

More relief work granted – April 1, 1895

Thomas Dunn's store [pictured here] given the City hardware contract. Mr. Mason, a jeweller, was granted permission to put a watch sign on the sidewalk, on the condition that he might be asked to remove it in future. An additional \$200 was granted to each of the five wards for relief work.

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Illustration: Thomas Dunn's store on Cordova Street
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Vancouver April 1st, 1895.

The Council met on Monday April 1st, April 1895,

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Coupland, Queen, Gallagher, McCraney. McPhaiden, Wm Brown, Thomas, Bethune and W.P. Brown. The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Michael Costello stating that when he was chairman of the Police Committee he had given Sergeant Haywood permission to use the City's coal.

Referred to the Police Committee

From F. G Mortimore et al asking for a sidewalk on Haro Street.

Referred to Board of Works

From the Hon G. W. Martin stating that there was no appropriation available for constructing a road through Hastings Townsite.

Filed

From the Secretary of the Trades & Labor Council stating that they would like to see the Aldermen receive their salaries.

Filed

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights.

Filed

From Thos. Stephenson asking the City to subscribe towards the burial expenses of John Johnston.

Referred to the Finance Committee

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The following Reports were received and read: -

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 29th 1895.

Present the full Board. The following accounts were recommended for payment

H. M Henderson	Salary	\$60.00
News Advertiser	Supplies	12.00
Munro Miller	Printing	93.00

Communications

From D. McGillivray asking for the balance of his account for street rails.

Filed

From A.K. Stuart asking on behalf of the Board of Works that \$200 additional be placed to the credit of each ward for Relief Work.

Resolved

That \$200.00 additional be granted to each ward on condition that the regular ward foremen take charge of the work for the expenditure of same.

Resolved

That the contract for the supplying of hardware to Thos Dunn & Co be approved.

Sgd H.P McCraney
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

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Water and Light Committee

The Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday March 27, 1895.

Present Alderman Wm Brown, McCraney, Bethune, and Coupland.

Communications

From the wiremen of the City of Vancouver asking the Council to impose a license upon all electric wire men.

Laid Over

From John McDougall re water works supplies

Filed

As the contract for street lighting expires on April the 6th the Committee recommends that the Consolidated Railway & Light Company be asked for price for street lighting for a further period of six months.

The following accounts were recommended for payment.

S. Madison	Pay	\$25.00
Can Genl Elec Co.	Insulators	1.35
Thos. Dunn & Co.	Supplies	13.57
D. Wilson	Supplies	2.00
T H Tracy	Expenses to Victoria	12.50
Market Hardware Store	Supplies	3.05
W Hooper et al	Labor	372.95

Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by " Bethune
That the Report be adopted.
Carried

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Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday March 28th 1895.
Present Alderman McPhaiden, Shaw, Thomas and Queen.

Communications

From F. M. Cowperthwaite et al and J. R. Like et al, asking for street improvements etc to be added to the Ward Fire estimates.

From G. W. Grant Architect for Mr. Brownings' buildings asking what proportion the City would pay for cement walk laid and whether the City will have the granite curb laid.

Resolved that the usual rebate of 7c per square foot for cement walk laid be allowed and 35c per lineal foot for all granite curb laid outside of what curb is included in contractor McGillivrays' contract for paving and that Mr McGillivray be requested to lay his portion of curb adjoining this building as soon as possible.

Mr McGillivray who was present agreed to have his portion of curb laid whenever required and notified.

In reference to the Scow load of rock accidentally dumped in False Creek it was resolved to refer the whole matter to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to who is responsible for the rock.

Resolved that Mr Mason, Jeweller be granted permission to put up a watch sign on Cordova Street similar to that of Davidson Bros

From the Finance Committee requesting the Board of Works to have the north end of Denman Street opened.

Referred to the Chain Gang for attention

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From J. G. Hall on behalf of W. Logan, corner Dufferin and Columbia Streets asking for drainage to relieve him of the surplus water on his lots.

Resolved that a ditch be put in by day work under the direction of the Engineer.

Mr. D. McGillivray interviewed the Board in regard to commencing work on the Bituminous Rock Paving. Resolved that this board recommends that D. McGillivray be granted permission to commence the work of paving the streets comprized in his contract with the City.

Resolved.

That the Finance Committee be requested to place to the credit on each ward the sum of \$200.00 additional for relief work to complete work in hand and make same safe.

Resolved

That the City Engineer be authorized to use the Street Sweeper on any streets he thinks ready for its use, and to put on such help etc., as he may deem necessary.

Resolved

That the location for the planking bought for the west end be left to the Engineers and Ald. Thomas to decide upon.

Resolved

That the tree in front of McLeod & Cooks' store corner of Hastings and Westminster av be removed.

The following accounts were recommended for payment.

J. Munro Express hire \$ 1.25

D. McKinnon Trough 60.00

Mr. Goudron Supplies 10.27

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Evans, Coleman & Evans Supplies 1.60

Denton etal Labor 508.10

Sgd H.P. Shaw

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Thomas

Seconded by " Gallagher

That a proviso be added to the privilege give to S. Mason to erect a watch sign on Cordova Street so that he can be compelled at any time to remove it when notified.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " Coupland.

That the following words be added to the clause in McGillivray's Contract: "Under the direction of the City Engineer"

Carried

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " W.P. Brown

That the Report as amended be adopted.

Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Shaw

Seconded by " Thomas

That the following Relief accounts be paid:

Ward one, \$50.85, Ward 2 \$61.95, Ward 3 \$58.05, Ward 4 \$19.80, Ward 5 \$24.60.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown,

Seconded by " McCraney

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to communicate with the Dominion Government re the grant to the lepers on D'Arcy Island and that a fair proportion of said grant be given to the City of Vancouver for the keep of the lepers on said Island.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Shaw gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would moved "that the Council will grant permission to the Consolidated Street Railway and Light Co. to construct and operate a street railway track on Robson Street from Granville Street to the Park, another track on Granville Street from Robson Street to Hastings and a double track on Hastings Street from Cambie St to Carroll St on certain conditions.

The Council then adjourned.

Henry Collins

Mayor

Th F McGuigan

City Clerk.