***1901 Estimates***

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Vancouver March 28th 1901

The Council met on Thursday, March 28th 1901 for the final consideration of the Estimates   
Present His Worship the Mayor and full Board of Aldermen.

The City Treasurer submitted the following Estimates of the different Committees:-  
  
**Finance Committee**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries |  |  |  |
|  | City Solicitor | $2000 |  |
|  | Treasurer | 1620 |  |
|  | Clerk | 1500 |  |
|  | Accountant | 1200 |  |
|  | Trea’s [Treasurer]Assistant | 840 |  |
|  | Trea’s Assistant | 780 |  |
|  | Poll Tax Collector | 840 |  |
|  | Auditor | 780 |  |
|  | Clerk’s Assistant | 360 |  |
|  | Assessor & Building Inspector (4 mos) | 320 |  |
|  | License Inspector (Park) | 260 |  |
|  | Mayor | 2000 |  |
|  | Aldermen | 3000 | $15500 |
| Fuel City Hall  Light City Hall  Stationery  Telephones | | 375 |  |
| 100 |  |
| 900 |  |
| 90 |  |
| Interest Exchange & Commissions | | 3000 |  |
| Legal Expenditures | | 3000 |  |
| Fire Insurance | | 500 |  |
| Election Expenses | | 650 |  |
| Property Frontage Tax (Int 10 234.81 / Prin 6 856.17) | | 17 090.98 |  |
| Contingencies | | 15000 | 40705.98 |
|  | |  |  |
| Grants | |  |  |
|  | Orphan’s Home | 1500 |  |
|  | Dominion Day | - |  |
|  | Bands | 900 |  |
|  | Labor Day | 500 |  |
|  | Art Historical Society | 100 |  |
|  | Y.W.C.A. | 100 | 3100 |
|  |  |  | $59305.98 |

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**Interest and Sinking Funds**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| By-Laws No. | Interest | Sinking Fund |
| 12 | $846. | $478 |
| 29 | 9000 | 1578 |
| 44 | 1200 | 210.40 |
| 64 | 9000 | 1578 |
| 70 | 750 | 91 |
| 80 | 6250 | 1315 |
| 91 | 1000 | 210.40 |
| 94 | 1500 | 315.60 |
| 100 | 62.50 | 1315. |
| 126/7 | 23598.60 | 6208.68 |
| 148/151 | 16814.92 | 4420.30 |
| 267 | 2400 | 1070. |
| 319 | 3500 | 1180 |
| 316 | 420 | 126.30 |
| 339 | 5250 | 1800 |
|  | 87 779.52 | 21 896.68 |
| Local Improvements 1/3 |  |  |
| 155 | $1876.71 | 1135.18 |
| 199 | 1200 | 729.40 |
| 215 | 66.66 | 44.78 |
| 302 | 8340.23 | 218.55 |
| 303 | 561.65 | 921.20 |
| 318 | 133.30 | 35.05 |
| 329 | 140.22 | 36.97 |
| 330 | 93. | 157.11 |
| 332 | 200 | 52.63 |
| 336 | 172.48 | 296.58 |
| 337 | 257.34 | 78.12 |
|  | $93 315.11 | $25 602.25 |
|  |  |  |
| Total |  | $118,917.36 |

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**Board of Health**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries |  |  |  |  |
|  | Health & Plumbing Inspector | $1080 |  |  |
|  | Health & Plumbing Assistant | 720 |  |  |
|  | Health & Plumbing Assistant | 600 |  |  |
|  | Health Officer | 600 |  |  |
|  | Isolation Hospital Caretaker | 420 |  |  |
|  | Cemetery Caretaker | 840 |  |  |
|  | Cemetery Caretaker Assistant | 600 |  |  |
|  | License Inspector (pt) | 260 | $5120 |  |
| Hospital |  |  |  |  |
|  | House Surgeon | 1200 |  |  |
|  | Matron | 600 |  |  |
|  | Nurse | 360 |  |  |
|  | Nurse | 300 |  |  |
| 4 | Nurse | 384 |  |  |
| 6 | Nurse | 432 |  |  |
|  | Housekeeper | 300 |  |  |
|  | Porter | 480 |  |  |
|  | Night Nurse | 360 |  |  |
|  | Cook | 600 |  |  |
|  | Cook Assistant | 300 |  |  |
|  | Charwoman | 216 |  |  |
|  | Assistant Porter | 216 | 5748 |  |
|  | Fuel | 1200 |  |  |
|  | Light | 1100 |  |  |
|  | Telephone | 48 |  |  |
|  | Supplies | 12000 | 14348 |  |
|  | Relief | 750 |  |  |
|  | Scavengering | 800 |  |  |
|  | Health Inspection | 1500 |  |  |
|  | Repairs | 800 |  |  |
|  | Cemetery Expenses | 1500 |  |  |
|  | Isolation Hospital | 200 | 5550 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Crematory |  |  |  |  |
|  | Salaries | 720 |  |  |
|  | Expenses | 1000 | 1720 |  |
| Contingencies |  | 2000 | 2000 | $34486 |

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**Fire and Light**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries |  | Insurance | |  |
|  | Chief | $1182 | $18.00 |  |
|  | Engineer | 942 | $18.00 |  |
|  | Engineer 2nd | 782 | 18.00 |  |
| 9 | Drivers | 6588 | 162.00 |  |
| 2 | Drivers Chemical | 1464 | 36 |  |
| 2 | Drivers Chemical | 1344 | 36 |  |
| 3 | Captains | 2466 | 54 |  |
| 1 | Electrician | 732 | 18 |  |
| 2 | Horsemen | 1344 | 36 |  |
| 3 | Horsemen | 1836 | 54 |  |
| 2 | Stokers | 1224 | 36 |  |
| 2 | Hook and Laddermen | 1224 | 36 | $21650 |
|  |  |  | [NB: 544 in pencil] |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fuel, Oil and Light | 550 |  |  |
|  | Repairs, tools etc | 1000 |  |  |
|  | Telephones | 100 |  |  |
|  | Horses and harness | 1400 |  |  |
|  | Feed and Shoeing | 2500 |  |  |
|  | Maintenance Fire Alarm | 300 |  |  |
|  | Firemen’s Uniforms | 1400 |  |  |
|  | Hose | 2200 |  |  |
|  | Contingencies | 600 |  |  |
|  | Fire Alarm boxes | 800 |  | 10850 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Street Lighting |  |  |  |
|  | 323 Lights @ 25 ½ ct | 30061.40 |  | 30061.40 |
|  |  |  |  | 62561.40 |

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**Police Committee**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries |  |  | |  |
|  | Chief | $1200 |  |  |
| 2 | Sergeants | 1920 |  |  |
| 22 | Men | 18480 |  |  |
| 2 | Constables | 480 |  |  |
|  | P.C. Clerk | 900 |  |  |
|  | Assistant Jailer | 300 |  |  |
|  | License Inspector | 380 | $23660 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Police Magistrate | 1800 | 1800 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Telephone | 70 |  |  |
|  | Uniforms | 1750 |  |  |
|  | Board of Prisoners | 1100 |  |  |
|  | Transport Prisoners | 300 |  |  |
|  | Clothing Prisoners | 200 |  |  |
|  | Fuel | 200 |  |  |
|  | Inquests & Exams | 600 |  |  |
|  | Lights | 300 |  |  |
|  | Contingencies | 1500 | 6020 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| City Pound |  |  |  |  |
|  | Salary | 720 |  |  |
|  | Expenses | 200 | 920 | $32400 |

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**Water and Market Committee**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries |  |  | |  |
|  | Engineer (1/2) | $1100 | [NB:1200 in pencil] |  |
|  | Secretary | 1080 | [NB: 1200 in pencil] |  |
|  | Foreman | 1020 | [NB: 1200 in pencil] |  |
|  | Clerk | 780 | $3980 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Telephones | 400 |  |  |
|  | Repairs Submerged Main | 1000 |  |  |
|  | Maintenance North Side | 6000 |  |  |
|  | Maintenance General | 6000 |  |  |
|  | Shop expenses and tools | 1000 |  |  |
|  | Stationery | 300 |  |  |
|  | Contingencies | 1000 | 15700 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Extensions |  |  |  |
|  | Services | 1000 | 1000 |  |
|  | Improvements | (NB: for 3 items) | (NB: for 3 items) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Market |  |  |  |  |
|  | Clerk’s Salary | 840 |  |  |
|  | Repairs etc | 160 | 1000 | $21680 |

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**Park Commissioners**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Maintenance of Stanley Park, Wages, Keep of Animals and necessary repairs. | $3500 |  |
|  |  |  |
| Completing Public Recreation Grounds, reducing grade on portions of Park Road, and widening same at Brockton Point and other places. | 5000 |  |
|  |  |  |
| East End Park |  |  |
| Making a road across East End Park to shorten the road and avoid dangerous R.R. crossing | 500 | $9000 |

**Library & Reading Room**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries | 1560 |  |
| Rent | 1000 |  |
| Light | 300 |  |
| Fuel | 400 |  |
| Magazines & Papers | 400 |  |
| Book Binding | 200 |  |
| Printing | 80 |  |
| Insurance & Sundries | 160 |  |
| New Books | 900 | $5000 |

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**Board of School Trustees**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Teachers Salaries |  |  |  |  |
|  | High School | $7620 |  |  |
|  | Central High School | 5825 |  |  |
|  | Strathcona High School | 10735 |  |  |
|  | Seymour High School | 2785 |  |  |
|  | Dawson High School | 10310 |  |  |
|  | Roberts High School | 2845 |  |  |
|  | Mt. Pleasant High School | 10050 |  |  |
|  | Fairview High School | 3670 | $53940 |  |
| Caretakers Salaries |  |  |  |  |
|  | High & Central | 960 |  |  |
|  | Dawson | 960 |  |  |
|  | Strathcona | 900 |  |  |
|  | Mt. Pleasant | 720 |  |  |
|  | Fairview | 420 |  |  |
|  | Roberts | 420 |  |  |
|  | Seymour | 420 | 4800 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional Asked for |  | 400 | 400 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Salaries |  |  |  |  |
|  | Superintendent | 1620 |  |  |
|  | Secretary | 420 |  |  |
|  | Truant Officer | Nil | 2040 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Repairs |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sundry Schools | 6445 | 6445 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |
|  | Fuel | 2500 |  |  |
|  | Water | 525 |  |  |
|  | Insurance | 650 |  |  |
|  | Desks | 1700 |  |  |
|  | Other Supplies | 1500 |  |  |
|  | Contingent | 500 | 7375 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest and Sinking Fund |  |  |  |  |
|  | By-Laws |  |  |  |
|  | 146 & 147 | 7578 |  |  |
|  | 272 | 3546 |  |  |
|  | 353 | 3740 | 14864 | 89864 |

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**Board of Works**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries |  |  |  |  |
|  | Engineer ½ | $1100 |  |  |
|  | Asst Engineer | 1020 |  |  |
|  | Clerk | 720 |  |  |
|  | Building Inspector (pt) | 720 |  |  |
|  | J. Romang [caretaker]\*\* | 720 |  |  |
|  | Sundry | 220 | $4500 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Stationery | 200 |  |  |
|  | Street Cleaning | 4500 |  |  |
|  | Street Repairs | 20000 |  |  |
|  | Bridge Repairs | 2500 |  |  |
|  | Sewer Repairs | 3000 |  |  |
|  | Surface Drains | 1000 |  |  |
|  | Contingencies | 2000 |  |  |
|  | Street improvements | 65000 |  |  |
|  | Steam Roller | 3800 | 102000 | $106500 |

**\*\* Note:** Josiah Romang (Joe and the only person who’s name is mentioned in these estimates) arrived in Vancouver shortly after the Great Fire. He was the janitor of City Hall and served under every mayor since the incorporation of Vancouver at the time of Major Matthew’s interview with him on 16 February 1938. He was also tasked with laying out the first cemetery into plots for graves.

See  <https://archives.vancouver.ca/projects/EarlyVan/SearchEarlyVan/Vol5pdf/MatthewsEarlyVancouverVol5_ByAnOldTimer.pdf> Josiah info on Page 170

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**Receipts**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Licenses |  |  |  |  |
|  | Liquor | $23500 |  |  |
|  | Auctioneers | 500 |  |  |
|  | Billiards and Pool | 250 |  |  |
|  | Dogs | 1000 |  |  |
|  | Hacks and Drays | 350 |  |  |
|  | Insurance Co.’s | 3000 |  |  |
|  | Livery | 110 |  |  |
|  | Opium | 1000 |  |  |
|  | Plumbers | 150 |  |  |
|  | Pawnbrokers | 200 |  |  |
|  | Scavengers | 150 |  |  |
|  | Second Hand Dealers | 300 |  |  |
|  | Telephones | 100 |  |  |
|  | Theatres | 500 |  |  |
|  | Bicycles | 2000 |  |  |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1200 | $34310 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Interest on Taxes | 1250 |  |  |
|  | Cemetery | 2800 |  |  |
|  | Hospital | 4700 |  |  |
|  | Market | 2000 |  |  |
|  | Police Court | 7000 |  |  |
|  | Brocton Point A.A. | 605.20 |  |  |
|  | Miscellaneous | 4000 | 22355.20 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Govt Grant to Hospital | 9500 | 9500 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Water Rates | 83000 |  |  |
|  | Water Main Assessment | 2000 | 85000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Property Frontage Tax | 1709098 | 17090.98 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | School Grant | 40800 | 40800 | $209,046.18 |

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**Summary of Receipts**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cash balance Jan 1/01 | $6931.54 |  |  |
| Licenses as per Schedule | 34310. |  |  |
| Sundry as per Schedule | 22355.20 |  |  |
| Govt Grant to Hospital | 9500 |  |  |
| Govt Grant to Schools | 40800 |  |  |
| Water Rates | 83000 |  |  |
| Water Rates Main Ass[assessment] | 2000 |  |  |
| Property Frontage Tax | 17090.98 |  |  |
| Arrears of Taxes | 89571.15 | [NB: -110.00 | in pencil] |
|  |  |  |  |
| Taxes for 1901 at 2% on $16,513,135 | 330,262.70 | [NB: in pencil | $635,761.57  110 and 635,651.57] |

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**Summary of Expenditures as per Schedule**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Finance as per schedule | $59305.98 |  |  |
| Interest and Sinking Fund | 118917.36 |  |  |
| Board of Health as per schedule | 34486. |  |  |
| Fire & Light as per schedule | 32500 |  |  |
| Street Lighting as per schedule | 30061.40 |  |  |
| Police Committee | 32400 |  |  |
| Water and Market | 21680 |  |  |
| Park Commissioners | 9000 |  |  |
| Library & Reading Room | 5000 |  |  |
| Board of School Trustees | 89864 |  |  |
| Board of Works | 106500 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Warrants unpaid Dec 31st | 22386.84 |  |  |
| Due Debenture Accts | 29437 |  |  |
| Bank of B.N.A. | 9566.72 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Increases granted by motion |  |  |  |
| City Treasurer | 180 |  |  |
| City Clerk | 120 |  |  |
| City Accountant | 120 |  |  |
| City Clerk’s Asst | 120 |  |  |
| House Surgeon | 300 |  |  |
| Engineer | 200 |  |  |
| Clerk Water Works | 120 |  |  |
| Foreman Water Works | 180 |  |  |
| Asst. Engineer | 180 |  |  |
| Rebate 10% on Taxes 1901 | 33026.27 |  | 635651.57 |

The Council adopted the Report.

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

N.B.  
Debenture rate 7.2 Mills  
School rate 2.96 Mills  
Gen Fund rate 9.84 Mills