# *Construction of the All Canadian Railway from British Columbia via Vancouver, Cariboo, Cassiar, Omineca and Aslin Districts to Dawson, and westerly boundary of Canada with connection by the proposed Alaskan Railway with the Trans Siberian Railway (now nearly completed); competitive plans called for two new Fire Halls and a City Jail; Wing Sung deposits plan of building for Dupont St.; reading of By-Laws regarding remuneration for Aldermen and Mayor*

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Vancouver March 4th 1901

The Council met on Monday March 4th 1901.  
Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Grant, Painter, Cook, Neelands, McPhaiden, Foreman, Macdonald, Wood and Fraser.  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

**Communications**

From Wm Mallock & Co. London, Ont asking for an opportunity to propose on elevators for the City Hospital.  
Referred to the Board of Health.

From W.D. Burdis, Secretary of the Vancouver New Westminster Northern and Yukon Railway Co asking the Council to endorse a petition to the Dominion Government proposing for a Charter for the Construction of said road.  
Moved by Alderman Cook.  
Seconded by Alderman Wood.  
Whereas it is the opinion of this Council that the construction of the All Canadian Railway from British Columbia via Vancouver, Cariboo, Cassiar, Omineca and Aslin Districts to Dawson, and the Westerly Boundary of Canada with connection by the proposed Alaskan Railway with the Trans Siberian Railway (now nearly completed) would constitute a great international line of communication and prove of incalculable benefit to Canada in general and this Province and City in particular  
And Whereas the projected Railway of the Vancouver New Westminster Northern and Yukon Railway Company covers the ground above mentioned and offers the best present method of dealing with the requirements.  
Therefore be it resolved that this Council hereby expresses its endorsement of the proposal contained in the application made by the said Company to the Dominion Government for a Charter and its hope that the Charter will be granted under such conditions as shall be beneficial to the interests of Canada. […]

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… And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Government in Ottawa to G.R. Maxwell, Esq. MP for this City and all the British Columbia Members earnestly requesting their assistance and influence in the premises.  
Carried.

From Thos. Pritchard asking that water be laid to his house Lot 10, Blk 117. 301  
Referred to the Water Committee

From T.D. Childs and Co. offering to supply the City with a new seal.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From R.G. Tatlow and Hon. J.D. Prentice acknowledging receipt of a resolution of the Council re cutting Central Park into Small Holdings  
Filed.

From C.A. Godson asking that the time for receiving tenders for lead pipe etc be extended from Mar 13th to Mar 22nd  
Granted

From G.T. Cane making application for the refund of $7.50 belonging to Chas. Collins and retained by the Police.  
Referred to the Police Committee

From Col. Worsnop asking for the free use of the City Hall for a Concert on Friday, Mar. 8, in aid of the Cumberland Relief Fund.  
Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman Grant  
That his request be granted. Carried.

From Webster Bros. calling attention to the sidewalk on Drake St. between Hornby and Burrard  
Referred to Board of Works

From J.H. Crenshaw asking for a grant in aid of the Boys Band  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From J.C. Marshall, Secy Trades and Labour Council asking for grant in aid of Labour Day Celebration  
Referred to Finance Committee.

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From J.G. Johnstone asking that Pendrell Street be opened from Bute to Jervis Str.  
Referred to Board of Works

From J.W. McIntosh on Street lights  
Filed.

From C.H. Wilson et al asking for the opening of Nelson Street west from Denman.  
Referred to Board of Works

From Tom Wilson complaining of water flooding his premises  
Referred to Board of Works.

From C.H. Charlton et al asking for a wider sidewalk on 3rd Avenue between Maple and Arbutus Streets.  
Referred to Board of Works.

From W.M. Loree et al petitioning for the opening up of Sixth Avenue from Granville St to Fir St.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Hugh Graham et al asking that a stone culvert be placed in gulley on 8th Avenue  
Referred to Board of Works

From B.B. Johnstone asking for a new sidewalk in front of their block N.W. Corner of Granville and Georgia Sts.  
Referred to Board of Works.

From W.H.T. Tyrell asking what had been done in his case  
Referred to City Solicitor.

From W.H. May et al asking that Sheds on North Side of the City Hall be not removed  
Referred to Water & Market Committee.

From J. Mason asking that the Road be opened up between Blocks 54 & 55, 264a  
Referred to Board of Works

From Chas Woodward et al asking that the Council call a public meeting re subsidizing Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway …

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Moved by Alderman Cook  
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden  
That a Public meeting be called for Wednesday, Mar 6th in the City Hall  
Carried.

From John Mackey et al trustees of the Hygienic Creamery Estate stating that they would not be able to supply milk at Contract price after Mar 11th  
Referred to Health Committee.

From W.A. Campbell, Secy. Citizens Assoc. enclosing recommendations of that Assoc re Fire Halls and Police Department.  
Referred to Fire & Police Committee.

From A. Newland, Vancouver Aerie No 6 F.O.E.[Fraternal Order of Eagles] inviting the Mayor and Council to be present at the Smoker in the Theatre Royal on Mar 6th  
Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman Wood  
That his invitation be accepted with thanks Carried.

The following reports were received and read

**Fire & Police**

The Fire & Police Committee met on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 1901.  
Present the full Board  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From W.H.T. Tyrell complaining about Pound Keeper. Filed.

From R.G. Tatlow and R. Marpole recommending Thos. Crawford as a fit person for Police Officer. Filed.

From the Chief of the Fire Department asking that the present arrangement re Hook and Ladder Truck be allowed to remain in Force  
Present arrangement approved.

Moved by Alderman MacDonald

That the No. 1 Fire Hall when …

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… built be built on Lots 12 and 13 Blk 10. D.L. 196, said Lots having been originally purchased for that purpose Carried

Resolved that competitive plans be called for two new Fire Halls and a City Jail and that the sum of $50.00 be paid for each plan accepted. In the event of the work being proceeded with the successful architects to have supervision of construction at the usual rates.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| --- | --- |
| A.H. Hatch | 3.00 |
| Fraser & Brehaut | .50 |
| R.V. Palmer | 186.35 |
| Can. Gen. Elec. Co. | 18.75 |
| B.C. Elec Co | 9.90 |
| E. Shungold | .50 |
| W. Wiedrick | .50 |
| John Collier | 7.30 |
| J.M. Stewart | 1.75 |
| R.C. Webber | 12.75 |
| W.S. Young | 4.00 |
| W.A. Cumyow | 30.00 |
| City Treasurer | 35.00 |

The Board then adjourned

Moved by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden  
That the report be adopted as read.  
Moved in amendment by Alderman Cook  
Seconded by Alderman Neelands  
That the Clause be referred back re Fire Halls and Police Station and that the remainder of the report be adopted as read  
Amendment lost. Motion Carried.

**Water & Market**

The Water & Market Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 1901  
Present Aldermen Foreman, Grant, Fraser and Cook and His Worship the Major.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

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Communications  
  
From the City Clerk notifying the Committee that the Council had authorized the placing of a certain number of hydrants as advised by the Chief of the Fire Department and asking to be furnished with the number required.  
Referred to the City Engineer.

From residents of Clarke Drive asking to have water main laid along Park Drive to 3rd Avenue  
Referred to Chairman and City Engineer

From the Vancouver property Owners Assoc. re water frontage tax  
Referred to Special Meeting of the Council.

It was resolved to sell the second horse of the team used at the water works Shops and purchase one more fitted for the work.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| --- | --- |
| R.C. Webber | 16.00 |
| Wm Ralph | 1.40 |
| B.C. Mills | 42.28 |
| Payne Topping Co | 24.25 |
| R.V. Palmer | 51.16 |
| North Vancouver Municipality | 1.65 |
| Can Gen Elec Col. | 3.20 |
| Champion & White | 24.90 |
| Water Works Pay Roll | 655.91 |

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman Fraser  
That the report be adopted as read  
Carried.

**Board of Works**

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 pm.  
Present Aldermen Grant, Cook, McPhaiden, MacDonald and Wood and His Worship the Major.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

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A deputation from the Good Roads Assoc. consisting of Col. Warren, Dr Bell Irving and Mr. O.L Spencer waited on the Board asking that a Committee from their Assoc. be allowed to work in conjunction with the Board of Works to report as to location of new cinder paths.  
Moved by Alderman MacDonald  
That a Special Meeting of the Board of Works be called by the Chairman to discuss with a Committee from the Good Roads Assoc. the question as to the best location of the proposed cinder paths. Carried.

The Building Inspector submitted plan of building Wing Sung wishes to erect on Dupont Street and asked for permission to remove the present old Store to the back of their Lot.  
It was left to the judgement of the Inspector as to moving.

Mr Laursen asked for loan of Five Engine to pump out water from drain where he had been making connection to Sewer on Seaton Street  
He was lent the sludge pump of the water works and asked to attend the next meeting of the Board of Works together with the Inspector and Sewer Contractor so that explanation can be offered.

Communications  
  
From Chas. H. Tupper et all asking that Barclay Street west of Denman St be put in condition, grade established and a line given for boulevards

From Isaac Russell et all requesting construction of road on Venables Street and Park Drive and also for sidewalk on Grant Street

From W. Witty et al requesting that Fourth Avenue west of Granville Street be put in passable condition

From G.V. Oremus et al requesting that Maple Street be graded and 6 ft walk be put down from 3rd to Seventh Avenues  
  
All these were laid over for Estimates

From E.B. Brough asking that road …

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… in front of his property on Beach Avenue be put in order.  
Referred to Alderman Grant to report.

From R.L. Spencer as agent asking that stumps be removed and sidewalk be put down for 132 feet west of Bidwell St.   
Referred to Alderman Grant and Engineer.

From J. Mason re sewers in Block 21. 200a  
Laid over.

From H. Orr and R. Wilson asking that walk be extended from Manitoba Street to their houses on 8th Ave.  
Referred to Alderman Wood to report.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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| --- | --- |
| Nickson & Co. | 1614.75 |
| Armstrong & Morrison | 179.70 |
| E.H. Hespor Co. | 103.95 |
| J.H. Tupper | 3.40 |
| B.C. Mills | 8.51 |
| Pay Rolls | 1426.01 |

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Grant  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
That the report be adopted as read  
Moved in amendment by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden  
That the report be adopted as read with the exception of the Good Roads clause.  
Amendment lost. Motion carried.

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on March 1st, 1901  
Present Aldermen Neelands, Painter, Foreman and Fraser.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications  
  
From J.W. Hay asking for exemption from their taxes for 1901 on Salvation Army Barracks Laid over

From Thomson Stat Co. offering to sell them …

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… a typewriter for $60.00  
Referred to Alderman Grant.

From W.J. Brandrith giving further particulars of the B.C. Fruit Growers proposed Exhibition.  
Resolved that Mr Nelson, the Vice President be asked to be present at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

From Col. F Warren asking what disposal be made of the balance of $25.00 being $7.05 granted to the Good Roads Assoc. by the Council.  
Resolved that the money be turned over to the Secretary, Mr. O.L Spencer.

Re the petition of the Boot and Shoe merchants and Gents Furnishing dealers for the passage of an Early Closing By-Law [;] a report was received from the Poll Tax Collector and on motion of Alderman Fraser it was resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a By-Law for the early Closing of Boot and Shoe and Mens[sic] Furnishing Shops

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| --- | --- |
| R. Fraser | 20.00 |
| C.P.R. | 50.00 |
| G.A. Roedde | 12.90 |
| J. Dunn & Co. | 11.75 |
| E. Bloomfield | 80.00 |
| News Advertiser | 21.93 |
| News Colonist | 6.00 |
| H. Kersey | 4.50 |

The Board then adjourned.  
  
Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Fraser  
That the report be adopted as read  
Carried.

**Introduction of By-Laws**

Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman Neelands  
That the By-Law to divide the City to wards be introduced. Carried.  
The By-Law was accordingly read a first time.

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Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Wood  
That the rules be suspended to allow the introduction of the By-Laws providing for the remuneration of the Mayor and Aldermen  
The By-Laws were accordingly read a 1st time.

**Motions**

Moved by Alderman Fraser  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
Whereas it appears that the City Council passed a Resolution of the 24th August, 1896, asking that a Charter be granted to the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company and a Charter having been granted to the same and being now informed that the said Company is in a position financially to commence at once the construction of the said railway.  
Resolved that we respectfully ask the Legislature of this Province to restore the subsidy that was granted for the construction of said railway and at the same time ask the Government to retain such contract over the freight and passenger rates as will fully protect the people of this Province in such rates.  
Laid over for one week.

Moved by Alderman Cook,  
Seconded by Alderman Fraser,  
That the City Treasurer report at the next meeting of the Council stating the amounts of money at the credit of the City specifying the fund to which it belongs; also giving tenders received for Debentures and the amount at the credit of the Sinking Fund the rate paid by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for City Debentures  
Withdrawn

Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman MacDonald.  
That the following accounts by paid

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| D. McKinnon | Fountain | $75.00 |

Carried

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**Consideration of By-Laws**

Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the following By-Laws be read a second time:  
1. A By-Law to fix the remuneration for Aldermen.  
2. A By-Law to fix the renumeration for Mayor  
Carried  
The By-Laws were accordingly read a 2nd time.

Moved by Alderman Neelands.  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman.  
That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for their consideration with the Mayor in the Chair.  
Carried.  
In Committee the By- Laws were read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete without amendments.

The Rules were suspended and the By-Laws read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Neelands. Seconded by Alderman Wood.

The Council then adjourned

T. Townley  
Mayor

ThS F. McGuigan  
City Clerk