

Morley, Butler Get Sunbury Reward – June 24, 1895

The \$200 reward for information about the Sunbury murder from 1890 [ad pictured here] was given to George Morley and Mr. Butler. The Federal government advised they had contributed \$1000 toward the keep of the Darcy Island lepers. The proper proportion of the money would be allocated to Vancouver's share of the lepers' maintenance. Water pipes will be installed to the English Bay bathing sheds.

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The Council met on Monday June 24th at 8pm.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

The following communications were received, accepting the invitations for 1st of July: Edward S. Orr, Mayor of Tacoma, the City Clerk of Nanaimo, Henster, City Clerk of Anacortes, R. J. Davies, City Clerk of Vernon, William Hanna, City Clerk of Fairhaven, W. J. Gillespie, City Clerk Blaine, the City Clerk Victoria, the Admiral of the Pacific Squadron, Lt Col Peters. Filed.

From A. L. St George stating that he had looked through two Mercantile Agencies and could not find any record of the Toronto Rubber Co.

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden; Seconded by Alderman Queen

That the communication be filed. Carried.

From C. H. Barnwell stating that he was prepared to meet R. A. Anderson before the Council, as to his evidence given before the Police Committee. Referred to the Police Committee.

From A. Campbell Reddie, Deputy Provincial Secretary sending forms for admission to Old Men's Home {Kamloops}. Filed.

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From Mrs. Joseph Crawford asking for a sidewalk to her residence on 9th Ave. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Mrs T. Clune, mother of the boy {tramp} now at the Police Station, stating that she had no money to pay his passage home to Toronto. Filed for reference.

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights. Filed.

From W. T. Steward making a proposition for lighting the City.
Referred to Water & Light Committee

From McGhie etal stating that the tender as accepted for laying the new main across the narrows was not the lowest. Filed.

E.A. Jenns, New Westminster giving account of the reward paid to George Morley {and Butler} on the Sunbury murder case. {The hearing judge left on a year's holiday without rendering a decision. Butler got \$50, the \$150 was divided between Morley and costs}. Referred to the Police Committee

From Rand Bros. Sending a complete list of the signatures of owners in Block 108. DL 196, who wish to grant land for lane purposes. Referred to the City Solicitor

From John Hendry, Manager of the Hastings Mill agreeing to supply the lumber for a sidewalk on Dunlevy Avenue to the Mill if the City would lay it.

Moved by Alderman Shaw; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden
That his proposition be agreed to.
Carried.

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From F.M. Chaldecott, Solicitor for John Morton agreeing to withdraw appeal against the assessment if certain streets were graded etc.

Moved by Alderman Shaw; Seconded by Alderman William Brown
That His Worship, the Mayor and the City Solicitor be appointed to interview the appellants and report to the next meeting of the Board of Works.
Carried.

From George Bartley, Secretary of the Dominion Day Celebration Committee asking that the Firemen be permitted to use the fire apparatus to sprinkle the recreation grounds on the morning of the 1st of July.

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden; Seconded by Alderman Thomas
That their request be granted.
Carried.

From Messrs Davis, Marshall, MacNeill and Abbot, Solicitors for Chief McLaren and Sergeant Haywood placing before the Council their position on the Police Investigation.

Moved by Alderman Gallagher; Seconded by Alderman William Brown
That the Communication be referred to the Police Committee.
Carried.

The following Reports were received and read.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 21st 1895.
Present: Aldermen Brown, Bethune, Gallagher and Coupland.

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Communications

From H. B. Small, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, stating that he had sent a cheque to Victoria for \$1000 in aid of the support of the lepers on D'Arcy Island with instructions that an amount proportionate to the expenditure of Vancouver be allocated on the cheque for the benefit of Vancouver. Filed.

From Crean & Thomas asking for the refund of \$20.00 claimed to be overpaid by them on Billiard licenses in 1894. Filed.

From Hip Tuck Lung etal asking for the reduction of the Opium License. Filed.

The hose contracts were produced before the Committee for examination. It was resolved that a clause be added thereto providing for a pressure test up to 500 lbs on delivery and a 250 lbs test 5 years after delivery.

Resolved that the Trades License By-Law be amended to allow of all licenses with the exception of Opium Licenses, \$100 or over to be paid half yearly.

From F. M. Chaldecott, agreeing to withdraw the appeal of John Morton against the assessment on condition that the City pay half of the expenses of John Morton in the case of Morton vs Eihu, and further that Denman, Haro and Barclay Streets be opened up. Referred to the Council.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

J. Miller Stamps \$41.00

Signed William Brown, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Mc Phaiden; Seconded by Alderman Coupland
That the clause in reference to the testing of the Fire hose be struck out. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Thomas; Seconded by Alderman W. P. Brown
That the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

Water & Light Committee

The Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday June 19th 1895.

Present: Aldermen William Brown, Coupland and Gallagher.

The following tenders for laying the new submerged main across the Narrows were received:

Boyd and Clendenning \$4100

D. McGillivray \$4747

D. K. Campbell \$3100

E. Cook \$6695

Mc Ghie, Stevenson & Llewellyn \$3170

It was resolved that the contract be awarded to D. K. Campbell provided property security be furnished.

Signed William Brown, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland; Seconded by Alderman Gallagher

That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Fire, Market & Police Committee

The Fire, Market & Police Committee met on Monday June 24th 1895.

Present: the full Board

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From Mrs T. Clune, Toronto, mother of the boy now under the charge of the police stating that she was unable to send money to pay his passage home. Referred to the Council.

From E. Sanders and John Bausman stating that they had not left the Market on account of leases, etc. Referred to the City Solicitor

From Thos. H. Tracy reporting on the cost of repairs to the Market roof etc. Referred to the City Solicitor

Moved by Alderman Coupland

That in the opinion of this Committee John McLaren, V. W. Haywood and M. G. McLeod are not fit or qualified for the positions they have held on the police force of this City and would move for their dismissal at once.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Brown

That these officers get another week to reply to the evidence given.

Amendment carried. Motion lost.

Resolved that G. W. Hutchings' tender for iron bedsteads and mattresses be accepted as follows:

Iron bedsteads 3 ft wide \$10.50 each

Wool top mattresses \$2.50 each

The Chairman requested the City Clerk to produce a copy of the evidence taken on the police investigation before the Council.

Signed W. H. Gallagher, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland; Seconded by Alderman Gallagher
That the amendment in the report to Alderman Coupland's motion be struck out...

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...and that the motion stand as moved by him dealing with the dismissal of John McLaren, V. W. Haywood, and M. G. McLeod.
Motion withdrawn for one week. The whole report was then laid over on motion.

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Wednesday Jun 19th 1895.
Present: Aldermen McPhaiden, Shaw & William Brown

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

C. F. Foreman supplies \$10.98
G. I. Wilson supplies \$3.30
J. Dodson supplies \$13.60
Westminster & Van Tramway Co express \$.25
Texas Lake Ice Co. supplies \$2.13
Central Fish Market supplies \$7.86
C. F. Foreman supplies \$59.90
J. Jones supplies \$17.85
J. C. Woodrow supplies \$53.96
Crowder & Penzer supplies \$31.25
R. A. Leonard labor \$19.50
C. F. Foreman supplies \$6.05
D. Rust salary \$19.55
M. S. Rose plumbing \$220.03
Imperial Oil Co. supplies \$2.90
N. P. J. Allan express \$1.00
Wm McGie labor \$11.25
C. H. Jones making canvas covers \$28.20
Van Carriage & Works supplies \$.50
Cassady & Co supplies \$22.64
Dunn & Co supplies \$5.00
R. A. Leonard labor \$7.50
News advertiser supplies \$6.50

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John Boyd & Co supplies \$7.60
Dunn & Co supplies \$23.64
Clarke & Stuart supplies \$10.85
C.B. Lockhart burial \$4.45
Champion & White scavenging \$3.50
McLennan & McFeely supplies \$1.25
McLennan & McFeely supplies \$72.76
C.S.Philp supplies \$18.61

H. Extenci hauling \$.75
C. Nelson supplies \$70.77
Market Hardware Store supplies \$5.47
E.P. Fewster supplies \$4.50
W.J. McGuigan inquest \$5.00
J. Carnahan scavenging \$.50
M.S. Rose lining boxes \$39.94
J.W. Smith washing \$41.41
R.A. Townley plumbing \$123.50

Communications

From Miss Macfie stating that the cost of a ticket to Liverpool (steerage) via Montreal was \$76.50 and via New York \$78.50.

J. Cook a patient in the City Hospital who desired to go to England having \$50.00, the Committee was asked to make up the balance. It was resolved that the matter be laid over to see if his friends can make up the difference in the meantime.

A tender was received from the Texas Lake Ice Co offering to supply ice to the hospital as follows:

Deliveries of less than 100 lbs 75 cents

Deliveries of 100 to 250 lbs 65 cents

Deliveries of 250 to 1000 lbs 50 cents

Deliveries of 1000 to 2000 lbs 50 cents

It was resolved to award the contract to J. J. L. at a similar rate.

Resolved that the wagon at the Isolation Hospital

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...be brought in and have its wheels reset, at the Water Works Department.

From James McGeer furnishing milk report. Filed.

Miss Macfie having reported that the tea, coffee and eggs delivered at the hospital were not up to the standard the chairman was requested to enquire into the matter.

F. Pound plied for permission to cut firewood on section 15 of the cemetery grounds. It was resolved that he be permitted to do so provide he piles up the brush of the trees cut down and cuts the portions of the trees left into 14 ft lengths.

Signed D. McPhaiden, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Shaw; Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden
That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 25th 1895.

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

Mr Fee interviewed the Board with a view to getting Broughton Street opened up from Robson to Georgia Street. The City Engineer was instructed to see that the chain gang is sent there at the first opportunity.

From J. Mason & Co, asking for a sidewalk from Pender Street along Beatty Street to Mr. McMillan's cottages. Referred to the Ward 2 foreman to put down ...

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... a temporary 3 plank walk.

Resolved that if the Hastings Mill will furnish the lumber the City will put down a 6-foot walk on Dunlevy Avenue from Alexander Street to the CPR track.

The Chairman promised to interview the Manager of the Hastings Mill to see if they would agree to furnish the lumber or not.

Resolved that the City Clerk inform J. Raney that his offer to clear and grade away stumps from the street in front of his property on the Westminster Road for \$50.00 (the same to go against his taxes) cannot be entertained.

Resolved that the engineer be authorized to have the paved streets swept regularly.

Resolved that sufficient fine rock be sent to Dunlevy Avenue to finish up the macadamizing through tenders.

The following tenders were received and opened:

Carl Avenue, 6-foot walk

J.D. Fraser 15 cents per foot

S. Sheridan 14.5 cents per foot

Drake Street, 6-foot walk New using up old

J.D. Fraser 15 cents per foot .08

S. Sheridan 14.5 cents per foot .08

T. Powell 15.75 cents per foot 13.75

Burrard Street, 10 foot-walk

A.D. McDonald 23 cents per foot

S. Sheridan 21.5 cents per foot

Repairs to pavement

D. McGillivray 19 cents per sup foot

Resolved that the following tenders be recommended for acceptance and that the Mayor & City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the City Seal.

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Carl Avenue, 6-foot sidewalk S. Sheridan
Drake Street, 6-foot sidewalk S. Sheridan
Burrard Street, 10-foot sidewalk S. Sheridan
Repairs to pavement D. McGillivray

Resolved that tenders be called up to 4pm on Thursday next for opening of Barclay St 30-foot wide from Nicola Street to the Park Road, surface grading. Prices to be put in per lineal foot.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

D. McGillivray paving \$1116.56
J. D. Fraser Bute St. \$148.20
W. S. Cook deliver crushed rock \$228.79
W. H. Kendall " " \$874.01
Evans, Coleman & Evans supplies \$63.20
Clarke & Stuart supplies \$2.62
E. Clough express \$2.00
News Advertiser ads \$2.55
Thomas et al labor \$1443.60
Signed H. P. Shaw
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden; Seconded by Alderman W. P. Brown
That the Report be adopted. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Gallagher;
Seconded by Alderman Bethune
That a By-Law be introduced to amend the Trades License By-Law.
Carried.

The By-Law was read a first time.

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Motions

Moved by Alderman W. P. Brown;
Seconded by Alderman Thomas
That the Police Committee meet tomorrow (Tuesday evening) for the purpose of hearing the evidence which Alderman Bethune has told the Council he possesses and that he be subpoenaed to appear as a witness for that purpose.
Lost.

Moved by Alderman W. Brown;
Seconded by Alderman Bethune

That all civic salaries (including H. M. Henderson's) falling due on the 1st of July be paid on or after the 28th instant. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Gallagher; seconded by Alderman Bethune
That the City Treasurer be instructed to ascertain as to the qualifications of the Mayor and Aldermen elected in January 1895, and qualification at the present time and report this Council at the next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Shaw; seconded by Alderman Mc Phaiden
That the Water Committee be instructed to lay a water pipe to the bathing sheds at English Bay, the cost thereof to be charged proportionately to each Committee. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Gallagher; seconded by Alderman Coupland

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That the amendments to the Trades License By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole for its consideration. Alderman William Brown in the Chair. The By-Law was read over clause by clause, and reported to Council as complete.

The By-Law was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Gallagher, seconded by Alderman Coupland and ordered to be signed, sealed and gazette.

{“It was very close to the witching hour when”} The Council then adjourned.

Thomas Francis McGuigan Henry Collins
City Clerk Mayor

Note

Comments in parenthesis { } denote further illumination provided by the writer and from The Vancouver Daily World Newspaper; The Council Meeting, June 25 1895, pgs 2 & 3