

Council Reviews City Budgets – May 2, 1895

*Vancouver's overall income for 1895 was expected to be 434,654.65. The largest expense items were \$107,607.85 for Interest and the Sinking Fund (previous debt) and \$48,564 for the School Board. The smallest items were \$5,000 for the Parks Commissioners and \$3,600 for the Free Library Board. [Picture shows entrance door to the City Free Library and Reading Room, then located in the Y. M. C. A. building on Hastings Street].*

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[Entrance Door to the YMCA Reading Room]

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Vancouver May 2nd 1895.

The council met on Thursday May 2nd 1895.

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

The object of the meeting was to consider the  
Estimates, and such other business as might  
be brought up.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole  
for the consideration of the Estimates.

They were considered clause by clause and,  
finally adopted as follows:

Estimated Expenditures 1895

Finance Committee

Salaries

Treasurer \$1500.00

Accountant 1200.00

City Clerk 1200.00

Auditor 720.00

Solicitor 2000.00

Poll Tax Collector 745.00

Treas. Assistant 755.00

Typewriter etc. 720.00  
Temporary 4 mos @\$60.00 240.00  
Mayor's Grant 1200.00  
Aldermen's Grant 3000.00  
City Hall Fuel 460.00  
City Hall Lights 250.00  
Stationary Printing & Advertising 3000.00  
Telephone 48.00  
Interest: Exchange etc. 4000.00

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Insurance \$650.00  
Election Expenses 600.00  
Legal Expenses 3000.00  
Assessment Board 1000.00  
Contingencies 3000.00  
Frontage Tax 9988.25  
Children's Home 500.00  
Total \$39 776.25

Water & Light Committee.

Salaries  
Clerk \$950  
Assistant Clerk 600  
Stationery 380  
Telephones 150  
Maintenance General 4000  
Maintenance Sub main 500  
Maintenance N side 3500  
Maintenance Shop 200  
Tools 250  
Contingencies 1400  
Extensions 4000  
New main 10000  
Street lights 18250  
Total \$44,180

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Free Library Board

Electric Lighting \$280  
Printing & Binding 175  
Rent 500  
Salaries 1200

Magazines, papers etc. 300  
Fuel 75  
Insurance, Maps, Catalogues etc. 70  
New Books 1000  
[total] \$3600

#### Board of Works

Salaries  
Engineer \$2200  
Clerk 900  
Chairman 660  
[\*summation 3760+240=4000\*]  
Extra 240  
Stationery 250  
Street Cleaning 1500  
2 Street Sprinklers etc 1000  
Street Improvements 25350  
Broken Rock Relief etc.  
[above two items grouped with right curly bracket]  
Sewer Repairs 1000  
Sewer Extensions 1000  
Bridge Repairs 1000  
Surface drains 1000  
House Numbers 100  
Street Scrapers 180  
Contingencies 2000  
Street Repairs 7500  
[total] \$45880  
Street Railway 9000  
[total]\$54880

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#### Park Commissioners

Maintenance, Salary, Feed +c. \$2500  
Repairs to roads etc. \$2500  
\$5000

#### Police Committee

Chief of Police \$1200  
Sergeant 960  
10 Police @ \$70.00 8400  
1 " @ 60. 600  
Constable 120

Caretaker 300  
Pound Keeper 600  
Policemen 2 mos. 140  
Magistrate 1800  
Telephone 36  
Uniforms 600  
Board of Prisoners 1550  
Transport 85  
Clothing 85  
Pound Expenses 50  
Contingencies 250  
Total \$16776

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Fire Committee.

Salaries

Chief \$1062.00  
Captain No 1 702  
Captain No 1 642  
Captain No 1 702  
Hoseman 702  
Hoseman 522  
Chemical Eng 702  
Hoseman 522  
Driver 702  
Captain No 2 702  
Lieutenant 642  
Hoseman 642  
Driver 642  
Engineer 762  
Driver 702  
Stoker 642  
Captain No 3 702  
Lieut 642  
Driver 702  
Engineer 882  
Driver 702  
Stoker 642  
Insurance 396  
Fuel, Oil etc. Lights 1500  
Repairs, Tools etc 1500  
Telephones 144  
Horses & Harness 500  
Feed & shoeing 2000  
Maintenance, Fire Alarm 250  
Uniforms 1000

Contingencies 1000  
Fire alarm Boxes 375 [??? not fully visible on scanned document]

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Hose \$1000  
Plastering No 1 Hall 50  
Waggon 75  
Total \$25054

Board of Health

Salaries  
Matron \$600  
House keeper 265  
Nurse 275  
Nurse 120  
Nurse 120  
Nurse 240  
Assistant Cook 180  
Porter 420  
Cook 240  
Night Nurse 360  
[\*2820\*]  
Health Officer 530  
Health Inspector 701.21  
Cemetery Officer 720  
Cemetery Assistant 60  
Isolation Officer 420  
Crematory 600  
Milk & Food Inspector 600  
Plumbing Inspector 795  
[\*4426.41\*]  
Contagious diseases 500  
Inquests 250  
Fuel Hospital 1000  
Light Hospital 850  
Telephone Hospital 36  
Supplies Hospital 6000  
Relief for destitute 750  
Crematory Expenses 2000  
Scavenging 1000

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Cemetery Expenses \$150  
Isolation Hospital 75.00  
Hospital Lots 3360.00

Hospital Repairs 700.00  
Contingencies 1500.00  
Total \$25417.21

Finance Committee

[Original is 3 columned list; headings over columns 2 and 3]

Interest S.Fund

By-Law No 12 \$846 478

By-Law No 13 483 563.27

By-Law No 29 9000 1578

By-Law No 44 1200 210.40

By-Law No 64 9000 1578

By-Law No 70 750 91

By-Law No 80 6250 1315

By-Law No 91 1000 210.40

By-Law No 94 1500 315.60

By-Law No 100 6250 1315

By-Law No 126 & 127 23 593.60 6208.68

By-Law No 146 to 151 22 814.92 5998.30

[Totals columns 2 and 3] \$82 687.52 19861.65

Frontage Tax

City Proportion By-L[aw]No 155 1876.71 1135.18

City Proportion By-Law No 199 1205.95 729.40

City Proportion By-law No 215 66.66 44.78

Total [columns 2 and 3]\$85,836.84 \$21,771.01

Grand Total \$107,607.85

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Board of School Trustees

Salaries \$36 554.50

Fuel, Water, Insurance, Supplies, Contingencies 5510

Repairs 3000

Clearing Ground at Fairview &

4 roomed building 3000

Desks 500

Total \$48,564.50

1895 Estimated Receipts (Summary) [Summary is crossed out]

Debentures Funds Jan 1/95 \$41,153.82

General Funds Jan 1/95 726.28 \$41880.10

Licenses Liquor \$21000

Licenses Sundry 5000

Poll Tax Collections 10000

Cemetery Collections 1200

Hospital Collections 1300

Police Court Fines 3000  
Provincial Grant to schools 16000  
Provincial Grant to Hospital 5000  
Provincial Grant to Fire Dept 500  
Brockton Point Ass (2 yrs) 1210.40  
Rock Crusher 3278  
Water Rates 48000  
Miscellaneous 5000  
Frontage Tax Arrears 2793.79  
Frontage Tax 1895 9988.25  
Refund on Granville St. Rails 3000  
Additional Licenses 1500  
Clearing in 185 2000  
Arrears of Taxes '87 to '94 50000 \$189770.44

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#### Estimated Receipts (summary)

Debenture Funds Jan 1/95 \$41,153.82  
General Funds Jan 1/95 726.28 \$41,880.10  
Receipts as per schedule 139,740.44  
Arrears of Taxes '87 to '94 50,000 189,770.44  
Assessment '95 \$16,188.194[? 3 decimal ?]  
@2%= \$323,763.88  
School Rate @3 Mills 48,564.50  
Interest & Sinking Fund 665 [?] Mills 107,651.58  
General Rate 1.035 Mills= \$167,547.80  
Less \$70,000 for unpaid taxes and  
50,759.69 for rebate 46,788.03 [?? not clear, could be 46,788.11] \$203004.11  
Total \$434,654.65  
Flush tanks etc. 10,522

#### Estimated Expenditure (summary)

Debenture Balances  
January 1st 1895 \$41,153.82  
Warrants unpaid 22644.94 \$63798.76  
Finance Committee 39776.25  
Water & Lights Committee 44180.00  
Board of Works Committee 45,880.00  
Police Committee 16776.00  
Fire & Market Committee 25,054.00  
Board of Health Committee 25,417.21 197,083.46  
Park Commissioners 5,000  
Library Board 3600  
Street Rails Account 9000 17600  
Board of School Trustees 48564

Interest & Sinking Fund 107,607.85 156171.85  
[total] \$434,654.65

Flush Tanks 1934  
Fountains 96  
Small Pox Hospital 60

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Fire Halls \$126.00  
Parks Bearpit etc. 60.00  
Hydrants 7000  
Street Sprinkling 1000  
City Hall 36  
Crematory 24  
City Hospital 180  
Pound 12  
Market 24.00  
[total] \$10552.00

Moved by Alderman McCraney  
Seconded by Alderman Thomas  
That \$50.00 be granted to the City  
Board on condition that the money be paid  
to Mrs. Trendell  
Carried.

The board then adjourned

Henry Collins [signature]  
Mayor

ThosF McGuigan [signature]  
City Clerk