

\$150,000 needed for Vancouver's expenses this year – February 4, 1895

By-law to borrow \$150,000 for this year's expenses: loan to be repaid by Dec 31, 1895 from year's expected revenues. Tools and supplies needed for relief work in each ward will be purchased from a variety of different establishments. City Clerk to call for tenders for crushed rock, shovels, picks, etc, as well as for washing and for supply of bread.

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Vancouver February 4th 1895

The Council met on Monday February 4th 1895 at 8 P.M.

Present – His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shaw, Coupland, Queen, Gallagher, McCraney, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, Thomas, Wm P. Brown and Bethune.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Dr. Thomas, Medical Health Officer, reporting infectious disease for the month of January. Filed.

From J. Buntzen, Business Manager of the Consolidated Railway and Light Co stating that an electric light meter would be installed in the City hall on the 1st of Feb. Filed.

From F.S. Barnard to light the City 310 nights in the year at 35 cts per light per night.

Referred to the Water & Light Committee

From the Rev H. G. F. Clinton asking for assistance for the child of Mrs. Sullivan, a widow.

Referred to the Health Committee

From Sister Francis asking for a grant for St. Luke's Home.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From F.G. Wilson etal asking for a sidewalk on Harris Street.

Referred to the Board of Works

From J.A. Caldwell asking the Council not to call a public meeting re the electric light. Filed

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From the City Solicitor stating that it would necessary to prove damages before anything could be recovered from James Hartney for breaking the Water pipes.

Referred to the Water & Light Committee.

From D. McGillivray asking payment for rails to be laid on Hastings Street

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the Chief of Police reporting on the Electric Lights. Filed

From the Park Commissionaire asking for a grant of \$500.00

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the accountant furnishing Annual Balance Sheet. Filed

The following Reports were received and read.:-

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 1895.

Present- Aldermen Wm Brown (in the Chair) Bethune and Coupland

Communications

From the City Clerk bringing to the notice of the Committee a request from Mesdames Martin and Dr Cheaney for assistance for a young lady who is dying of consumption

Referred to the Health Committee.

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From A.L. Stuart asking the Committee to provide funds for the payment of crushed rock . Laid over

From O.G. Evan-Thomas appealing against the assistance on the Opera House.

Resolved that he be requested to send in a proper notice of appeal.

From G.R. Gordon, secretary of the School Board submitting estimates for the year.

Laid over to be considered with general estimates

From F.S. Barnard, General Manager of the Consolidated Railway & Light Company offering to lease Hastings Street track when laid between Carroll and Cambie Streets at \$1.00 a year and 4 per cent on cost; Laid over

Resolved.

That the City Clerk be instructed to ascertain the amount of groceries used during last year.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

H.M. Henderson Clerical Ward \$60.00

E. Odlum Refund of taxes 8.55

R. Jamieson Wages as guard 1892. 12.50

E. Clough Drayage 2.50

New.Advertiser Ads 19.75

The following tenders were received from bread:-

John Hewston 24 loaves for \$1.00

J.P. Blake 22 1/2 " " "

Kent & Shorter 22 " " "

J. Dobson 26 " " "

Resolved that the tender of J. Dobson be recommended for acceptance.

Sgd Wm Brown, Acting Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " Gallagher Thomas,

That the clause in the Report in reference to the awarding of the Bread Contract be struck out and that tenders be called again. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " McCraney

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

Water & Light Committee

The Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday January 30th 1895.

Present – Aldermen Wm Brown, Coupland and Bethune

Communications

From John Heppell applying for the position of electrical engineer.

Filed for future reference.

From the Consolidated Electric Railway and Light Co offering to make a contract for street lighting at 31 ½ ¢ per light per night.

Laid over for future consideration

From R.A. Anderson & Co asking for refund of Water rates

Laid over to be enquired into

From J.M. McLuckie asking for a street light on the corner of Manitoba and 6th Av

Laid over

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

W Hooper etal Labor \$586.85

W.B .Harris Repairs 18.00

Market Hardware Store. Supplies 2.50

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Robertson and Hackett Supplies \$1.00

Hastings Mill Store “ 2.50

Leatherdale & Co. “ 6.00

B.C.M.T. & T. Co “ 2.18

McLellan & McFeely " 23.88

Evans, Coleman & Evans " 7.00

Creamer & Langley " 1.30

sgd Wm Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Bethune

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works held a special meeting on the 29th of January to consider the questions of crushed rock and relief work.

Present – the full Board.

Resolved that the contractor for crushed rock, Dr. W.H. Kendall be instructed to divide the balance of the 5609 cubic rock ordered so that it would extend proportionately over the next four months averaging about 12 scows per month.

Resolved that the rock be so divided that an equal proportion will go to each ward where the Aldermen for the ward considers most necessary.

Resolved that the medium rock be sent for the present to Howe Street as far as Smithe Street and the coarse rock in Ward one. After that the rock to go to Powell Street and then to the portion of Gore Avenue in Ward 4 other streets as they are prepared for the rock.

Resolved that the attention of the Finance Committee be called to the necessity of providing

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money for the crushed rock which is being delivered according to the terms of Dr. W.H. Kendalls contract with the City.

The Engineer submitted a copy of the order given by him to Dr. Kendall which was approved by the Board.

Relief Work

Resolved that the following be appointed foremen, chosen by the Aldermen for each ward.

Ward 1. Wm Tierney

Ward 2. Geo Telford

Ward 3. John Clandenning

Ward 4. Robert. Campbell

Ward 5. M. Ellison

Resolved.

That the rate of pay be as follows:-

Foreman \$2.50 per day

Married men 1.75 “ “

Single “ 1.25 “ “

Wagon (2 horse) 4.50 “ “

Team & Carts 5.00 “ “

Resolved that the orders for tools required be divided among the different hardware stores in the City that men wishing forward apply to the Alderman of the ward in which he has lives for an order to the foreman of that ward, that no man be allowed to work more than 3 days in succession that the Pay Roll be made up every Monday, the men to be paid weekly.

sgd R.P. Shaw,

Chairman

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The Board of Works met on January 31st 1895.

Present – Aldermen Shaw, McPhaiden, Thomas and W.P. Brown

Communications

From Geo Martin, Burnaby Street asking for a better sidewalk

Resolved that 196 feet of 3 plank walk be laid by the repair gang.

From W.H. Goodwin, Secretary of the International Ice and Storage Co asking that about 100 feet of Railway Street be opened up.

To be done by Ward 3. Chain gang.

From A. McCreery etal asking for sidewalk on Nicola Street West; from Mary Hodgson etal asking for a sidewalk on Bute Street; from H. Ward etal asking that St. George Street be opened up.

All laid over until the estimates are considered

From Oppenheimer Bros. objecting to the proposed construction of the Fire Limits

Resolved that the whole matter be referred to the Council

From D.A. Mackenzie asking for a sidewalk facilities.

Resolved that the repair gang be sent to put down a 3 plank walk 340 ft on Oak Street between 6th & 7th Aves and 50 ft on 6th Av.

From H.A. Bell submitting a lengthy letter on the subject of relief work. Filed.

From Wm Lyman etal asking that Barnard Street between Heatley and Campbell Avenues be opened out full width

Laid over to see if there will be enough money over from the Relief work to do this.

The statement shewing the distribution of crushed

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rock to date was read and approved.

Resolved that the time for the reception of tenders for the two street sprinklers be made the 28th Feby instead of the 14th

Resolved.

That tenders be called up to 4 PM on Thursday the 28th Feb for 10,000 lead numbers for house numbering.

The following accounts were recommended for payment

B.C. Mills Supplies \$54.32

V.E. Ry & L Co " 5.00

Fraser etal Labor 394.40

The Board then adjourned until 7:30 P.M. on Thursday the 14th next

sgd H.P. Shaw

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by" Gallagher

That the Clause in the report in relation to the wages of the foreman on the relief work be amended to read \$2.00 per day. Lost.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden

Seconded by " Gallagher

That the City Clerk be instructed to call for tenders for washing. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That in the opinion of this Council the Public meeting called for tomorrow evening should be postponed Carried.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all contracts for supplies and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Shaw

Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the following accounts be paid:-

J. Clandenning etal. Labor \$20.65 Carried

Moved by Alderman Coupland

Seconded by " Gallagher

That the City Clerk advertise for the delivering of crushed rock, also for shovels, picks, matlocks, Iron, Sheet and all supplies for the blacksmith. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Queen

That the resolution passed at

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at the last meeting of Council fixing the wages of the foreman on the Relief Work at \$2.50 per day be rescinded and the amount be fixed at 2.25 per day. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown.

That whereas the Corporation is empowered to borrow money under the terms of the Charter and the general municipal law in that behalf for ordinary legal expenditure in and for the maintenance of the City to meet the current legal expenditure of the City pending the collection of taxes.

And whereas the sum of \$150,000 is required for ordinary current legal expenditure for the current year 1895 as aforesaid

And whereas a By-Law has been passed by the Council on the 21st day of Fenruary A.D. 1895 for the purposes of said loan.

And whereas it is also deemed expedient to pass a resolution of this Council for the said purpose in addition to the By-Law aforesaid and also to ratify and confirm a loan of \$150,000 which the Mayor has negotiated by the Finance Committee

Therefore be it resolved by the Council as follows:-

1. That it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the City of Vancouver by the Finance Committee thereof to borrow upon the credit of the Corporation sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$150,000 in such amounts, and at such times as may to the Mayor and Finance Committee seem advisable bearing interest at such

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from the time of borrowing until paid as they may agree upon, not exceeding 5 per cent per annum

2. Any money so borrowed shall be expended in defraying the current legal expenditure of the Corporation during the year 1895 and shall together with the interest thereon be repaid to the tenders or tenders thereof on or before the 31st day of December 1895 out of the municipal revenue of the said year.

3. Every obligation to be given to the tender or tenders shall be in the form of a promissory note or notes signed by the said Mayor and a City Clerk and Finance Committee and shall be sealed with the Corporate seal of the City of Vancouver.

And be it further resolved that the loan of 150,000 which the Mayor has negotiated by the Finance Committee (for ordinary expenditures in and for the maintenance of the City and to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation) with the Bank of British North America be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by Council.

Passed in open Council at Council Chamber Vancouver this 4th day of February A.D. 1895.

Carried.

Henry Collins

Mayor

Thos. F. MCGuigan

City Clerk