

City Bathing Sheds Come Down May 1 - April 25, 1898

*City Bathing Sheds caretaker Frank Morgan Caretaker was advised to remove his own building and appurtenances as soon as possible as the City cannot give him any extension after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1898. Photo inscription reads, "In order: English Bay Club | Simpson's Boat house | Denman St. | Bath houses, First pavilion | chute | campers in tents | Indian Reserve"*

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Item : Be P2 - [English Bay beach], ca. 1898

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Vancouver April 25<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The Council met on Monday April 25th 1898.

Present- His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen Painter, Townley, McQueen, Neelands, McPhaiden, McGuigan, Foreman, McMorran and Bruce.

The minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings were read and adopted.

### **Communications**

From R. Marpole, Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway replying to inquiries made by Council in reference to the importation of material from outside parties for use on the terminal building site. Filed.

From the Chief of Police reporting on the Electric Lights.  
Filed.

From a large number of petitioners asking that funds be provided for the construction of a City Wharf at the foot of Heatley Avenue.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Dr. Underhill asking for the appointment of public analyst.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From R. Leighton, Secretary of the Jockey Club asking for the renewal of the lease of the Jockey Club grounds on the same terms as last year.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Police magistrate asking for leave of absence.  
Filed.

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From Mason & Co. asking for a water main through and along 14<sup>th</sup> Av.  
Referred to the Water Committee.

From Mason & Co. calling attention to water and refuse from dwellings on 5<sup>th</sup> Av. obstructing his property.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From The Vananda Copper and Gold Co. making a proposition for the erection of a smelter in or near Vancouver.  
Laid over to be considered at an adjourned meeting of the Council.

From E. Odum et al asking the Council to make provision for the disposal of sewage instead of running it into English Bay or False Creek.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read:-

#### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1898.  
Present – Aldermen McQueen, Painter, McGuigan and Bruce.  
The following account were recommended for payment:-

Board of Trade Pamphlets	\$250.00
Wm Vaughan Clerical work	13.50
Edwards BrS. Supplies	.60

#### **Communications**

From James Ker Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council asking the City to provide a free Recreation Ground in Stanley Park.  
Laid over to be considered with other Park matters. The City Clerk was instructed to write to the owners of the vacant block in front of the Secord

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House and ascertain what it can be purchased for, for recreation grounds.

From Thomson BrS. stating that they were preparing a Guide Book and objecting to the proposition of A.F. Morris who applied for a grant for a similar purpose.  
Referred to the Chairman and Alderman Brown.

From Geo. H. Maxwell, Esq. M.P. stating that he had secured a letter box for the New City Hall.  
Filed.

From W. M. Machan making an offer to erect a smelter in Vancouver.  
Laid over. Filed.

Sgd. Jas McQueen  
Chairman.

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

### **Health Committee**

The Health Committee met on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1898.  
Present – the full Board.  
The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.  
The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Champion & White Supplies	\$ 4.00
City Grocery Co.	" 90.74
Nelson Drug Co.	" 1.85
F.A. Lee	Hack Hire 1.00
Hofkirk & Spence	Supplies 5.50
Dominion Fish Co.	" 21.94
Stevens & Co.	" .75
Mining Critic	" 5.00
F. Ellison	" 93.84
Valley Dairy Co.	" 90.00

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J. C. Woodrow.	Supplies	\$53.50
Gross & McNeill	Drayage	2.50
Pioneer Steam Laundry	Washing	70.40
Van Gas Co.	Meter rents	3.25
Ths. Dunn & Co.	Supplies	9.22
Layfield & Co.	"	4.15
McDowell & Co.	"	63.75
Chs. Hach	"	9.90

Resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to plant another row of plants on the North side of the new portion of the Cemetery leaving a 16 ft drive only.

From A.M. Robertson Esq M.D. Secretary of the Hospital Medical Board Stating that the Board were considering Rules for the Womens Ward.

From J. King resigning his position of Cook, at the City Hospital to take effect on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May next. Resolved that his resignation be accepted and applications called for the position of Cook and Assistant Cook.

From R. Marrion reporting that the premises F.K. Silverman were in an unsanitary condition and advising that he be compelled to connect with the Sewers, also from K. Silverman stating that he was unable to connect.

Resolved that the owners be notified that unless connection is made at once that the City will do the work and charge or garnish the property.

From R. Marrion asking for an increase of Salary.

Moved by Alderman Foreman.

Seconded by " Bruce.

That we recommend that his salary be increased \$10.00 per month dating from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Carried

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Resolved that the lattice work at the City Hospital be left in the hands of the City Engineer.

Sgd. W.J. McGuigan

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McGuigan

Seconded by " Bruce.

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

### **Board of Works.**

The Board of Works met on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1898.

Present – the full Board.

### **Communications**

From Frank Morgan Caretaker City Bathing Sheds asking for permission to allow his premises to remain where they are for six months.

Resolved that Mr. Morgan be notified that it is the intention of this Board to have the City Bathing Sheds removed and that he is required to remove his own building and appurtenances as soon as possible as the City cannot give him any extension after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1898.

From Messrs Macdowell and Deacon on behalf of clients objecting to the Bathing Sheds & C being on Burnaby Street and asking that same be removed or else legal proceedings will be entered into for their removal from the Street.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion at the next meeting.

From Alex Fays asking for work in Ward 5.

Referred to the Engineer and Ald McMorran

Af. Griffiths asking that 5<sup>th</sup> Av M Pleasant be opened two blocks further west. Laid over.

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From T.A. Lee referring to filling done by him on Broughton Street and claiming compensation.

Resolved that he be referred to former notification in this matter and be informed that the City does not consider itself liable.

From Ross & Co. in reference to the matter of permission asked by Braden & Co to erect a brick wall at Lot 9. Block 11. D.L. 541.

Laid over.

From E.B. Morgan asking the City not to consider any application for erection of any building or wall on lots 7, 8 or 9. Block 11. DL. 541 unless said application is made personally by himself as manager for the owners of the property.

Filed for reference.

Mr. Mallory submitted a sketch showing proposed extension to kitchen at Metropole Hotel.

Permission was not granted. Mr. Mallory being instructed to make the plans conform to the requirements of the Fire Limit Bylaw.

The specifications for the delivery of crushed rock after some minor alterations were approved.

Resolved that the foremen for the respective wards be ordered to attend to the following work:-

Ward One.

Georgia Street: Cut down South Side from Jarvis to Nicola Streets.

Hornby Street: lay 6 ft. walk on west side for two blocks between Davie and Pacific Streets.

Third Av Fairview: Lay 6 ft sidewalk on south Side for two blocks west.

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Ward Two.

Granville Street: To lay full width single dressed sidewalk on East side from Georgia to Cornwall with existing new walk and also on the west side from Georgia to Robson.

Georgia Street: To lay full width single dressed sidewalk on South Side from Granville to Howe Street.

Davie Street: Graded from Granville to Howe.

Drake " : " " " " "

Ward Three.

Cordova Street: East 6 ft single dressed sidewalk on the South Side from Dunlevy Avenue to Oppenheimer Av. 1 block.

Ward Four.

Princess Street: To lay crossing and a 6 foot sidewalk on the South Side from Campbell Avenue to Raymur Avenue.

Ward Five.

To fill in on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Mr. Steves' house.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Evans Coleman & Evans	Supplies	\$ 8.00
Robertson & Hackett	"	13.00
McLeod & Cooke	"	.75
B.C. & T.& T. Co.	"	337.32

sgd A.J. Painter  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Painter.

Seconded by " McQueen.

That the Reports be adopted.

Carried.

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### **Motions**

Moved by Alderman McQueen.

Seconded by " Foreman.

That this Council urgently requests the Dominion government to put a sufficient sum in the Estimates to provide for the erection of a suitable drill shed in this City and pray that the erection of the same be proceeded with on as early a date as possible and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to Mr. Maxwell the Member for the District of Burrard.

Carried.

### **Notice of Motion**

Alderman Painter gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he will introduce a By-Law to amend the Street Number By-Law.

Moved by Alderman Townley.

Seconded by " McMorran.

That the Council stand adjourned until Tuesday at 2 P.M.

Carried.

James T. Garden

Mayor

May 2/98

Thos F. McGuigan

City Clerk