

Electric Lighting By-Law to Go Ahead - October 8, 1894

The By-Law \$100,000 for electric lighting purposes was signed, sealed and gazetted, in spite of opposition from Davis, Marshall & MacNeill . Aldermen Bethune, Franklin, C.L. Brown, McPhaiden & McCraney were appointed to look into reasons for the delay of construction of the Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Railway. Aldermen Bethune, Shaw and Salsbury were appointed to write an address to the Governor General.

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Illustration: Hudson's Bay corner - Granville and Georgia Streets.
Photograph shows a carbon electric light and a street car in the background, ca. 1902
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Vancouver October 8th 1894

The Council met on Monday October 8th 1894

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From F.M. Chaldicott asking for the taxes on certain lots.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From R.G. Tatlow asking the City to appoint an arbitrator for valuing the poles etc of the Vancouver Elec Ry & Light Co.

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by “ Queen

That the communication be filed. Carried.

From J.C. Rowley asking for improvements on Pacific Streets

Referred to the Board of Works

From E. Schofield, Clerk of North Vancouver asking the City to pay the road tax for their employees since 1892.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From the City Clerk of New Westminster inviting the Mayor and Council to the Fair.

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Robson Franklin

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That the invitation be accepted. Carried.

From J.W. Suckling asking to be employed to engross an Address to the Governor General.

Moved by Alderman Bethune
Seconded by " McPhaiden

That a Committee of three be appointed to draft an address. Carried.

His Worship appointed Aldermen Bethune, Shaw and Salisbury.

From W.S. Weeks et al asking for the drainage of certain lots on Hornby Street

Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights. Filed.

From C. Grant; secretary of the Nationalist party, asking that the a clause be inserted in the City Chartered providing for the election of Aldermen by the cumulation system.

Referred to the Charter Committee

From Davis, Marshall & MacNeill stating that if the Council persisted in treating the electric By-Law as being passed proceedings would be taken to quash it.

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Queen

That the Communication be filed. Carried

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Reports

The following Report was received and read;

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday October 5th 1894.

Present – Aldermen Salsbury, McPhaiden and Wm Brown.

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor be instructed to draw up an agreement between the C.P.R. Co and the City re the lots in front of the City Hospital on the terms arranged for the purchase of same.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

News. Advertiser	Advertisements	\$22.00
J. Miller P.O. Box	Rent	\$22.00
R. Marrion	Repairs	1.50
Diplock & Co	Supplies	28.67
Deputy Returning Officer	Services	40.00
Telephone Co	Rent	38.40
Van Elec Ry & L. Co.	Tickets	5.00
City Printing Works	Supplies.	10.35
The World P & P Co.	Advertisements	46.55

Sgd W.F. Salsbury
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by “ Salsbury

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by “ McCraney

That the Water Works Pay Roll for

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The week ending October 1st 1894, amounting to \$195.65 be passed and paid.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by “ McCraney

That the percentage retained on the tender for the construction of the Dolphins in the Narrows amounting to \$59.40 be passed and paid. Carried.

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

That the Mayor nominate a Committee of five to investigate and report to the next meeting of this Council on the causes of delay in the construction of the Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Railway. Carried.

Ayes. Queen, McCraney, McPhaiden, Franklin, C.L. Brown, and Bethune

Nays. Salsbury, Shaw, McDowell and Wm Brown

The Mayor named as a Committee Aldermen Bethune, Franklin, C.L. Brown, McPhaiden & McCraney

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

That the Mayor proclaim Thursday next a Public Holiday. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Queen

That the By-Law to raise

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\$100,000 for electric lighting purposes be read a 3rd time. Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly read a 3rd time and was authorized to be signed sealed and gazetted.

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

That the amendments to the Water License By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman McDowell gave notice that at the next regular meeting he will move for a return of the names of all regular employees of the City, salaries paid same, if married or single, if tax payers or not. Also what provision, insurance or otherwise they have secured in case of sickness or death for themselves or family.

The Council then adjourned.

R.A. Anderson
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk