



Cambie Street Grounds

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***Cambie Street Recreation Grounds; False Creek Flats; inspection of ships;
Vancouver Property Owners Association; Cow Byre By-Law; early closure
Christmas & New Year's Eve***

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Vancouver Dec 23rd 1901.

The Council met on Monday December 23rd 1901.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Jacob Erligh offering \$3000 for Lot 37, Block 12, D.L. 196.

Moved by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman Cook

That his offer be accepted.

Carried.

From R. Marpole extending the option for the purchase of the Cambie Street Recreation grounds for 15 days after Jan 1st in consideration of the payment of \$20000
Filed.

From ThS. Shirley notifying the Council that he would hold the City liable for damages in connection with his recent illness on account of negligence in connection with health matters.
Referred to the City Solicitor.

From L.T. Rogers et al asking for a fire alarm box at the corner of Robson and Cambie Streets.
Referred to the Fire Committee

From the T.H. Cross Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council protesting against the giving away of any portion of False Creek Flats
Referred to the Railway Committee

From Jas M^cMurray et al applying for Street improvements.
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read:-

Fire and Police Committee

The Fire and Police Committee held a special meeting on Friday December 20th 1901 at 3 P.M.
Present Aldermen Wood, Cook, McPhaiden and Foreman.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

WS Young	Interpreting	\$12.50
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Central Fish Market	Supplies	\$7.07
Can Genl Elec Co	Supplies	12.45
Evans, Coleman & Evans	Supplies	93.30
Gupta Percha & Rubber Co	Supplies	15.15
T. Nisheymaa	Intrepreting	2.00
W.A. Brown	Supplies etc	428.66
John Bausman	Drayage	.50
A. Blayney	Supplies	7.50

Communications

From the Chief of Police recommending that Police Officer Snyder be suspended for 30 days for

neglect of duty.

It was resolved that the Chief's recommendation be carried into effect.

From R. Marrion, Health Inspector stating that the account for plumbing submitted by W.A. Brown for Fire Hall No 2 1, was fair and reasonable and with the exception of one or two defects the work was satisfactory.

It was decided to pay his account [sic]

sgd W.H. Wood
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wood
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden
That the Report be adopted
Carried

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Wednesday Dec 18th 1901
Present Aldermen McGuigan, Neelands and Wylie

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

J.T. Hartz & Co.	Supplies	\$55.30
Timms & Co.	Supplies	2.00
ThD. Dunn & Co.	Supplies	27.72
J. Dodson	Supplies	41.10
Jas Robertson & Co.	Supplies	309.05
Jas Stark & Son	Supplies	58.85
J. Galleley	Supplies	2.00
John McDowell	Drayage	5.00
Van Gas Co.	Supplies	24.53
Jas Hughes	Supplies	65.81
BC. Elec Co	Supplies	1.00
Champion & White	Supplies	1.25

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Evans, Coleman & Evans	Supplies	\$110.47
ChS Webb	Supplies	15.85
B.C.M. T & T Co.	Supplies	19.55
Scott & Kennedy	Supplies	6.00
Buscombe & Co.	Supplies	1.20
D.M. Stewart	Washing	192.29

McArthur & Loughheed	Supplies	2.50
Valley Dairy Co	Supplies	120.78
Clarke & Stuart	Supplies	10.35
Central Fish Market	Supplies	21.45
McDowell & Co	Supplies	177.06
Edgett & Co.	Supplies	49.34
B. N. Decker	Cemetery Clearing	315.00
Fader & Co.	Supplies	145.85

J.J. Logan and Dr. Harrison waited upon the Board and asked that the Cow Byre By-Law be temporarily amended to allow of the keeping of more than three cows on any one premises. It was resolved that the By-Law be temporarily amended to allow say the Keeping of 25 cows on one premises.

Resolved that a temporary box drain be put in on Prior Street near Westminster Av pending the construction of sewers and that said drain be flushed regularly.

Resolved that \$15.00 be donated for a Christmas tree for the hospital as requested by Miss Clendenning.

Resolved that 4 fire extinguishers two stand pipes and 200 feet of hose be ordered for the hospital as recommended by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Resolved that two dressing rooms and a driving shed be constructed at the new cemetery addition.

Resolved that two registers be printed for the addition to the Cemetery.

Resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to advise the Medical Health Officer regarding his duties in connection with the inspection of ships.

Resolved that an air tight stove be purchased for the Isolation Hospital.

sgd W.J. McGuigan
Chairman

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

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 p.m.
Present Aldermen Cook, McPhaiden, Foreman and Wood.

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden
That Alderman Cook take the Chair.
Carried.

Mr. Bissett applied for percentage on cement walk and curb at Bissett Block on Seymour Street.
Laid over for one week

A delegation from the property owners Association waited on the Board re the grading of
Campbell Avenue and Hastings Street east.
The Board gave them information asked for and the Engineer in charge of the work laid before
them detailed cost of work amounting to \$1981.61

Communications

From Mr. Sharples applying for about 60 feet of Sewer extension on Alberni Street.
It was ordered to be put in.

From Thomson Stationery Co re condition of walk and street in front of new building adjoining
their store.
Referred to the Building Inspector

From John Mason re fence destroyed in front of Lots 12 and 13, Block 78, 196.
Referred to Engineer.

From H.H. Wilson enclosing petition for cement pavement.
Laid over for further applications to come in.

From A. St. G. Hamersley re opening of Keefer Street westward to Carrall Street and explaining
mode of procedure
Laid over. Engineer to draw up ...

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... plans etc estimating the Street line only.

From the Vancouver Gas Co. asking for three lengths of 8 inch pipe
To be allowed to have same.

From A.N. Tregent re communication of Dec 12th inst.
Filed

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Welsh & Nightingale	Supplies	\$3.00
Evans, Coleman & Evans	Supplies	52.95
ThS. Dunn & Co.	Supplies	84.86

sgd E. Cook
Acting Chairman

Moved by Alderman Cook
Seconded by Alderman Foreman
That the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday December 20th 1901.
Present Aldermen Neelands, McGuigan, Foreman and Wylie.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

G.W. Grant	Library	\$1000
Albert Adams	Library	1000
B.C. Gazette	Printing	269.50
News Advertiser	Printing	19.82
Robt. Thorburn	Drayage	5.00
C.H. & H.G. Hobson	Insurance	19.00

Communications

From G.W. and C.G. Hobson [Note could also be C.H. & H.G. Hobson, see final expense paid above] and D.C. McGregor asking for the insurance on the Crematory.
It was decided to give it to G.W & C.G. Hobson their rate being the most favorable provided the Company is financially sound.

From Robert Thorburn rendering an account for \$10.00 for hire of team for Dominion Day Celebration
Resolved that he be paid \$5⁰⁰ in full settlement of his account.

From ThS. Mathews offering to sell lane "A" in Block 13, D.L. 200 A for \$200
Referred to the City Engineer to report upon

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From A.N. Tregent, Secy. Vancouver Property Owners Association requesting that the Provincial Government be asked to amend the Statutes re neglected children to make it apply to Vancouver.

Referred to the City Solicitor

Resolved that outstanding accounts in connection with the First of July Celebrations be paid on the 2nd of January amounting in all to \$143.52.

Resolved that the Mayor and City Treasurer arrange to open a Special account for Library purposes.

sgd T.F. Neelands
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman Cook

That Robt. Thornburn's [sic Thorburn's] bill be increased to \$10⁰⁰ and that the balance of the Report be adopted as read.

Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That a By-Law be introduced to amend the Cow Byre By-Law

Carried.

The By-Law was introduced and read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman Painter

That the following account be paid.

Pack	Labor	\$79.35
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Carried

Moved by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the following accounts [sic] be paid:-

Roberts		\$20.00
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Moved by Alderman Neelands
Seconded by Alderman Foreman
That the City Hall be closed ...

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... after 12 pm on Christmas Eve and New Years [sic] Eve.
Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Foreman
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan
That the amendment to the Cow Byre By-Law be read a Second time.
The By-Law was accordingly read a second time

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration with Alderman McGuigan in the Chair.

It was reported to Council as complete after being read over clause by clause.

The Rules were suspended and the By-Law was read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Foreman
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

The Council then adjourned

T.O. Townley
Mayor

ThS. F. McGuigan
City Clerk