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## MINUTES

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Vancouver January 16th 1888 at 7:30 p.m.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Bell-Irving, Clark, Couth, Dougall, Humphries, Lefevre, Mannion

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

### Communications

From City Solicitor giving it as his opinion that Mssrs Dunn and Ferguson were empowered to proceed with the contracts entered into by Heardins.

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From Leamy and Kyle petitioning for the planking of Cambie Street.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From J.W. McFarland thanking Council for granting him permission to take a tracing from the Sewer map.

Filed.

From Lewis Eggert applying for the position of Fire Inspector.

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From City Solicitor giving it as his opinion that H. F Keefer was not guilty of a breach of the contract by buying gravel from Chinese.

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From Thomson Bros. submitting catalogues and price lists of the Schlerght and Field Co's office Cabinets.

Referred to Finance Committee.

### Reports

Finances No 2.

The Finance Committee met on Friday January 13th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

A.R. Reid, Stationery	\$8.25
Robert Mathison	7.25
Thomson Bros	5.65
Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co.	1.45
Robert Couth & Co. Coal	14.00
Herald Printing & Publishing Co.	20.75
Jonathan Miller	1.85
Daily News-Advertiser	31.95

We recommend that the City Clerk's salary be raised to \$100.00 a month, and that the City Engineer be empowered to purchase the necessary furniture for his office.

J.H. West, on behalf of the workmen employed by Wm Heardins having entered suit against the Corporation to recover wages for work on Streets and Sewers. We would recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to retain Messrs Corbould and McColl for

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the defense and give them all the necessary information and instructions on the matter.

We have carefully examined the lease submitted by the C.P.R. Solicitors for the Cricket Ground and have struck out the objectionable clauses and now beg to submit the amended form for the approval of Council.

Sgd Rich. H. Alexander  
Chairman.

Adopted. Mannion - Clark

Works No. 2

The Board of Works met on Friday January 13th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:-

Jos Mc Donald, erecting shed	\$6.00
Vancouver Bazaar, Stationery	2.25
Leamy and Kyle, Plank	77.00
Office rent for Mr. Mohun	28.00
J.W. Cameron, fixing Sidewalks	22.50
Phillip Breen, Repairs	3.00
Woodaman and Edgar, Blacksmithing	.75
Jas. B. McKim, Street Work	1.00
H.F. Keefer, Estimate on Gravel	608.90
James Heartney, Park Road	1532.52

The following recommendations are submitted for the approval of Council.

That steps be taken towards the expropriation of the Gore and the junction of Powell and Alexander Streets.

That the City Clerk communicate with Mr. Abbott determine upon

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what terms the recreation grounds can be purchased, and that the City Engineer prepare a plan of the Foreshore of False Creek.

We ask for further time for the consideration of the petitions for the improvement of Georgia and Nicola Streets and for the appointment of an assistant road inspector.

We have instructed the Chairman of the Board of Works to bring in an estimate of the cost of a proposed change to the Park Road and submit same to the next meeting of the Council.

The following tenders have been received for the tank on Water Street:-

H. Connacher

For a Tank 48 x 12 x 12, \$493.00

J.H. Hayden

For a Tank 48 x 12 x 12, \$490.00, and \$35.00 for each additional foot in depth.

Johnston, Brown & Co.

For a tank 48 x 12 x 12,	\$387.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 13	423.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 14	458.80
" " " 48 x 12 x 15	499.60
" " " 48 x 12 x 16	550.40

McDonald & Cameron

For a tank 48 x 12 x 12,	\$500.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 13	565.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 14	640.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 15	720.00

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For a Tank 48 x 12 x 16 \$825.00

W.E. McCoskrie

For a tank 48 x 12 x 12	\$534.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 14	623.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 15	675.00
" " " 48 x 12 x 16	720.00

We recommend that the contract be awarded to Johnston Brown & Co. for whatever depth of tank may be considered necessary.

sgd. H. Bell-Irving  
Chairman

Adopted Alexander-Clark

No. 15 Police

No. 1

The Police Committee met on Thursday January 12th 1888, and appointed Alderman Mannion Chairman for the current year: -

The following accounts are recommended for payment:-

C.W. Heaywood, Railway fares	\$16.00
McLennan and McFeely, Stove etc.	27.75
John Scuitto, Bread,	12.86



Alderman Humphries presented a report from the President of the Electric Illuminating Company shewing the cost of the increased candle power lights which was referred to the Fire, Water & Light Committee.

#### Motions

No. 18 Moved by Alderman Humphries  
Seconded by Alderman Clark

That the City Clerk be instructed to have Locks placed on each of the Alderman's desks.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Mannion

That Mr. John be instructed to prepare a plan shewing the blocks already sewered and

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those which will require to be sewered this year.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre, seconded by Alderman Dougall

No. 20 That the Board of Works be empowered to make the changes and on the Park Road and build the bridge across Coal Harbour as shown by the Chairman of the Board of Works.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander, seconded by Alderman Humphries

No. 21 That the awarding of the contract for Station Six of the Park Road be deferred for two weeks until it can be found whether the shore side can be used for this work.

Carried.

#### By-Laws

No. 22 Alderman Humphries introduced a By-Law to permit or to regulate the firing off of guns , the firing or setting off of fire balls, squibs, crackers, or other fireworks and the making of bonfires within the City of Vancouver, which was read for the first time.

#### Notice of Motion

No. 23 Alderman Couth gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a By-Law regulating the Storage of Gunpowder etc. within the limits of the City.

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The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer  
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk