

New Council squabble over Board of Works seat – January 14, 1895 12:00 pm

The Standing Committees for 1895 were established, in spite of a dispute about whether Alderman McCraney or Alderman McPhaiden would sit on the Standing Committee on Works. The Health, Water and Light Committee, the Fire, Market and Police Committee, the Finance Committee were formed without amendment. William, an elderly resident, asked Council to help him get his shack onto dry ground on the shores of False Creek. Aldermen Queen and Gallagher made a motion to refer the job to the Chain Gang to be carried out.

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Vancouver January 14th 1895

The Council for 1895 met on Monday January 14th at
12 pm.

Present His Worship Mayor Henry Collins. Aldermen
H.P. Shaw, Joseph Coupland, C.L. Queen, W. H. Gallagher
H. P. McCraney, D McPhaiden, Wm Brown, G.W.
Thomas, Alex. Bethune, and W.P. Brown.

After being duly sworn in the Council took their
seats.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Second by " Queen

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole
for the purpose of striking the Standing Committee
for the year.

Carried.

The Mayor was appointed Chairman.

The following names were submitted to be members of
the Standing Committee on Works:- Aldermen
McCraney, Shaw, Queen, Thomas, and W.P. Brown.

Moved by Alderman McCraney.
That the names submitted compose the
Standing Committee on Works.

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden.
That his name be substituted for that of
Alderman McCraney as a member of the committee

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " W.P. Brown.
That the Committee rise and report
progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Lost

Alderman McCraney retired from the Council
Chamber and on Alderman McPhaiden's motion
being put it was carried: Ayes Aldermen
Thomas, Bethune, Wm Brown, McPhaiden & Shaw.

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Nays. Aldermen W.P. Brown, Queen, Gallagher and Coupland

Moved by Alderman Wm. Brown.
Seconded by " Shaw
That the Board of Works Committee, as
amended be adopted.
Carried.

The following names were submitted as members
of the Health Committee: - Aldermen Shaw, Queen,
McPhaiden, Wm Brown & W.P. Brown.
Adopted on motion of Alderman W.m Brown seconded
by Alderman W.P. Brown, Alderman Shaw objecting.

The following names were submitted as members
of the Water, and Light Committee:- Aldermen
Bethune, Coupland, Gallagher, McCraney, and,
Wm Brown.
Adopted on motion of Alderman Wm Brown, Seconded
by Alderman Queen.

The following names were submitted as numbers of
the Fire, Market and Police Committee:- Aldermen
Gallagher, Coupland, McPhaiden, Thomas, and W.P
Brown.
Adopted.

The following names were submitted as members of the Finance Committee:- Aldermen Wm Brown, Coupland, Gallagher, Bethune and McCraney. Adopted on motion of Alderman McPhaiden seconded by Alderman W.P Brown.

Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " McPhaiden
That the Committee rise and report.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " McPhaiden

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That the Standing Committee struck in committee of the Whole be adopted by Council.
Carried

An old man named William interviewed the Council and asked for assistance to get his shack on dry ground on the shores of False Creek.

Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " Gallagher.
That the chain gang be detailed to have this work done.
Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Gallagher gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would move that the City Clerk be instructed to furnish information regarding the Reservoir Contract.

The Council then adjourned.

Henry Collins
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk