***Requests regarding streets, sidewalks, lights, water and culverts; trespassers on False Creek Foreshore to be prosecuted; William Francis, Collector of hospital accounts, dismissed; more requests for foreshore rights.***

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Vancouver December 11th 1899.

The Council met on Monday December 11th 1899.  
Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Grant, Gilmour, Skinner, McQueen, McGuigan McPhaiden, Brown, Foreman and Wood.  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

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

From Geo R. Maxwell, M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution re False Creek and Coal Harbour Flats.  
Filed.

From Wing Sang & Co asking that the lane be repaired between Hastings, and Dupont Streets  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Olans Qualen etal, asking for a sidewalk on Jackson Av.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From R. G. Tatlow, Chairman of the Park Commissioners acknowledging receipt of letter re grounds around light house in Stanley Park.  
Filed

From Cyrus Spain etal, asking for water and improvements on 2nd and 3rd Avs.  
Referred to the Water Committee, and B[Board] of Works.

From the Rev A. E. Green asking for assistance to send on Geo Cowling an incurable to Toronto.  
Referred to the Health Committee

From the Trades & Labor Council asking for the re-examination of W. B. Ross, lately committed to the Asylum.  
Moved by Alderman Gilmour  
Seconded by Alderman Grant,  
That the City Clerk write the Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Asylum, New Westminster requesting a report on the mental condition of Mr Ross. Carried

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From Porter and Sons etal asking for repairs to Powell St. east of the Brewery.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Callow asking for payment for right of way furnished for lane in Block 100 D.L. 196.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From Herbert Harris offering to sell his outfit used in laying submerged main for $223.55  
Referred to the Water Committee

From ThS. Bayley etal asking for sidewalk on Quebec St.[to be ] moved out.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From W. G. Allan etal asking the Council to submit a By-Law to the rate payers to bring the Library under the Free Libraries Act.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From F. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries enclosing an application from D. G. Macdonell asking for foreshore rights in front of lots 1 to 7, Block 54. DL [sic D.L.] 185.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From E. Machin, Secretary of the Free Library Board asking for the balance of the appropriation  
Moved by Alderman McQueen,  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the amount be paid them  
Carried

From R. Marpole, asking when it was the intention to lease Block 51. D.L. 541.  
The City Clerk was instructed to notify him that the Block would be included in next money By-Law.

From the City Grocery Co. etal asking that an amendment be made to the City Charter providing for early closing of business houses  
Referred to the Charter Committee

From J. Leckie asking for the improvement of the lane in rear of his …

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… premises on Granville Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From McLennan and McFeely asking permission to move their warehouse on ~~Gran~~ Pender Street across the Street.  
Request granted.

From C. W. Williams drawing attention to an unsanitary drain from the tannery on Mount Pleasant  
Referred to the Health Inspector.

From the Hon David Mills, acknowledging receipt of letter from the Mayor re False Creek and Coal Harbour Flats  
Filed.

From Wm Gay etal, asking for a light on the corner of 8th Av and Cypress St.  
Request granted

The following Reports were received, and read:-

Light, Railway and Tramway Committee

The Light, Railway and Tramway Committee met on Tuesday December 5th 1899.  
Present the full Board.

The following account was recommended for payment:

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| B.C. Elec Co. | Lights | $2159.84 |

The following lights were ordered to be installed:-  
1. on the corner of Bidwell and Burnaby Strs  
2. on the corner of Boundary Av & Keefer St.  
3. on the corner of 8th Av and Cypress St.

The application from C. T. W. Piper for a light on the corner of Robson and Denman Streets was already granted.

The application of E. Odlum etal for lights on the crossing of Victoria Drive and Tramway track and at the north, and south end of Grant Street was laid over until next Spring  
sgd D. McPhaiden, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman McPhaiden  
Seconded by Alderman Skinner  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Wednesday December 6th 1899.  
Present Aldermen McGuigan, Grant McQueen and Foreman.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Brown BrS. | Plumbing | $11.00 |
| Clarke & Stuart | Supplies | 3.90 |
| M. O. M. Coray | Labour | 6.00 |
| Miss Roycroft | Nursing | 15.00 |
| Fraser and Brehaut | Carpentering | 13.05 |
| D. M. Stewart | Washing | 164.76 |
| Trythall & Son | Supplies | 3.25 |
| J. A. Clark | Supplies | 3.10 |
| Porter & Sons | Supplies | 101.32 |
| D. Reith | Drayage | 5.50 |
| Crickmay BrS. | Brokerage | 49.93 |
| Campbell & Son | Supplies | 12.80 |
| Wm Ralph | Supplies | 13.20 |
| Jas Hughes | Supplies | 51.00 |
| Valley Dairy | Supplies | 202.40 |
| Evans, Coleman & Evans | Supplies | 58.66 |
| Trudgeon BrS. | Supplies | 11.25 |
| F. A. Lee | Hack hire | 2.00 |
| Hicks & Lyons | Hack hire | 2.00 |
| Layfield & Co. | Supplies | 23.40 |
| Gas Co. | Supplies | 20.00 |
| C. Wiegand | Supplies | 2.00 |
| City Grocery Co. | Supplies | 31.85 |
| Kemp & Simpson | Burials | 38.00 |

Communications  
  
From the Ambulance Contractor Crematory Caretaker, Milk Inspector ^House Surgeon and Health Inspector furnishing Reports.  
Filed

From Philip Fewster recommending the establishment of an abattoir near Granville Street Bridge  
Filed for reference

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From the House Surgeon asking for the replumbing of the old hospital building.  
Referred to the Chairman and Alderman Grant with power to act.

From the House Surgeon asking permission to send pupil nurses to the Woman’s Ward at New Westminster for their obstetrical training in exchange for nurses from there.  
Request granted.

From the Health Inspector furnishing report and drawing attention to the fact that the offal from the Slaughter houses was consumed at an expense that constituted a large item for fuel and asking for instructions  
Referred to the incoming Council

Resolved that Miss Roycraft be appointed Head Nurse of the Woman’s Ward at a salary of $25.00 per month.

Resolved that as Wm Francis, Collector of hospital accounts has never reported the progress he is making that his services be dispensed with and F. L. Prior be appointed in his place at a commission of 10 percent on all monies collected.

Resolved that G. W. Thomas, Caretaker of the Cemetery be allowed to live in his own house adjacent to the Cemetery and that his assistant occupy the Cemetery House.

sgd W. J. McGuigan  
Chairman

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

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday December 8th 1899.  
Present Aldermen McQueen, Brown and Wood.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| McLennan & McFeely | Supplies | $2.65 |
| Henry Mutrie | Assessing | 40.00 |
| Carswell Co. | Supplies | 6.01 |
| C. P. Telegraph Co. | Telegrams | 6.01 |
| A. Kersey | Carpentering | 23.50 |
| H. H. Layfield | Supplies | 1.60 |
| D. C. McGregor | Insurance | 10.00 |
| W. E. Graveley | Insurance | 40.00 |
| Trythall & Sons | Supplies | 9.50 |
| Clarke & Stuart | Supplies | 16.30 |
| Van Gas Co. | Supplies | 2.82 |
| A. St. G. Hammersley | Disbursements | 55.20 |

Communications  
From Mrs Blanche Read of the Salvation Army asking that the consideration of her communication be deferred for one week.  
Request granted.

From John R. Gray Secretary of the Army and Navy Veteran Society, Toronto, asking for a grant in aid of a memorial monument to be erected in Toronto in honor of the soldiers who fell in battle in 1812-13  
Filed. Clerk to send suitable reply.

From the City Auditor furnishing Report for October.  
Filed

From the B.C. Guide Co asking the City to subscribe for one year for six copies of their monthly issue at $3.00 per year.  
Filed

From the City Solicitor enclosing a communication which he advised to be sent to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in answer to the application of Messrs Heaps and Sully for foreshore rights in front of their property in D.L. 184 wherein no opposition was to be made to the granting of their request provided …

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… the City’s rights were reserved to the end of the Street  
Draft approved and ordered to be forwarded

From the City Solicitor advising the payment of the claim of Prior & Co providing the same was correct.  
Resolved that it be paid if certified correct by the City Engineer.

The Harbour Master reported to the Board that parties were trespassing on the Foreshore of False Creek and asking for support in prosecuting them  
Resolved  
Whereas certain parties are trespassing on the Foreshore of False Creek and thereby interfering with the foreshore opposite streets and lanes of the City  
And whereas the Harbour Master is prepared to prosecute such parties for so trespassing  
Therefore be it resolved that the Government be requested to give Support necessary to the Harbour Master to enable him to carry such prosecution to a satisfactory issue

Resolved that a sum not exceeding $250 be allowed to the City Solicitor for clerical work in connection with the revision and amendment of the City Charter.

sgd Jas McQueen,  
Chairman  
  
Moved by Alderman McQueen,  
Seconded by Alderman Wood,  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Monday December 11th 1899 at 4 P.M.  
Present Aldermen Foreman (in the Chair) Grant Skinner and McPhaiden.

Communications  
  
From Robert Jamieson, Victoria re pile of brick at corner of Granville and, Cordova Streets  
To be notified that the City got permission from the C.P.R. Co to put the bricks there and that it was intended to lay …

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… at the intersection of the Streets as soon as Spring opens.

From H. W. Wylie re, delivery of Septic tank fittings  
Filed for reference

From Wm Holmes re fixing of lane between Carrall Street and Columbia Av and between Hastings and Dupont Streets  
Referred to the Engineer and Alderman Foreman with power to act.

From A. E. Tregent petitioning for crossing on Georgia St at Bidwell St.  
Referred to the Engineer and Alderman Grant with power to act.

From Geo Aman re approach to Vancouver Transfer Co’s Stables on Westminster Av.  
Referred to the Engineer with power to act.

From W. Davis requesting extension of sidewalk for 100 feet east on 8th Av West to lot 5. Block 23. D.L. 302  
Referred to the Engineer, and Alderman Bruce with power to act.

From F. T. Bagshawe re purchase of crane for the new city wharf  
Engineer and Alderman McPhaiden to look into and report.

From M. Higgins re unpassable condition of Hastings St. within the City limits  
Engineer authorized to have it made passable.

From A. Kitt Ledger re necessity for a Sidewalk on 9th Av from the Bridge to Centre Street.  
Engineer to provide temporary Sidewalk.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| Ironside & Co. | Sewers | $6000 |
| Martin Kelly | Pier | 1000 |
| Robertson & Hackett | Supplies | 13.30 |

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| McDononald[sic McDonald] BrS. | Hauling Rock | $350.46 |
| Capt. Williams | Crushed Rock | 793.22 |
| B. C. M. T & T. Co. | Supplies | 8.18 |
| Dunn & Co | Supplies | 2.25 |
| J. Currell | Labor | 4.75 |
| W. L. Tait | Supplies | 48.20 |
| Armstrong & Morrison | Supplies | .75 |

sgd Alex Bruce  
Chairman  
  
Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Brown,  
Seconded by Alderman Gilmour  
That the Council Chamber be given to Ward Four Civic Committee to hold a meeting therein on Wednesday next at 8 P.M.  
Carried

Moved by Alderman Wood,  
Seconded by Alderman Skinner,  
That the City Engineer be instructed to look at the culverts on 12, 13 and 14 Avs and Westminster Av over the creek and report on the cost of enlarging same at the next meeting of the Council  
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Foreman,  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare a plan of all Streets ending on False Creek, Burrard Inlet and English Bay and when such plan is prepared that the City Solicitor be instructed to make application to the Government for the foreshore rights to the end of said Streets  
Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Wood,  
Seconded by Alderman Gilmour,  
That the By-Law to raise $120,000 for Park purposes be read a second time

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Moved by Alderman Brown (in Amendment)  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman,  
That further consideration of the By-Law be left to the incoming Council  
Amendment carried, Motion lost

Moved by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman Gilmour  
That the District Messenger Service By-Law be read a Second time  
Lost.

The Council then adjourned.

James F. Garden  
Mayor

ThS. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk