



Bu P31 (CVA) Cornerstone Ceremony Vancouver Free (Carnegie) Library at Westminster Ave (Main) and E. Hastings Street; Jan 1901 – Mar 1902

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Vancouver May 6, 1901

The Council met on Monday, May 13, 1901

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Grant, Neelands, M^cPhaiden, Foreman, ~~MacDonald~~ and Wood and Painter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. Lambert et al asking that rocking of Pender Street be continued to Richards Street.
Referred to Board of Works.

From J. Mason asking that Barnard Street be opened to the eastern boundary of Block 8. 183
Referred to the Board of Works

From Wm Henderson stating that he would meet the Mayor and Council re Drill Shed
Filed

From J.D. M^cLean, Secy. Dept Indian Affairs, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of resolution re
Indian Reserve
Filed.

From A.N. Tregent, Secy. Vancouver Prop. Owners Assoc. protesting against an article
headed Finance Committee in the Province of Apl. 26 and asking that same be corrected
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From E. Mackin, Secy. Free Library asking that a Committee be appointed from the Council to act with the Library Board in the selection of site etc for the new Library.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From J. Buntzen, Gen. Man. B.C. Elec Co notifying that 3 new lights had been installed

Referred to Light Committee.

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From Knowlen & Macaulay et al applying for a sidewalk on Richards Street from Cordova to lane

Referred to the Board of Works.

From N. LaBranche asking that his application for permission to organize a corps to be known as the City of Vancouver Home Guards, be forwarded to Ottawa

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Police Court Clerk reporting on Street Lights

Referred to Light Committee

From D.L. Spencer, Secy Good Roads Assoc asking that arrangements be made with the C.P.R. for right of way for a cinder path to Greers [sic] Beach.

Referred to Board of Works

From G. Sprung asking for permission to test a small amount of crushed rock on City Streets.

Referred to Board of Works

From J. Buntzen, Gen Man B.C. Elec Co. stating that they wished to raise the grade of the Granville Street Bridge

Referred to Board of Works

From W. Williams asking that rubbish be cleared off Block 124, 264a

Referred to Board of Works.

From R. Marrion, Health Inspector calling attention to opium smoking in Chinatown

Referred to Health Committee

The following reports were received and read:

Light Railway & Tramway

The Light, Railway and Tramway Committee met on Tuesday, May 7th, 1901.

Present the full Board

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

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Communications

From the Police Court Clerk furnishing list of lights out during the month of April.

Resolved that the Police Officers on the different beats be notified when they find a light out to strike the pole thus disconnecting the magnet which will result in starting the light afresh

The Committee decided to go out and select sites for waiting rooms with the General Manager of the Company.

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Ald M^cPhaiden

Seconded by Ald Painter

That the report be adopted as read

Carried.

Water & Market

The Water and Market met on Wednesday May 8th 1901
Present Aldermen Foreman, Grant, M^cPhaiden and His Worship the Mayor.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr Kirk of the Dominion Steam Laundry waited upon the Committee with a request that steam laundries be placed under the manufacturers rate for water
Laid over for further discussion.

A deputation from the Jockey Club waited upon the Board asking for water supply to the race track
Left in the hands of the City Engineer

From C.J. South asking the Committee to put a price on the City Hall for election
The Committee will take the matter into consideration.

From Chas Crupps asking for water supply to his house on Pacific Street.
Referred to the City Engineer.

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From Mutrie & Brown offering Lots 5 to 10 inclusive, Block 39, S.D. 196 for \$7,500, 20% [off] for cash Lots 12-to15 inclusive in same Block for \$6,000 20% off for cash
Laid over.

From H.F. Hone et al asking for water on 8th Ave near Willow St
Laid over.

From W.H. Coulter et al asking for better water supply on 6th Avenue
Laid over

From residents in Blocks 264 and 265 S.D. 526 asking for water supply
Referred to City Engineer

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Vancouver Electrical Wks. | 1.40 |
| W. Thurston & Sons | 5.50 |
| Vancouver City Iron Works | 25.56 |
| Telephone Co. | 5.00 |
| Western Cartage Co. | 10.75 |
| R.V. Palmer | 51.03 |
| Jas. Robertson Co. | 2930.41 |
| Thos. Dunn & Co. | 51.05 |
| R.C. Webber | 13.50 |
| N. Travers | 4.80 |
| Brown & Green | 3.15 |
| Bell & Flett | 22.00 |
| Clarke & Stuart | 5.00 |
| B.C. Mills T. & T. Co. | 36.39 |
| Vancouver Gas Co. | 4.00 |
| J.F. Hyndman | 17.38 |
| Boyd Burns & Co. | 25.70 |
| Water Work Pay Roll | 645.02 |

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Ald. Foreman
Seconded by Ald. M^cPhaiden
That the report be adopted as read
Carried.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4pm

Present Aldermen Grant, M^cPhaiden, MacDonald and Wood and His Worship the Mayor

The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

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P. Dubois submitted plan of Shed he wanted to erect for J. Oben on Hastings St.

Mr Woods, Strand Hotel asked for permission to erect covered passageway.

Both applications were refused as contrary to By-Law.

Mr G. M^cSpadden, Building Inspector asked for further instruction in regard to the inspection of the Drill Shed

The Building Inspector was instructed not to interfere any further in the matter and that resolution would be presented at the next sitting of the Council.

Communications

From W. Middler et al asking for 6 ft walk on South Side of 15th Avenue and Quebec Street
Engineer to look up and report.

From I.M. Gibson re condition of sidewalk on Grant Street

Laid over to be taken up later.

Moved by Alderman MacDonald,

That the Harbour Master be asked to allow dredge to work at the foot of Gore Avenue Skip.
Carried.

It was decided to grade the North side of Hastings Street East from Jackson Ave

The following account was passed for payment:-

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| Pay Roll | 2815.97 |
| W.L. Tait | 151.55 |
| C.P.R. Co. Telegraph | 3.75 |
| Hastings Saw Mill | 241.34 |
| Vancouver Iron Wks. | 73.56 |
| Armstrong & Morrison | 115.00 |
| Clarke & Stuart | 1.55 |
| Smith & Son | 2.00 |
| Geo. Hardy | 4.00 |

The Board then adjourned

Moved by Ald. Grant.

Seconded by Ald. Wood

That the report be adopted as read

Carried.

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Finance

The Finance Committee met on Friday May 10th, 1901

Present Aldermen Neelands, Painter, Foreman and Fraser

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

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| Clarke & Stuart | 19.55 |
| B.C. Messenger Co. | 1.10 |
| Telephone Co. | 47.86 |

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| News. Ad. | 32.57 |
| Province | 39.35 |
| World P & P. Co. | 83.18 |

Communications

From Henderson Publishing Co. asking for a[sic] order for Directories
Laid over

From B.T. Rogers, Manager of the Sugar Refinery with reference to their claim for exemption from taxes on property adjoining the Sugar Refinery
Referred to City Solicitor.

From J.S. McClelland, City Clerk of St. Catherines stating that their water main assessment By-Law had been repealed.
Filed

From R.C. Webber, City Printer threatening suit if his reductions in his accounts are not paid
Referred to Chairman and City Solicitor

From A.C. Flummerfelt, Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. asking for information as to the amount of ore produced on the Coast contiguous to Vancouver
Referred to the Mayor with power to act.

The printing and binding tenders were laid over for one week

Resolved that D.J. McPhalen's account for \$126.00 for moving the Weigh Scales be referred to Alderman Foreman and the City Engineer.

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Resolved that advertisements be inserted in each of the City Papers not more than twice and on different dates in each paper

From R.A. Franks, Cashier for Andrew Carnegie giving particulars of free Library grant.
Filed for reference

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Ald. Neelands
Seconded by Ald. Foreman
That the report be adopted as read
Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Painter gave notice of his intention to introduce at the next sitting of the Council, a by-law to provide for the purchase and improvement of certain lots in Blocks 63 and 71, Sub. 185 fronting on English Bay to be used by the City for the purposes of bathing places and an esplanade

Alderman Neelands gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would move that the C.P.R. Co be requested to convey to the City a portion of land 80 by 120 ft as shewn [sic] and coloured red on plan produced, for a Free Library site.
The City to erect a Library building thereon under the condition of Mr Carnegie's offer.

The Council then adjourned.

T.O. Townley
Mayor

ThS. F. McGuigan
City Clerk