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MINUTES

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Vancouver June 19th 1888,

A Special Meeting of the Council called for general business was held on Tuesday June 19th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Brighthouse, Couth, Dougall, Humphries, Lefevre, and Oppenheimer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, Alderman Humphries objecting on the ground that the motion relating to the appointment of a Special engineer was not carried.

Communications

From John M. Browning C. P. R. Land Commissioner asking that he be given the names of the Streets not surveyed in Lot 541. Referred to the City Engineer.

From D. McAlister et al praying for the improvement of part of Hornsby Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From H. Abbott sending specifications of road to North Arm. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Wm Cargill et al praying for the improvement of Lane between Dunlevy Avenue and Carl Avenue. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Thos. H. Condell asking use of City Park for Orange Celebrations.

From Robert Barker et al praying that Drake Street be sidewalked 8 feet wide. Referred to the Board of Works.

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From J. R. Linton et al praying Council to abate the night soil nuisance at the City Wharf. Referred to the Board of Health.

From Deputy Attorney General submitting a verdict of Coroner's jury re the drowning of Frank

Symons. Filed.

From Chas Chamberlin asking to make arrangements re the Sending of Exhibits to Toronto Exhibition.

The Clerk was instructed to reply and refer him to his Worship, the Mayor.

From H. Abbott, asking to know on what terms C. P. R. patients would be admitted into the City Hospital. Referred to the Board of Health.

From V. Eng. Danett acknowledging receipt of resolution re Defence of Vancouver. Filed.

From J. Lowe, Secretary of Minister of Agriculture informing Council that it was not the intention of the Government to take any immediate action in the way of appointing an Immigration Agent at Vancouver. Filed.

From E. J. Clark Toronto offering to donate a block in 264A and to give \$1,000.00 to improve same on condition that it be used as an Athletic Park. Referred to the Board of Works with instructions to the City Engineer.

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to examine and report upon the said Block immediately.

Reports

Finance

No. 13

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 15th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:-

Tattersall's Stables \$5.00
F. X. Martin, Coal Oil 3.50
News Advertiser 128.80
S. T. Tilley 9.25
Telephone Co. 4.00
R. Mathison, Ballots etc 9.75
W. J. Smith, Delivering Box 25 cts
C. P. Telegraph Co 1.20
Vancouver Herald 24.90

We also beg to report that Mr. H. V. Edmonds has agreed to donate to the City of Vancouver for school purposes part of the triangular block in District Lot 301 lying South of the boundary of 200A having a frontage of about from 250 to 300 feet on Ninth Avenue and about 150 feet on Westminster Road.

Rich D. Alexander.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Alexander. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Works

No. 21

The Board of Works met on Monday June 18th 1888 and beg to report that the following tenders have been received:-

Carl Avenue,

Augus McLellan,

Grading etc per ft 52 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

Boyd & Cladening

Grading etc per ft 52 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

Duncan J. McDonald,

Grading etc per ft 76 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

McDonald & Cameron,

Grading etc per ft 58 cts

Culverts per m ft 17.00

Wm. Tierney

Grading etc per ft 84 cts

Culverts per m ft 17.00

Hawkes Avenue

John Reid

Grading etc per ft 40 cts

Sidewalks per ft 20 cts

Augus McLellan,

Grading etc per ft 46 cts

Sidewalks per ft 21 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

Alexander Street Sidewalk

W. P. Reardon per ft 37 cts

Ironside & McKee per ft 34 ½ cts

D. McAllister per ft 34 ½ cts

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Powell Street Sidewalk

D. McAllister per ft 35 cts
Baynes & McIntosh per ft 35 cts
W. P. Reardon per ft 37 cts
Bell & Taylor per ft 32 cts
Ironsides & McKae per ft 33 ½ cts
J. L. McCurdie per ft 37 cts

We recommend that the contracts be awarded as follows:-

Carl Avenue, Boyd & Clandening
Alexander Street, Ironsides & McKae
Powell Street, Bell & Taylor
Hawkes Avenue, John Reid

The following accounts are submitted for the sanction of Council:-

(1) That the following accounts be paid:-

J. J. Tierney, Georgia St, Section 1 \$776.91
H. Comacher, Drake St, 846.90
A. J. Wheatley, Cemetery House, 100.00
W. P. Reardon, Burrard St, 34.45
John Hudson, Tenth Av. 120.62
R. Mackay, Fripp, Plans, 35.00
Hallowell & Joyce, Land, 75.00

- (2) That the Council take steps to prevent parties from building a wharf at the South end of Gore Avenue or on any other approach to the water.
(3) That Seymour Street be planked between the Fire Hall and Georgia Street.
(4) That the Sewer Contractors be notified to put the streets and sidewalk

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in as good order as they found them under the supervision of the City Engineer.

- (5) That the City Engineer be instructed to report upon the improvement of the following streets:

Homer Street between Drake and Pacific Streets.

Gore Avenue between Hastings Street and False Creek with a six foot sidewalk thereon.

Campbell, Hawkes and Heatley Avenue from Powell Street to Dupont Street.

Oppenheimer, Hastings and Dupont Streets from end of grading to Campbell Avenue with an eight foot sidewalk on Hastings Street between Jackson Avenue and Westminster Avenue.

Also Robson, Bute, Broughton, Haro, Barclay, Comox, Pendrell, Burnaby and Harwood Streets.

- (6) That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications of an addition to the City Hall and of the School house to be erected on the South side of False Creek.

Sgd, S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Couth. That the report be adopted. Carried.

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By-Laws

Alderman Alexander moved that the rules of procedure be suspended and leave granted to introduce a By-Law to appoint the Deputy Returning Officers etc for holding an election in Wards Nos. 3 and 4 to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Alderman Bell-Irving and Mannion.

Leave was granted and the By-Law was then read a first and second time on motion of Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer.

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

The By-Law was read over clause by clause and passed in Committee.

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

By-Law was then read a third time and ordered to be engrossed signed etc. on motion of Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Brighthouse.

Alderman Oppenheimer introduced a By-Law to appoint a Park Committee which was read a first time.

Alderman Alexander introduced a By-Law to bonus Rolling Mills which was read a first time.

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Alderman Humphries moved for a third reading of By-Law to amend By-Law No. 40 which was duly read and ordered to be engrossed etc.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with Mr. H. I. Edmonds, signifying our intention of accepting his offer and thanking him for his very liberal donation. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the following accounts be paid.

F. X. Martin, Quarantine Supplies \$61.73

Thos. J. James, Quarantine Supplies 91.34 Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the City Solicitor be

instructed to get the opinion of Hon. A. N. Richards Q. C. as to the position of the City of Vancouver with regard to the collection of taxes assessed and levied upon personal property within the City in consequence of amendments to the statutes during the last session of the Legislature. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Couth. That the sum of \$250.00 be set aside by Council for the construction of a house for the accommodation of Immigrants. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That a Committee be appointed to collect subscriptions for the erection of Immigrants sheds and to interview Mr. Abbott regarding a site for same and that tenders be called for the erection of the building as soon as the site is selected. Carried.

His Worship appointed Aldermen Humphries, Brighthouse and Dougall as the Committee.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the Mayor shall have power to open negotiations with any person or persons, body or bodies, corporate and make such arrangements with him, them or any of them in accordance with the provisions of the By-Law for Blast Furnace as he may deem proper but the contract to be entered into between such person or persons, body or bodies, corporate and the City shall be submitted to the Council for approval before

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being executed on the part of the City. Carried.

Alderman Humphries asked leave to withdraw his By-Law for extending the Fire Limits on Water Street and gave notice of his intention to introduce a new By-Law exempting certain portions of Water Street on certain conditions.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk