

Bars and Saloons Must Close Over Sundays – June 10, 1895

The Liquor License By-Law was completed; any infractions must be prosecuted within seven days. Jeweller Geo E. Trorey asked permission to erect a watch sign in front of his store on Cordova Street [pictured here to the left of large Johnson & Kerfoot sign]. The Chief of Police was instructed to “prevent bicycle racing on Cordova Street... and that a rate of travel exceeding 5 miles an hour be not allowed”. The Fire Department received more than forty applications in response to its advertisement for firemen. The Health Department ordered the pigeons at the City Hospital to be shot, as there had been previous complaints from the hospital matron of ongoing pigeon “nuisance” (excrement).

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The Council met on Monday June 10th at 8 P.M.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Cook and Dunlap stating that to save trouble they had made arrangements with St George & Co for the supply of valves for the sprinklers which resulted in not being able to finish their contract on time and they asked to be favored with the time necessary to finish same.

The City Clerk was instructed to write to them to finish the sprinklers as soon as possible.

From Geo Bartley, Secretary of the Dominion Day Celebration Committee, asking for a grant of \$1000.00 for celebrating purposes.

Moved by Alderman Shaw
Seconded by “ McPhaiden

That the sum of \$1000 be donated by Council in aid of the 1st of July celebrations that a portion of it be retained for Labor Day.

No action taken

From H. H. Spicer & Co asking the Council to refund them the money paid out by them for wetting their building to prevent fires and that in

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future that they get a rebate on the water rates to make up for such expenditure.
Referred to the Water & Light Committee

From J. Wulffsohn stating that he had been appointed German Consul for this Port.
Filed

From the City Clerk stating that he had examined the petition from H. S. Rowling etal wherein the owners in Block 108, D. L. 196 agreed to give 5 ft each of their lots for lane purposes and found that three of them had not signed.

The City Clerk was instructed to return the petition to have it completed.

From D. McLean etal asking for a six ft sidewalk on the west side of Carl Ave between Prior St and Grove Ave.
Referred to the Board of Works

From the Texas Lake Ice co tendering on ice for the hospital.
Referred to the Health Committee

From J. H. Magee asking that steps be taken to compel the owner of Lots 5, 6 & 7, Block 23, D. L. 200 clear same to that his building might not be menaced thereby.

The City Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the owner of the lots mentioned to the By Law governing the matter.

From the Chief of Police reporting on the Electric Lights

From B. W. Garrah, Reeve of Richmond stating that a committee had been appointed by his council to confer with a committee of the Vancouver Council re tramway matters

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and asking that a time and place be fixed in the City for the committees to meet each other.

The City Clerk was instructed to notify him that the Board of Works would meet his committee in the City Hall on Thursday next at 4 o'clock.

From Geo E. Trorey asking for permission to erect a watch sign in front of his store on Cordova Street.
Referred to the Board of Works

From Joseph Brown protesting against the appointment of Richard Frost as fireman.
Filed

The following reports were received and read:

Water & Light Committee

The Water & Light Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday June 4th 1895.

Present: Aldermen Wm Brown, Bethune, Coupland and Gallagher.

The following tenders for electric lighting were received:

D. M. McGillivray

2000 C.P. Arc Lights per night each 5 years 42 ¢ 7 years 40 ¢ 10 years 37 ½ ¢

1000 C.P. Arc Lights per night each 5 years 37 ¢ 7 years 34 ½ ¢ 10 years 33 ½ ¢

Percentage of reduction to be made
when the number of lights is increased

200 – 2000 C.P. 5 years 5% 7 years 7 ½% 10 years 10%

Percentage of reduction to be made
when the number of lights is increased
250 – 2000 C.P. lights

or the equivalent of 1000 C.P. Lights 5 years 7 ½% 7 years 10% 10 years 12 ½%

Incandescent lighting maximum
charge to City and private consumers
per ampere hour

One cent

One cent

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The Consolidated Ry & Light Co

2000 C.P. Arc Lights per night each 5 years 37 ¢ 7 years 35 ¢ 10 years 33¢

1000 C.P. Arc Lights per night each 5 years 37 ½ ¢ 7 years 30½ ¢ 10 years 33 ½ ¢

Percentage of reduction to be made
when the number of lights is increased

200 – 2000 C.P. 5 years 5% 7 years 7 ½% 10 years 10%

Percentage of reduction to be made
when the number of lights is increased
250 – 2000 C.P. lights

or the equivalent of 1000 C.P. Lights 5 years 7 ½% 7 years 10% 10 years 12 ½%

Incandescent lighting maximum charge to City and private consumers per ampere hour One cent less discount as given at present

E. Crow Baker & Co

2000 C.P. Arc Lights per night each 5 years 40 ¢ 7 years 38 ¢ 10 years 35¢

1000 C.P. Arc Lights per night each 5 years 34¢ 7 years 32 ¢ 10 years 29 ¢

Percentage of reduction to be made when the number of lights is increased
200 – 2000 C.P. 5 years 8% 7 years 10% 10 years 12%

Percentage of reduction to be made when the number of lights is increased
250 – 2000 C.P. lights or the equivalent of 1000 C.P. Lights 5 years 1¼% 7 years 1 1/8% 10 years 1

The consolidated Ry & Light Co also made an offer to supply light at cost plus 7% for interest and depreciation, the same to be decided by arbitration.

Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Thomas
Seconded by “ Bethune

That the report be adopted
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works held a special meeting on June 5th 1895.
Present: Aldermen Shaw, McPhaiden, Brown and Thomas.

The object of the meeting was to decide in regard to opening up Dunlevy Avenue from Alexander Street to the track as petitioned for.

Resolved that Dunlevy Avenue be graded full width by day work under the Ward Foreman from Alexander Street to the C.P.R. track with as any men as he can work at usual wages.

Captain Logan applied for a sidewalk extension on Seymour Street between Smith and Nelson.

He was told his request would be granted when the old plank was taken off Seymour Street where it is to be cut down in front of the Fire Hall.

Sgd H.P. Shaw
Chairman

Moved by Alderman W.P. Brown
Seconded by " Thomas

That the report be adopted
Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 7th 1895.
Present: Aldermen Brown, Coupland, & Bethune

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

News Advertiser	Ads	.80¢
Thomson Bros	Supplies	.60
Telephone Co	Rents	\$35.30
Crowder & Penzer	Supplies	14.86
G.W. Hutchings	Repairs	1.50

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Market Hardware Store	Supplies	.20¢
The World P & P Co	Ads	\$46.50
J.D. Townley	Clerical Work	6.00

The following contracts were examined and approved,
J.W. Gibbons Sewer in Blocks 8 & 22 D.L. 185
I. Powell 3rd Ave, Sidewalk
do 9th Ave, Sidewalk

Communications

From the City Auditor reporting having examined the books of accounts for April and finding everything correct.

From the City Solicitor stating that the action of Purdy & Williams against the City had been dismissed and that no costs had been incurred in connection with any of the actions and that there were no more finding against the City.
Filed

From the City Solicitor stating that the Court had made an order to pay into court the sum of \$30.85, the amount estimated by the Engineer to be due the contractors on the reservoir contract.

The sum of \$25.50 having been paid in before on the authority of the committee and Council
It was resolved that the balance \$5.35 be paid in also.

From J. Wigglesworth claiming that he was assessed for a house on Lot 6, B119, D.L. 301 that did not exist and asking that such assessment be struck off for the years 1894 and 1895.

Resolved that the City Accountant be requested to furnish a half yearly statement at the end of the present month.

Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the report be adopted
Carried

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Wednesday June 5th 1895.
Present: Aldermen McPhaiden, Shaw, Wm Brown, and W.P. Brown.

The following accounts were recommended for payment.

Thos Dunn & Co	Supplies	\$28.98
Central Fish Market	"	23.20
J. Carnahan	Scavengering	.50
G. Drysdale	"	26.88
R. Clark	"	2.50
H. Collins	"	1.00
M.J. James	"	50.40
D. Bell-Irving	Post-Mortem	10.00
Dr. McGuigan	Inquest	10.00
Wm McGirr	Labor	85.00
Jas Tolley	"	.50
The Con Ry & L. Co.	Lights	63.22
Geo Brisker	Labor	4.50
C. Nelson	Supplies	1.20
A.H. Thomas	Med Attendance	10.00
Evans, Coleman & Evans	Supplies	9.50

Communications

From Mis Macfie furnishing monthly report
Filed

From Dr Herald tendering his resignation as hospital physician.
Resolved that his resignation be accepted.

From Alex McDonald making explanations about taking bark off the cemetery grounds.
Filed

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From Miss Macfie complaining that the washing down for the City Hospital was unsatisfactory and that the milk delivered to the hospital was inferior in quality.

The matter of the washing was left in the hands of the Chairman to examine into and report upon and the milk question was left in the hands of the Milk Inspector to report upon.

The Matron stated that she had engaged Miss Hewitt as night nurse in place of Miss O'Brien resigned and Miss Roycroft as day nurse. Salaries to be fixed at \$20.00 and \$10.00 per month respectively.
Resolved

That the appointments be confirmed to date from the time of their engagement by the matron.

From Dr Thomas explaining matters in connection with the case of Juan Alvarado.
Filed for reference

From Dr Thomas asking the City to pay for his telephone inconsideration of it being used largely for city business.

From Miss Macfie asking that J. Cook be assisted in getting a passage to England.
Laid over for information as to the amount of money to be furnished.

From J. J. Logan, Manager of the International Ice and Storage Co quoting a rate for ice for the hospital.
Laid over

From James McGeer furnishing milk report.
Filed

From Alex McDonald asking for help at the cemetery.
Filed

From Alderman Wm Brown on behalf of the Committee reporting on the case of Juan Alvarado.
Filed for reference

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Resolved that the pigeons be shot at the City Hospital.

Sgd D. McPhaiden
Chairman

Moved by Alderman W. P. Brown
Seconded by " Queen

That the report be adopted
Carried

Fire, Market & Police Committee

The Fire, Market & Police Committee met on Monday June 10th 1895.
Present: the full Board

Resolved that C. C. Park be appointed temporarily to act as police officer in place of M Rae resigned at a salary of \$60.00 per month.

Resolved that Officer Borland be paid at the rate of \$60.00 per month while he continues to act as police officer temporarily.

Resolved that the following firemen be appointed temporarily at a salary of \$45.00 per month:
John Courtney from the 6th of June at 1 P.M.
Andrew Gill from the 6th of June at 8 P.M.
John McConaghy from the 6th of June at 8 P.M.

Resolved that the Jailer be instructed to purchase a shirt; a pair of shoes and other clothing for the boy tramp, now in charge of the police.

Resolved that the Chief of the Fire Brigade be instructed to put on a cart to water the streets.

Resolved that the tank at the corner of Dunsmuir and Granville Streets be filled in.

The following applications were received for the position of firemen, three being required:
Duncan C. Muir, Sam G. Myers, Geo Payne, Joseph Strong, Arthur Davies, Geo Richardson,

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Wm S. Ashworth, W. K. Williamson, Frank S. Smith, John St. John, John Courtenay, Geo Cunningham, J. A. MacDonald, W. J. Green, Walter Ross, E. T. Marriott, B. Hughes, R. L. Bigger, Wm Stone, Herbert Parkes, J. C. McIntosh, A. G. Taylor, E. Read, Malcolm Campbell, Geo Rosberry, J. D. Wm Duninore, H. B. McLaughlin, C. H. Barker, D. M. McLean, W. H. DeBous, Andrew Gill, R. S. Frost, Fred Topham, F. L. Peters, J. R. Blue, Wm Small, Chas Thompson, S. Tearn, G. Mead, E. Scratenly, S. K. Cutten, Thos Holland, A. L. Ingram, John McConaghy, W. Wakefield, Alex Jess, Al Anderson, C. J. Harling & W. A. Elliott

Resolved that J. McGinnis be transferred to No 2 Fire Hall to take charge of the hose wagon and that A. Duncan be appointed to drive the engine at No 3 Fire Hall.

Resolved that Geo Richardson, C. H. Barker and R. S. Frost be appointed permanent firemen at a salary of \$45.00 per month each.

Resolved that the resignation of Wm Elliott as fireman be accepted dating from June 1st.

Resolved that tenders be called for applying 8 iron bedsteads and mattresses for No 2 Fire Hall and such tenders to be called up to the next meeting of the Board.

From J. Mason & Co asking that the license for the Intelligence Offices be raised to \$20.50.
Filed

From John Devine complaining of a fire being started at a house near False Creek Bridge from sparks from Messrs Sims & Co wood yard.

Resolved that Messrs Sims & Co be instructed by the Chief of the Fire Brigade to have a proper spark-

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arrester put in his smoke stack in conformity with the Fire By Law

Resolved that the Chief of the Fire Brigade be instructed to call out his men from time to time so that they may familiarize themselves with hazardous risks in the City.

That he be instructed to notify his drivers to use more discretion and judgment when going to a fire.

That the Chief of Police be instructed to prevent bicycle racing on Cordova Street and that each rider be required to provide himself with a bell for day use and a lamp for night use and that a rate of travel exceeding 5 miles an hour be not allowed.

The Chief of the Fire Brigade reported that Firemen Elliott & Heyward left on the 1st of June and he also furnished a list showing the amount of supplies ordered for each fire hall during the month of May.
Filed

Sgd W.H. Gallagher
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " Gallagher

That the clause relating to the appointment of firemen be struck out and that the appointments be made by a ballot of the whole Council.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " Queen

That the report as amended be adopted.
Carried

A deputation consisting of Messrs Rand, Sweeney, and Townley waited upon the Council with a view of getting a grant for Dominion Day.

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Motions

Moved by Alderman Shaw
Seconded by " Queen

That the following accounts be paid:

D. McGillivray Paving \$2323.68
Pay Roll on Streets 627.90
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " McPhaiden

That His Honour, The Lieut. Governor and Admiral Stephenson, & Officers Leut. Col. Rawstorne of the R. M. A. & Officers, Lieut. Col Peters, D. A. G. Col Prior and Officers of the B.C. B. G. R. and the Mayors, Aldermen and citizens of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Kamloops, Vernon and the Sound Cities be invited to extend the celebrations on the 1st & 2nd of July, and also that Admiral Stephenson be carried.

Requested to allow his men to participate in the sports.

Consideration of By Laws

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " Bethune

That the By Law to close saloons etc on Sunday be read a second time.
Carried

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration with Alderman Wm Brown in the Chair.

The By Law was read over clause by clause.

Clause 2 relating to closing saloons every day at 11 P.M. was struck out.

Alderman Gallagher moved that

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clause six be amended to read thirty days instead of seven days for laying a complaint: Amendment lost.

Ayes: Alderman Gallagher

Nays: Mayor Collins & Aldermen Shaw, Coupland, Queen, McPhaiden, Thomas, W.P. Brown and Bethune

Alderman Coupland moved that clause six be amended to read 16 days. Amendment lost.

Yeas: Aldermen Coupland, Gallagher, W.P. Brown and Bethune

Nays: The Mayor & Aldermen Shaw, Queen, McPhaiden and Thomas

The balance of the By Law passed without amendments.

It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Wm Brown, Seconded by Alderman Bethune and ordered to be signed, sealed and gazetted.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Wash House By Law.

Alderman Wm Brown in the Chair

It was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete.

The 3rd reading was deferred.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Shaw gave notice that at next meeting of council he would introduce a By Law to amend the Pound By Law.

The Council then adjourned.

Henry Collins
Mayor

Thos F McGuigan
City Clerk