Clark on the subject of the delivery of the rock crusher.
Referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor

From J. Errington etal asking for repairs to Lansdowne Street
Referred to the Board of Works

From J.A. Coldwell asking for water connection with his premises at Stanley Park Bridge.
Referred to the Water Committee.

From H. Abbott and certain citizens requesting the Council to instruct the City Solicitor to watch the case of the CPR Co vs Robb.
Request granted on motion of Alderman McDowell seconded by Alderman Shaw.

From D. Robson, Secretary of the Relief Committee New Westminster asking the Council to pass a resolution and forward the same to the Dominion Government in the form of a petition pray that they undertake a thorough dyking system for the Province.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury
Seconded by " Shaw.
That the communication be handed to the City Solicitor with instructions to prepare the desired petition so that it can be signed and forwarded at once. Carried.

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From J. Dixon, Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers Association asking for the reduction of Hotel Saloon, Billiard & Pool Licenses

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Salsbury
That he be informed that as the Estimates for the year were based on the present ratio it will be impossible to grant his request.
Carried

From R.D. Pitt asking the Council to buy the two lots adjoining the City Hall.
Filed

From A.F. Griffiths etal asking for a sewer in Blocks 8 & 22 D.L. 185.
Referred to the Board of Works

From Doering and Marstrand asking for the widening of the bridge on 7th Av.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From H.P. Shaw asking to have his name struck off the Investigating Committee.
Communication withdrawn.

From the City Engineer stating that he could get along with the balance of his staff in the event of Mr. Lawson's dismissal but he might require temporary help occasionally. Laid over.

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The following Reports were received and read

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 13th 1894. Present the full board.

Communications

From the Board of Works asking the Committee to print a number of copies of the Fire Limit By-Law.
Laid over.

From the Wellington Coal Yards offering 30 tons of coal for \$5.00 a ton delivered.
Resolved
That the Coal be purchased if found suitable

From McPhillips & Williams stating that they would hold the City liable for the payment of the full half year's interest on the Local Improvement Bonds recently purchased by the Yorkshire Guarantee Co.
Referred to the City Solicitor

From J.M. Bowell asking the Council to proclaim the 19th of July a Public Holiday for holding bicycle races.
Referred to the Council

From C. Sweeny asking the Council to pay a note for \$10,000 which falls due on the 17th next.
Resolved.

That \$500.00 be appropriated for holding any investigation into the charges against the City engineer

Mrs Whyte interviewed the Committee regarding the leasing of the race course asking that the term be one year instead of nine

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months. Her request was granted she agreeing to put the track and fences in good repair and have them in good repair at the expiration of her lease.

The Committee promised to put a roof on the grand stand.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Rees & Hogan. Refund overpaid taxes \$129.60

Diplock & Co. Supplies 42.15

T.O. Townley. Registration fees 2.50

City Printing Words. Supplies. 80.50

News.Advertiser Ads 4.90

Telephone Co Rents 36.10

Sgd W.F. Salsbury

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman C.L. Brown

Seconded by Alderman Shaw

That the Clause providing for a grant of \$500.00 for the Engineer's Investigation be stuck out.

Amendment lost. Motion Carried.

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Tuesday June 12th 1894.

Present the full board.

The following accounts were recommended for payment

F.W. Hart Supplies \$21.25

Chas Nelson " 5.60

Thos Dunn & Co " 2.15

McIntosh & Co " 22.20

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Russell McDonald & Co. Supplies \$15.00

Diplock & Co " 5.00

Communications

From A. M. Beattie asking for a reconsideration of the amendments to the Market By-Law. Laid over.

From J. McGregor calling attention to the unfair way in which he was treated through amendments to the Market By-Law.

From J. Jones asking for a refund of fines collected from him by the Pound Keeper.

Referred to the City Solicitor

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor's opinion be obtained on the following:-

- a. Can the City be held liable for the removal of butchers within a certain distance from the Market if a limit of 425 yards therefrom is established?
- b. Can J. McGregor or any other party hold the City liable for damages for leaving the Market Hall if the Council does not extend the limits?
- c. Has A.M. Beattie any claim against the City for taking off the limit?
- d. Can A.M. Beattie take in a partner and appoint a Market Clerk during his absence?

Resolved

That the Market Clerk be authorized to issue Badges to peddlars and collect fees for one week or more in advance as may suit said peddlars

sgd C.K. Brown
Chairman

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman McPhaiden seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown

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Fire & Light Committee

The Fire & Light Committee met on Friday June 15th 1894

Present – Aldermen Franklin, Shaw & McCraney

The following accounts were recommended for payment

Welsh Bros Supplies \$101.48

McDowell & Co. "29.25

Dunn & Co. " 1.25

Thos Hobb " 6.50

Kansas City Fire Dept Supply Co Supplies 43.05

Canadian Gen'l Elec Co " 4.15

I Forbes. Shoeing 2.00

F. Fillion Supplies 9.49

McLennan & McFeely " 43.14

Dunn & Co " 6.54

Pacific Metal Works " 30.20

Wm Ralph " 0.15

G.H. Bazley Shoeing 31.50

David Wilson Supplies 19.05

Crowder & Penzer " 21.12

A.D. Hossack " 1.20
News.Advertiser Ads 3.00
C.P.R. Co Freight etc 1.45
Dunn & Co Supplies .55
J. Carnahan " 1.00
Van Elec Ry & L. Co Lights 1855.43

sgd J.L. Franklin
Chairman

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman Salsbury Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden.

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Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Tuesday June 12th 1894
Present – Aldermen McDowell, McPhaiden, C.L. Brown and Wm Brown.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Crowder & Penzer Supplies \$10.50
Dunn & Co. " 9.20
Dr. Bell-Irving Post Mortem etc. 14.00
Mrs S. McDonald Board 5.00
Creamer & Langley Supplies 108.97
City Printing Works " 12.00
Weeks & Robson " 13.75
W.H. DeBow " 40.82
Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing 60.04
Champion & White Scavenging 5.25
Mellish & Gray supplies 26.25
C. Nelson Supplies 26.25
Wm Ralph " 1.00
Diplock & Co " 7.00
McIntosh & Co " 62.76
Texas Lakes Ice Co " 3.00
Henry Collins " 13.50
F. Filion " 14.78
C.P.R. Co " 6.00
Crowder & Penzer " 28.08

Communications

From the Clerk of Richmond enclosing a certificate from Johnson Gibbons stating that there was no infectious disease among cattle on Lulu & Sea Islands

Resolved.

That the Communication be acknowledged

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and the hope expressed that the municipality will soon have proper regulations to protect the public health also that a copy of Mr Gibbons letter be sent to the Provincial Government.

From Miss MacFee furnishing hospital report for the month of May Filed

From John Brenton asking that a spark arrester be placed on the top of the Crematory Chimney.

Resolved.

That the City Engineer be instructed to have the same supplied.

From John Brenton asking for certain amendments to the Health By-Law.

Referred to the City Solicitor to have the By-Law amended.

From Dr. Thomas submitting suggestions for controlling the Milk supply of the City. Laid over.

From Miss Macfie asking for an ash pit at the hospital.

Referred to the City Engineer to have one constructed.

From J.B. Blanchet Architect for St Pauls Hospital asking for permission to run a 4" drain to carry off the water from the foundation into the sewers.

Resolved.

That the Committee regrets that our By-Laws do not permit of his request being granted and further that he be informed that such permission has never been granted to anybody.

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From Richard Hunt offering to do the work at the Crematory at the salary fixed. Filed.

From Mellish & Grey stating that henceforth they would supply the best wood to the City Hospital and Crematory. Filed.

From J.K. Holland asking to be allowed to connect a building on Dupont Street to the sewers with a 4" pipe. Filed.

The question of sending Mrs Hansel to Darcy Island to nurse the lepers and providing her with a house furniture etc was discussed and resolved that as we consider that the Dominion Government should support the lepers we cannot recommend that any steps should be taken by the Corporation on the suggestion of the Rev Mr McLaren and Mr. J.B. Ker.

sgd John McDowell
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Shaw
That the Report be adopted. Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 14th 1894
Present – the full Board.

Jonathan Miller appeared before the Board asking that Birch Street be opened up.
He was promised that the matter would be considered when work was started.

James Kerr asked the Board to have a stump removed from the lane in Block 36.200a.

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Resolved that it be put on the list for the Chain gang to attend to.

D. Gibbons appeared before the Board in reference to his claim re 6th Av.
He was informed that it would be considered later

H. Miller asked that the lane in Block 60,196 be graded.
Referred to the Street Inspector for attention as soon as possible.

E. Cook applied for permission to use 1/3 of Street opposite Rogers' building (Hastings Street)
Permission to pile building material on the pavement refused. Granted only for the width of the
Sidewalk provided he conforms to all the usual conditions as to providing a temporary walk and deposit
on bond.

Resolved that the contractor for the excavations for the ~~concrete~~ arcade building corner of Hastings and
Cambie Streets be granted permission to dump the earth in the lane on Block 4, O.G.T. under the
direction and supervision of the City Engineer or Street Inspector.

Resolved that the Street Inspector be instructed to see that the contractor for the foundation being put
in at the corner of Seymour & Pender Streets has the derrick so placed that the guy ropes etc. will not be
likely to cause any accident to pedestrians or vehicles passing by.

Correspondence

From C.O. Wickenden, Architect submitting plans & specifications for Arcade building to be erected
Corner Hastings & Cambie Streets.



Resolved that the plans etc be referred back to the Architect to comply with the provisions of the Fire

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Limit By-Law.

From W.A. Mace, Contractor for the Arcade building to be erected at the corner of Hastings and Cambie Streets asking permission for the use of 1/3 of the streets for piling building material.

Resolved that he be granted permission for the extent and width of the sidewalk only, on the usual terms and providing he furnishes the usual deposit or bond.

From E. Shurgold asking to be paid \$5.00 for having removed a stump from the lane back of his premises and having graded about 265 feet.

Resolved that he be informed that if he burns up the material the amount asked for will be recommended for payment.

From J.C. Rounding, Sydney, Australia, stating that he-a shipment of various kinds of Australian woods for block paving would be shipped by the S.S. Warrimor as a gift for trial by the City of Vancouver.

Resolved that Mr Roundings' communication be acknowledged with thanks.

From W.H. Steves etal asking that the hole in front of Lots 6 & 7 Block 320, 526 be filled in. Laid over.

Petitions were received asking for the opening up of Cedar Street and also 6th Av West of Bridge St. Laid over for want of funds.

From J.P. Bell asking that trees on Princess Street east of Vernon Street which are in danger of falling on his house be cut down.

Referred to the Street Inspector for attention

From Mrs. A.E.E. Clark asking that the City Clerk

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be instructed on her behalf to order from W.H. Baxter one set of new jaws for the rock crusher as she is not known to the firm, the cost of said jaws to be deducted from the first monies due to her.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to order the set of Jaws without delay.

From J.R. Seymour, Druggist, stating the he finds it will be impossible for him to act as Bondsman for Mrs. A.E.E. Clark and asking to be allowed to withdraw his name.

Mr. Clerk stated to the Board that another surety satisfactory to the City Solicitor had been provided.

From Mrs. A.E.E. Clark stating that the platform being built for the reception of the plant for the crushing would be ready by Saturday the 16th next and asking that the late contractor Dr Kendall be notified to deliver over the various items which constituted the City's plant with us as little delay as possible.

Referred to the City Engineer to instruct Dr. Kendall to deliver the plant where directed without delay.

From F. Cope and a number of others as to the location of a central stand for hacks etc.

Decision deferred. Permission granted for one week to allow the hacks etc to stand where they now are.

Resolved that the Street Inspector be granted the feed for his horse for the months of July, August and September next;

Resolved that the Finance Committee be

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Requested to have copies of the Fire Limit By-Law printed for distribution among architects and others.

Tenders

Resolved that the tenders received for Burrard St sidewalk be not entertained and that new tenders be called for up to 3 P.M. on Thursday next the 21st wk

Resolved that the tender of J. Menzies for constructing a 6 ft sidewalk on 11th Av @ 4 1/2c per lineal foot and 2 1/2c per ft extra for grading be recommended for acceptance.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

D. McGillivray Cement paving \$1957.50

Mackay Bros Lettering 3.50
J.W. Macfie Labor 12.00
News-Advertiser Ads 3.30
City Printing Works supplies 3.50
Evans, Coleman & Evans " 6.20
Duplock & Co. " 19.10
Thos Dunn & Co. " 28.00
H. Lomas etal Labor 490.25

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

That the Report be adopted. Carried

Introduction of By-Laws

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

That the amendments to the Fire

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Limit By-Law be read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Bethune

That Fireman W.G. McDonald having completed 12 months in the City's service is entitled to a raise of \$5.00 per month to take effect from June 1st Carried.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " McCraney

That the Water Works pay roll for the week ending June 11 1894 amounting to \$239.50 be passed.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " McCraney

That His Worship be instructed to communicate with the Provincial and Dominion Government regarding the expense of providing a house and a proper party to look after the lepers on Darcy Island.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Bethune

That the Polling day for the elections of Members for the Provincial Parliament for 1894 be and is hereby declared a public holiday. Carried.

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Consideration of By-Laws

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

That the amendmengts to the Fire By-Law be read a second time. Carried

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 Wm Brown seconded by Alderman McCraney.

The Council then adjourned

R.A. Anderson
Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan
City Clerk