

Sidewalk Labour Free: Materials Must Be Found - October 28 1895

Several requests for wooden sidewalks were granted on the basis that if the requesting party will furnish the lumber the Ward men will be instructed to lay it down. A request to name the lanes behind houses was turned down in favour of the current system of house numbering. Council required the Consolidated Railway and Light Company to make a number of safety improvements to the track over False Creek.

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Vancouver October 28th 1895

The Council met on Monday October 28th 1895

Present – His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Shaw, Coupland, Queen, Gallagher, McPhaiden, Clandenning, Brown, Sanders, Bethune and McDonald

The Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From Wm Thomson, Manager of the Hudson's Bay Co. offering to contribute six dollars towards the expense of a crossing on Water Street

Referred to the Board of Works

From Byron Phelp, Mayor of Seattle inviting the City to send the firemen to be represented at the tournament on the 15th of November.

Referred to the Fire, Market & Police Committee.

From James England, Treasurer of the Alexandra Orphanage asking for the quarters grant.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights.

Filed.

From E.J. Cashmore, Toronto giving particulars of the factory to be created by them in Vancouver.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From the Hon E. Dewdney acknowledging receipt of communication re salary for Police Magistrate.

Filed

From W.F. Thyme asking for permission to erect a sign at the corner of Burrard & Melville Streets etc
Referred to the Board of Works

From Fred Allen asking for the opening up of about 150 ft of Bidwell Street
Referred to the Board of Works

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The following Reports were received and read:-

Water and Light Committee

The Water and Light Committee met on Friday October 24th 1895.
Present – Aldermen Brown, Bethune, Coupland, and Clandenning

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

D. McGillivray on account for water pipes \$3000
Subject to being found correct by the City Engineer
W Hooper etal Labor \$554.65
Geo Griffith Coal Harbour Bridge 300.

sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by “ Brown
That the Report be adopted.
Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday October 24th 1895.
Present – Aldermen Bethune, Coupland and Brown

Resolved that the City Clerk be authorized to Call for tenders for laying a six ft. sidewalk on Dunsmuir Street subject to the tenders not being accepted until a guarantee is received from Wm Farrell that he will pay \$100 towards the cost thereof.

Communications

From McLennan and McFeely refusing to accept the sum of \$250 offered by the City for the rent of a stove. Filed

From A. Williams stating that he was willing to pay for the clearing of his lots in D.L. 185 when the work was completed.
Referred to the City Engineer to report on.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-
H.M. Henderson Salary \$60.00
C.P.R. Co Land Dept. Payment on Hospital Lots 3360

sgd Alex Bethune
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brown
Seconded by " Bethune
That the Report be adopted.
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on October 24th 1895
Present – the full Board

Communications

From J. W Horne asking for 30 ft of sidewalk at Hastings Street opposite his own brick block.
Resolved that Mr. Horne will furnish the lumber, the ward men will be instructed to put same down.

From the Hudson's Bay Co asking for a 6 ft crossing across Water Street on the West side of Cambie Ct
The Manager of the Company who was present agreed to pay \$6.00 towards the cost of the lumber.

Resolved that the Ward Foreman be instructed to put same down.

From J McQueen requesting a sidewalk and at the corner of Bute and Haro Streets
Resolved that Mr McQueen be informed that there are no funds for this purpose but if Mr McQueen

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will furnish the lumber the Ward men will be instructed to lay it down.

From S. O. Richards asking permission to put in a temporary drain across Georgia Street to carry off
sewerage from L. A. Hamilton's premises west of Nicola Street into the Inlet; there being no sewer in
this block.

Resolved that permission be granted to cross Georgia Street with drain

From J. Z Hall asking that filling in etc be done at No 929 Westminster Avenue to prevent the water lying
there.

Referred to the Engineer to have the Ward foreman attend to it.

From Messrs Tomlinson and McTaggart asking for filling etc in front of their premises on Westminster
Avenue

Referred to the Ward Foreman.

Re Hodgson & Co in reference to the naming of lanes which was referred back to the Board for reconsideration

No action taken it being thought advisable to let the present system of numbering the houses on the lanes continue.

Resolved that the Board recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-Law for the wood block paving of a portion of Seymour Street between Cordova and Pender Street and Pender Street between Richards and Granville Street under the Local Improvement plan.

Resolved that Mr. Stuart be granted leave of absence for a day to go to Victoria.

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The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Watt & Co. \$32.89

D. Gibbons 26.70

D. Gibbons 84.72

Lomas etal Labor 319.25

Resolved that the account of D. McGillivray for paving done at fountain side corder of Carrall and Hastings be passed subject to being found correct by the City Engineer.

sgd H.P. Shaw
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Sanders
Seconded by " Clandenning
That the Report as amended be adopted.
Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Clandenning
Seconded by ' Shaw.

That the extension of the bridge over False Creek erected and used by the Consolidated Railway and Light Company should have a substantial rail erected along the sides thereof and the flooring should be planked.

That the Street Railway Company be requested to have this work done at as early a date as

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is possible and to keep the gates on the track closed at all times except when a car may be passing through the gate ways.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " Brown.

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to affix a seal of the City and sign the bond required by the Court in the sum of \$1000 for the administration of the rebate of Robert Beard deceased, by the City Clerk.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Coupland

That Mr. Tetley be instructed to prepare a statement of all the monies received by Mr Hamersley and for what purpose he received the same since he was City Solicitor.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by " Bethune

That the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Council held on Wednesday the 23rd in reference to the reduction of the salary of the Police Magistrate and forwarded to the Provincial Government be and is hereby approved by this Council at its regular meeting.

Carried

Notice of Motion

Alderman Coupland gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move that thirty days from said meeting that Mr Hamersley be notified that his services will not be required

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by the City.

The Board then adjourned.

Henry Collins

Mayor

Thos F McGuigan

City Clerk