



Library was completed in 1903 and street tracks installed in 1904. Photograph shows Carnegie Library, part of City Hall and McQuaig's Auction building.

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New By-Law regarding Free Library site.

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Vancouver October 26th 1901.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on October 26th 1901.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Neelands, Cook, McPhaiden, McGuigan, Foreman, Wood and Wylie.

The object of the meeting was to consider matters in consultation [consultation] with the Free Library Site.

It was moved by Alderman McGuigan,

Seconded by Alderman Foreman,

Whereas a certain By-Law was passed on the 22nd day of October 1888 by the Council of the City authorizing the raising by way of loan the sum of \$15000 for the purpose of purchasing Lots 1 to 10, Block 12, D.L. 196, Group one New Westminster [which was] to provide lands for a market place and for the erection of a market House thereon.

And whereas the said By-Law received the ascent of the electors in manner provided by law in that behalf on the 19th day of October 1888

And whereas the said lots were purchased by the City and a building erected thereon to be used as a market.

And whereas owing to various causes and chiefly to the location of the site being entirely unsuitable for the purpose of a market the undertaking proved an entire failure and the site became practically abandoned and useless as a market and eventually in the year 1897 the Council of the City came to the conclusion that a market could not be established and carried on, on the said site and consequently altered the interior structure of the said building to a dept the same for use as City offices.

And whereas since the year 1898 the said building has been used as a City Hall and the Site originally purchased has not been used as a market it being unsuitable for the same

And whereas in the opinion of this Council the said site is useless as a Market Site

And whereas the ratepayers of the said City on the 3rd day of August 1901 by a public vote regularly taken declared that is was desirable and that they wished ...

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... a public library to be erected on a portion of the said site

Be it therefore resolved that the Lieutenant Governor in Council be respectfully requested to allow and consent that the said By-Law be amended by the Council.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman Wood.

That Alderman McGuigan, the City Solicitor and City Clerk be appointed a Deputation to proceed to Victoria to lay the matter before the Government.

Carried

The Council then adjourned

T. O. Townley,
Mayor

ThS. F. McGuigan,
City Clerk