

Fire Department to buy new Team – May 7, 1894

The Board of Works accepted A.E.E. Clark's offer to supply the City with crushed rock at \$1.22 per cubic yard for a term of five years. Alderman Queen and the Fire Department Chief were appointed to sell the current team of horses and replace them within the agreed budget. The Rates By-Law and Market By-Law were finalized; the Wards By-Law was not.

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[Horse drawn fire engine with first aerial 75 foot ladder, 1899]

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Vancouver May 7th 1894

The Council met on Monday May 7th 1894 at 8pm.

Present: His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman Salsbury, Shaw, Queen McDowell, McCraney, McPhaiden, Tom Brown, Franklin, C.L. Brown and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From A. Haslam, M.P., acknowledging receipt of a communication from the City Clerk re free postal delivery. Filed.

From Mssrs. Innes & Richards declining to accept less than \$7500 for the lots in front of the hospital. Laid over for one week.

From John Potter furnishing affidavit on the work on reservoir. Referred to the Investigating Committee.

From D. McGillivray submitting an offering for laying a Street Railway on Hastings St. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From H.J. Ceperley offering to sell the Street Railway Co. assets for \$380,000 and take the City's Bonds for \$102.50. The Mayor appointed Alderman McDowell, Salsbury and McCraney a Committee to examine into the proposition and report.

From the City Engineer reporting upon the water power {for electric lighting purposes} of the Capilano and other streams. Referred to the Fire & Light Committee.

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Moved by Alderman Salsbury
Seconded by Alderman Shaw
That the petition for a street railway track

From B. Springer et al petitioning to have Robson Street opened up so that the Street Railway could be constructed to Stanley Park.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury
Seconded by Alderman Shaw
That the petition for a Street Railway track along Robson Street from Granville Street west be referred to the Street Railway Co. according to the terms of Clause 25 of their agreement with the City.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by Alderman Queen
That the matter be laid over for one week. Amendment – carried.
The following Reports were received and read:

Water Committee
The Water Committee met on Monday April 23rd 1894. Present: Alderman William Brown, Bethune, Shaw, McDowell and Queen.

Communications

From A.A. Whitman et al asking for water main on Caroline Street with a hydrant on the corner of 9th Avenue. Resolved that the City Engineer be authorized to procure pipe and have it laid at as early a date as possible.

Resolved that tenders be called for a supply of cast iron pipe of different sizes.
From Mason & Co. re John Sherman's water rate. Filed

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From J. Doherty re water rates.
Resolved that he be charged \$6.50 for arrears of water rates.

The Committee met again on Tuesday May 14 1894.
Present: Alderman Wm Brown (in the Chair), Queen and McPhaiden

Communications

From J.A. Kemp et al asking for a water main on 11th Avenue between Ontario and Quebec Streets.
Referred to the City Engineer.

From the Foreman of the Water Works giving report for work done for week ending April 30th. Filed.

Resolved

That the City Engineer examine 7th Avenue west of the Alexandra Hospital and report on the above ability of laying water main.

That Messrs Purdy & Williams be notified that no more estimates for the reservoir will be passed until that part of the Park Road rendered impassible by teaming, be by then put in good repair.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Creamer & Langley	supplies	.99 cents
CPR Co.	Supplies	\$7.20
BC Iron Works	supplies	\$593.33
Holmes & Grace	supplies	\$2.00
Van Elec Rail & Light Co.	"	\$13.14
John Currell	repairs	\$1.00
Telephone Co.	Supplies	\$1.45
Welsh Bros	supplies	\$20.81
HC Crosby	repairs	\$7.00
D. McGillivray	reservoir	\$4660.20

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Canada General Elec. Co.	Supplies	\$26.03
Purdy & Williams	reservoir	\$1170.09

Signed William Brown, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by Alderman William Brown

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday May 3rd 1894. Present: the full board.

Mr. G.A. Jordan interviewed the Board in regard to getting access to his new house on Jervis Street. Mr. Jordan was informed that the chain gang would be sent out to grade the lane back of his house and that the grading of the street would be attended to as soon as possible.

Mr. J.D. Byrne interviewed the Board in regard to the Sewer connections for the proposed Sisters of Charity Hospital to be built at the corner of Pendrell and Burrard Streets.

Resolved.

That a temporary sewer across Burrard Street to connect with the sewer in Block 90 be put in by the City by day work.

The application of the Street Inspector for the City to pay for the feed of his horse was laid over for later consideration.

From C. Sweeney, Manager of the Bank of Montreal asking for refund of 1/3 on cement walk laid at their premises. Granted.

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Resolved.

The in future all applications for the usual rebate on cement walks laid shall be accompanied by a written guarantee of same for one year or else such application will not be considered.

Resolved

That tenders be called up to 3pm on Thursday the 17th instant for Street Sweeping.

The following tenders were received and opened for crushed rock: -

From Keefer & Godden, Boyd & Clandenning, W.H. Kendall, Kelly & Co and A.E.E.Clark.

Resolved

That the Board recommends the acceptance of the tender of A.E.E. Clark for crushed rock, delivered at Burrard Inlet under the 5-year contract at the rate of \$1.22 per cubic yard.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Bank of Montreal	refund	\$207.90
James Dixon	basement drain	\$778.50
D. McGillivray	bitumous rock	\$10087.65
McDonald & Ransom		\$2.50
F. Fillion	supplies	\$3.00
H.P. Clough	express	.75
McLennan & McFeely	supplies	.85
City Iron Works	supplies	\$70.00
H. Lomas etal	labor	\$143.40

Signed H.P. McCraney, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by Alderman Shaw

That the Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman William Brown

Seconded by Alderman McDowell

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That the clause in the Report in relation to crushed rock be laid over for one week.

Amendment lost; motion carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday May 4th 1894.
Present: Aldermen Salisbury, William Brown and McPhaiden.

The question of reconveying (sic) certain portions of certain lots in Block 48 D.L. 181 was again considered and it was resolved that the attention of the Improvement Co be drawn to the decision of last year's Council which the Committee could not see their way clear to change.

From the City Auditor stating that he had audited the books for January, February and March. Filed.

From Mssrs Innes & Richards stating that they would not accept less than \$7500 for lots 37 to 41 B38541. Referred to the Council.

From William Farrell asking for the delivery of the Local Improvement Bonds. Bonds under preparation.

Resolved

That the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Committee be authorized to sign two notes for \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively on behalf of the City of Vancouver bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, said note being drawn under authority of By Law No 198 passed on the 3rd day of March 1894.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

BC Pottery Co. Law	costs	\$275.94
The World P&P Co	ads	\$32.49
Thomson Bros	supplies	\$1.40
F. Filion	supplies	\$3.60

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News. Advertiser	supplies	\$11.20
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Signed W.F. Salisbury, Chairman

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

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Salisbury
Seconded by Alderman McCraney
That the By-Law to levy a rate for the year 1894 be read a first time. Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly read a first time.
Moved by Alderman Shaw
Seconded by Alderman Salisbury
That the By-Law to provide for the collection of taxes in arrears be read a first time. Carried.

The By-Law was according(ly) read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by Alderman McDowell

That Henry Avison the Park Ranger be appointed Pound Keeper at a salary of \$1.00 a year. Carried.

Moved by Alderman William Brown

Seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown

That the following account be paid:

Hooper etal \$276.85 Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by Alderman Bethune

That Alderman Franklin Queen be a committee of one to act with the Chief of the Fire Department in selling two of the horses of the Department and replacing same at a cost not to exceed the sum provided in the estimates for that purpose. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Salsbury

Seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown

That the Rules be suspended and the rate By-Law read a second time. Carried.

The By-Law was read a 2nd time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole for its consideration Alderman Salsbury 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 third time on motion of Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Franklin and ordered to be signed, sealed and gazetted.

Ward By-Law

The Council went into Committee of the whole for the consideration of the By-Law to amend the Ward By-Law, Alderman McCraney in the Chair.

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown

Seconded by William Brown

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That the Committee rise without reporting. Carried.

Market By-Law

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the amendments to the Market By-Law, Alderman C.L. Brown in the Chair.

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by Alderman Shaw
That the Committee rise without reporting. Lost.

The By-Law was then read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments. It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman C.L. Brown, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Notices of Motions

Alderman Salsbury gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he will introduce a By-Law to amend the Trades License By-Law.

Alderman Shaw gave notice that at next meeting of Council, he would introduce a By-Law to provide funds for the purchase of the Street Railway.

The Council then adjourned to meet again on Thursday at 8 pm.

R.A. Anderson
Mayor