***Distribution of wards; Joe Fortes; Experimental Far;Malkin Sues; Waterous and Silsby engines; Mint; Foreshore rights; saloon closure; Carnegie $50,000 grant***

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Vancouver March 25th 1901

The Council met on Monday March 25th 1901.
Present His Worship the Mayor and full Board of Aldermen.
The Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

**Communications**

From F.T. Bagshawe asking to be allowed to Speak to the Council on the subject of his tender for road roller.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From R.E. Green asking for the continuation of the grant of $100 to the Seaman’s Institute.
Laid over for Estimates

From J.H. Simpson asking that a Delegation be heard from Fairview in reference to the proposed distribution of Wards.
Moved by Alderman Painter
Seconded by Alderman Grant
That the Delegation be now heard
Carried

Messrs Simpson, Schou and Taylor Spoke Strongly condemming the proposed change as far as Fairview was concerned.
The Council promised to consider their request
They then withdrew.

From Kip & Morden complaining of Stumps being piled on their property on Mount Pleasant.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From J.W.F. Johnson and many others petitioning for a cinder path from Westminster Avenue to Victoria Drive
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Roger Pratt etal asking for a change in the Car Service on the Westminster Tram Line during certain hours.
Referred to the Light Committee

From the Police reporting on the electric lights.
Filed

From John Lilley asking for the opening up of the lane through Block 156A, 264A
Referred to the Board of Works

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From Geo. R. Maxwell Esq M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution re Railway to Yukon.
Also from E. Prior M.P. and Aulay Morrison M.P. on the same subject.
Filed

From Thos. A. Sharpe Experimental Farm stating that the trees sent the City were maples
Filed

From Joseph Fortes applying for the position of Swimming Instructor
Referred to the Police Committee

From W.G. Warren, Clerk of South Vancouvoer asking the City to improve its portion of 16th Av.
Referred to the Board of Works

From the City Solicitor enclosing a statement of claims in the cases of Edith Macdonell and W.A. Malkin vs. the City
Referred to the Board of Works

From James Moore complaining that S. Madison a civic employee was competing with him as a diver.
Referred to the Water Committee

From A.B. Gilmour Agent for the Waterous Engine Co. stating that he had made a test of the new engine sent to replace the one shipped to Dawson and offering the services of Substitute Silsby Engine until a purchaser can be found for it.
Referred to the Fire Committee

From John J. McGee, Clerk of the Privy Council acknowledging receipt of resolution re mint;[sic]
Filed

From G.W. Thomas, Cemetery Caretaker asking for a period of rest on account of overwork so that he may regain his strength.
Referred to the Board of Health

From Boyd, Burns & Co. asking that the tenders for water works supplies be considered at Council’s (Monday) meeting
Referred to the Water Committee

From Messrs Ross and Howard stating …

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… that they had made application to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the Foreshore Rights opposite Block 20 D.L. 183 C, and asking if the City had any objecting to the granting of the same.
Referred to the Board of Works

From the Rev. R.G. Macbeth Stating that a deputation would like to meet the Council on Monday next in the matter of the night closing of saloons.
Referred to the Finance Committee

From R.S. Dollar offering to put on a steamer to ply between here and Skagway for 3 months for $3000
Laid over to considered at a Special meeting on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

The following Reports were received and read:-

**Health Committee**

The Health Committee met on Wednesday March 20th 1901.
Present the full Board

Communications

From the Health Inspector stating that A. Hicks who had charge of the Ambulance had left
the City.
F.A. Lee offers to take charge for $2.00 a trip and $500 to the Isolation Hospital
Resolved that Mr Lee’s offer be accepted for the present until other arrangements are made

From John Pace asking for a raise of Salary.
Laid over for the Estminates

From H.A. Jones offering 43 acres adjoining the present cemetery for $6450
Laid over.

From John Richardson applying for the position of Assistant caretaker at the Cemetery.
Filed for reference.

The Committee decided to visit the Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The Estimates of the Board were handed in and referred to the full Council

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The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Walsh and Nightingale | Supplies | $161.12 |
| Edgett & Co. | Supplies | 15.97 |
| Wadds BrS. | Supplies | 1.50 |
| F. Chapman | Supplies | 1.50 |
| Scott & Kennedy | Supplies | 11.45 |
| McDowell & Co. | Supplies | 2.00 |
| Dr Poole | Post Mortem | 10.00 |
| J.S. Mackenzie | Supplies | 12.42 |
| Champion & White | Supplies | 4.50 |
| Rose BrS. | Hack | 4.00 |
| Chas Hack | Supplies | 9.50 |
| G.E. Macdonald & Co. | Supplies | 31.00 |
| R.G. Macpherson | Supplies | 138.81 |
| ThS. Dunn & Co. | Supplies | 7.57 |

sgd W.J. McGuigan
C [chairman]

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

**Board of Works**

The Board of Works met on Thursday Mar 21st 1901 at 4 P.M.
Present the full Board.

A deputation from the Good Roads Association waited on the Board re road to English Bay Cannery
The Engineer reported that it would take between $4000 and $5000 to build the road
The deputation was informed that the Board could not consider such a road this year.

Communications

From H.A. Bulwer re making a road on Victoria Street to English Bay Cannery>

To be notified that the City cannot open a road in this locality this year.

From C.J. Marani requesting road from 9th Avenue to 16th Av on Heather Street
Engineer to report as to cost.

From W.H. Coulter asking that front of his lot be cleared and graded.
Alderman Wood to report.

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Frm ThS. A. Sharpe re sending trees down from Experimental Farm
Resolved that the trees be handed over to the School Trustees.

From A.K. Pratt asking that logs be removed from front of his residence on Grant Street.
Foreman to burn up.

From C. Kelly and M. Mooney requesting walk in front of Lot D, Block 48 ~~E.~~ 541.
Already in Estimates

From Chas Moore acknowledging the placing of light in[sic] Granville Street Bridge.
Filed.

From M. Pollard etal requesting a 3 plank walk on the North side of Barnard Street between
Boundary Av and Vernon Street.
Referred to the Engineer and Alderman MacDonald to report.

From McPhillips and Williams on behalf of Otto Laursen claiming $62 for false connection to pipe on Seaton Street
Referred to the Chairman and City Solicitor to make satisfactory adjustment.

From John Autle etal re improvements needed on 7th Av, east of Granville Street.
From A. Phillips et al asking for 6 ft. walk on North side of 8th Av from Quebec to Ontario St.
From A.F. McKinnon etal asking for new walk on South Side of 10th Av between Quebec and
Manitoba Streets
These were laid over for the Estimates.

From W.T. Jago etal requesting sidewalk on the South Side of 9th Av East between Caroline Street and St. George St.
Referred to Alderman Wood and Engineer to report

From F.T. Bagshawe asking leave to address the Board re his tender for road roller.
Mr Bagshawe spoke in explanation of the tender he had submitted.

It was moved by Alderman Cook.
That the tender of the Waterous Engine Co. for road roller be accepted subject to a test satisfactory to the Council. To be delivered in Vancouver by May 1st 1901. Carried

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The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Armstrong and Morrison | Supplies | $152.33 |
| B.C. M. T & T. Co. | Supplies | 2.70 |
| W.L. Tait | Supplies | 72.70 |
| Robertson and Hackett | Supplies | 90.77 |
| Hastings Mill | Supplies | 24.60 |
| Geo Borwick | Supplies | 2.00 |
| Capt. Woodworth | Supplies | 10.00 |
| T. H. Boyd | Sewers | 940.96 |

sgd Robert Grant
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Grant
Seconded by Alderman Cook
That the clause in reference to the awarding of the Contract for road roller be referred back to the Committee and that the balance of the Report be adopted as read.
Carried.

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 22nd 1901.
Present Aldermen Neelands, Painter, Foreman and Fraser.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| J. Kelly | Papering etc | $49.40 |
| News Advertiser | Advertising | 6.00 |
| C.P. Telegraph Co. | Telegram | .25 |

The following contracts were approved subject to the Sureties being satisfactory to the City
Solicitor:-

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| --- | --- |
| Stationery | Clarke & Stuart |
| Wood | W.D. Trudgeon |
| Meat | Fader & Co. |

Communications

From the Free Library Board asking for an advance of $500 in anticipation of the Estimates
Request granted.

From the B.C. Guide applying for a grant of $5.00 in payment for advertising the City
Filed.

From W.H.T. Tyrrell stating that he had instructed his Counsel to issue a writ against the City. Filed

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From Geo. R. Maxwell Esq. M.P.~~P~~.[2nd P struckthrough] stating that Andrew Carnegie would donate $50,000 for a Free Library Building on condition that the City provides a site and spends $5,000 annually thereon
Resolved that a suitable resolution be drafted and forwarded to Mr Maxwell in this matter.

From A.N. Tregent giving notice of appeal against the decision of the Court of Revision re the assessment of the property of the Vancouver Improvement Co.
The notice having been received too late the communication was filed.

From the City Auditor reporting the City’s accounts correct for December and January
Filed

From E. Spellman etal Master Painters asking that a license of $25.00 be imposed on all persons contracting for painting paper hanging etc.
The City Solicitor advised that there was no power in the charter to impose such License

From F. Gourdeau Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries asking if the City had any objections to the granting of a Confirmatory Deed of Lot 12, Block 611 69th to Gilbert Mahon.
Resolved that he be informed that the City has no objection to the granting of the deed in question.

A deputation from the City Painters waited upon the Committee and asked that the contract for painting be awarded to one of the tenderers.
Laid over.

It was reported to the Committee that the Provincial Government had refused to pay the rent for the Market Shed notwithstanding the fact that the Returning Officer had arranged with the Council for same.
It was resolved that the City Clerk render them an account with a copy of the resolution.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting to consider the account rendered by Trythall and Sons for printing the City Charter.

Sgd. T.F. Neelands Chariman

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~~The following accounts were recommended for payment:-~~

~~J. Kelly
News Advertiser~~

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

**Motions**

Moved by Alderman Neelands.
Seconded by Alderman Wood.
Whereas Andrew Carnegie Esq. has at the request of Geo. R. Maxwell, Esq. M.P. offered to make a gift of $50,000 to the City of Vancouver for the erection of a Free Library Building upon the conditions that the City provides a site and agrees to spend $5000 yearly on its library.
Therefore be it resolved that Mr Carnegie’s generous offer be accepted and the thanks of this Corporation be tendered to him same
That Mr Maxwell be requested to transmit to Mr Carnegie a copy of this resolution.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Neelands
Seconded by Alderman Wood.
That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr Geo. R. Maxwell MP and to Mr A. Allayne Jones for their efforts in securing the generous donation of $50,000 from Mr Carnegie for the erection of a Free Library Building in the City of Vancouver
Carried

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Foreman
Seconded by Alderman Neelands
That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Ward By-Law.
Carried.

Alderman Foreman was appointed Chairman.

After the title was read it was moved by Alderman Painter Seconded by Alderman Fraser.
That the Committee met without reporting.

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Moved in Amendment by Alderman Neelands
That the City be divided into two wards.
Amendment lost: motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Painter
Seconded by Alderman Cook.
That the Amendments to the Water Main Assessment By-Law be read a second time.
Carried

The By-Law was accordingly read a second time

Moved by Alderman Neelands.
Seconded by Alderman MacDonald
That the By-Law to amend the Trader License By-Law be read a second time
Carried

The By-Law was accordingly read a second time.

The Council then adjourned to Tuesday at 10 A.M. to consider the Estimates

ThS. F. McGuigan T.O. Townley
City Clerk Mayor

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