

Crushed rock confined to Powell Street – March 12, 1894

*Tenders to be invited for rock suitable for crushing. Rock to be delivered to the crusher near the wharf at the end of Gore Avenue. Mr. Thynne had applied to build a greenhouse at the corner of Pender and Granville Street. The Water Committee approved a payment of \$23.00 to Chief Capilano for exploration around Capilano Creek.*

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[1890, photograph shows a view of Powell Street looking west from Dunlevy Avenue]

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Vancouver March 12th 1894

The Council met on Monday March 12th 1894.

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

The Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From Henry Green etal asking for the grading of part of Ontario St  
Referred to the Board of Works

From James Baker, Provincial Secretary stating that additional assistance would not be given to the City Hospital. Filed

From R. Robinson asking for a sidewalk over part of Alberni Street  
Referred to the Board of Works

From J. Romang asking that his salary be raised to the old figure \$2.25 per day.  
Moved by Alderman Franklin  
Seconded by “ Queen.

That his request be granted. Carried.

From A.S. Ross asking for the improvement of the lane between Seymour & Granville Street in rear of Cordova Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Harris & McNeill solicitors for Dr. Mills, asking for the payment of an account for one [unreadable].  
Filed

From W.B. Ross acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the City Clerk re an investigation.  
Filed.

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From Mr. J.W. Thorne M.P.P. acknowledging resolution of Council. Filed.

From Mr. H.P. Shaw and others asking for the double tracking of Granville Street  
Laid over for one week

From the License Inspector furnishing the names and number of Licensed Drays & Cabs  
Laid over.

From the City Solicitor stating that the City was not liable to Harry Michael for injuries received \* on  
Cambie St. Filed.

From Geo Griffiths asking for the Inspectorship of the basement drain on Granville St.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From John Clark etal asking for a sidewalk on Manitoba St.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From A.C. Halson etal asking the Street Ry Co be induced to start running cars on Powell Street  
Moved by Alderman McDowell.  
Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the Matter be referred to the City Solicitor with power to act.  
Carried.

From W. A. Grant etal asking for the improvement of part of 3rd Av west of Granville Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received.

Water Committee

The Water Committee met on Monday March 12th 1894.  
Present Aldermen McDowell, McPhaiden

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Wm Brown, Shaw and Bethune.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Purdy & Williams	Estimate on Reservoir	\$2829.51
D. Wilson	Supplies	3.00
Evans Coleman & Evans	Storage	1.30
R. Greenway	Supplies	20.00
Thos Dunn	"	25.13
B.C.M.T.& T. Co	"	1.93
R. Llewellyn	Fare to Victoria	9.50
Dom Express Co	Express	1.15
City Printing Works	Supplies	{5.00 22.60
Tug Swan	Towing	67.00
A Linton	Boat hire	46.50
A C Lampins	Repairs	1.25
F. Filion	Supplies	5.70
B.F. Henry	Repairs	.90
Hooper etal	Labor	401.50
Chief Capilano	Exploring Capilano Creek	23.00
H. McDowell & Co	Supplies	.50
C.P.N. Co	Hire of Diving Gear	55.00
N.S.S. Co	Hire of blocks	20.00
Wm Airey	½ time while injured	45.00
B.C.M.T.& T. Co	Supplies	1.90
McLennan & McFeely	"	104.10
Welsh Bros	"	16.76
Creamer Langley	"	1.97

2. That an Inspector for the Reservoir be advertised for salary to be \$3.00 per day

3. That the diver examine the bottom of the Inlet east of the present pipe with a view to laying a fresh main

4. That the application of Walter S. Shrapuel for a position be filed; also the list of employees furnished by the City Engineer

Sgd John McDowell  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 9th 1894.

Present – Aldermen Wm Brown (in the Chair) McPhaiden McDowell and Bethune

It was recommended:-

1. That the City Clerk be instructed to forward to the Collector of Customs an order under Seal revoking the Powers of Attorney held by him from Mr. A.O. Leask for the clearing of City Goods through the Customs.
2. That a Clause be added to the grocery contract giving the City power to cancel same if the contractor does not satisfactorily carry out his contract.
3. That the following accounts be paid:-

T.H.Wooten	Drayage	\$4.00
Tye & Co.	Supplies	.50
City Printing Works	“	3.50
Tilley & Son	“	12.00
Telephone Co	Rents	34.80
Thomson Bros.	Supplies	11.10
Crowder & Penzer	“	13.93
News.Advertiser	Ads	3.60
C.A. Mer	Repairs	10.00, 8.00

Sgd W.F. Salisbury  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by “ C.L. Brown

That the Report be adopted  
Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday March 8th 1894.

Present - the full Board.

It was recommended:-

1. That the communication from D. Gibbons asking for his final estimates on 7th Av. Quebec & Ash Street Contracts be referred

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to the Street Inspector for attention. Also the communication from Welsh Bros. complaining about the condition of Water Street opposite their store.

2. That Mr. R.G. Tatlow be notified that the Company's Trustees will be required to put down a girder rail on Granville Street with the lip as nearly as possible flush with the top of the rail and paving.
3. That the owners of the lots on which there are dangerous trees standing in the vicinity of P.G. Fenton's residence on 8th Av be notified to have same removed without delay or else they will be removed by the City and the cost charged up to them.
4. That the Street Inspector be instructed to send J Menzies about 360 ft M.M of 2" plank he Mr Menzies agreeing to supply the nails and lay the walk for the sum of \$2.50

5. That the crushed rock be started again until further notice in order to fix up all the bad spots.
6. That all the petitions for street improvements be laid over until the estimates for the year's work are taken up.
7. That the communication from R. Mackay Fripp asking for an available connection for lavatory etc of the New Inns of Court be referred to the City Engineer to examine and report at next meeting
8. That permission be granted to Thos Hooper Architect to excavate for a rollway under the sidewalk at the New Gambrimus Hotel Building on Water St subject to the trap door for same being placed at the outer edge of the sidewalk so as to leave enough room for passers by between the trap door and the building
9. That the application of John Potter for the position of Inspector on the basement drain Granville Street be laid over for one week.

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10. That A.W. Scoullar be requested to hand in a fuller report as to the claims of M.S. Rose for extra digging on account of a mistake in the notes in the original book.
11. That the plans submitted by Wm Blackmore for the new Rogers Block on Hastings Street be approved subject to the approval of the City Engineer and permission to excavate for an area under the sidewalk granted subject to the usual conditions as to bond, iron girders, etc.
12. That John Potter be appointed foreman to put the sewer across Hastings Street near Carrall St by day work on the same conditions as that on Burrard St.
13. That the communication from J Romang asking for his former salary be referred to the full Council.
14. That A.G. Thynne who applied for permission to build a greenhouse 12' x 16' at the corner of Pender & Granville Streets be requested to submit a plan of same at the next meeting of the Board it being within the Fire Limits.
15. That a clause be inserted in Mr. Kellys contract that he shall start delivery by the 15th of May and keep delivering the curb stones and gutter stones as required by Mr McGillivray, the final delivery to be made on or before the first of July next the said Kelly to be responsible for any and all claims for damage caused by the non delivery of the curb and gutter stones on time.

16. That the following accounts be paid:-

Tilley & Son	Supplies	\$3.50
B.C. Mills	"	5.23
B.C. Iron Works	"	2.00
J. First	"	4.00
Russell McD & Co	"	.60
W.J. Trythall & Son	"	5.00
Leany & Kyle	"	5.00

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Thos Dunn & Co	Supplies	\$125.49
McLennan & McFeely	"	254.25
W.S. Cook	Del Crushed rock	302.32
Thos Veitch	" " "	543.98
W.H. Kendall	" " "	6560.66
D.F. McLellan	Georgia St	112.65

E. Cook	Supplies	15.00
Evans, Coleman & Evans "		28.00
H. Lomas etal	Labor	272.20

Sgd H.P. McCraney  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown  
Seconded by : McPhaiden

That the putting down of crushed rock be confined to Powell Street & Westminster Av for the present

Moved in amendment by Alderman McDowell  
Seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown

That the delivery of crushed rock be confined to Powell Street  
Amendment Carried

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

That the Report as amended be adopted. Carried

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman McDowell  
Seconded by " Queen.

That a By-Law be introduced to amend By-Law No 32. Known as the Procedure By-Law  
Carried.

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

Motions

Moved by Alderman McDowell  
Seconded by " Queen

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That the petition calling for the double tracking of Granville Street be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bethune  
Seconded by Alderman Shaw

That the petition be laid over for next week.  
Amendment carried.

Moved by Ald Wm Brown.  
Seconded by " C.L. Brown.

That the City Clerk be instructed to ask Messrs McGillivray and Kelly's written assent to the conditions passed by the Council in respect to their contracts. Carried.

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

That tenders be asked for rock suitable for street purposes and approved of by the City Engineer and to be delivered to the crusher on the wharf at the end of Gore Avenue on Burrard Inlet or on a wharf at some point on False Creek near Westminster Avenue also to do the crushing. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

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

That the Rules be suspended and the amendments to the Procedure By-Law read a second time.  
Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration with Alderman Wm 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

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And the By-Law read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McDowell Seconded by Ald. Queen.

The Council then adjourned.

R.A. Anderson  
Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan  
City Clerk