

123. No contractor or other person engaged on any work for the city shall be paid the compensation allowed him (unless otherwise provided for) by his contract, or any part thereof unless at the time of paying the same, he shall present to the chamberlain a certificate from the city engineer, stating that he had examined, measured and computed the work, and that the same was completed, or that the payment demanded was due on such work, and also stating what the work was on which such money was due.

124. With the view of further carrying out the various objects, embraced in this by-law, every account, before being paid, shall be certified, firstly, by the city engineer or other superior officer under whose superintendence the work was done, or materials provided, and secondly, by the committee (if any), under whose authority the contract, or expenditure was made; this latter certificate being given by, or by order of such committee or a majority thereof, and signed by the members or by the chairman in their presence, and such certificate shall also refer in some distinct manner to the by-law or resolution of the Council by or under which the expenditure was authorized.

125. The Chamberlain shall pay no such account unless the same is given to him with the said two certificates and also with the declaration hereinbefore mentioned, or the order of the Finance Committee in lieu of such declaration, or unless the same was duly authorized by the Council according to the provisions of this By-law, and the cheque shall mention the By-law or Resolution which authorizes the payment to be made.

126. In case the committee has reason to believe that any member of the Council or officer of the Corporation is interested in any account presented for the approval of such committee it shall be the duty of such committee to withhold a certificate, and to give the parties interested, or supposed to be interested in the account, an opportunity of disproving the supposed interest; and if they fail to do so to the satisfaction of such committee, it shall be the duty of the committee to report the same forthwith to the Council.

127. The Chamberlain, for the convenience of parties, shall provide printed forms for the necessary certificates and declarations, such forms being subject to the approval of the Standing Committee on Finance.

128. No money shall be paid to any member of the Council or to any officer of the Corporation as agent or attorney for any contractor, or in any manner on behalf of a contractor.

129. No member of the Council shall have power to direct or interfere with the performance of any work for the Corporation; and the officer in charge shall be subject only to his superior officer (if any) and to the Council, or to any committee (while acting in that capacity and not otherwise) to which the Council may in any case give authority in that behalf.

130. All work and materials exceeding in value five hundred dollars shall be done and provided by contract, and after tenders have been called for, and advertised for one week, or in any other manner which the extent and importance of the work may render necessary. In case of an emergency rendering it necessary to dispense with this rule, such dispensing therewith shall require the sanction of a majority (being not less than four) of the members of the Committee having charge of the matter; and every such case is to be entered in their minutes at the time, and to be reported to the Council at its next meeting, with the reasons which rendered it necessary in such cases to dispense with this rule.

131. Every tender for work or supply of material shall be accompanied at the time of its delivery to the proper Clerk or officer of the Corporation by a cheque marked good, or