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MINUTES

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Vancouver March 12, 1888

The Council met on Monday March 12th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From E. Mohun, asking that the Sewers be publicly tested. Referred to the Board of Works.

From R. T. Williams asking the Council to Subscribe for 200 copies of the City Directory. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Auditor submitting Auditor's Report for January 1888. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Trustees of Lots 1 to 7 and Lots 29 to 35, Block 67, District Lot 185 asking that the lane in said Block be closed. Referred to B of Works.

From John Robson re amendments to City Charter. Referred to City Solicitor.

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Report

F. W. & L.

No. 7

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Monday March 12, 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

B. B. Skinner \$5.00

Herman Draxdorf	\$1.25
F. W. Heart	\$20.00
C. M. Hanley	\$26.05
Henry Arkell	\$10.40
Electric Ill. Co.	\$184.00
John McAllister	\$93.25
John Abrams	\$5.00
Wm. Hamilton	\$5.00
J. H. Carlisle	\$4.50
John Polloch	\$19.00
Tattersall's Stables	\$4.00
F. X. Martin	\$12.20
C. P. R. Co.	\$10.00

Sgd. J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark Seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the report be adopted. Carried.

Health

No. 5

The Board of Health met on Monday March 12th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

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GeoWilliams	\$7.50
Owen Hughes	\$4.50
W. Ashford	\$13.55
Geo. Wilson	.89 cts
Cowderoy Bros.	\$1.10
Hayes & McIntosh	\$23.55
B. B. Skinner	\$6.00
F. C. McCartney	\$7.05
Vancouver Wine Co.	\$1.50
H. McDowell & Co.	\$4.35
Campbell & Martin	\$8.30
F. X. Martin	\$18.80
V. VanVolkenburgh & Bro.	\$1.24
Hastings Saw Mill Co.	\$20.00
Charles Nelson	\$2.25
D. McCallum	\$4.50

Sgd. J. M. Lefevre, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the report of the Health Committee be adopted. Carried.

Police

No. 3

The Police Committee met on Friday March 9th 1888 and recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Robert Mathison	\$24.25
V. VanVolkenburgh & Bro.	\$13.00
F. X. Martin	\$39.05
Wm. Murphy	\$139.00
David Evans	\$120.00
Railway Fares	\$10.00

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Dufour & Co.	\$2.00
John Scuitto	\$20.86

Sgd., Jos Mannion, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the report of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

Finance

No. 8

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 9th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Thos. Dunn & Co.	\$6.00
F. X. Martin	95 cts
Palmer Bros.	\$24.00
Tattersall's Stables	\$5.00
A. A. Reid	\$21.80
C. P. Telegraph Co.	25 cts
H. A. Berry & Co.	\$5.50
S. T. Tilley	\$35.60
News Advertiser	\$25.40
Thomson Bros.	\$54.25
Patrick Carey	\$4.00
Vancouver Herald	\$67.50
W. H. Phillips	\$17.00
W. K. Williamson	25 cts
R. W. Armstrong	\$12.34
F. W. Heart	75 cts
R. T. Williams	50 cts
J. C. Keith	\$12.48

We have considered the question of the payment of the

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last estimate for Sewerage in favour of Wm. Hardin to Messrs Dunn & Ferguson and would recommend that the City Treasurer pay the amount of said estimate of the City Solicitor is satisfied that no liability will be incurred by the Corporation by so doing.

We ask for further time for the consideration of the petition of Mr. R. D. Pitt for remuneration for the loss of his leg through being run over by the fire engine.

Sgd., Rich Alexander, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Bell-Irving. That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

The City Solicitor's opinion was here read advising the payment of the amount to Messrs Dunn & Ferguson on their furnishing sureties to be approved of by the Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Mannion. That Messrs Dunn & Ferguson be paid the amount of the Sewerage estimate in favour of Wm. Hardins provided they furnish the bonds suggested by the City Solicitor and that said Bonds receive the approval of the Finance Committee. Carried.

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Works

No. 10

The Board of Works met on Monday March 12th 1888 and beg to report that the communication of Mr. Thos. H. Coudell has been duly considered.

We find that the information given by the City Engineer who can substantiate his statements shows that the building under erection on the corner of Homer and Cordova Streets is in correct position according to the original stakes and we recommend that Mr. Coudell be notified to that effect.

We recommend that the City Clerk communicate with Mr. Abbott requesting him to kindly remove the fence on Heatley Avenue to give access to the Vancouver Iron Works and to construct a crossing across the railway on said Avenue to enable the City to open out the Street.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

Royal City Planing Mills Co.	\$2.34
F. W. Hart	\$27.50
E. Cook, Estimate on Hospital	\$325.00
W. Beavers	\$5.58
R. G. Tatlow	\$14.00

Tenders

The following tenders have been received for the fixing of Street crossings:

W. P. Reardon	Raising the plank 25 cts per ft. Laying the plank \$19.50 per m.
Jos. Ironsides	Raising the plank 14 cts per ft. Laying the plank \$16.00 per m.
J. W. Cameron	Raising the plank 9 cts per ft. Laying the plank \$23.00 per m.
W. E. Williams	Raising the plank 10 cts per ft. Laying the plank \$13.50 per m.

We recommend that the tender of J. W. Cameron be accepted, W. E. Williams having failed to make the necessary deposit.

We recommend that tenders be called for the following work:

- 1st The construction of a Bridge on Pender Street near Brewery.
- 2nd The construction of a 4 foot side walk on Drake Street East of Granville Street.
- 3rd The planking of Cambie Street from Pender Street to the South End of said Street.
- 4th The construction of an 8 foot side walk from Water Street to the Shore of Burrard Inlet.
- 5th The opening up of Westminster Avenue 24 ft. wide from 7th to 10th Av.

We recommend that a stone crusher and appliances be purchased and that the City Engineer have a scraper made for the

streets according to plan submitted to this Board also that the work on Beach Avenue be proceeded with as soon as the clearing mentioned in Mr. L. A. Hamilton's letter of the 6th February is completed.

The City Engineer has been instructed to examine and report upon several petitions presented to Council and referred to this Board, for street improvements, which will be duly reported to Council; also the City Engineer will report on the cost of grading Georgia Street full width throughout.

Sgd., H. Bell-Irving, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Dougall seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Notice of Motions

Alderman Lefevre gave notice that he would introduce a resolution to authorize the Finance Committee to place the sum of \$12,000.00 in the estimates of the current year, to construct the proposed bridge across False Creek from the foot of Granville Street to connect with the new road to the North Arm of the Fraser River.

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By-Law to redivide the City of Vancouver into new wards so that the ratepayers and property holders would be equally represented in the council on the basis of a tax paying population, pursuant to the provisions of the Charter.

Alderman Alexander gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a By-Law to authorize the raising of \$125,000 by way of Debentures for several improvements in the City of Vancouver.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk