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MINUTES

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Vancouver Feb 6th 1888,

The Council met on Monday February 6th 1888 at 7:30 P.M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Bell-Irving, Clark, Dougall, Humphries, Mannion and Oppenheimer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From L.A. Hamilton asking Council to take steps towards fixing permanent boundaries for lots in old Granville Townsite.

Referred to the Board of Works and City Solicitor with power to act;

From L.A. Hamilton informing Council that it was the intention of the property owners along Beach Avenue to have same cleared at once and asking them to carry out the plans of the Park Road as laid down by the last Council. Referred to the Board of Works.

From D McCallum asking Council to reconsider Scavenger tenders. Referred to Board of Health.

From Robert Barker and others asking for the reinforcement

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of Drake Street between Granville and Homer Streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

From L.L. Black, City Solicitor re Cole's Building. Laid over for one week.

From E. Mohun, Submitting cost of increased Sewerage. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Messrs Drake, Jackson & Helmcken asking for a list of moneys paid Messrs Dunn & Ferguson on account of Wm Harkins. Referred to the City Solicitor to instruct treasurer in the

matter.

From Hospital Steward complaining of being sick. Filed

From H. I. Scurry et al , praying Council to pass a By-Law Compelling a Strict observance of the Sabbath. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Geo Baldwin, Assessment Commissioner, Submitting Assessment Roll for 1888.

Accounts

The following accounts were read and referred to their proper committees.

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Wm. Hamilton \$2.50
Wm Beavis \$3.70
Kenneth Campbell & Co. \$11.06
L. W. Haywood \$13.50
Royal City Mills \$2.12
Thos Allen \$22.00
W. G Alcock \$29.00r
News Advertiser \$25.20
J. H. Carlisle \$22.50
H. McDonnell & Co \$7.80
A. C. Thicke \$3.50
Woodaman & Edgar \$2.10
W. K. Williamson \$30.00
Hayes & McIntosh \$9.54
B. B. Skinner \$28.00
F. X. Martin \$44.80
Canadian Pacific Tel. Co. \$1.90
Thomson Bros \$12.85
Vancouver Wine Co. \$3.00
John Clough \$4.50
Charles Nelson \$10.05
Lye & Co \$4.55
John Scuitto \$14.54
C. P. Telegraph Co. \$2.65
Campbell & Martin \$5.30
J. Miller \$8.17
J. J. Alexander \$10.00
Chinese Interpreter \$.50
S. L. Lilley \$49.45
W. L. Milross \$116.22
Jas Tretheway \$10.00
Owen Hughes \$4.00
John Donahue \$6.00

Henderson Bros.\$41.47
Ths Dunn & Co. \$18.90
E. S. Scoullar & Co. 43.94

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B.B. Skinner \$22.00
J.W. Palmer \$16.00

Reports.

F. W & L.

The Fire, Water & Light committee met on Thursday, February 2nd 1888 and recommended that the Chief of the Fire Brigade Select an officer and Fireman for the engine and that he be paid \$5.00 for his services at each fire.

The position of teamster having been offered to and refused by W. W. Ayer on account of insufficient Salary, this Board recommends that the appointment of Thos Simpson, at a Salary of \$50.00 amount be confirmed and although the Board regrets to hear that there is dissatisfaction in the Brigade respecting His appointment; still they feel that they should be the judges of the remuneration to be attached to the different officer we recommend that the bell be only rung for fire purposes.

Sgd, J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Mannion Seconded by Alderman Clark that the report be adopted with exception of Clause relating to the ringing of the bell which be sent back to the Committee. Carried

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Works.

The Board of Works met on Friday February 3rd 1888 and reports that an estimate has been received from the City Engineer showing that the cost of constructing a foot bridge, 7 feet wide across Coal Harbour would be \$1100 and that a 22 foot bridge would cost \$2,500.00.

We have considered the applications for Park Road Inspector and would recommend that Wm Tivey be appointed when one is required.

Also that James (unreadable) be notified that it is not the intention of the Corporation to proceed with the Construction of Section 6 of the Park Road for the present.

We recommend that the application of A. Godfrey & Co. to build an iron shed at the rear of the Wilson Clark be granted provided they deposit with the Board of Works a plan and full particulars of which they propose to do, which shall be subject to approval.

That the inspector of the Park Road be instructed to bring in a report at the next meeting of the Board of Works, showing the amount of work done and the number of men employed on each contract and that a similar report be furnished fortnightly thereafter.

Sgd, H. Bell-Irving, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Mannion that the report be adopted. Carried.

By-Law.

Alderman Alexander introduced a By-Law to amend the Liquor License By-Law which was read a first time.

Alderman Clark introduced a By-Law to repeal By-Law No. 53, which was read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mannion that By-Law be referred to the City Solicitor with instruction to prepare a By-Law embracing all By-Laws to be repealed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Mannion that By-Law regulation Storage of gunpowder be read a second time. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Mannion that the Fire, Water & Light committee be em-

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powered to call for applications and to appoint a suitable person for the position of License, Health and Fire Inspector. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Alexander that the Mayor appoint a Committee to enquire into the Causes of the present difficulty in enforcing the Civic By-Laws and to report to the Council as to the best means of remedying the present unsatisfactory condition of things. Carried.

His worship appointed Aldermen Alexander, Bell-Irving, and Mannion as the Committee,

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Humphries that the estimate of the City Engineer in favor of Johnston Brown & Co for \$144.00 be paid. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mannion that the following memorial be addressed to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries that in view of the large and increasing population of the City of Vancouver a By-Law has been passed for the purpose

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of building a road around the government Reserve at the head of Coal Harbour and that the said road is now nearing completion.

That it is deemed necessary that a Traffic Bridge should be thrown across Coal Harbour for the purpose of connecting with the said road at the foot of Georgia Street for the ease and convenience of the Citizens of Vancouver City and her numerous visitors.

Your memorialists therefore pray that this Department may give directions to the Deputy of the Honourable the Minister of Marine in this Province to Communicate with the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver, giving them the necessary permission to build such bridge. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark.

That the following memorial be addressed to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

That this petition representing that the Port of City of Vancouver has a large and constantly increasing shipping trade and has not the immediate attention the necessity of the Situation demands and would respectfully draw your attention to the fact that since last we memorialized

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you there has been a large increase of vessels entering at this port.

Your memorialists therefore pray that you may give directions to the Deputy the Minister of Marine in this province to have a Light House constructed near the entrance to the First Narrows of Burrard Inlet and buoys put in where necessary as formerly prayed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Mannion seconded by Alderman Clark

That the following memorial be addressed to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries

That in order to enable the Port of the City of Vancouver to have communication with the North Arm of the Fraser River and consequently communication with all the outlying districts between there and that Port.

That it is necessary to build a Traffic Bridge across False Creek at the foot of Granville Street in order to open up such communication.

Your memorialists therefore pray that this Department may give directions to the Deputy Minister of Marine in this Province to communicate with the Mayor and Council of this City giving

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them the necessary permission to build such bridge. Carried.

Alderman Humphries gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce (1) a By-Law to establish a Public weighing Machine in the City at such place as the Council may direct and (2) a By-Law to impose a Dog Tax in the City;

Alderman Bell-Irving gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law to amend Clause One of By-Law No 49 at next meeting of Council.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk