

THE BAND AT THE BAY.

Draws Another Large Crowd To the Beach.

The second of the series of popular weekly band concerts at English Bay by the Sixth Regiment band, under the leadership of Bandmaster F. Highfield, was attended by a crowd that blocked all the sidewalks in that vicinity and completely occupied every available inch of space on the fences and the few benches that were placed around the improvised bandstand.

The location of the bandstand on this occasion was on the lawn in front of Simpson's boathouse, and while convenient to those who were fortunate enough to obtain a good position near the musicians, was of very little benefit to those on the beach or out in the boats. The buildings around the immediate vicinity of the bandstand so completely stopped the sound as to prevent any one down on the beach hearing more than an occasional strain.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a bandstand near the water's edge on the beach, which will afford a much more convenient place to play than its location of last night.

As usual all the refreshment booths did a rushing business, as also did the boathouses, the latter having nearly all their available craft out, giving the bay quite a holiday appearance.

All the new open cars were out and the extra traffic was handled in an admirable manner.

Vancouver Province, June 20, 1901, page 5, column 1.

<https://westendvancouver.wordpress.com/named-buildings/bandstand-at-english-bay/#:~:text=Vancouver%20Province%2C%20June%2020%2C%201901%2C%20page%205%2C%20column%201.>

Unwarranted expenditures; Library support; requests for improvements; CPR service to Kamloops; Bank of Commerce; Stanley Park crows; repairs to fire halls and pound; Water main tax refunds; site Water Works Shops; Ministry of Marine & Fisheries Ottawa; Land & Works Dept. Victoria; inducements to establish factory; contract City Band; Library site; future management of the Water Works System.

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Vancouver, Sept 3rd, 1901

The Council met on Tuesday at 7.30 [sic] p.m.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From John Johnstone, City Auditor, reporting on Warrants which had been paid without authority from the Council
Filed.

From John Johnstone, City Auditor, reporting having audited Dominion Day Celebration accounts
Laid over

From R.A. Franks asking that the City Council pass a resolution pledging the City to furnish \$5,000 annually for the support of the Library.
Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution in question.

From R. Marpole, Gen. Supt. C.P.R. advising the Council that he did not think it possible to continue the Kamloops train service through the winter.
Filed

From Jas Williams asking how much rock would be required during the year.
Referred to Board of Works.

From J.M. M^cLuckie asking that alley near Hudson's Bay building on Water Street be repaired
Referred to Board of Works.

From Thos. Kilpatrick petitioning for a sidewalk on Powell Street to Cambridge Street
Referred to Board of Works.

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From T.C. Kilbank asking for a sidewalk on 2nd Avenue, Fairview
Referred to Board of Works

From H.J. Edwards asking that road be graded on Comox Street to Lot 37, Blk 69.
Referred to Board of Works

From W.W. Brehaut asking for a sidewalk on Nicola Street for half a block
Referred to Board of Works.

From John Gimmell asking that Council clear brush off Lot 11, Blk 4, 196 and charge cost to him
Referred to Board of Works

From Ross and Howard asking for water service to their new works on Powell Street
Referred to Water & Market Committee

From D. Mills protesting against obstruction on Alberni Street.
Referred to Board of Works

From Thos. Hooper, Architect giving explanation of his account.
Referred to Finance Committee

From R. Byson Johnson asking that Cardero Street be opened between Burnaby and Bush Avenue
Referred to Board of Works.

From Robertson Godson Co et al, asking that lane between Abbott Street and CPR tracks be repaired
Referred to Board of Works

From Jno [John] Crookall complaining of condition of surface drain on 10th Ave Mt Pleasant
Referred to Board of Works

From Robt. Lawrence asking that a side walk be laid in front of St. Michael's Church.
Referred to Board of Works.

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From John Johnson asking for permission to remove band stand in front of Hotel Vancouver.
Referred to Board of Works.

From W. Murray, Manager of Bank of Commerce agreeing to hand over deed of 6¼ acres in Lot 635 on payment of amount due
Referred to City Solicitor.

The following reports were received and read:—

Fire and Police

The Fire and Police Committee met on Tuesday, August 27th, 1901.

Present Aldermen Wood, Painter, M^cPhaiden and Wylie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—

Geo. H. Geary	63.00
J.H. Carlisle	5.00
Dr E.N. Drier	5.00
Dr Senkler	5.00
W. Pedder	1.50
S. North	37.25
Can. Gen. Elec Co.	73.70
S. North	3.00
M ^c Donald Bros	.50
Hastings Saw Mill	27.55
Van Engineering Wks.	1.50
W.S. Foo Shoo	8.00
S. Shannon	3.00
Chas M ^c Nutt	.50
Donaldson Trading Co.	3.50
B.C. Mills	106.35
Hunt & Foster	137.50
A. Savard	15.00
Evans C. [Coleman] & Evans	19.06
G. W. Hutchings	11.50

Communications

From R.G. Tallow et al asking for...

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... permission to shoot crows in the park.

Resolved that the By-Law regarding the discharging of firearms within the City limits be suspended in so far as it relates to Stanley Park for as many days as the Park

Commissioners may deem necessary for the destruction of crows in accordance with their regulations

Resolved that necessary repairs be made at the Pound House and to No's [sic Nos.] 2 and 3 Fire Halls and that a heating apparatus be installed in No 1 Firehall; that such work be done under the supervision of the Chief of the Fire Dept. and City Engineer and further that the sub committee of Aldermen having these matters in charge be discharged.

The Chief of Police recommended that D. Scott be appointed Constable in place of McNeal who failed to report for duty.
His recommendation was endorsed.

The Chief of the Fire Dept. recommended Mr Cameron to take the place of D Scott appointed to a position on the Police Force
Resolved that Mr Cameron be appointed fireman at a salary of \$45.00 per month.

Moved by Ald. M^cPhaiden that Messrs Rae, Ross M^cIntosh and Wylie's salaries be increased by \$5.00 per month each dating from the 1st of September
Carried

The Chief of Police recommended that Officer Harris be appointed Acting Sergeant during the absence of Sergeant Johnston
Resolved that Officer Harris be appointed Acting Sergeant during the absence of Sergeant Johnston and that he receive the same salary of Sergeant Johnson that Sergeant Johnston has been receiving.

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The Committee then adjourned

Signed W.H. Wood
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wood
Seconded by Alderman M^cPhaiden
That the clause be struck out with reference to shooting crows
Carried

Moved by Alderman Neelands
Seconded by Alderman Grant
That the cost of heating apparatus for Fire Halls is not to exceed \$50.00
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Neeland
Seconded by Alderman Grant

That the clause granting increases of salaries be struck out
Carried

Moved by Alderman Wood
Seconded by Alderman M^cPhaiden
That the report be adopted as amended.
Carried

Water and Market

The Water & Market Committee met on Wednesday August 28, 1901
Present the full Board and His Worship the Mayor
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From W. Fowler asking for a refund Water main tax also a letter from G.F. Cane demanding a refund of \$12.50 paid as a water main tax by W. Fowler
It was resolved that Mr Fowler be refunded the amount he is entitled to receive back after deducting the amount of his water rate and that any other persons who have an amount to their credit, after their water rates have been paid, receive the said amount back.

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From Jas. Brown asking for water service to Lot 6, Blk 287, Sub 526
Referred to the City Engineer.

From W.L. Tait asking for better fire protection for his mill on Second Avenue, Fairview.
Referred to the City Engineer.

It was recommended that Lots 5 to 10 inclusive, Blk 39, Sub 196 be purchased as a site for Water Works Shops and that Mr Henry Mutrie be instructed to make a deposit of \$100.00 to hold them for 30 days.

It was resolved that hereafter the Market Clerk be instructed not to rent the hall to any person or persons unless the rent is paid in advance

The following accounts were recommended for payment

W. Thurston & Sons	8.48
N. Laveré	11.00
W.G. Harvey	4.55
Thos Dunn & Co.	88.08

R.V. Palmer	46.79
Robertson Godson Co.	490.13
Brown & Green	2.40
J.H. Unwin	9.60
Water Works Pay Roll	980.80

The Board then adjourned

Signed C.F. Foreman
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Foreman
Seconded by Alderman Wylie
That the Report be adopted as read in amendment

Moved by Alderman Painter
Seconded by Alderman Neelands
That the clause of refund of Water main taxes be refunded back and the remainder of the report adopted as read
Amendment Carried.

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Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday Aug 29th at 4 pm
Present Aldermen Grant, Cook, M^cPhaiden and Wood
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From A.S. Gavin and C.F. Cotton asking that sewer be extended to Lot 11, Blk 67, 185
Laid over.

From A. Davies on behalf of others asking for lane in Block 24, Lot 200a and asking that same be expropriated from those who will not donate
To be asked if petitioners are willing to bear cost of expropriation

From the Deputy Minister of Marine & Fisheries enclosing copy of application for foreshore in front of W ½ of Block 182.
Laid over until Council have some satisfactory assurances that foreshore is wanted for industrial purposes and also to have plans deposited in the Office of the City Engineer.

From W.G. Walker C.M.C. [Clerk Municipal Council] asking that half a chain [unit of length equal to 66 feet/22 yards] of street be graded to connect with their road on Quebec.

Ward Foreman to do the work

From R. Wilson asking that walk on 8th Avenue be extended on South Side to Columbia Street.

Laid over for report.

From A. Calori re condition of walk on Powell Street in front of Lots 2 and 3, Blk 2, 196.
Engineer to examine

From E. Galloway re surface water...

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... running through his lot at the Corner of 8th Avenue and Cypress Street.

Engineer to examine

From John Evans re condition of walk on West Side of Seymour Street from Waverly Hotel to Robson Street

Referred to Engineer and Alderman Cook

From W. McNeal, Land and Works Dept Victoria re repair to New Westminster trunk road

Filed

From M.M. Flewelling asking for walk on 13th Avenue from Quebec Street to Lot 12, Blk 43, 302.

Referred to Engineer and Ald Wood to report.

It was resolved that walk to be laid from Post Office to Dunsmuir Street on the West side of Granville Street cost to be deducted from other work in the Ward.

400 feet of walk was ordered to be put down on the North Side of Haro from Denman to Bidwell Streets, the cost to come out of appropriations for the Ward.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Pay Roll	3546.06
Robinson & Hackett	569.92
B.C. Mills	15.83
Hastings Saw Mill	11.25
R.V. Palmer	8.81

The Board then adjourned

Signed Robt. Grant
Chairman.

Moved by Ald. Grant
Seconded by Ald. Cook
That the report be adopted as read
Carried.

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Finance

The Finance Committee met on Friday Aug 30th, 1901
Present the full Board
The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Dept Public Printing	.50
Timms & Co.	12.00
G.W. Hutchings	1.50
A.A. Boak & Co.	62.50
J.J. Woods	67.50
Tax Collector	15.55

Communications

From Alfred Taylor Victoria B.C. asking what inducements the City would offer if he would establish a factory for the manufacture of bedsteads.
Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with him asking the number of hands he will employ and the capacity of his proposed works. On the receipt of such information his request will receive further consideration

From J.W. Hay, Adjutant to the Salvation Army asking for exemption from taxation on the Industrial Wood Yard situated on Lots 37 and 38, Block 28, D.L. 541
Referred to Aldermen Painter and McGuigan for report

From F.T. Cope, Bandmaster of the City Band stating that they had completed their contract for playing for the City.
Filed.

Mr Todd interviewed the Committee and asked them to subscribe for a number of views of the City and surrounding District for insertion in a publication which would be...

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... distributed to various points.

Alderman Painter and Neelands were appointed a Committee to ascertain the cost of suitable views and report.

[Note: a penciled * was added to the minutes. Additional item is below signature.]
The Board then adjourned.

Signed T.F. Neelands
Chairman

*Resolved that in the event of any employee not on the permanent pay roll being discharged from the employment of the City before the regular pay day and wages being due him by the City, the City Treasurer be authorized to pay such wages on the employee presenting [sic time]check, the same being signed by the head of the Department and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee having charge of the work on which the labor was performed for which payment is being made. In the absence from the City of the Chairman the Mayor to countersign the time check in lieu of such chairman.

Moved by Alderman Neelands
Seconded by Alderman Wylie
That the Report be adopted as read
Carried.

A report was received from Alderman Wood on the Fire Chiefs Convention at Tacoma and filed.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Grant
Seconded by Alderman Wood
That the City Engineer be requested to have a statement prepared for submission to the Board of Works showing the expenditures on Street improvements in the different Wards during the year and that the City Auditor be requested to certify to the correctness of same
Carried.

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Moved by Alderman M^cPhaiden

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That the City Engineer take immediate steps to remove the buildings off the North end of the Market Hall site known as the Library site.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Grant gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would move that the City Engineer be authorized to call for tenders for sufficient sewer pipe to sewer Block 49, 196, English Bay section and section lying to the North of Westminster Avenue Bridge all of which is included in the By-Law

Alderman Foreman gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would move that it is advisable in the interests of this City that the Water Works System of the City should be in future placed under the management of three Commissioners, two of whom to be elected by Citizens entitled to vote for Aldermen and one to be nominated by the Council. The whole to hold office for three years without salary.

The Council then adjourned

T.O. Townley

Mayor

ThS. F McGuigan

City Clerk