***Carnegie grant; Free Library; Court of Revision; investigation of Police; Chief Justice McColl; Veterinary surgeon;***

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Vancouver March 18th 1901.

The Council met on Monday March 18th 1901  
Present the Mayor and full Council.  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

**Communications**

From the B.C. Guide asking for a grant of $500 per month in consideration of advertising the City.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From L.T. Bagshawe asking to be allowed to address the Council in reference to his tender on Steam road roller.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From E. Spillman et al asking for the imposition of a License of $25.00 on painters   
Referred to the Finance Committee

From A.F. McKinnon etal asking for a sidewalk on 10th Av.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From H.A. Buliver asking for the opening up of Victoria Street through D.L. 192  
Referred to the Board of Works

From J.T. Brown, President of the Children’s Home asking for the same grant as last year.  
Laid over for Estimates

From J. Romang and Dr McEwen asking for increases in Salaries.  
Laid over for Estimates.

From W.H.T. Tyrrell threatening to issue a writ on Wednesday next for damages.  
Filed.

From McPhillips and Williams, Solicitors for Otto Laursen claiming  $6200 for loss caused by obstruction to Sewer.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From A.N. Tregent acting Secretary of the Vancouver Land and Improvement Co. giving notice of appeal against the decision of the Court of Revision.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

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From Mrs. M. Pollard etal asking for a sidewalk on Barnard Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Alexander Robinson, Supt of Education acknowledging receipt of letter from Council re School Act  
Filed.

From the Post Master General acknowledging receipt of letter re increase in Letter Carriers Salaries.  
Filed

From I.G. Johnstone et al asking for a light at the Presbyterian Church Mount Pleasant.  
Referred to the Light Committee

From W.T. Jags et al asking for a sidewalk on Ninth Av.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From R.G. Tatlow M.P.P. Joseph Martin M.P.P. and G.R. Maxwell M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolutions from Council.  
Filed

From Justice Irving fixing Friday the 22nd day of March at 10:30 a.m. for hearing appeals against the decision of the Court of Revision  
Referred to the City Solicitor

From the Police reporting on the electric lights.  
Filed.

From John Richardson asking for the position of Assistant Cemetery Caretaker.  
Referred to the Health Committee.

From John J. McGee, Clerk of the Privy Council acknowledging receipt of resolution re railway subsidy for an all Canadian line to Dawson.  
Filed

From H.A. Jones offering to sell property for cemetery purposes for $6450  
Referred to the Health Committee

From Arthur Phillips et al asking for a sidewalk on 8th Av.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Chas. A. Ross applying for a position on the Police Force.  
Referred to the Police Committee

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From N.C. Schou etal asking for improvements on 7th Av. Fairview.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Jas Bertrain Private Secretary for Andrew Carnegie stating that he would be glad to give $50000 for a free Library Building if the City would furnish a Site and Spend $5000 a year thereon  
Referred to the Finance Committee

The following reports were received and read:-

**Water & Market**  
  
The Water & Market Committee met on Wednesday, Mar 13 1901  
Present Aldermen Foreman, Grant Cook and McGuigan  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Messrs J. Gaul and J.W. Horne waited upon the Committee asking for an allowance on the February rate for the Strand Hotel and for Mr. Horne’s Building on the corner of Columbia Avenue and Cordova Street E.  
Referred to the Water Works Office to adjust and report at next meeting.

From G.F. Upham asking for an additional dollar per day for services in the Water Works Office  
It was resolved to pay Mr Upham for 2 additional days at $2.00 per day

From W.H. May et al asking to have Sheds on North Side of City Hall left standing. Filed.

From John Mason et al asking to have water laid along Park Drive.  
Laid over.

From Thos. Pritchard asking for Water Service to E. ¼ Lot 10, Blk 17, 301  
Referred to the City Engineer

Tenders were received from the following for the buildings on the South Side of the City Hall.

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W.A. McDonald offering $5.00 for the buildings and from D.J. McPhalen offering $1.00  
It was resolved to accept W.A. McDonald’s tender providing he enters into an agreement to remove all the buildings required to be removed.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| Vancouver Electrical Works | 10.39 |
| G.F. Upham | 4.00 |
| W.J. Beam | 2.50 |
| R.V. Palmer | 49.68 |
| Thos Dunn & Co. | 4.00 |
| R. Casselman | 10.10 |
| Boyd Burns & Co. | 10.58 |
| Vancouver Gas Co. | 8.15 |
| Thomson Stat. Co. | 2.43 |
| N. Lavere | 9.00 |
| G.E. McDonald & Co. | 12.88 |
| Wm Thurston & Sons | 6.65 |
| J.F. Henderson | 1.10 |
| Jas. Robertson & Co. | 11.28 |
| W.W. Pay Roll | 532.10 |

The Board then adjourned

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

**Fire & Police**  
  
The Fire & Police Committee met on Tuesday March 12, 1901.  
Present the full Board.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| R.G. Macpherson | 9.50 |
| M. Rae | 20.00 |
| R. Casselman | 1.45 |
| F.S. Roper | 42.00 |
| McDowell & Co. | 21.70 |
| Leek & Co. | 1.20 |
| Thomson Bros. | .75 |
| Robt. Clark | 1.50 |
| Evans, Coleman & Evans | 19.06 |

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| C. Cocking | 4.50 |
| John Munroe | .50 |
| Burrard Inlet Meat Co | 17.04 |
| Thos. Dunn & Co. | 46.21 |
| Hygienic Creamery | 1.03 |
| R. Mills | 17.00 |
| Hicks & Beatty | 4.00 |
| W.C. Marshall | 3.00 |
| City Grocery Co. | 45.24 |
| Cosman & Son | 1.35 |
| R.V. Palmer | 98.27 |

Communications  
  
From F.S. Roper, Veterinary Surgeon offering to treat all cases for $2.00 per visit without medicine or for a lump sum of $50.00 per month.  
From J.B. Hart, V.S. [Vererinary Surgeon] offering to treat all cases for $10.00 per month. Dr. Hart verbally stated that medicines were not included in his tender  
It was resolved that the tender of J.B. Hart be recommended for acceptance the City to pay for the medicines.

From P. Greaves and W.J. Lowe applying for positions on the Police Force  
Filed for reference

From Thos. Mathews quoting prices on Fire Hall Sites Filed for reference

From W.A. Campbell, Secy. of the Vancouver Citizens Association suggesting certain improvements in the Police and Fire Departments. Filed

From the Poundkeeper furnishing repor Filed

From the Poundkeeper asking for a uniform. Granted.

From A.W. Cameron Engineer of Fire Dept. asking from six to eight weeks leave of absence on account of sickness and stating that he would put a man in his place satisfactory to the Chief.  
Resolved that his request be granted.

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From Alex Philps offering to sell two Lots next to the Police Station for $3,000 and a moderate rebate of Taxes. Filed.

From G.F. Cave charging the Plice with unlawfully retaining money belonging to his client one Chas. Collins  
Laid over for Police Investigation

From A.E. Lees & Co. suggesting that rain coats be ordered six months in advance of when they were required to give an opportunity to secure the best rates. Filed.

From the Norris Safe and Lock Co. of Seattle asking for an opportunity to furnish plans for a new Jail.  
Filed for reference

From Chief Justice McColl outlining the course to pursue in connection with the Police investigation.  
Resolved that an advertisement be inserted in each daily paper in Vancouver giving notice to all persons having any complaints concerning the efficiency and conduct of the Police Force or any member thereof or wishing to bring before the Committee any matters relating thereto. Such complaints or matters should be sent in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Police Committee, City Hall and marked “Police Investigation” [sic] Confidential” before 12 o’clock on the 26th Day of March, 1901  
The Police Committee at its next meeting to decide as to the course to be pursued to bring such complaints before the Chief Justice to be heard and enquired into with him.

The Chief of Police reported having appointed temporarily a Mr Sinclair in place of Officer McAllister Approved

It was resolved that a telephone be placed in No 3 Fire Hall

The Board then adjourned until Wednesday at 3 p.m. to open tenders for clothing and transact such other business as might offer.

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The Fire & Police Committee met on Wednesday March 13th , 1901  
Present Aldermen Wood, Cook, McPhaiden and MacDonald [sic]

The following tenders were received for Police & Firemen’s Uniforms  
  
Hunt & Foster  
Police: Sample No A 6625, $25.50; No 2408 $26.00[;] No 2407, [$]26.50; Chief’s Suit [$]3.00 extra, Extra pants for fall $7.50  
Firemen’s: Sample No A 6625, [$]24.50; No 2408 $26.00[;] No 2407 [$]25.00[;] Chief’s Suit $3.00 extra. Extra pants $7.50  
  
Wm. Murphy  
Police: Sample A1, Chief $33 Officers ][$]29.00 Sample B2 Chief $34.00 Officers $30.00, Sample C3 Chief $34.50, Officers $30.50 Sample D4 same as C3. Extra Pants A1 $7.00, B2 [$]7.40 C3 [$]7.60  
Firemen’s: Sample A1 Chief $26.50, Men $24.00 Sample B2 Chief [$]27.50, Men [$]25.50 Sample C3 Chief $28.00 Men $26.00  
Extra Pants same a Police  
  
E. Larsen  
Firemen Chief $28.00, Firemen $25.00  
Extra Pants $7.00  
  
S. McPherson  
Police; Samples 1 & 2, Chief [$]28.00 Sergeant $26.75, Officers [$]25.75 Extra Pants $6.00 Sample No. 3 Chief [$] 29.00, Sergeant [$]27.75; officers [$]26.75, Extra Pants [$]7.00  
Firemen; Samples 1 and 2 Chief [$]28.00, Men[$] 24.75, Extra Pants [$]5.75, Sample No 3 Chief [$]29.00, Men [$]25.75, Extra Pants [$] 6.00  
  
McRae & McDonald  
Police Suits $30.00 each Extra Pants $7.50  
Firemen’s Suits [$] 26.00 each Extra Pants [$]7.00  
  
J. Doherty  
Police Suits $27.50  
Firemen’s Suits [$]24.00  
  
Resolved that the tenders of S. Macpherson be accepted for Police Clothing to be made from Sample No 3 and Hunt & Foster for Firemen from Sample 2408, Extra pants not included in either case.

The Board then adjourned

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Moved by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden  
that [sic] the report be adopted  
  
Moved in amendment by Alderman Fraser  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the Clause in relation to the awarding of the contract for the making of Police Clothing be struck out and that the contract be awarded to the next lowest tenderer using the Union Label.  
  
Moved as an amendment to the amendment by Ald. MacDonald [sic]  
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan  
That the matter of awarding the Contract for Police Clothing be referred back to the Committee.  
  
Amendment to amendment lost; amendment carried, motion not put;  
  
Moved in amendment by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman,  
That the item regarding the awarding of the contract for Veterinary Services be referred back to the Committee  
Lost.  
  
Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Grant  
That the item in the Report regarding Police Investigation bereferred back to the Committee  
Lost.  
  
Moved by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman Fraser  
That the Report as amended by adopted.  
Carried

**Board of Works**

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 p.m.  
Present Aldermen Grant, McPhaiden MacDonald [sic] and Wood  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

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A deputation from the Good Roads Assoc. and Bicycle Clubs appeared re Road to Greer’s Beach and towards English Bay Cannery.  
To be laid over so that Engineer can have road located and make up Estimate of cost.

Communications  
  
From J.P. Roberts asking that Harwood Street be graded from Nicola Street West to Beach Avenue  
Referred to Chairman and Engineer to examine and report.

From J.R. Jackson requestin Driveway over sidewalk in front of Lot 7, Blk 36, 302  
Referred to Alderman Wood to report

From John Watson et al requesting 6 ft walk on Lorne St. from Westminster Avenue  
City Engineer and Alderman Wood to report.

From E.H. Rhinehart applying for walk on the N. Side of Smythe Street between Howe and Hornby.  
Referred to Alderman Grant and City Engineer to report.

From C.S. Whitehouse requesting that lane in Block 12, Sub. 302  
Referred to Chaingang

From Frank Burnett requesting Road to English Bay Cannery  
Laid over until Survey is made

From R.A. Welsh re surface water draining off the Street on to his Lot on Broughton St.  
Engineer to get fixed.

From Frank Burnet requesting a crossing to his house on S. Side of Haro beyond Denman  
Ward Foreman to attend to this.

From J.H. Kilmer requesting an increase in his salary. To be taken up with Estimates.

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From Davis Marshall and Macneill applying on behalf of clients for rebate on cement walk in front of Y.M.C.A. Block.  
Engineer to look and report.

The Engineer was instructed to have the B.C. Elec Ry Co. notified to have the track on Powell Street cindered.

The following work was ordered to be done:-  
Running walk on Comox Street 1½ blocks west of Denman St;  
Running walk on the North side of Ninth Av West of Quebec Street to corner with present walk,  
New walk on Gore Avenue between Hastings and Oppenheimer Street East side  
New walk on North side of Barnard Street between Gore Av and Dunlevy Av.  
Fix up Park Lane sidewalk.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| Pay Roll | Labor | $1854.29 |
| ThS. Dunn & Co. | Supplies | 131.61 |
| Hastings Saw Mill | Supplies | 65.68 |
| B.C. Mills | Supplies | 1.08 |
| Geo Hardy | Supplies | 8.75 |
| F. Boeur | Supplies | 29.00 |
| Champion & White | Supplies | 29.70 |
| Evans, Coleman & Evans | Supplies | 3.75 |
| W. Inge | Supplies | 3.75 |
| Armstrong & Morrison | Supplies | 75.15 |
| R. Robertson Co. | Supplies | 23.80 |
| Rose BrS. | Hack hire | 3.00 |
| Western Cartage Co. | Drayage | 9.00 |

Tenders for supplying steam road roller were received from   
Marshall Sons & Co. Geo V. Crisson Co.Jenckes Machinery Co. F.T. Bagshawe Agent for John Fowler  
Sydney Haylor Agents for John Fowler  
McRae & Hall & Co. Agents Marshall Sons & Co.   
Standard Machinery Co. 2nd Hand  
J.E.W. Macfarlane Agent for Marshall Sons & Co.  
J.E.W. Macfarlane Agent for Russell Road Roller  
A.B. Gilmour Agent for Waterous Co.  
Smart Ely Machine Co.  
  
Rock Crusher  
Geo V. Cresson Co. Chinex Road Machine Co. Jenkins Machine Co.

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J.E.W. Macfarlane Agent Count Crusher  
J.E.W. Macfarlane Agent Farrell Crusher  
J.E.W. Macfarlane Agent Baxters Crusher  
F.T. Bagshawe Agent Blake Marsden  
Bradley Engineering Co. Agent Gates Crusher  
Smart Ely Machine Co  
McRae Hall & Co. Agents  
H.B. Gilmour Champion Crusher  
H.B. Gilmour McCully Crusher  
G.H.H. Emmett Fraser & Chalmers  
M.Hoagland Sons & Co.  
F.T. Bagshawe Jelman Wepp Crusher

The Engineer was instructed to tabulate list of tenders ready for the Board at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 16th instant

The Board then adjourned.  
  
Moved by Alderman Grant  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the report be adopted  
Carried

**Finance**

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 15th, 1901  
Present the full Board  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| B.C.D. Messenger | .55 |
| The Province | 69.57 |
| The World | 27.20 |
| T.O. Townley | 1.00 |
| Mellon & Scott | 30.00 |
| Gas Co. | 2.12 |
| G.A. Roedde | 16.00 |

Communications  
  
From Messrs Jas. F. Garden and Jos. Martin M.P.P.s acknowledging receipt of resolutions re Schools etc. Filed

From F. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries asking as to whether the City would grant a confirmatory deed to Lot 12 Block 1 Old Granville Townsite  
Referred to the City Solicitor

From R.D. Rorison Secy Dominion Alliance asking the Council to pass …

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… the 3rd ready of the Early Closing By-Law. Filed.

From the City Solicitor submitting a writ on behalf of Mrs Mary Louise Fenton for damages through blasting  
Referred to the City Solicitor.

From F.R. McD. Russell appealing against the assessment of Lots 1 and 2, Blk 32, D.L. 541  
Referred to the City Solicitor

The tenders for book-binding, printing and advertising were again laid over

The account of Messrs Trythall & Son for printing the Charter was referred to the Chairman with power to act.

Resolved that the Waters [sic] Works and School Debentures be offered for sale at $95.00 net.

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

**Introduction of By-Laws**

Moved by Alderman Painter  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
That the By-Law to amend the Water Main Assessment By-Law be introduced and read a 1st time.  
Carried  
  
The By-Law was accordingly read a 1st time.

Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Wood  
That the By-Law to amend the Trades License By-Law be introduced and read a 1st time.   
Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

ThS. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk

T.O. Townley  
Mayor