

Vancouver asks BC to incorporate High Schools, build University here – March 8, 1894

The meeting formed an official resolution to incorporate High Schools in British Columbia and to situate the Provincial University in Vancouver.

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[1905, Military parade at the Cambie Street Grounds, houses in the
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Vancouver March 8th 1894

The Council met on Thursday March 8th 1894 at 4:30 p.m.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and full board of Aldermen; also Mr. Alexander Robinson, Principal of the High School and the)Rev. Messrs McClaren and Duff.

The meeting was called specially to consider the request the Government to amend the School Act to permit of High Schools to be incorporated and to get the Provincial University situated in this City.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by " Queen

Whereas there is a movement on foot to secure the incorporation of the High School of this Province with a view to their being affiliated with some of the Universities of the Dominion

And whereas it is desirable that they should be affiliated with a Provincial University,

And whereas an Act has been passed which has not yet been presented in force creating such a Provincial University

And whereas Vancouver is most conveniently situated for being, and on many grounds has the strongest claims to be made the seat of the Provincial University

The City Council unanimously request the Government to amend the University Act:

(1) By Locating the University in the City and,

(2) By providing that it shall be at present an examining and degree conferring body and to provide the necessary funds for same.

Carried

Moved by Alderman C. L. Brown

Seconded by " McDowell

That the Vancouver City Council request the Government to amend the School Act in such a way as to permit of the High Schools of the Province being incorporated and when any High School shall have attained such a standard of equipment as shall enable it to secure affiliation with one of the Universities of the Dominion entitling such School to an annual grant of \$2,500.00 to be expended in providing such

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such (sic) addition as to its teaching staff as shall ensure its being able to overtake the work of at least the first two years in the Faculty of Arts; that a deputation consisting of the Mayor and Alderman Salsbury be appointed to wait upon the Government and press this matter upon their attention and that the City's representatives in the Legislature be furnished with copies of this resolution and asked to use their influence to secure the passage of the legislation asked for.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned

R. A. Anderson.

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk