

Slaughterhouses to Stay on the Shores of False Creek - May 29, 1899

Council overturned a request from Ward 5 citizens asking that they take the necessary steps to remove the slaughterhouses from the shores of False Creek. After hearing from Job Kelly complaining of language used towards him by Constable Wylie at the Police Station, the police were warned to be more respectful in future towards citizens.

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Vancouver May 29th 1899

The council met on Monday May 29th 1899. Present Acting Mayor Brown and Aldermen Grant McQueen, McPhaiden, McGuigan, Foreman, Wood and Bruce.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Chairman of the Park Commissioners advising that the steamboat landing which was swept away from Brockton Point be not replaced.
Referred to the Board of Ward 8

From D.C. Harrison Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council drawing attention to the flimsy character of certain buildings erected with the fire limits and asking for the appointment of a Building Inspector.
Referred to the Board of Ward 8

From the Secretary of the Trades & Labor Council asking for the passage of a By-Law compelling parties to weigh coal and number wood properly.
Referred to the Market Committee

From R. Byron Johnson et al asking the Council to take steps to prevent Geo E. Magee from erecting a wharf on False Creek.
Referred to the Board of Ward 8

From J. H. Shirley, C. M. C. Burnaby asking the Council to repair Dundas St.
Referred to the Board of Ward 8

From the Manager of the BC Electric Co. acknowledging receipt of communication asking him to construct a road from Hastings to the Park and to stop all crossings on the inter urban branch within the

City and promising to have the wishes Council carried into effect.
Filed.

From the Hon. F. C Cotton acknowledging receipt of communication asking him to construct a road from Hastings to Barnet and stating that on account of the cost it could not be done this year.
Referred to the Board of Ward 8

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

From H. T. Smith complaining of the delay in finishing the repairs to the library building.

Moved by Alderman Foreman
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan
That the City Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the free library building asking him to hurry up repairs thereto.

Carried.

From Wm. Towler & Alfonse Fairon asking the Council to take immediate steps to have the slaughter houses on Mount Pleasant removed.
Referred to the Board of Health

From Dr. McEwen stating that the scavengers in emptying the hospital soffit had damaged same.
Referred to the Board of Health

From Wm. Ralph that asking the Mayor to call a public meeting for the purpose of arranging for the celebration of the first of July.

Moved by Alderman McQueen
Seconded by Alderman Foreman.
That the Mayor be requested to call a public meeting in accordance with the wishes of the petitioners for Thursday June 1st at 8 p.m. Such meeting to be held in the Council Chambers new city Hall.
Carried

The following reports were received and read:

Fire and Police Committee

The Fire and Police Committee met on Tuesday, May 23, 1899.

Present Aldermen Gilmour, Skinner, Brown and Bruce.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Chas Woodward Supplies 6 cts
W.C. Marshall Drayage \$2.50
Valley Dairy Co. Supplies 1.45

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McDonnell & Co. Supplies	2.33
Adam Hicks Hack	3.00
Marshall & Son Supplies	10.25
Chief of Police Disbursements	1.20
W.J. McGuigan Inquiries	10.00

Communications

From W.A. Sutter, Detective, explaining matters in connection with an alleged burglary at the residence of R.A. Anderson.
Filed for reference.

From W. D. Ross asking for permission to carry firearms to protect his life.
Resolved that his request cannot be granted but that the Police be instructed to make an example of any person found molesting him.

From P.G. Fenton complaining that he did not receive justice at the hands of the Police Magistrate in a case he had against Wm. Byrell
Mr. Fenton did not put in an appearance. The Magistrate who was present explained matters to the satisfaction of the Board.

From Job Kelly complaining of language used towards him by Constable Wylie at the Police Station.
After hearing explanations from both parties, the charge was withdrawn but the Police were warned to be more respectful in future towards citizens.

From D.C. Harrison, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council stating that shanghaiing was being openly carried on in the city.
Referred to the Police for attention.

From C.W. Mouat, Secretary of the Clothiers & Furnishers of the City stating that certain mercantile houses were open and doing business on Sundays.
Referred to the Police to look after.

Sgd H.B Gilmour
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bruce
Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That the report be adopted.
Carried.

Water and Works Committee

The Water and Works Committee met on Friday, May 26th, 1899.
Present the full Board.

It was resolved to purchase a new boat for use at the Narrows.

It was moved by Alderman Gilmour that the renting of the City Hall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Water and Works Committee
Carried.

C.G. Henshaw's account for \$89.99 was passed subject to being found correct.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Armstrong & Morrison	Supplies	\$5194.44
C. S. Philp	Supplies	59.04
McDonald Bros	Drayage	1.25
James Robertson & Co.	Supplies	39.94
J. E. W. McFarlane	Supplies	1237.50
Van City Iron Works	Supplies	2.03
B. C. Mills	Supplies	19.38
L. Boens	Supplies	2.00
Boyd Burns & Co.	Supplies	91.20
Water Works PayRoll	Labor	1543.34

Sgd
Wm Brown

Moved by Alderman McGuigan
Seconded by Alderman McQueen
That the report be adopted.
Carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday, May 27th 1899. (*May 27th 1899 is a Saturday*)

Present the full Board.

Communications

From H.T. Ceperley and Oppenheimer Bros drawing attention to the fact that Geo. E. Magee was applying for permission to construct a wharf south of the lane in Block 15, D.L. 196 on False Creek and asking the Council to take steps to prevent same.
Referred to the City Solicitor

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From Messrs. Davis, Marshall & Macneill, Solicitors for the local creditors of the B.C. Iron Works asking if the City would accept 25 cents on the dollar on its account.
Filed

From J.D. Hall, Treasurer of the 1st of July Celebration Committee of 1898 furnishing statement of receipts and expenditures and a cheque for \$203.20 the unexpended balance.
Laid over for examination

From the Street Railway Co. furnishing tabulated statement of the tenders received for new Street Railway construction on Denman Street, Davie Street, and Granville Street, the lowest being \$17.260.
Filed for reference.

The following contracts were approved and authorized to be signed by the Mayor and City Council and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

Hugh Keefer Curbing on Hastings St.
Ironsides and Co. Paving on Hastings St

Sgd W.J. McQueen
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McQueen
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan
That the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on May 6th 1899
Present the full Board.

Communications

From the Mayor of New Whatcom re visit of himself and Council to inspect the streets.
Board of Works and acting Engineer to afford every information possible.

From Phelps Johnston re erection of Granville Street Bridge.
Clerk to reply by wire.

From B.C. Pottery Co, Victoria sending price list of sewer pipe.
Filed for reference.

From Archdeacon Pentreath asking for sidewalk on corner of Barclay & Cardero Streets.
Granted.

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From Father McGuckin asking permission to connect drainage from basement to sewer in lane.
Granted provided the work is done satisfactory to the Health Inspector as to [unreadable?].

From J.P. Largen et al asking for grading to be continued on Venables St.
Laid over for examination.

From H. Robinson et al asking for a six foot sidewalk on Raymur Avenue from Keefer Street to Hastings Street.
Referred to the Chairman & Ald Foreman.

From the City Engineer re landing stage at Brockton Point.
Moved that the Park Commissioners be asked to place float in a safe condition.

From A.C. Davidson applying for a position of Inspector on new city wharf.
Laid over.

From C.E. Tisdall MPP re road to Barnet requesting that City Engineering Staff report on same.
Resolved that Mr. Tisdall be notified that the Engineer will go over the ground and report.

From the City Clerk re foreshore rights on False Creek flats.
Filed for reference.

From Mortimore BrP et al complaining of manner of street sprinkling.
Laid over. Street Railway both to be asked to put on a sprinkler and do their track.

From Welsh & Nightingale et al requesting 10 ft. sidewalk on Westminster Ave.
Laid over.

Plans for Morris Block, Hastings St. and Lack & Co. Pender St were submitted and approved.
Plans for Hope, Graveley & Co. for South Dupont St. were processed subject to Health Inspectors examination.

The following accounts were recommended for payment.

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Robinson & Haskett Supplies	\$21.94
W. L. Tait	Supplies 41.15

The World P&P Co. Ads	6.60
The Province	' 6.60
News Advertiser	' 6.60
Wm Tyther Co. Supplies	121.40
Payroll Labor	2193.40
B. C. Mills T & T Co. Supplies	156.68

Resolved that the contractor for Nicola Street sewer be notified that the tunnel and trench must be made big enough so that the Inspector can examine joints without danger.

Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to draw the attention of the Police to the posts and awnings now up and that they must make parties remove them.

The following new ward was directed to be drawn:

Ward 3

Sidewalk on north side of Hastings Street from lane to Columbia Avenue.

Ward 4

Sidewalk on north side of Harris Street from Campbell Avenue to Raymur Avenue

Box drain on Prior St; about 175 ft

Jackson Avenue, Six ft. sidewalk on Keefer St to alley way.

Sgd. Alex Bruce
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bruce
Seconded by Alderman Grant
That the report be adopted.
Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Wood
Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners of Ward 5, this Council does hereby give the Health Inspector and City Solicitor instructions to take the necessary proceedings as provided in the City Charter to cause the removal of the slaughter houses from the shores of False Creek.

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Moved by Alderman Bruce

Seconded by Alderman McQueen

That notice be sent to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that the City being entitled to the foreshore of Burrard Inlet on Cambie, Abbott and Carrall Streets, the Company be requested not to fill in or carry on any work thereon without first having made arrangements with the City Council concerning the same.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McQueen

Seconded by Alderman Grant

That G.H. Mitchell be paid the sum of \$10.00 being the amount allowed him by the Chairman and Chief of the Fire Department on an exchange of horses, the horse exchanged by the City being our belonging to the hose wagon at his own Fire Hall and considered as useful for fire purposes.

Carried.

Unfinished Business

Under the head of unfinished business, it was moved by Alderman McGuigan,

Seconded by Alderman McQueen.

That the tenders received for Kalsomining [sic] the old city hospital be open and considered.

Carried.

The following were received:

J. T. W. Jay	\$89.00
McDonnell + Sykes	116.00
P. J. Barrett	178.00
Delarge Bros.	119.00

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman McQueen

That the contract be awarded to F.T.W. Jay

Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Bruce

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the following By-Laws be read a second time:

- a. A By-Law to raise the sum of \$6600 for wood block paving Hastings Street from Granville St to Burrard St;
- b. A By-Law to raise \$9600 for curbing, grading etc Hastings Street from Granville Street to Burrard St;

These By-Laws were accordingly read a second time.

Moved by Alderman McQueen
Seconded by Alderman Grant
That the following By-Laws be read a second time
A By-Law to amend By-Law No. 256
Carried.

In Committee they were read over clause by clause and reported to Council as Complete without amendment.

Moved by Alderman McQueen
Seconded by Alderman Bruce
The Rules were suspended and the By-Laws read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McQueen Seconded by Alderman Bruce.

The Council thus adjourned.

James A. Gardner
Mayor

W.J. McGuigan
City Clerk