Rector of St. James invites Council to attend funeral services for Queen; union labels and pay; agreement with Stave Lake Power Co.; new board for Free Library named; 1892 taxes on water works in arrears.

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Vancouver January 28th1901

The Council met on Monday January 28th 1901 at 7.30 P.M. Present His Worship the Mayor and full Board of Aldermen. The Minutes of the last meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From E. Denton et al asking for the grading and rocking of Dufferin Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J.C. Marshall asking for an impartial investigation into affairs at the Children's Home. Filed.

From the Police reporting on the electric street lights. Filed

From Alfred Coombs of Journeymen Bakers Union asking that Union Label be put on Bread or at least union wages paid to parties endorsed by Union Referred to the Finance Committee

From Armstrong and Morrison asking for the extension of Heatley Avenue across Ry [railroad] Track. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Mrs Maud Livingstone Acting Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association asking for a grant of $^{\$}100^{00}$

Referred to the Finance Committee

From James Bloomfield asking for City engrossing [to obtain a monopoly] Referred to the Finance Committee

From Capt. Graham, Governor General [']s Secretary acknowledging message of Sympathy Sent to the Queen.

Filed.

From ThS. F. Tokely etal asking for a sidewalk on 7th Avenue, Fairview Referred to the Board of Works.

From A.E. Forrer etal asking for the opening up of Birch Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J.A. Byers, asking for the position of Night Watchman Referred to the Board of Police.

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From ChrS. Cripps asking for a sidewalk and water to his house on Pacific Street Referred to the Board of Works & Water Committee

From Mrs N. Raine complaining about shooting at the head of False Creek Referred to the Police Committee

From J. Nesbit asking for the opening up of Pacific Street and a water service Referred to the Board of Works & Water Committee

From A.E. Hill New Westminster asking for employment on the Engineer's Staff. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. Buntzen General Manager B.C. Elec Co. stating that the poles would be moved on Richards Street in front of the Catholic Church Filed.

From G.W. & C.G. Hobson asking for a share of Civic Insurance for the London Mutual Co Referred to the Finance Committee

From J.B. Ferguson of the Stave Lake Power Co asking for a joint meeting of the Company and Council to discuss the proposed agreement.

Resolved that the Council meet with them next Wednesday at 4 P.M. and that the City Solicitor and City Engineer be requested to be present.

From J.T. Little, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. asking for free water for their building Referred to the Water Committee

From ThS. Scott offering to sell his quarry for \$600⁰⁰ Referred to the Works Committee

From the City Solicitor advising that the Police were not responsible in passing over McCarthy's money to the Provincial if the money did not belong to McCarthy.

Filed

From Geo Rossiter, Toronto asking for particulars re Brush Factories etc. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From W^m Cargill asking for compensation for injuries received through falling ...

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... on the sidewalk during the cold weather Referred to the Board of Works and City Solicitor

From W^m Godfrey etal asking for the grading and permanent improvement of Burnaby Street Referred to the Board of Works.

From Frank V. Bodwell complaining of stump being piled on his property adjoining the land cleared by the City

Referred to the Health Committee.

From Jo C. Kelly complaining of water flowing on to his lot No 20, Block 100 D.L. 196. Referred to the Board of Works.

From E. Muchin, Secretary to the Free Library Board enclosing Annual Report for 1900 Referred to the Finance Committee

From J.H. Senkler asking for a sidewalk on the westside of Jervis Street Referred to the Board of Works.

From W.C. Morrison of the Ancient Order of Foresters enclosing invitations for a Ball to be held on the 23rd next: [sic]

Resolved that the communication be acknowledged.

From ChaS. G. Barrie etal asking for the opening up of 2nd Av Fairview Referred to the Board of Works

From W^m Abell etal, asking for a light asking for a light [sic] on the corner of 8^{th} Av and Granville Street.

Referred to the Light Committee.

From Mrs M.J. Brown President of the W.C.T.U. [Women's Christian Temperance Union] asking for a grant of \$250 to help entertain Delegates from the East.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From M. Whaley asking for a road to B Lot 8. Block 289. D.L. 526. Referred to the Board of Works

From M. Urquhart asking the Council to buy a typewriter for the Police Station Referred to the Board of Police

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From Messrs Martin and Deacon Solicitors for Mrs P.G. Fenton claiming \$400 damages for injury to houses through blasting by Messrs Cook and Dixon Referred to the Board of Works & City Solicitor

From E.H. Heaps & Co presenting a petition asking for the extension of the Street Railway eastward on Powell Street

Referred to the Light Committee

From J. Buntzen giving location of new lights installed Filed.

From S. McPherson etal giving reasons why the Union Label should not be adopted on Police and Firemens [sic] uniforms

Referred to the Finance Committee

From S.J. Gothard on behalf of the Typographical Union asking that a tax of \$100 be imposed on canvassers for printing from the East.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From Rev H.G. F. Chuton Rector of St James inviting the Mayor and Council to attend the funeral Services for the Late Lamented Queen to be held on Saturday at 3 P.M.

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman Painter

That the invitation be accepted with thanks.

Carried.

From Mrs Sara A. M°Lagan etal stating that the Local Council of Women would like to aid any scheme for the erection of a suitable memorial to our late beloved Queen.

Referred to the Finance Committee

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The following Reports were received and read:-

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Wednesday January 16th 1901 Present the full Board.

Communications

From the Medical Health Officer furnishing Report.

Filed.

From the Health Inspector submitting a Report regarding the City Ambulance

Resolved that an agreement be entered with M^r Hicks whereby he agrees to furnish the ambulance at the following rates for 6 months:-

Trip to small pox hospital \$2.50 per trip

Trip to Cottage or City Hospital \$1.50 per trip

City to collect charges from patients

Resolved that the City Engineer inspect the acre being cleared at the cemetery under M^r. Fox's contract and report.

Resolved that instructions be given that charges are to be made to the patients for expenses incurred by them when using the Isolated Hospital.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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Trudgeon BrS.	^{\$} 45.00	
Corporation City of Victoria	52.00	
City Grocery Co.	223.30	
Jas Stark & Co.	8.15	
John Currell	.25	
R.G. Macpherson	189.18	
H. Morgan	3.00	
Champion & White	7.00	
Salvation Army Shelter	1.80	
Shelton & Co.	2.25	
Scott & Kennedy	21.15	
F.A. Lee	7.00	
F. Buscombe	3.95	
Robt Clark	.65	
M°Lennan & M°Feeley	.50	
A. Dines	3.00	
Cleeve Canning Co.	11.25	
B.C. Elec Co.	5.00	
Industrial Wood Yard	1.00	
G.E. M ^c Donald	44.32	

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J. Dodson	35.80
Thos. Dunn & Co.	14.20
Trudgeon Bros	61.00
Wm Ralph	14.57
Pollock & Dickinson	4.00
Miss Walters	16.00
Nurse Morrison	6.00

The Board then adjourned.

sgd W.J. M^cGuigan, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Grant Seconded by Alderman Foreman That the report be adopted Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 pm

Present Aldermen Grant, Cook, M°Phaiden MacDonald [sic M°Donald] and Wood and His Worship the Mayor.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From A.E. Goodman et al petitioning that Roadway on Thurlow Street between Nelson and and Barclay be repaired permanently.

Laid over for Estimates.

From Geo. Stevens requesting small piece of walk on Broughton Street, West Side from Comox Street

Referred to Engineer and Chairman to report next meeting.

From Thos. Geo. M°Bride asking for crossing so that he can team [to haul] from wharf on Lots 10 and 11, Blk 23, 196.

Granted.

From J.W. Hoy on behalf of Salvation Army asking for use of City Slip to land scow of wood Moved by Alderman M°Phaiden that Mr Hoy be allowed to land scow at Slip. Carried.

Mr Lee applied for landing place for the scows of Crushed Rock at Coal Harbour Laid over till next meeting.

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Moved by Alderman Cook that the City Engineer arrange for advertising for tenders for rock crusher and steam roller in the Local and two mechanical papers

Carried.

Moved by Alderman M°Phaiden that the Finance Committee be requested to place \$5,000 to the credit to the Board of Works till the Estimates are brought down
Carried

Moved by Alderman M°Phaiden that tenders be called for the supply of lumber for the City Carried.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

E.H. Heaps	9.62
G.A. Roedde	14.50
John Wiley & Sons	1.49
Evans, Coleman & E.	1.15
Thos. Dunn & Co.	147.65

Geo. Hardy	2.00
Pacific Transfer Co.	2.75
Thomson Stat Co.	1.50
City Grocery	3.00
G.E. MacDonald & Co.	9.20
Robertson & Hackett	20.41
Geo. M°Cuaig	9.35
Wm Ralph	5.00

The Board then adjourned.

sgd Robert Grant, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Grant Seconded by Alderman Wood. That the report be adopted as read Carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Jan 18th, 1901 Present the full Board The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From R.E. Gosnell, Secy. of the Bureau of Provincial Information asking to be furnished with a collection of views representing mining, agriculture, ...

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... lumbering etc of British Columbia and Vancouver in particular. Referred to Mayor and Chairman with power to act.

From John Johnstone, City Auditor, reporting the City's accounts correct for the months of October and November and also stating that he had submitted audited and completed the accounts from December 31st, 1899 to July 1st 1900 and found them correct.

From R. Marpole, Gen. Supt. C.P.R. Co. enclosing an account for \$14.50 balance due on account of lease charged against the Company by their Solicitors for perusing Lease for right of way on Carrall Street.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify Mr Marpole that the sum of \$10.00 can only be allowed as advised by the City Solicitor.

From D.M. Stewart claiming a refund of \$25.00 paid by him for the Pioneer Steam Laundry as a License

Resolved that he be refunded \$25.00 less \$5.00 which he as entitled to pay under the original By-Law.

From G.F. Cane asking for the return of \$297.65 taken from one Daniel M°Carthy Filed.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to write to the Trades and Labour Council asking them them to furnish a list of the Union wages paid to painters, bakers, etc. and the Offices paying same.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

ThoS. F. M°Guigan	Extra Services	\$25.00
John Johnstone	Extra Services	135.00
C.P.R. Co.	Freight	15.00
E. Bloomfield	Supplies	20.
F.A. Lee	Hack	5.
Gurd & Co.	Supplies	19.65
Mrs Whitney	Advertising	20.00
A. Hodgson	Glazing	10.50
B.C. Elec Co.	Supplies	72.60
Land Registry Office	Registration	2.50

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The Board then adjourned sgd ThS. F. Neelands
Chairman

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

Fire and Police Committee

The Fire & Police Committee met on January 24th at 3 P.M. Present Aldermen Wood, Painter, M°Phaiden and M°Donald

Communications

From the Pound Keeper furnishing Report Filed

From the Drivers and Members of the Fire Department making application for an increase of Salary.

Laid over for estimates

From J.B. Hart applying for the position of City Veterinary Laid over for next meeting.

From the Victoria Truck and Dray Co. offering a horse for sale to the Fire Department for \$250. Resolved that the purchase of a team for the Fire Department be left to the Chairman and Chief Carlisle.

Resolved that Chief Carlisle be requested to report for the Estimates on Fire Alarm Boxes required in the City

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Can Gen'l Elec Co	Supplies	^{\$} 1.25
Crickmay BrS.	Duty etc	5.55
H. Greenway	Labor	5.40
W.R. Young	Interpreting	2.00
Dunn & Co.	Supplies	23.92
C.P.R. Co.	Freight	2.95
MacDonald & Co.	Supplies	18.43
City Grocery Co.	Supplies	6.66
Storey & Carson	Supplies	9.00
R.V. Palmer	Supplies	152.75
J. Heney	Supplies	6.50
Stark & Son	Supplies	2.10
F.S. Roper	Veterinary Services	33.00

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Atkins and Johnson	Drayage	\$2.50	
R.G. Macpherson	Supplies	1.80	
Robt. Clark	Supplies	12.50	
Johnson & Kerfoot	Supplies	2.70	
W.A. Cumyou	Interpreting	6.00	
Tower & Lyon	Supplies	9.00	
Peppard & Mitchell	Drayage	6.00	
C.W. Ford	Supplies	1.05	•
W.C. Marshall	Drayage	2.50	

sgd. W.H. Wood Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wood Seconded by Alderman M°Phaiden That the Report be adopted Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 P.M.

Present Aldermen Grant, M°Phaiden, MacDonald [sic] and Wood.

Mr. Geo. Sprung appeared before the Board re furnishing the City with any rock they might require. He was informed that the Board cannot do anything in the matter at present.

Communications

From C. Raines requesting permission to put up a lean[-]to to shed on Lot 21, Block 11, Hastings Street:

Permission refused as it is contrary to the By-Laws.

From John. R. Brown offering to supply the City with rock crusher of his own invention Referred to the City Engineer to examine and report.

From Innes Richards and Akroyd re drain at Holland Block Referred to the City Solicitor and Engineer to attend to

From A.J. Illingworth re surface drainage from Lot 10, Block 5, 182a. Referred to the Engineer to report.

It was moved by Alderman Wood that small piece of walk on 11th Av and Sophia Street with crossings be put down Carried

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The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Evans, Coleman & Evans	Supplies	^{\$} 190.71
Pay Roll	Labor	1090.12
W.L. Tait	Supplies	61.44
P. Kidney	Supplies	16.00
Robertson & Hackett	Supplies	366.71
Dixon & Cook	Contract	3271.49

sgd Robt. Grant Chairman

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

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on January 25th 1901 Present Aldermen Neelands, Painter and Fraser

Communications

From F.T. Cope Bandmaster asking for a grant in aid of the City Band Laid over for Estimates.

From W.L. Fagan, Provincial Tax Collector stating that taxes on Water Works for 1892 amounting to \$750⁰⁰ are in arrears and if not paid before February 28th proceedings will be taken. Referred to the Mayor and the Chairman to make some arrangement.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

G.A. Roedde	Supplies	\$9.00
R.C. Webber	Supplies	234.35
News[-] Advertiser	Ads	34.85
D.G. Williams	Subscription	5.00

sgd T.F. Neelands Chairman

Moved by Alderman Neelands Seconded by Alderman Painter That the Report be adopted Carried

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Unfinished Business

Under the head of Unfinished Business the following names were handed in to compose the Free Library Board for 1901:-

E. Bloomfield, W. J. M°Guigan, J.J. Dougan, Alex Gilchrist, F.C. Allan, Jas M°Keen, C. J. South, S.M. Ereleigh, S.J. Gothard, R. Sparling, and W.J. White

As only seven were required a ballot was taken to make a selection.

It was found that Messrs J.J. Dougan, W.J. M^cGuigan, C.J. South, S.M. Ereleigh, Alex Gilchrist, E. Bloomfield and F.C. Allen received the highest number of votes.

They were declared elected on motion of Alderman Grant; Seconded by Alderman Foreman.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Foreman Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the following Water Works accounts be paid:-

Van Electric Works	Supplies	^{\$} 6.55
Van Gas Co.	Supplies	3.40

M. Urquhart	Supplies	2.75
Telephone Co.	Rents	5.00
MacKenzie BrS	Supplies	19.05
N. Levere	Labor	12.55
Gartshore Co.	Supplies	435.42
B.C M. T & T. Co.	Supplies	3.06
Water Works Pay Roll	Labor	546.92
Can Gen'l Elec Co.	Supplies	.50
R.V. Palmer	Supplies	53.50
Stark & Son	Supplies	1.15

Carried

Moved by Alderman M°Guigan Seconded by Alderman Foreman.

That J.M. Fox be paid \$140 on account for clearing at Cemetery when he repairs the house he has recently moved across the road Carried

The Council then adjourned

T.O. Townley Mayor

ThS. F. M°Guigan City Clerk