

City Employees' Salaries Cut – May 6, 1895

On motion from the Finance Committee, salaries of city employees were reduced. Streetcar tracks on Robson Street to be laid "to admit of there being two tracks if required". David Evans, who was paid eight dollars to examine the City Band's instruments reported they were in good condition "taking into consideration the period they have been in used". Miss Mac Fie of the City Hospital was granted a large pipe and sink with drain to be installed in the hospital morgue.

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Vancouver May 6th 1895

The Council met on Monday May 6th 1895.

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

The minutes of last meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From H. G. Moore et al protesting against the passing of the Sunday Closing By Law.
Filed

From S. M. Eveleigh asking for a position as overseer on the bituminous rock pavement.
Referred to the Board of Works

From I. W. Mills, president of the Christian Endeavour Society, asking for the Council to pass the Sunday Closing By Law and from Anna G. Fraser to the same effect.
Filed

From John Mc Laren reporting on the electric lights.
Filed

From A. H. D. Mac Gowan asking for a share of the City insurance.
Referred to the Finance Committee

From B. Baker etal asking that a Sunday Closing By Law be passed in respect to the barber shops.
Filed

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The following reports were received and read:

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday May 2nd 1895.
Present Aldermen McCraney, Coupland, Wm Brown, and Bethune

Communications

From the City Auditor certifying that the accounts were correct for March.
Filed

From David Evans certifying that the band instruments were in good condition taking into consideration the period they have been in use.
Filed

From W. E. Gravely, asking the committee to renew the insurance on the Market Shed.
Resolved that the insurance on said building be cancelled.

Applications for renewal of insurance on the addition to the City Hospital were again laid over.
Aldermen Mc Craney and Wm Brown in the meantime to formulate a scheme for dealing with the whole city insurance.

Resolved

That the City Treasurer be placed in charge of the City Hall and that all officers with the exception of the City Accountant and the City Engineer be requested to report to him.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

David Evans	Examining Band Instruments	\$8.00
News Advertiser	Band Book	5.00
C. Nelson	Supplies	.25

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The World P & P Co	Supplies	\$19.25
McLaren & McFeely	"	.40

Sgd H.P. McCraney
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " Coupland
That the Report be adopted
Carried

Fire, Market & Police Committee

The Fire, Market & Police Committee met on Wednesday May 15th 1895.

Present: The full board

The Chief of the Fire Department reported that he had suspended Firemen Elliott & Spice for quarrelling.

Their case was investigated and they were sent back to duty with a caution.

Resolved

That the City Solicitor be instructed to give a written opinion as to whether the city is responsible to Mr. Beattie for any damages for shortening the Market limits and that he define Mr. Beattie's responsibilities regarding the making of repairs to the Market building.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Thos Dunn & Co	Supplies	\$2.38
D. J. Campbell	"	4.23
A. H. Hatch	"	1.05
J. Carnahan	Scavengering	2.00
McLennan & McFeely	Supplies	.70
W. N. Griffith	Special	1.50
J. W. Johnston	Supplies	.95

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C. S. Philp	Supplies	\$5.55
News Advertiser	Ads	4.05

Sgd Wm Gallagher
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by " Gallagher

That the report be adopted
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works held a special meeting on this 2nd of May at 4 P. M.

Present: Aldermen Shaw, Queen, McPhaiden, and Thomas

The matter under discussion was the question of the location of the Street Railway on Robson Street.

Moved by Alderman Thomas
Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the Street Railway track be laid on the south side of Robson Street in the proper distance from the centre line of the street to admit of their being two tracks if required.

Carried

Also resolved that said track be placed on the west side of Denman Street and on the north side of Alberni, the distance between the rails to be left to the City Engineer to decide and that the Street Railway to be required to put their track in permanent grade on Robson Street between Granville and Cardero Street, and that all street crossings be planked by the Company between the rails the City to do no grading for the track. The plans submitted by Mr. Garden, Engineer for the Company to be approved subject to minor details and changes which

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are left for the City Engineers to decide.

Sgd H.P. Shaw
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown
Seconded by " Queen

That the report be adopted
Carried

Health Committee

That the Health Committee met on Wednesday May 15th 1895.

Present: The full board

The following accounts were recommended for payment.

Colqhoun & Fraser	Supplies	\$6.80
John Boyd & Co	"	16.83
D. J. Campbell	"	5.95
J. G. Johnston	Repairs	2.20
Davidson Bros	"	2.00
C. Nelson	Supplies	1.93
Crowder & Penzer	"	3.54
Urquhart Bros	"	2.75
W. J. McGuigan	Inquests	40.00
J. Carnahan	Scavengering	.50
City of Victoria	Care of Lepers	24.86
E. Clough	Drayage	1.00
C. B. Lockhart	Burials	8.90
Clarkson & Mayne	Kalsomining	84.07

Communications

From Miss MacFie furnishing monthly report of hospital for April
Filed

From the Health Inspector asking that Mr.

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Carriere's Scavenger's License be cancelled for violation of the Health By Law.

Resolved

That he be brought before the Police Magistrate.

From the Chilean Consul entering a protest against the treatment of a Chilean by the civic authorities who applied for admission into the City Hospital and who afterwards died.

Resolved

That the City Clerk be instructed to ask for a copy of the evidence taken on the coroner's inquest held on the man.

From Miss Mac Fie asking for a large sink and a large pipe into the morgue and connection with the sewer in order that the back room may be used for disinfecting clothes also that steps be taken to get rid of the pigeon nuisance.

Resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to see that Miss Mac Fie's request is carried out as far as putting in a large sink and larger pipe is concerned.

From James Mc Geer, Milk Inspector furnishing report of milk tests.
Filed

From James Mc Geer stating that Mr. Joseph Jones who succeeded Mr. Hunter of Bridge and Hunter Contractors for supplying milk to the hospital was unwilling to carry on the contract at the rate quoted.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to call for tenders for one week.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the City Underwriters not to allow dead bodies lying in their parlors to be

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viewed by the general public.

Resolved that the tanks at the crematory be relined and that the back verandah and the hospital be canvassed and that the Chairman be authorized to issue an order for the purchase of grass seed and nails for the isolation hospital.

Sgd D. McPhaiden
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Thomas
Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the report be adopted
Carried

Introduction of By Laws

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Thomas

That the By Law to strike the rates for 1895 be read a first time
Carried

The By Law was accordingly read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Gallagher

That the resolution passed by Council fixing the salary of F. W. Boulton of \$85.00 a month be rescinded and that in future he be paid \$75.00 per month, dating from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Gallagher

That the resolution passed by Council fixing the salary of the housekeeper at the

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City Hospital at \$25.00 per month be rescinded and that in future she be paid \$20.00 per month from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Thomas

That the resolution passed by council fixing the salary of Mrs Watmough at \$20.00 per month be rescinded and that in future she be paid \$25.00 per month dating from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Bethune

That the resolution passed by the council fixing the salary of the Health Officer at \$50.00 per month be rescinded and the in future he be paid \$40.00 dating from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Shaw

That the resolution be passed on the 28th of March 1895 fixing the salary of A. W. Scoullar at \$3.00 per day be rescinded and that in future he be paid \$60.00 per month dating from the 1st of June next.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bethune
Seconded by Alderman Queen

That his salary be fixed at \$65.00 per month.

Amendment lost: Motion carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Coupland

That the resolution passed fixing

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The salary of Wm Sutherland a month be rescinded and that in future he be paid \$60.00 a month dating from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Thomas

That the resolution passed by the Council fixing the salary of Wm Cowderoy at \$60.00 a month be rescinded and that in future he be paid \$65.00 per month dating from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Queen

That the resolution passed by the Council fixing the salary of the Health Inspector at \$50.00 per month be rescinded and that in future he be paid \$60.00 per month dating from the 1st of June next.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " Thomas

That in the future the salary of the nurses in the hospital be \$10.00 per month for the 1st year, \$15.00 per month for the second year and \$20.00 per month for the 3rd year.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Shaw

Seconded by " McCraney

That the chain gang be sent to recreation grounds at once to put same in proper order for the coming Season's Games.

Carried

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Consideration of By Laws

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Coupland

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Sunday Closing By Law.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney (amendment)

Seconded by " Shaw

That the By Law be laid over for one week.

Lost

Alderman Wm Brown was appointed Chairman.

The By Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete without amendments.

It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Gallagher seconded by Alderman Coupland.

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Wm Brown

That the Rate By-Law be read a second time.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Queen

That the council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Rate By Law.

Carried

Alderman McCraney was appointed Chairman.

The By Law was read over clause by clause and reported to council as complete.

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It was then read a 3rd time on motion by Alderman McCraney, seconded by Alderman Wm Brown.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Gallagher gave notice:

(1) That at next meeting of Council he would move the following resolution.

“That all employees who get \$75.00 per month be reduced 5 percent; that all getting from \$75.00 to \$100.00 be reduced 10 percent and that up to \$125.00 per month they be reduced to 12 percent and over that amount 15 percent.”

(2) That he would introduce a by Law to close barber shops on Sunday.

The Board then adjourned

Henry Collins
Mayor

Thos McGuigan
City Clerk