

Committees Begin the Work of 1898 - January 24, 1898

*Committees reported back re Chairman elected and meeting dates established. Finance Committee had decided on suppliers to the City for Wood, Sawdust, Bread, Milk, Meat, Feed and Washing.*

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Panoramic View 1898

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Vancouver January 24<sup>th</sup> 1898

The Council met on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> 1898

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

### **Communications**

From A. St. G. Hamersley, stating that he had already reported on the Thompson Brothers case.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From W.S. Copeland et al, asking that a portion of English Bay Beach be cleared of rocks.  
Referred to the Board of Works with the recommendation that the work be carried out.

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

From R.E. Gosnell, asking the City to purchase copies of the Provincial Annual Report.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Thos P. Stretch et al, asking that the sidewalk about to be built on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue be laid on the south side.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Johnson & Burnet, asking for a share of the civic Insurance.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From W.H. Wood, Secretary of the Bicycle Club furnishing the Council with copies of the Good Roads Circulars.  
Filed

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From M. C. McLean asking for the use of the Market shed and a grant of \$100 for the Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association.

Referred to the Market & Finance Committees.

From S. Thompson, asking that the square at the intersection of Carrall, Water, Powell and Alexander Streets be fixed up.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From R.A. Lambert inviting the Mayor and Council to pay him a visit and inspect his School of Placer Mining at 316 Water Street.

Resolved that his invitation be accepted with thanks.

The following Reports were received and read:

### **Annual Report of Library Board**

Alderman Wm Brown, Chairman of the Free Library Board submitted the Annual Report of his Board which was received and filed.

### **Fire and Police Committee**

The Fire and Police Committee met on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Present: the full Board

Moved by Alderman McQueen

Seconded by Alderman Townley

That Alderman McMorran be appointed Chairman and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in each month be fixed as the regular days of meeting at 4pm.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Townley

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

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### **Health Committee**

The Health Committee met on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Present: the full Board

Moved by Alderman McQueen

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That Alderman McGuigan be appointed Chairman and that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 4pm be

appointed as the regular days of meeting.

Signed W.J. McGuigan,  
Chairman

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

### **Light Railway & Tramway Committee**

The Light Railway & Tramway Committee met on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Present: the full Board

Moved by Alderman Painter;  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
That Alderman McPhaiden be appointed Chairman and that the regular meeting be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4pm.  
Carried.

Signed D. McPhaiden,  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden;  
Seconded by Alderman Painter  
That the Report be adopted.  
Chairman {sic. *Note: the correct word should be carried, not chairman*}

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### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> 1897.

Present: the full Board

Moved by Alderman Brown  
Seconded by Alderman Painter  
That Alderman McQueen be appointed Chairman and that the regular meetings be held on each Friday at 4pm.  
Carried.

The Board met again on Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 1898.

Present: the full Board

Tenders for supplies for the year were received and considered. It was recommended that the following accounts be accepted:

Wood Duthie & Trudgeon

Sawdust Champion & White

Bread Joseph Dodson

Milk Valley Dairy Co

Meat J.C. Woodrow

Feed Crowder & Penzer

Washing D.M. Stewart

The following were laid over for further consideration:

Burial of Pauper Dead, Coal, Green Groceries, General Groceries, Printing, Binding, Stationery, Advertising and Drugs.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Thos F. McGuigan disbursements \$.25 Thomas

Clough express hire \$6.00

F.L. Prior disbursements \$2.50

R.G. Tatlow salary as Park Com. 1890-7 \$8.00

A communication was received from J.C. McLagan asking the City to subscribe for a number of copies of the Klondike Edition of the World

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Referred to the Chairman and Alderman Brown with power to act, the City Clerk to communicate with W. T. Cooksley, New Westminster to ascertain what he would charge for distributing copies in the east.

Sgd. James McQueen  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McQueen  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the clause in reference to the awarding of the Sawdust contract be referred back to the Committee and that the balance of the Report be adopted.

Carried.

### **Board of Works**

The Board of Works met on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Present: the full Board

Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman McMorran

That Alderman Painter be appointed Chairman and that each Thursday at 4pm be appointed as the regular day of meeting.

Carried.

Sgd

H.J. Painter

Chairman

Moved by Alderman McMorran

Seconded by Alderman Painter

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

### **Water & Market Committee**

The Water & Market Committee met on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present: the full Board

Moved by Alderman Townley

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That Alderman Brown be appointed Chairman and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> .....

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.....and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 4pm be appointed as the regular days of meeting.

Carried.

Sgd Wm Brown,

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the Report be adopted.

Carried.

**Motions**

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That the following accounts be paid:

Hugh Findley inspecting market scales \$5.50

M. Rockett etal work on new City Hall \$190.35

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

James F. Garden

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk