***Dominion of Canada asked to grant False Creek Tidal Flats east of Westminster Avenue Bridge to City; two unvaccinated passengers develop* smallpox; B.C. Electric Railway Co. service unsatisfactory.**

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Vancouver January 7th 1901

The City Council met on Monday, January 7th 1901.  
Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Grant, Townley, McGuigan, McPhaiden, Foreman, Barker and Baxter  
The Minutes of three previous meetings were read and adopted

**COMMUNICATIONS**

From G.R. Maxwell, M.P. enclosing a copy of a letter received by him from the Hon Sir L.H. Davis in reference to False Creek Flats  
Laid over for motion.

From Chas Woodward recommending that the papers be paid for publishing matter in reference to False Creek.  
Filed.

From the Cemetery Caretaker recommending certain reforms at the Cemetery  
Referred to the Health Committee.

From A.E. Goodman etal recommending repairs to Thurlow Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Police reporting on the electric lights.  
Filed

From the Chief of Police furnishing Annual Report.  
Filed

From Henry T. Thrift Hazelmere acknowledging receipt of petitions re railway etc in Fraser Valley.  
Filed

From Evans, Coleman & Evans asking for a light on their wharf.  
Referred to the Light Committee

From D.M. Stewart asking for the return of the Laundry License paid by him.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From G.F. Cane, Solicitor for Daniel McCarthy demanding the return of $297.25 taken from him when arrested.  
Referred to the City Solicitor

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From Alderman McPhaiden furnishing Annual Light Report.  
Filed

From the Medical Health Officer and Health Inspector furnishing Annual Report.

Moved by Alderman McGuigan  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the Reports be published  
Carried.

From Messrs. Bowser, Godfrey & Co serving Writ of Injunction on the City in re Linton Shacks  
Referred to the City Solicitor

From D.G. Macdonell etal serving writ of Summons re the cutting down of Davie Street  
Referred to the City Solicitor

The following Reports were received and read:-  
  
**Water and Market Report**  
  
The Water and Market Committee met on Monday January 7th 1901.  
Present Aldermen Foreman, McQueen, Baxter and Townley.

A communication was received from James Somers offering Lot 705, Block 160, North Vancouver, as follows:- 40 to 60 acres at $3.50 per acre or $2.50 an acre for the whole lot.  
Referred to the City Solicitor

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| City Grocery Co | $6.00 |
| G.W. Dunlap & Co. | .82 |
| Shelton & Co. | 29.35 |
| John Warner | 9.75 |
| Van City Iron Works | 12.00 |
| Boyd Burns & Co. | 14.18 |
| Hastings Mill | 13.36 |
| ThS. Dunn | 36.25 |
| J. Carnahan | 12.00 |
| Jas Robertson Co. | 67.45 |
| W. Newman | 45.00 |
| N. Livere | 10.25 |
| Water Works Pay Roll | 338.53 |

sgd C.F. Foreman  
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

**Health Committee**

The Health Committee met on Saturday January 5th 1901.  
Present Aldermen McGuigan, Grant and Foreman

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| W.M. Stewart | Washing | $138.03 | |
| S. Fader & Co. | Supplies | 52.75 | |
| J.S. Smith | Supplies | 55.20 | |
| W.A. Brown | Repairs | 5.55 | |
| Wm Ball | Watching | 49.00 | |
| Dan Campbell | Watching | 46.50 | |
| J. Carnahan | Scavengering | 18.75 | |
| Jas Hughes | Repairs | 2.25 | |
| Champion & White | Scavengering | .50 | |
| Wm Urquhart | Supplies | 35.00 | |
| B.C. M. T & T. Co | Supplies | 17.07 | |
| Victoria Electrical Works | Supplies | 375.00 | |
| Van Transfer Co. | Express | .50 | |
| Hygienic Creamery | Supplies | 74.63 | |
| Gas Co. | Meter Rent | 11.30 | |
| Ivan Bushong | Repairs | 5. | |
| F. Humphrey | Supplies | 8.50 | |
| B.C. Elec Ry Co | Supplies | 9.50 | ~~1.50~~ |
| J.K. Davis | Glazing | 1.50 | ~~1.75~~ |
| R. Marrion | Supplies etc | 1.75 | ~~150.18~~ |
| Burrard Inlet Meat Co. | Supplies etc | 150.18 | ~~2.~~ |
| W. Waite | Labor | 2.00 | ~~10.~~ |
| Mrs Moore | Nursing | 10.00 | ~~2.25~~ |
| Henry Eppinger | Labor | 2.25 | ~~13.02~~ |
| J.S. McKenzie | Supplies | 13.02 | ~~11.00~~ |
| Henderson BrS | Supplies | 11.00 | ~~25.33~~ |
| Thomson Stationery Co | Supplies | 25.33 | ~~35.~~ |
| J. Sibbald | Nursing | 35.00 | ~~54.04~~ |
| City Grocery Co | Supplies | 54.04 | |
| I.M. Maclean | Med Attendance | 85.00 | |
| G. Drysdale | Supplies | 15.10 | |

CommunicationsFrom the Medical Health Officer, Health Inspector, Lodgings House Inspector, Ambulance Contractor and Crematory Caretaker furnishing Reports.  
Filed.

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From the Health Inspector stating that he was proceeded against for trespass by Tong Chung and asking that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the case.  
Resolved  
That the Council’s attention be drawn to the Report of the Health Inspector regarding the suit instituted against him and would recommend that the City Solicitor’s attention be called to the matter.

Resolved  
That the City Clerk call the attention of the proper authorities that is the Dominion Government to the inefficient manner in which inspection of passengers was carried out at Sumas on the Boundary whereby unvaccinated passengers were permitted to pass through on the 8th of December, two of whom developed small pox upon their arrival at Vancouver, and the danger of infection and expenses incurred by the City thereby.

The Health Inspector reported that a Mrs Brown had taken the infant child of Mrs Wilson at a charge of $20.00 for month.

A Satisfactory report was received from Aldermen Grant and Foreman regarding the removal of the house at the Cemetery.

Resolved that an electric appartus [sic apparatus] be purchased for the City Hospital at a cost of $3900 and the account paid.

Resolved that the Health Inspector make Satisfactory arrangements regarding the ambulance and report to the Health Committee regarding the same.

Resolved that a Book of Car Tickets be purchased for J.P. Wright and given to him from time to time, as required by the Health Inspector.

sgd W.J. McGuigan  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McGuigan  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

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**Light, Railway & Tramway Committee**  
  
The Light, Railway and Tramway Committee met on January 2nd 1901.  
Present the full Board.

Resolved  
That the attention of the B.C. Electric Ry Co be drawn to the fact that the globes of the street lights are in a filthy condition and that they be requested to take steps to have them cleaned;

Also that they be asked why the new lights are not installed, and further that they be notified that their lighting service in general does not give satisfaction and must be improved upon.

sgd D. McPhaiden  
Chairman

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

**Fire and Police Committee**  
The Fire and Police Committee met on Saturday Dec 29th 1900.  
Present Aldermen Wood, McPhaiden and Barker

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| E. Larsen | Uniforms | $337. |
| C.N. Mylins | Boat hire | .75 |
| R.V. Palmer | Supplies | 173.00 |
| J. Michael | Labor | 11.90 |
| Donaldson Trading Co. | Supplies | 133.75 |
| J.H. Carlisle | Disbursements | 32.00 |
| W.S. Young | Interpreting | 4.00 |
| B.C. M. T & T. Co | Supplies | 11.90 |
| Robt. Clark | Supplies | 29.75 |
| J. Dodson | Supplies | 19.25 |
| R.G. Macpherson | Supplies | 3.10 |
| J. Greenwell | Repairs | 10.66 |

The Police were instructed to prevent shooting on False Creek.

sgd W.A. Wood  
Chairman

The Report was adopted on motion of Alderman McPhaiden. Seconded by Ald Barker.

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**Finance Committee**  
The Finance Committee met on Monday January 7th 1901  
Present Aldermen McQueen, Barker and Baxter

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| The World P&P. Co. | Ads | $56.50 |
| C.P.R Cos Telegraph | Telegrams | 3.21 |
| B.C. Elec Ry Co | Lights | 2379.57 |
| G.E. Macdonald & Co | Supplies | 14.03 |
| ThS. Dunn & Co. | Supplies | 10.99 |
| A. St. G. Hamersley | Disbursements | 89.92 |
| News [-] Advertiser | Ads | 60.84 |
| G.A. Roedde | Supplies | 14.50 |
| Thomson Stationery Co. | Supplies | 16.32 |
| B.C. Gazette | Ads | 338.00 |
| A. St. G. Hamersley | Disbursements | 150.00 |
| N. Lepere | Labor | 3.00 |
| The Province | Ads | 64.55 |

The City Clerk presented the By-Law for the closing of the lane in Block 29, D.L. 541, and asking for instructions.  
He was instructed to forward it for publication in the B.C. Gazette as we recommend that no charge be made to McLennan and McFeely for the piece of land in question

sgd Jas McQueen  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Barker  
Seconded by Alderman Grant.  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

**Board of Works**  
The Board of Works met on Thursday January 3, 1901 at 4 P.M.  
Present Aldermen Grant, Neelands, McPhaiden and Foreman.

Communications   
  
From J.J. Batten re running walk on 7th Av Fairview  
Filed.

From R. Whittington re drainage of manure on to Lot at 1045 Haro Street  
Referred to the Health Inspector

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The City Engineer submitted draft of a letter to the Minister of Marine re application of ChS. H. Cates which was approved.

The Annual Report of the Board of Works was read and approved for submission to the Council

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Robertson & Hackett | Supplies | $3.45 |
| Western Cartage Co. | Drayage | 24.55 |
| Van Gas Co. | Supplies | 7.00 |
| W.L. Tait | Supplies | 7.15 |
| J. Carnahan | Scavengering | 1.50 |
| Van City Iron Works | Supplies | 228.26 |
| Ironside & Co. | Nicola Street | 495.00 |

sgd Robt Grant  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Grant  
Seconded by Alderman Barker.  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

**Motions**  
Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
That a Court of Revision for the revising of the Assessment Roll be held on Wednesday the 27th of February at 11 A.M.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Grant,  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
That the Board of Works with the City Engineer be appointed with power to act to meet the General Manager of the Street Railway with a view of devising means for the removal of the snow, Said meeting to be held on Tuesday at 9. A.M.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Grant  
Seconded by Alderman Baxter  
That the Chief of Police be notified that clause 29 in the Street By-Law be enforced  
Motion withdrawn: Clerk to notify the Police to enforce By-Law

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Moved by Alderman Baxter  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
Whereas a grant to the City of Vancouver of all those tidal flats situate [d] within the limits of the City known as the False Creek Tidal Flats lying east of Westminster Avenue Bridge is about to be made by the Government of the Dominion of Canada  
And whereas it is desirable in the interest of the City that the grant should recite the purposes and objects with which the same is made, and the uses to which the said tidal flats shall be put to when reclaimed to the intent that the grant of the said lands should be made to the Corporation of the City in trust for certain purposes therein set out.  
And whereas the City is not now possessed of any lands that can be exclusively used for industrial and manufacturing purposes  
And whereas it is in the best interests of the City that the industries and manufacturers should be encouraged and instituted within the limits of the City  
Be it therefore resolved that the Hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries be requested to arrange that the grant of the said tidal flats when made to the said City shall be made on the condition that the lands so granted shall be used for industrial manufacturing and business purposes and that the City of Vancouver be authorized by the said grant to lease the said lands or any part thereof to any person or Corporation to enable them to carry on Industrial, Manufacturing or business enterprises or undertakings thereon.  
And that the said grant should recite that it is made on the condition and with the intention that the said lands are to be used for industrial manufacturing and business purposes and objects.  
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Baxter  
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden  
That whereas the Provincial Government has granted to the City of Vancouver any rights which they may have to that portion of False Creek lying to the east of the Westerly boundary…

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… of Carrall Street produced Southerly.  
Be it therefore resolved that the Dominion Government be ask[ed] to make this additional grant when making the proposed grant of the False Creek Flats east of Westminster Avenue Bridge.  
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Baxter.  
Seconded by Alderman Barker.  
That G.R. Maxwell M.P. be requested to suggest to the Dominion Government that provision be made in connection with the grant of False Creek Tidal Flats for an expeditious and economical method by which claims for foreshore or other rights on the Tidal Flats can be settled.  
Carried

The Council then adjourned until Monday January 14th 1901 at 11 A.M.

James F. Garden  
Mayor

ThS F. McGuigan  
City Clerk