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MINUTES

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Vancouver March 26th 1888

The Council met on Monday March 26th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

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

The minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From [unreadable] Gillis asking that a sidewalk be laid on the West side of Westminster Avenue on Burrard Street South Side. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Messrs Drake, Jackson and Helmcken informing Council that Mr. T. T. Black does not admit the legality of his discharge. Referred to City Solicitor.

From G. W. Phipps asking Council to remit taxes on Y. M. C. A. building. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Secretary of Board of Trade asking that a sum be placed in the general loan By-Law for building a Bridge across False Creek. Filed.

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From James Struthers et al asking for the improvement of Georgia Street East of Granville Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From S. T. Tilley et al asking the Mayor to call a public meeting to discuss the bridge question. Filed.

Reports

License Committee

The Licensing Board of the City at its usual and regular monthly meeting March 20th 1888, after

duly considering the provisions of the Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors and the issuance of Licenses therefor now before the Legislature most respectfully report that in their opinion the regulation of such matters should be left in the hands of the Councils of the Cities and Municipalities, giving them full powers to impose such License fees as they may deem sufficient.

It was also further resolved that the Clerk of the Licensing Board transmit copies of the above resolution to the members of Parliament from this District at Victoria, which has been done.

Sgd., Oppenheimer, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the report be adopted.
Carried.

Works

No.

The Board of Works met on Friday March 23rd 1888 and beg to report that the following tenders have been received for Street improvements:

Alexander Street and Heatley Av.,
Eldon & Lovalt.

Alexander St, Grading per ft 60 cts
Heatley Av, Grading per ft 75 cts
Culverts per m. \$16.00

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Grading per ft. 80 cts
Sidewalks per ft. 37 cts
Plank per m ft. \$15.00

Boyd and Clandening

Grading per ft. 52 cts
Box Culverts per m ft. \$16.00

Angus McLellan

Grading per ft. 76 cts
Box Culverts per m ft. \$16.00

Dupont Street,

H. Comacher

Grading per ft. 87 cts
Sidewalks per ft 35 cts
Planks ~~sidewalks~~ per m. ft. \$16.00

McDonald & Cameron

Grading per ft 78 cts
Sidewalks per ft 31 cts
Culverts per m ft. \$18.00

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Boyd and Clandening

Grading per ft. 74 cts

Sidewalks per ft 35 cts

Box Culverts per m ft. \$16.00

Stephenson & McCraney

Grading etc per ft. 57 cts

Sidewalks per ft 32 cts

Culverts per m. ft. \$15.00

Eldon & Lovalt

Grading per ft. 95 cts

Sidewalks per ft 36 cts

Culverts per m ft. \$16.00

Davidson & Austin

Grading per ft. 75 cts

Box Culverts per m ft. \$16.00

John Tierney

Grading per ft. 84 cts

Sidewalks per ft. 34 cts

Box drains per m. ft. \$15.00

We recommend that the Tender of Messrs Boyd and Clandening be accepted for the improvement of Alexander Street and Heatley Avenue and Messrs Stephenson and McCraney's for the improvement of Dupont Street.

We recommend that tenders be called for the following works:

1. For the improvement of Davie Street from Granville to Seymour,
2. For the improvement of Granville Street from the sand to Pacific Street,
3. For the improvement of Nicola St.
4. For the burning of the roots and stumps piled beside the streets in certain localities throughout the city.

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We recommend that Mr. Abbott be notified that the City has let the contract for the improvement of Heatley Avenue from Powell Street to the Shores of Burrard Inlet and that he be requested to make a crossing over the railway track at the point to give access to the foundry; also that the City Engineer be authorized to put in a box drain on Oppenheimer Street near the railway crossing and street crossings across Westminster Avenue on Hastings Street.

We would also recommend that doors and windows be placed in the basement of the new hospital at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Sgd., H. Bell-Irving, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mannion. That the report of the Board of Works

be adopted. Carried.

By-Laws.

The Council went into Committee to discuss the Loan By-Laws on motion of Alderman Alexander with Alderman Oppenheimer in the Chair.

The By-Laws were discussed generally but no decision was arrived at. The Committee rose, and resumed business.

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Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the By-Law to raise a loan by way of Debentures for building a bridge across False Creek be read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Bell-Irving. That the general loan By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the rules be suspended and the Bridge By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

Committee.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on General Loan By-Law with Alderman Alexander in the Chair.

The amount of debentures proposed to be issued was fixed at \$125,000. The special rate fixed at 29/120 of a cent in the dollar, and the By-Law read over clause by clause, after which the Committee rose to report By-Law as complete with amendments.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

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The Council again went into Committee on Bridge By-Law with Alderman Alexander in the Chair.

The amount for the construction of the proposed Bridge was fixed at \$25,000 and the By-Law read over clause by clause.

The Committee rose to report By-Law as complete with amendments.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Mannion. That the rules be suspended and that a By-Law be introduced, fixing the polling places the time and appointing Returning Officers to take the votes on the Loan By-Laws. Carried.

By-Law read a first and second time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mannion.

Committee.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law with Alderman Clark in the Chair.

By-Law was numbered 56 and the other blanks filled.

The Committee rose to report By-Law as complete with amendments.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

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By-Law read a third time on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Couth and ordered to be engrossed and gazetted.

Alderman Humphries moved, seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That ward By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

Committee.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law Alderman Humphries in Chair and partly considered it.

The Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That a Committee composed of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Alexander, and Lefevre be appointed to wait on Mr. Abbott with the view of persuading the railway company to reconsider the matter of placing a draw in their bridge across False Creek. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Mannion.

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That Mr. G. Robertson be granted permission to move his building as petitioned for. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer.

Resolved that the thanks of this Council be and the same are hereby tendered to Mrs. Storey and

the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted her in giving a concert in aid of the funds of our City Hospital.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent Mrs. Storey by the City Clerk.
Carried.

Notice of Motion.

Alderman Mannion gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law to strike out clause 10 of By-Law No. 49.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk