

John Ross Macdonald

CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA



Council and Committee
Handbook

1938

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GEORGE C. MILLER, MAYOR



CITY HALL, VANCOUVER

CITY OF VANCOUVER

BRITISH COLUMBIA



COUNCIL, 1938

MAYOR.

George Clark Miller

ALDERMEN.

John Bennett	H. L. Corey
J. W. Cornett	T. H. Kirk
Fred Crone, M.L.A.	Helena R. Gutteridge
H. J. DeGraves	H. D. Wilson

REVIEW CITY HALL. CITY OF VANCOUVER

Vancouver's new City Hall, a twelve-storey structure of steel and concrete, finished in native British Columbia stone, is situated on Strathcona Park site. The building rises in the central portion to a height of 159 feet.

The financing of the City Hall was carried out by means of a bond issue, bearing interest at 3%, sold locally, and known as Baby Bonds. Of the proceeds of this issue, which was authorized by a special act of the Provincial Government, slightly less than \$1,000,000.00 was required for the City Hall construction.

The central hall on the main floor, with a plate glass mirrored ceiling two storeys above the floor, and highly polished marble walls, gives an imposing appearance. On the third floor are the Council Chamber, private offices for the Aldermen, Mayor's Office, City Clerk's Office, Legal Office and Law Library. The Council Chamber received the special attention of the architects: a quiet dignity is lent by the red mahogany panelled walls rising to the full height of two storeys, coupled with the use of this material in all the furniture.

A few notable features are: The private automatic elevator for Mayor and Aldermen, a master clock controlling thirty-two clocks in the building, specially designed hardware, each lock plate bearing the Coat-of-Arms, and a parking area of 8,000 sq. ft. underneath a public driveway.

52 YEARS OF INCORPORATION.

Vancouver's history, or rather the nucleus of what we now know as Vancouver, goes back to the erection of a log cabin on Burrard Inlet in 1862 by one John Morton; the establishment of a settlement around Hastings Mill; the arrival of Gassy Jack Deighton, whose influence fostered the name of Gastown for the settlement then properly called Granville; the decision of the C. P. R. to make this point the terminus of the railway and the re-christening of Granville to Vancouver at the instigation of Mr. Wm. Van Horne.

In April, 1886, Vancouver, with a population of 2000, became incorporated as a City, but only two months after, on Sunday, June 13—ninety-four years to the day after the first entering of Burrard Inlet by Captain Vancouver—fire broke out in some land clearing then going on. The whole city was razed excepting a mere dozen structures, mostly dwellings, causing a loss of one and a half million dollars. The pioneer spirit of which Canadians are justly proud, was never better exemplified than by Vancouverites, who, in six months, had rebuilt a city housing 2500 persons and costing half a million dollars.

The first decade of the City's life gave ample evidence of the tremendous expansion to come. Between 1886 and 1896 were witnessed the establishment of the Bank of British Columbia, which came to the aid of the City in its initial local improve-

ment works; the formation of the Board of Trade; the arrival of the first train in May of 1887, and the inauguration of the trans-Pacific service by the C. P. R. Empress boats, two events which were to make Vancouver Canada's gateway to the Orient.

The laying of the first watermain under the First Narrows was followed in 1890 by the acquisition of the waterworks system for \$440,000, which today serves Vancouver and six surrounding districts. In the City of Vancouver alone are 648 miles of permanent mains. In 1890 the first street car ran over the original electric route, six miles in length; today 283 street cars are operated on 109 miles of track. Electric lighting was instituted in 1887 with three hundred lamps; after changes in ownership the street railway and lighting services were taken over by a syndicate which formed the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and now supplies street car and electric service to Greater Vancouver, with a plant valued at \$114,000,000.

The first steamship to ply the Pacific Coast, the "Beaver," was fated to meet with disaster as had the embryonic City of Vancouver; in 1888 shipwreck off Prospect Point in Stanley Park, took this pioneer of the British Columbia coast, and yet only seven years later 309 ocean going vessels entered the Port of Vancouver, carrying a tonnage of 541,876.

Educational facilities in the first five-

year period reached the aggregate of four schools, the first having been built in 1873 by the Hastings Mill Company, and replaced after the fire by a four-room structure. At the time of writing Vancouver's school population amounts to 38,389 under the tutelage of 1,229 teachers, and housed in 64 schools.

Vancouver, today and tomorrow, will be constantly grateful for the wisdom and foresight displayed by the first Council, which in 1886 applied successfully to the Dominion Government for the reserving under lease, for Park purposes, of Stanley Park, admittedly the finest park in the Dominion.

Vancouver, in company with so many North American cities, went through a period of meteoric expansion. During 1906 and 1907 people arrived in thousands, new streets were opened up, street car lines extended, bush disappeared to be replaced by fine homes; the population jumping from 52,000 in 1906 to more than 111,000 in the following five years. In 1929, after negotiation extending over a period of 18 years, the greater City of Vancouver came into being, with the annexation of Point Grey and South Vancouver, with a population today of 259,989. The area of Vancouver was thus increased from 16.48 square miles to 43.695 square miles.

The City derives its powers from the Charter, originally granted in 1886. The present government of the City rests in the hands of a Mayor and eight Alder-

men, elected at large. The work of the Council is supplemented by eight standing committees, each of which comprises all members of the Council.

Functions related to Parks and Education are carried on by elected representatives; and policing of the City by a Board of Police Commissioners appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, while Health, Water Supply and Sewage Disposal are in the hands of boards on which are representatives of the City and surrounding municipalities.

Vancouver in company with so many North American cities went through a period of meteoric expansion. During 1900 and 1901 people arrived in thousands, new streets were opened up, street car lines extended, bus lines disappeared to be replaced by the homes; the population jumping from 22,000 in 1898 to more than 111,000 in the following five years. In 1929, after an extension extending over a period of 12 years, the greater City of Vancouver came into being, with the annexation of Point Grey and South Vancouver, with a population today of 227,000. The area of Vancouver was thus increased from 10.43 square miles to 13.02 square miles. The City derives its powers from the Charter, originally granted in 1886. The present government of the City rests in the hands of a Mayor and eight Aldermen, elected at large.

CITY COUNCIL, 1938.

The Council of the City of Vancouver consists of a Mayor and Eight Aldermen.

The Mayor is elected for a two-year term, and each year, four aldermen are elected for a two-year term.

MAYOR, 1938

Geo. C. Miller

(Elected December 9, 1936)

ALDERMEN, 1938.

John Bennett

Jonathan Webster Cornett

Fred Crone, M.L.A.

Halford David Wilson

(Elected December 9, 1936)

ALDERMEN, 1938 and 1939.

Henry Lyman Corey

Henry James DeGraves

Helena Rose Gutteridge

Thos. Henry Kirk

(Elected December 8, 1937)

CITY COUNCIL—1938.

Mayor Geo. C. Miller

City Hall, 453 West 12th Ave. Fair. 2711
Residence: 4470 Pine Crescent. Bay. 5298R
Business: 318 Homer Street. Trinity 2471

Alderman John Bennett

Residence: 1970 Graveley St. High. 332L

Alderman H. L. Corey

Residence: 4411 West 5th Ave. Ell. 1570L

Alderman J. W. Cornett

Residence: 296 East 44th Ave. Fras. 1630L
Business: 33 E. Hastings St. Sey. 3690

Alderman Fred Crone, M.L.A.

Residence: 3001 Pt. Grey Road. Bay. 52
Business: 760 Beatty Street. Sey. 8084

Alderman H. J. DeGraves

Residence: 2895 Pandora St. High. 1291

Alderman Helena R. Gutteridge

Residence: 1195 East 54th Ave. Fras. 973Y

Alderman Thos. H. Kirk

Residence: 1538 Matthews Ave. Bay. 43

Alderman H. D. Wilson

Residence: 175 East 15th Ave. Fair. 4218Y
Business: 402 West Pender St. Sey. 8670

Fred Howlett, J.P., City Clerk

Residence: 5258 Blenheim St. Kerr. 2794L

MAYORS

CITY OF VANCOUVER

**From the date of its Incorporation, in
April, 1886, to the year 1938.**

1886—M. A. McLean
1887—M. A. McLean
1888—David Oppenheimer
1889—David Oppenheimer
1890—David Oppenheimer
1891—David Oppenheimer
1892—Fred Cope
1893—Fred Cope
1894—R. A. Anderson
1895—Henry Collins
1896—Henry Collins
1897—William Templeton
1898—James F. Garden
1899—James F. Garden
1900—James F. Garden
1901—Thos. O. Townley
1902—Thos. F. Neelands
1903—Thos. F. Neelands
1904—W. J. McGuigan
1905—Frederick Buscombe
1906—Frederick Buscombe
1907—Alexander Bethune
1908—Alexander Bethune
1909—C. S. Douglas
1910—Louis D. Taylor
1911—Louis D. Taylor
1912—James Findlay
1913—T. S. Baxter
1914—T. S. Baxter
1915—Louis D. Taylor

1916—M. McBeath
 1917—M. McBeath
 1918—R. H. Gale
 1919—R. H. Gale
 1920—R. H. Gale
 1921—R. H. Gale
 1922—C. E. Tisdall
 1923—C. E. Tisdall
 1924—W. R. Owen
 1925—Louis D. Taylor
 1926—Louis D. Taylor

Commencement of Two-Year Term.

1927—Louis D. Taylor
 1928—Louis D. Taylor
 1929—W. H. Malkin
 1930—W. H. Malkin
 1931—Louis D. Taylor
 1932—Louis D. Taylor
 1933—Louis D. Taylor
 1934—Louis D. Taylor
 1935—G. G. McGeer, K.C., M.L.A.
 1936—G. G. McGeer, K.C., M.P.
 1937—Geo. C. Miller
 1938—Geo. C. Miller

Freemen of City of Vancouver.

Sir Percy Vincent, Bart.
 London, England.
 Sir Edward Beatty, G.B.E.
 Montreal.

CITY COUNCIL, 1938.

Service Record.

George C. Miller—

Alderman 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933,
 1934, 1935, 1936.. Mayor 1937, 1938.

John Bennett—

Alderman 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928,
 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1938.

Henry Lyman Corey—

Alderman 1936, 1938, 1939.

Jonathan Webster Cornett—

Councillor S. Vancouver 1923, 1925.
 Reeve S. Vancouver 1926, 1927, 1928.
 Alderman 1937, 1938.

Fred Crone, M.L.A.—

Alderman 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1937,
 1938.

Henry James DeGraves—

Alderman 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933,
 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939.

Helena Rose Gutteridge—

Alderman 1937 (by-election), 1938, 1939

Thomas Henry Kirk—

Alderman 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919,
 1936 (by-election), 1937, 1938, 1939.

Halford David Wilson —

Alderman 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES.

First Meeting of Council.

The members of the Council shall hold their first meeting at twelve o'clock, noon, on the first Wednesday in January after they are elected, or in case such Wednesday shall be a Statutory Holiday, then such meeting shall be held on the next Wednesday thereafter, at noon.

Regular Meetings of Council.

The regular meetings of the Council are held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, twice in each calendar month on alternate Mondays, at 2 p.m.

The members of Council are called from their rooms by the ringing of a bell, which is hung before the entrance to the Chamber, five minutes before the time of meeting. At two o'clock His Worship enters, wearing the robe and gold chain of office, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, carrying the Mace, presented in 1936 to the City by the Lord Mayor of London. On the placing of the Mace on the table, specially built for that purpose, Council is ready to enter into session.

Special Meetings of Council.

Special meetings may be convened at any time by the Mayor, or whenever requested, in writing, by a majority of the members of the Council.

Quorum of Council.

A quorum of Council consists of six members, including the presiding officer.

Quorum of Committees.

Of the number of members appointed to compose any committee of the Council a majority shall constitute a quorum. His Worship shall be counted in arriving at a quorum thereof.

Extracts From Procedure By-law.

Council must meet within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting.

Committees must meet within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting.

No standing rule of the Council shall be suspended except by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

No previous resolution of the Council passed in the then current year on any matter shall be rescinded unless by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Council then present, and no decision or ruling of the Mayor or presiding officer shall be overruled except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council present.

In the case of all committees the Chairman shall vote on all questions submitted, and in case of an equal division the question shall be disposed of in the negative.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1938.

Standing Committees shall comprise the Whole Council, including His Worship the Mayor, who is ex-officio a member of all committees.

Social Services Committee.

Ald. H. L. Corey, Chairman.

Meets twice in each calendar month on alternate Mondays at 10 a.m.

Harbours, Utilities and Airport Committee

Ald. H. D. Wilson, Chairman.

Meets on alternate Mondays following Social Services Committee.

City Properties, Licenses and Claims Committee.

Ald. John Bennett, Chairman.

Meets twice in each calendar month on alternate Mondays, at 2 p.m.

Fire, Police and Traffic Committee.

Ald. Fred Crone, M.L.A., Chairman.

Meets on alternate Mondays following City Properties, Licenses and Claims Committee.

Building, Civic Planning and Parks Committee.

Ald. Helena R. Gutteridge, Chairman.

Meets on alternate Mondays following Fire, Police and Traffic Committee.

Markets, Exhibition, Industries and Tourist Development Committee.

Ald. H. J. DeGraves, Chairman.

Meets on alternate Mondays following Building, Civic Planning and Parks Committee.

Works and Water Committee.

Ald. Thos. H. Kirk, Chairman.

Meets twice in each calendar month on alternate Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Finance Committee.

Ald. J. W. Cornett, Chairman.

Meets twice in each calendar month on alternate Tuesdays at 2 p.m.