

\$100,000 Electric Light By-Law Given Second Reading – September 4, 1894

The Electric Lights By-Law was read a second time. After consultation with milk producers, the Milk By-Law was put into place. Council "will be prepared to give careful consideration to any reasonable proposition for financial aid submitted to it by the promoters of iron and steel works." The Police Committee investigated a dispute between local resident McGeer and City Pound Manager Mr. Reid.

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Vancouver Sept. 4th 1894

The Council met on Tuesday Sept. 4th 1894. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Salsbury, Shaw, Queen, McDowell, McCraney, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, Franklin, C.L. Brown, and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:

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

From W.H. Mackie complaining about fire burning in the vicinity of his property on Pender Street.
Filed.

From John Meytyer asking for water sufficient to run a motor.
Referred to the Water Committee.

From the Secretary of B.C. Iron Works employers inviting the Mayor and Council to their picnic and excursion to Nanaimo on the 6th inst.
Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown
Seconded by " Queen
That the invitation be accepted with thanks.
Carried.

From Harris, Macneill, Solicitors for Alex Strathie requesting the Council to pay over at once the monies due from the City to

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Julia Casey which has been assigned to him.
Referred to the City Solicitor.

From Robert Harrison asking for the removal of a stump from in front of his Lot-11, Block 100, 196.
Referred to the Board of Works

From H. L. Ceperley, Manager of the Vancouver Loan Trust Savings and Guarantee Co offering to extend the lighting contract 5 years at 40 cts per light a night and buy the rails ordered at cost; and double track Granville Str.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " Queen

That the Communication be filed.

Carried.

Reports:

The following Reports were received and read.

Police Committee

This Committee held a meeting on Wednesday 29th ultima to hear and investigate the complaints made by W. James McGeer against the Pound Keeper. They were in substance as follows:

He charged Mr. Reid with threatening to make it disagreeable for him because he refused to give Reid some manure that he asked for, that the Pound Keeper lived outside the City limits and spent most of his time at home and that he allowed other people's cows to pasture within the City limits and did not put them in the pound notably those

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of Mr. Greer. In reply the Pound Keeper said the manure referred to by Mr. Greer he intended paying for and that he had no hard feelings towards Mr. Greer and treated his cattle the same as those of any other person when inside the City limits, and had driven them outside the limits frequently when he might have taken them to the pound. It was but that he lived just outside the City boundary and would change his place of residence if requested to do so but it was not true that he spent most of his time at home. He was on duty from 8 O'clock in the morning and sometimes earlier to 6 o'clock in the evening and occasionally until midnight. As regards Greer's cows being within the City limits he has a permit from the owner of certain lots to pasture his cattle on them.

The Committee having taken the case as presented to them into consideration find that, as no corroborative testimony was forthcoming on either side the evidence of the principals contradictory, no decision of a satisfactory character could be reached. The Committee feels that it must support its officer until positive proof is produced that he has overstepped his duties or shown negligence in discharging them.

In regard to pasturing cows withing the City limits on permits granted to parties by the owners of lots the By-Laws make no provision and the Committee recommends the Pound Keeper to keep himself informed of the contents of the By-Law under which he is acting. All of which is respectfully submitted.
sgd C.L. Brown, Chairman

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman McDowell seconded by Alderman McPhaiden

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The Fire & Light Committee met on Tuesday September 4th 1894
Present the full Board

Communications

From J.J. Hanna etal asking for an electric light on the corner of Richards and Dunsmuir Streets
Laid over.

From J.C. Peterson of Nanaimo asking for the appointment of Chimney Inspector.
Laid over until further information is given by him.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

F. Filion - Supplies - \$14.84
B. C. Mills - " - 28.50
Welsh Bros. - " - 126.95
C.Cassellman - Repairs - 19.25
Welsh Bros. - Supplies - 138.48
McLennan & McFeely - " - 22.00
A. Gifford - Repairs - 1.50
News Advertiser - Ad - 5.40
M.S. Rose - Supplies - 20.34
Sheldon & Co. - " - 10.00
London Carriage Works - " - 8.
J. Carnahan - Scavengering - 1.
J.S. Anderson - Supplies - 8
McClennan and McFeely - " - 22.40
Dunn & Co. - " - .34
J & W. Powe - Repairs - 4.25
Can Gen'l Elec Co - Supplies – 12.67
J. Carnahan Scavengering 1.00

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City Printing Works - Supplies - \$2.50
HW Kent - " - 580.
McLennan & McFeely - " - 55.68
Dunn & Co - " - 19.29
W. J. Johnston Co. - Ads – 10.10
Telephone Co. - Communications – 7.30
A.D. Hossnack - Supplies – 1.80
A.H. Hatch - " - 4.75

Tenders were received for installing an arc and incandescent light plant and considered.
Laid over to be considered in connection with the City Engineer and an electrical expert.
sgd J. L. Franklin Chairman

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

Water Committee

The Water Committee met on Tuesday Sept 4th. Present the full Board.

The application from Wm. Godfrey etal for water was laid over.
A communication received from C.W. Macaulay giving report was filed.
The following accounts were recommended for payment:
Hastings Mill Store - Supplies - \$9.15
MacLennan & McFeely - " - 20.21
Hooper etal - Labor – 214.15
Welsh Bros. - Supplies – 19.08
Diplock & Co. - " - 4.00

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Hooper etal - Labor - \$198.03
C. Nelson - Supplies - 2.
City Printing Works - " - 3
D. McGillivray - " - 203.
Van Gas Co. - " - .50
Can Gen'l Elec Co. - " - 2.75
Leatherdale & Co - Hack hire - 15.
D. McGillivray - Supplies - 1000.
Purdy & Williams - Reservoir - 2700

Resolved

That C. W. Macaulay be paid his salary for August during the time he was ill.

sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

Report adopted.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 31st, 1894.
Present Aldermen Salsbury, McDowell, Wm Brown and Bethune.

Communications

From Father Emmelin asking that the new Hospital being erected by the Sisters be exempted from taxation.

Filed.

From T. O. Townley again arguing that the Militia be exempted from paying the poll tax, and citing as reason that the firemen were exempt.

Resolved.

That he be informed that the firemen pay the poll tax.

From the Mayor advising the Council to retire

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the balance of the notes lying in the Bank of Montreal.
Resolved.
That his request be granted.

From the Dominion Express asking the Council to accept their Bond of Indemnity and pay for \$1250 worth of coupons lost in a wreck on the C.P.R. in June last; the coupons numbered from 77 to 125 and were dated May 23rd 1889.
Referred to the City Solicitor draw up a Bond of Indemnity.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Drake Jackson & Co - Law costs - \$213.05
Wm McGir. - Grand Stand roof - 150
Bank of Montreal - Retiring Notes - 90,000
G. F. Baldwin - Supplies - 7.50
The World P&P Co. - Ads - 96.75
City Printing Works - Supplies - 4.25
News Advertiser - Ads - 7.80

sgd W. F. Salisbury
Chairman

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown
Seconded by " Franklin
that the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Tuesday August 28th 1894.
Present Aldermen McDowell, McPhaiden and Wm Brown.
The following tenders were received for furnishing

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a ward in the City Hospital
G.W. Hutchings - \$93.50
do - 8 - Lockers 24.00
R. C. L. Mills Co - " - 34.00
Sehl Heustis & Co - " 24.00
. - furnishings - 94.30
Sheldon & Co - " - 124.50

The contract was awarded to G.W. Hutchings

A communication was received from A.W. Scollar asking for leave of absence from Sept 9th to the 1st of October.

Resolved,
that we recommend that his request be granted.

A deputation from the milk vendors appeared before the Committee in reference to the milk vendors By-Law.
After considerable discussion pro and con it was resolved that the By-Law be put into effect as it stands.

sgd John McDowell
Chairman

moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " McDowell
that the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of works met on August 30th 1894.
Present Aldermen McCraney, Shaw, Franklin and Brown.

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James Dixon interviewed the Board in regard to his claim for extras on Granville Street basement drain accounting to \$364.00

Resolved that Mr. Dixon be offered the sum of two hundred and seventy eight dollars in full settlement of his claim.

Correspondence

From L. O'Brien asking that the City's portion of Dundas Street be graded,
Laid over for want of funds.

From F.L. Prior complaining of the state of 18th Av between Manitoba and Columbia Streets.
Referred to the Street Inspector to report.

From Major and Eldridge asking that brush in close proximity to their slaughter house on road to Hastings be burnt.
Referred to the Street Inspector.

From G.B. Morgan, Manager B.L. Laird & Investment Agency sending bill for rebate for cement walk laid at S.E. corner of Abbott and Cordova Streets accompanied by a guarantee for one year.
Referred to the City Solicitor to see if the guarantee offered is satisfactory.

From J. M. Browning C.P.R. asking the Board to have the excavation of Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, 541, corner of Pender & Seymour Streets filled in.

Resolved that Mr. Browning be referred to the resolution regarding this matter passed by the Board at the last meeting.

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From W. A. Mace Contractor applying for permission to use part of Dunsmuir Street opposite Lot 1, Block 43, Sat 541 for building purposes.

Permission granted subject to the usual times as to bonds, street framing etc.

The Street Inspector reported that the chain gang will be set to work shortly to open the lane in Block 31, 220a as requested by Mr. E. D. Atkinson.

Resolved.

That D. Gibbons be offered \$26.00 in full settlement of his claim for extras on 6th Avenue Mt. Pleasant.

Resolved.

That the City Solicitor examine and complete the bond to be required by Mr. Meytyer for excavating under the sidewalk on Water Street at the Sherman House.

Resolved.

That the Street Inspector be instructed to furnish new planking and nails to the firemen at No. 2 Fire Hall to enable them to repair the existing planking at the entrance to the same.

Resolved.

That the officer in charge of the chain gang be requested to put the ~~first~~ men at work opening Birch Street, at the 1st opportunity.

Resolved.

That tenders be called up to 3 P.M. on Thursday the 27th inst for labor and materials required to carry out the work of wood

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block paving on Granville Street between Cordova and Hastings Streets.

The following accounts were recommend for payment:

W H Baxter - jaws for crusher £ 28. S 6. – D 4.

H. E. Ryth & Co - Tickets - \$5.00

G. L. Allan - Cement Work - 20.93

Tug Swan - Towing - 10.

D. McGillivray - Surface drains - 234.63

Morgan etal - Labor - 1072.55

Resolved.

That the account of Martin Kelly for curb and gutter stones delivered to pound subject to being found correct.

sgd H. P. McCraney

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the claim in reference to the block paving on Granville Street be referred back.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by " Franklin
That the Report as amended be adopted.
Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Queen
That the Rules be suspended to allow of the 1st reading of a By-Law to fix the polling

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the time etc. on the By-Law to raise \$100,000 for electric lighting purposes.
Carried.
The By-Law was read a first time.

Motions

moved by Alderman Salsbury
seconded by " Shaw,
That this Council will be prepared to give careful consideration to any reasonable proposition for financial aid submitted to it by the promoters of iron and steel works or any responsible association or company organized for that purpose, such works to be established within the City of Vancouver and in the event of any mutually satisfactory arrangement being arrived at with such association or company to submit same to the assent of the electors, and that a copy of this resolution be forward to Mr. Witherow at Pittsburgh.
Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

moved by Alderman Franklin that the By-Law to raise \$100,000 for electric lighting purposes be read a second time forthwith.
Seconded by " Queen.

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law to raise \$100,000 for electric lighting purposes.
Carried.

Alderman Wm Brown was appointed Chairman.
The By-Law was read over clause by

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clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments.

Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by " Queen
That the Rules be suspended and the Polling By-Law on the electric light By-Law read a second time.
Carried.

The By-Law was read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the Polling By-Law.

Carried.

Alderman Wm Brown was appointed Chairman.

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 was read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Franklin

Seconded by Alderman Queen

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Shaw

That the By-Law to Wood Block Granville Street between Hastings & Cordova be read a second time.

Carried.

The Council thus adjourned.

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk

R. A. Anderson

Mayor