

Opium Tax to be reduced? – June 17, 1895

Merchants Hip Tuck Lung etal asked that the Opium License be lowered. Street sweeping contractors Champion and White did not feel able to continue at the old price, but will continue while tenders for a new contract are examined. Teachers' salaries to be paid this year on June 28, rather than waiting until after the July 1 holiday. John Courtney, Andrew Gill, and Chas Thompson were hired as firemen, making \$45 per month each.

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Vancouver June 17th 1895

The council met on Monday June 17th 1895.

Present His Worship, the Mayor & 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 Lt. Col Rawstorne, R. M. A. accepting invitation to be present at the 1st of July celebrations.
Filed

From F. M. Chaldecott giving notice of the hearing of the appeal against the assessment of Vancouver the date being fixed for the 28th inst.
Referred to the City Solicitor

From F. M. Cowperthwaite of the Gun Clubs, asking permission to use the Recreation Grounds for clay pigeon shooting on the 1st of July.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by “ Bethune

That they be granted the use of the grounds on condition that they hold themselves responsible for any accident that might occur and enter into a bond to that effect.
Carried

From Davis, Marshall & Mc Neill objecting to the grade of Granville Street now being established in front of Block 43, D. L. 541.

Filed

From His Honor the Lt. Governor accepting invitation to be here on the 1st of July.

Filed

From E. S. Meany, Seattle, Wash inviting the City of Vancouver to his city for the 4th of July celebrations.

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Moved by Alderman Queen

Seconded by " Shaw

That the invitation be accepted

Carried

From Crean & Thomas asking for the refund of \$20.00 claimed to be overpaid them on Billiard Licences last year.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From R. W. Armstrong, asking for compensation on behalf of D. Wishart for injuries received through falling over Water Street sidewalk.

Referred to the City Solicitor

From Hip Tuck Lung etal asking that the Opium License be lowered.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From Wm Prentice, Secretary of the Rate Payers Association enclosing a resolution endorsing the action of the majority of the council in regard to the police investigation etc.

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " Queen

That the communication be acknowledged and filed.

Carried

From S. Sherin, Secretary of the Pan American Congress inviting the Mayor to be present at their meetings to be held at Toronto from July 18th to 25; and asking the council to appoint delegates.

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " Thomas

That the invitation be accepted and that Gregory Tour and such others that may hereafter apply be appointed delegates to attend such Congress.

Carried

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From R. A. Anderson asking for an appointment to show the character of Barnwell who testified in the police investigation with the securing of object of injuring him.

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

That his request be granted.
Carried

From Mc Lennan & Mc Feely asking for the reconsideration of the tenders on hose.
Filed

From C. W. Murray, Secretary of the School Board asking that the teachers salaries be paid on the 28th of June instead of the 1st of July.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " Thomas

That the request be granted.
Carried

From Mason & Co. asking for the refund of their Intelligence Office license paid last year.
Referred to the Police Committee

From Mason & Co. asking for a sidewalk on Beatty Street.
Referred to the Board of Works

The following reports were received and read:

Fire, Market & Police Committee

The Fire, Market & Police Committee met on Monday June 17th 1895.
Present the full Board

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Duke & Wallace Supplies \$2.00
J.C. Woodrow " 14.06

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C.F. Foreman Supplies \$19.19
Thos Dunn & Co " 10.53
McLennan & McFeely " .45
J. Dodson " 13.25
Crowder & Penzer " 91.32
Cassady & Co " 1.80

C. S. Philp " 5.60
News Advertiser " 4.80
Chas Nelson " 5.20
Leatherdale & Co " 3.50
Clarke & Stuart " .54
News Advertiser Ads 2.40
Thos Dunn & Co Supplies 5.85
Wm Ralph " 26.53

The following tenders were for iron bedsteads & mattresses:

C. Castel
8 iron bedsteads & wire mattresses \$10.00 each
Wool top mattresses 4.00 "
Wool & Excelsior 3.50 "
Hair " 12.00 "

Shelsin & Co
8 iron bedsteads 3' x 6', 6" \$7.50 "
8 wool mattresses 3.25 "
8 mixed 3.25 "

G.W. Hutchings
8 iron bedsteads 2' 6" wide 9.25 "
" " " 3' " 10.50 "
Excelsior mattresses 2.00 "
Wool top " 2.50 "
All wool " 3.00 "

Referred to Aldermen Thomas & Coupland to examine and report.

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The following tenders were received for hose:

Toronto Rubber Co
Eureka 500 lbs [?] \$1.05 per ft
Paragon 350 " " .90 " "
Red cross 300 " " .75 " "
New surprise [?] jacket 400 " " .69 " "
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Gutta Percha & Rubber Co
Maltese Cross 400 \$1.05 "
Crescent 400 .90 "
Beaver 400 .75 "
Baker fabric, cotton 400 .90 "

Extra heavy ajax 300 .75 “
“ “ 275 .65 “
fine “ 250 .50 “
N. S. Underwriters 400 .55 “
New Peerless Jacket 400 .69 “

E. G. Baynes
Mineralized Rubber Hose 400 .98 “

McLennan & McFeely
Maple leaf 450 .75 “
Single star 400 .70 “
Triple cross (D. J.) 600 .65 “

The Gutta Percha & Rubber Co offered the ball nozzle for \$75.00.

From A. T. St George asking that an investigation be made into the quality of hose formerly purchased before any purchases are made.
Filed

Resolved that 1000 feet of hose be purchased as follows: 500 feet of Paragon Hose manu

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factured by the Toronto Rubber Co. and 500 feet of Baker fabric manufactured the Gutta Percha & Rubber Co at 90 cts a foot respectfully.

That 50 expansion rings be purchased at \$3.00 per dozen.

Sgd W. H. Gallagher
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by “ McPhaiden

That the report be adopted.
Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 14th 1895.
Present: Aldermen Wm Brown, Coupland, Gallagher and Bethune.

Resolved that none of the suspended police officers receive any remuneration from the City for services during the time they are under suspension and that they be not allowed to transact any business whatever for the City while under suspension.

Resolved that the sum of \$200 be paid to the Provincial Government (under protest) for inspection of incoming trains during the small pox epidemic in 1892 and that the Government be asked to pay the half yearly grant due the hospital and fire department.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

C.P. Telegraph Co. Telegram \$2.00
Clarke & Stuart Supplies 36.08
Gurney Cab Co Hacks 60.00
News Advertiser Supplies 14.40

Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Shaw
Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the clause in relation to the payment of the police while suspended be struck out.
Lost

Nays: Aldermen Shaw, McPhaiden & Thomas
Yeas: " Coupland, Queen, Gallagher, Wm Brown and Bethune
Alderman W.P. Brown was absent

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by " Queen

That the report be adopted as read.
Carried

The yeas & nays were taken on the adoption of the report as above.

Water & Light Committee

The Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday June 12th 1895.
Present: Aldermen Brown, Bethune & Coupland

Communications

From H. H. Spicer & Co asking for a rebate on water rate for water used in wetting down premises.
Resolved.

That they be informed that the City do not supply water for free for this purpose, and no other manufacturer to their knowledge use the water for this purpose unless through the meter.

From S. H. Boardman asking the Committee to supply the pipe to reach his premises, and allow him to lay same.

The Committee cannot depart from their rule of making consumers advance the money to purchase the pipe in cases of this kind. The amount

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advanced to be refunded out of water rates.

From H. Abbott, asking on what terms the City would lay a pipe and put in a hydrant at the local freight sheds.

Referred to the City Engineer

Mr. Smith appeared before the Committee asking for water for power purposes on Westminster Avenue.

The matter was laid over for a week.

It was resolved to put in a notice in the papers re hours for sprinkling.

The foreman's report for the month of May was received and filed.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

McLennan & McFeely Supplies \$1.50
Thos Dunn & Co " 60.97
Ing Swan & Owners Towing 20.
Leatherdale & Co Hack 5
Evans, Coleman & Evans Supplies 34.20
C. Nelson " 2.10
Keefer & Goddin Hire of Scow 6.00
Crowder & Penzer Supplies 21.99
News Advertiser Ads 4.50
Thurston & Sons Supplies 6.40
J. Miller " 40.
Evans, Coleman & Evans " 54.15
News Advertiser " 4.
Con Ry & L Co Lights 1624.04
Thos Veitch Hauling 32.90
Evans, Coleman & Evans Supplies 57.45
C. F. Foreman " 1.10
Reservoir Pay Roll Labor 694.25
R. Llewellyn etal " 363.10

Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " Bethune

That the report be adopted.
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 13th 1895.
Present the full Board

A deputation consisting of Reeve Kidd, M. P. P., and Reeve Garrett representing the Richmond municipality appeared before the Board in relation to a proposal received by their Council in reference to the construction of a tramway between the City and Steveston, and to ensure cooperation should any feasible scheme be arrived at.

Resolved that the Board of Works recommended the City Council to entertain any reasonable proposition from any company in regard to the construction of an electric railway into this City from Steveston and other points on Lulu Island.

J. M. O'Toole applied to the Board for permission to make a corrugated iron addition his building Nos 36 & 38 Hastings Street on the south side between Carrall and Abbott Street.

Resolved that the Board recommend that in this case permission be granted.

From Davis, Marshall, MacNeill and Abbott in reference to the grade on Granville Street stating that in some instances the floors of certain buildings will be injuriously affected.

Resolved that the Board recommends that when the street is finished if it is found that any damage has been done to the buildings referred to by the change of grade that the City Council meet the owners on a reasonable basis in order to

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make the steps affected conform to the adopted grade.

From G. E. Trorey asking permission to put up a watch sign in front of his jewellery store on Cordova Street.

Resolved that permission be granted on condition similar to those granted to the other jewellers on Cordova Street.

From Cook & Dunlop stating that the completion of the sprinklers had been delayed by the non-arrival of the patent sprinkler valves from the east and asking for the necessary extension of time.

Resolved that they may be notified to hurry up the parties supplying the valves.

From A. K. Stuart asking for instruction as he is suing a friend for depositing building material on the street and especially as to which streets it is intended that the resolution governing same should apply.

Resolved that the resolution apply to all streets generally when any obstruction to traffic is likely to occur and that the police be instructed as far as possible to see that contractors hold permits from the City Hall before being allowed to deposit any building material on the streets and if not to notify then to go to the City Hall to take out the necessary permits either furnishing a bond or making a deposit with the Treasurer.

From W. H. Kendall in putting in an elevating apparatus at the crusher stating he would put one in if reasonable compensation would be allowed say 10 cts a yard extra for the rock.

No action taken

From W. A. McIntosh & Co in reference to the sweeping and cleaning of Cordova Street.

The Engineer explained to the Board that the

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sweeping contract had run out and that the contractor Champion and White did not feel able to continue at the old price but that he had made temporary arrangements with then until each time as new tenders may be called for.

From petitioner asking for a 6 foot sidewalk on Carl Avenue (now Princess Ave) between Prior Street and Grove Street (now Atlantic Ave).

Granted

From A. St. G. Hamersley reporting in the claim of McDonald Bros for alleged damage to horse through falling into a soft spot on street near hospital.

Referred to the Water Committee

From a member of petitioners from 8th Ave Fairview asking for street improvements

Laid over

From G. W. Weeks asking for a sidewalk extension on Haro Street.

Resolved that a temporary sidewalk of old plank be put down to the 3 new houses built by Dr Young.

Resolved that the crushed rock for the present be sent to Granville Street south of Robson Street where the Street is ready for it.

In reference to the proposition to have the portion of gravel between the sidewalk opposite the new Horne Block and the C. P. R. Track it was resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to get such document from Mr. Horne or other owners of buildings fronting on same, as will fully protect the City

and will secure for the City the frontage tax of that property similarly to any property fronting on, any of the paved streets.

Resolved that tenders be called for the following new work to be sent in by 4 P. M. on Thursday next.

Carl Ave 6 ft sidewalk west side from Prior St to Grove St.
Drake St 6 ft " south " " Howe " to Hornby

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Burrard St 10 ft sidewalk west side from Melville St to Eveleigh
Paved Street Repairs to pavement

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Cassady & Co Supplies \$445.45
Thos Dunn & Co " 18.92
Evans, Coleman & Evans " 1.60
McLennan & McFeely " 9.20
W. S. Cook Delivering Crushed Rock 193.
W. H. Kendall " " " 1242.94
Champion & White Labor 40.
W. C. Marshall Drayage 2.50
D. Gibbons Dundas St 200.
C. F. Foreman Supplies 2.95
Evans, Coleman & Evans " 2.00
Van Hardware Co " 32.55
Crowder & Penzer " 12.
John Carell Repairs 2.80
Van City Iron Works Supplies 1.03
J. D. Fraser Streets 144.
D. McGillivray " 1656.48

Sgd H.P. Shaw
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the clause in relation to the grade on Granville Street be struck out.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " Queen

That the clause in relation to Drake Street sidewalk be amended to read Granville Street.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " Queen

That the report as amended be adopted.
Carried

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Motions

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by " Gallagher

That the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Licensing Board of the suspension of M. G. McLeod.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " Queen

That the deposits on the Electric Light tenders be returned.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Bethune
Seconded by " Gallagher

That all the men discharged from work on the reservoir be paid in full for the time worked.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " Queen

That the Council proceed to ballot for the appointment of 3 firemen.
Carried

After a number of ballots were taken it was found that John Courtney, Andrew Gill, and Chas Thompson received a majority of the votes cast and they were declared appointed at a salary of \$45.00 per month each.

The Council then adjourned

Henry Collins
Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan
City Clerk