

City Demands Details on Reservoir, Robson Street streetcar - August 19, 1895

The Plumbing Inspector reported there was "no foundation" for E. Nicoll's injury claim due to falling into a ditch on Pender Street. The City Engineer to deliver details on each payment made during the construction of the reservoir and the details of the Robson Street streetcar agreement. September 2 1895 declared a public holiday for Labour Day. BC Government representative W. S. Gore informed Vancouver and South Vancouver that there were no funds to build a sidewalk to the Cemetery.

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C. F. Foreman Grocer, northeast corner of Westminster Ave (Main Street) and Princess (Pender) Street ca. 1895

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Vancouver August 19th 1895

The Council met on Monday August 19th 1895 at 8 P. M.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

### **Communications**

From J. W. Johnston reporting on the electric lights.  
Filed

From G. W. Jamieson etal asking for the opening up of a lane between Prince Edward & Scotia Streets.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From W. C. Macey etal asking that Ward 5 west of Centre Street be added to Ward one.  
Filed

From Canonica & Roberts proprietors of the SunnySide Hotel be allowed to place grates in the sidewalk as asked for by petition subject to the approval of the City Engineer.  
Carried

From F. P. Bishop, Secretary of the Trades & Labor Council sending complimentary tickets for the Labor Day excursion to Nanaimo on Monday September 2nd 1895 and asking the Mayor to proclaim Monday the 2nd prox a public holiday.

Moved by Alderman Gallagher  
Seconded by " Queen

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That the invitation be accepted with thanks and that the Mayor proclaim Monday the 2nd September a public holiday.

Carried

From Mrs. E. Gold asking permission to erect an iron addition to the Albion Hotel.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From J. Buntzen etal regarding the grading of Robson Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From F. Allen asking for the opening up of Bidwell Street to Coal Harbour.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From John Evans etal asking for assistance to send the widow of John Johnston home.  
Referred to the Health Committee

From Harris, McGill & Welsh Bros etal asking the Council to pay the accounts for material furnished Messrs Purdy & Williams on the Reservoir Contract.  
Referred to the City Solicitor

From Geo Martin, Clerk of South Vancouver, stating that his Council would cooperate with the City Council in petitioning the Government to lay a sidewalk to the Cemetery.  
Filed

From W. S. Gore, Dept. Comm. Of Lands & Works stating that there were no funds to build a sidewalk to the Cemetery.  
Filed

From W. S. Gore stating that the Provincial Government would willingly consent to to the issue of a lease by the Indian Department to the City on the Kapilano.  
Referred to the Water & Light Committee

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From Geo. W. Robertson asking for a hydrant on the corner of 8th Av & Gore St.  
Referred to the Water & Light Committee

From J. Buntzen stating that according to their agreement they were not required to run cars on Granville Street south of Robson oftener than every 30 minutes.  
Referred to the City Solicitor

From J. Twigge asking for permission to construct a building covered with corrugated iron on Lots 7 & 8 D 13. 196.

Moved by Alderman Bethune  
Seconded by " Gallagher  
That the matter be referred to the City Solicitor for report thereon.  
Carried

From T. A. Fee asking for street improvements.  
Laid over

The following reports were received and read:

### **Water & Light Committee**

The Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday August 14th 1895.  
Present: The Full Board

### **Communications**

From Welsh Bros etal asking payment of accounts contracted by Purdy & Williams on the reservoir contract.  
The Committee consider that the City is not responsible for these accounts and cannot therefore pay them.

From W. T. Steward making an offer from the Western Electric Light Heating & Power Co for the lighting of the City by electricity contract to be signed by both parties within two months.  
It was resolved to accept Mr Steward's offer but contract must be signed within 30 days instead of 60.

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The Foreman's report for the month of July was received and filed.

It was resolved to lay a six inch pipe on Sough Granville Street from the 12' pipe to the bridge.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Thos Dunn & Co Supplies \$38.91  
John Boyd & Co " 23.04  
Crowder & Penzer " 24.67  
McLennan & McFeely " 7.55  
Clarke & Stuart " 7.18  
Evans, Coleman & Evans " 2.85  
C.F. Foreman " 2.95

Vancouver Gas Co Gas .50  
Vancouver Hardware Co Supplies 5.40  
W. Fowler Valve boxes etc 80.75  
Reservoir Pay Roll 159.10  
Water Works Pay Roll 583.00

Sgd W. Brown  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clandenning  
Seconded by " Brown  
That the clause in reference to the electric light contract be referred back to the Committee.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Bethune  
Seconded by " Coupland  
That the report as amended be adopted.  
Carried

#### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 16th 1895.  
Present: Aldermen Bethune, Brown, Coupland and Clandenning.

Moved by Brown that Alderman Bethune be appointed Chairman.  
Carried

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#### **Communications**

From the Board of Works asking the Committee to furnish \$100 for fixing Seymour Street in front of Fire Hall No 2.

Resolved that the Board of Works be informed that the Finance Committee has no funds for that purpose.

From M. D. Keyser Verbuish stating that he would be in Vancouver on Saturday and would meet the Finance Committee before noon.

Resolved that the Committee met him at 10 o'clock.

The communication from the Provincial Board of Trade laid over at the last meeting was on motion filed.

The City Clerk was instructed to communicate again with Hanson Bros informing them that the City desired to know who held the City debentures with a view to their repurchase.

The lease for Hastings Park Race Course was again submitted and finally approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign same and affix the City Seal thereto.

Resolved that the party who has squatted on the foreshore of False Creek south of Westminster Avenue buildings on the west side of the bridge be notified that he will be required to enter into an agreement with the City for a yearly lease on the grounds occupied by him.

Resolved that the contract of D. Gibbons for the grading of Barclay Street be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same and affix the City Seal thereto.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

C. L. Brown Salary on Account \$60.00

News Advertiser Supplies 16.30

E. Clough Drayage 1.00

Crowder & Penzer Supplies 14.55

Sgd A. Bethune  
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Coupland

Seconded by " Bethune

That the report be adopted.

Carried

### **Board of Works**

The Board of Works met on the 15th of August 1895.

Present Aldermen Shaw, Queen and Sanders.

### **Communications**

From Robertson & Hackett making application for use of sidewalk opposite Lots 3 & 4, Block 43, D. L. 541. Granville Street for building purposes, also submitting plans of the Twigge Block to be erected there.

Resolved that the plans submitted be approved being found to conform to the requirements of the Fire Limit By Law.

Resolved that permission be granted to Robertson and Hackett to use the sidewalk portion only for building purposes subject to their furnishing a suitable bond.

Mr. Scoullar Plumbing Inspector reported verbally with regard to E. Nicoll's claim against the City for damages for alleged injury caused by falling into a ditch on Pender Street and stated that there was no foundation for the claim.

Resolved that Mr. Nicoll's communication be filed.

Resolved that the Plumbing Inspector be requested to see that the plumbers comply with the City By Laws in regard to putting up lights and guards at open ditches and affording every possible protection to the City By Laws.

The City Solicitor reported that he had written to the Consolidated Ry & Light Co re grading on Robson Street in accordance with the terms

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of their agreement with the City and that they had refused to do so.  
The whole question was referred to the full Council to decide.

From the City Solicitor stating that the "Morton Appeal" against the Assessment had been withdrawn on the terms of the resolution passed by the Council.  
Filed for reference

From R. M. Tripp asking if there is a By Law to compel owners to cut down brush etc on vacant property.  
The City Solicitor stated there was such a by law.

From C. B. MacNeill re the state of Robson Street west of Nicola Street.  
Laid over the matter of making Robson Street passable being in abeyance between the City and the Street Railway Co.

Resolved that the Finance committee be requested to furnish sufficient money to get Seymour Street fixed up with either gravel or some other material in front of Fire Hall No. 2.

Resolved that the matter of changing the curb at Carrall Street in order to make the necessary approach to roadway in front of the new Horne Block be left to the Engineer to attend to.

Resolved that the Ward Foreman be instructed to fix the planking on Carrall Street leading to the R.C.P. Mills.

From Davis, Marshall & McNeill submitting an assignment from W. H. Kendall to E. J. Kendall.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved that tenders be called for the following new work up to 4 P.M. on Thursday next the 22nd inst.

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Haro Street Surface grading 30 ft wide west of Nicola St.  
Denman St grading trail 7 ½ " " from Georgia to Beach Av

Resolved that His Worship, the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign Barclay Street contract and attach the City Seal thereto.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:  
Vancouver Hardware Co Supplies \$44.20  
Thos Dunn & Co " 56.34  
Crowder & Penzer " 20.00  
E. Clough Drayage 2.50  
Cassady & Co " 194.69

D. Gibbons Dundas St 100.  
Thomas etal Labor 458.5  
Westminster Av Pay Roll 201.25

Sgd A.P. Shaw  
Chairman

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

### **Motions**

Moved by Alderman Gallagher  
Seconded by " Coupland  
That the Engineer furnish this Council with a statement showing the dates and the amount of each estimate he gave the contractors on the reservoir and show the value of work and material furnished at the date of each estimate.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher  
Seconded by " Coupland

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That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare a profile and copy of all details arranged by him with the Street Railway Co on Robson Street said report to be furnished by next meeting.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Shaw  
Seconded by " Queen  
That T. A. Fee be allowed to surface grade Broughton Street and lay a 3 foot running sidewalk on the same where he has reference to in his communication and that he have the cost thereof refunded to him as soon as the Finance Committee has the amount at their disposal. That the City Engineer be required to give an estimate of the same and that T. A. Fee be paid on the basis of this estimate.  
Laid over for one week to get a report from the City Engineer as to the cost of the work

Moved by Alderman Brown  
Seconded by " Clandenning  
That the Council accept the offer made by Mr. Steward as contained in his letter of the 12th August 1895.  
That the duration of the contract shall be 10 years but the City shall have the rights to purchase the plant connected with the lighting at any time during that period at actual value of plant at time of purchase. That Mr. Steward shall execute an agreement with satisfactory bond for the carrying of it out containing the above and such other conditions as may be considered necessary to protect the City's

whereas to with 30 days from date.  
Referred to the City Solicitor to prepare an

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agreement on the above basis.

### **Consideration of By laws**

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Coupland

That the By Law to amend By Law No 118, Ward By Law be read a second time.

Carried

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration with Alderman Brown in the Chair.

The By Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments.

It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Gallagher seconded by Alderman Queen and ordered to be signed sealed and gazetted.

### **Notice of Motion**

Alderman Coupland gave notice that he intended to bring in a by law to amend the Plumbing By Law.

The Council then adjourned.

Henry Collins

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk