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MINUTES

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Vancouver June 4th 1888

The Council met on Monday June 4th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From City Solicitor re lease of 10 acres on Brocton Point to the Athletic Association.

From J. C. Keith et al petitioning for the opening up of Seventh Avenue. Referred to the Board of Works.

From T. L. Atkinson giving notice that J. J. Tierney had given up his contracts on Georgia Street and asking for a refund of his deposits on said streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Alderman Joseph Mannion sending in his resignation as member of the City Council.

From Robert Barker et al petitioning for the sidewalking and grading of portions of Seymour and Richards Streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

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From City Engineer submitting report on Street expenditure since the beginning of the year. Referred to the Board of Works.

From City Auditor submitting report for April. Filed.

From E. Mohun reporting on the flushing of Sewers and calling attention to the necessity of appointing some person to look after the Sewers. Referred to the Board of Works.

The following accounts were read and referred to their proper committees:-

Robert Mathison \$9.75
H. Greenberg 9.00
Electric Ill Co. 193.75
F. Scotney 87.30
John Matthews 3.25
Lye & Co. 6.15
Vancouver Wine Co. 2.00
Palmer Bros. 12.00
S. F. Bradbury 2.50
H. McDowell & Co. 25.51
VanVolkenburgh & Bro. 21.15
V. W. Haywood 3.00
Hayes & McIntosh 34.27
Hy Arkell 24.00
San Juan Line Co. 1.50
F. C. Birks 7.70
Telephone Co. 8.00
F. W. Hart 25.75
T. J. James 79.18

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Chas. M. Hawley \$5.75
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 13.52
S. T. Tilley 9.25
Vancouver Bros. Advertiser 128.80
F. X. Martin 104.51
Tattersall Stables 12.50

Reports

Finance

No. 12

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 1st 1888 and beg to recommend:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-
Fraser & Leonard duty on Hose Reel \$61.25
H. Robertson & Co. [Awnings?] 13.00
C. P. R. Co. Freight on Hose Reels 109.85
2. That the Council appropriate \$800.00 for the erection of a school house and the purchase of a lot in some suitable locality on the South side of False Creek and that the City Clerk communicate with Mr. H. V. Edmonds and ask him to donate two lots for that purpose to the City.

3. That no action be taken towards purchasing copies of the Illustrated Guide Book as there are no funds available for that purpose.
4. That Aldermen Clark and Dougall be appointed a Committee to examine a site for a market ground and report fully to Council. The City Solicitor has furnished his opinion to this Committee re personal

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property taxation and assures us that the government can impose and collect said tax within our corporate limits.

Sgd., Rich H. Alexander, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Health

No. 11

The Board of Health met on Friday June 1st 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts.

D. W. Haywood, Extra Services \$18.00
D. Robertson, Professional Services \$800.00

Sgd., J. M. Lefevre, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Dougall seconded by Alderman Couth. That the report of the Health Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works

No. 19

The Board of Works met on Friday June 1st 1888 and beg to recommend that the following accounts be paid:-

H. Coumacher Streets \$2.00
T. F. Woodaman Blacksmithing \$1.65
James Ironside, Heatley Av. \$409.00

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McGarrigle & Davis, painting \$180.00
Boyd & Clandening, Park Road 939.42
do Trail on Park Road 104.21
H. Blyth et al Street Ward 117.00
Boyd & Clandening Box drains 18.55

The following tenders were received

Caretaker's House

Oldfield & McClenathen \$387.00
Callow & Lewis 359.00
A. J. Wheatley 357.00
Augus McLellan 395.00

Pender, Dupont & Beatty Streets

McDonald & Cameron,
Grading per lineal foot 55 cts
H. Coumacher,
Grading per L ft 53 cts
6 ft Sidewalk per L ft 25 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00
A. J. McMillan,
Grading per ft 54 cts
Sidewalks per ft 18 cts
Frank Cerro,
Grading per ft 50 cts
Augus McLellan,
Grading per ft 48 cts
Sidewalks per ft 27 cts
Boyd & Clandening,
Grading per ft 48 cts
Sidewalks per ft 21 cts
Plank per m ft 16.00

Abbott Street

McDonald & Cameron,
Grading per ft \$1.25

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H. Coumacher,
Grading per ft \$1.10
Sidewalks per ft 35
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00
Boyd & Clandening,
Grading per ft \$1.09
Sidewalks per ft 32 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 16.00

Carrall Street Approach

Boyd & Clandening,

Cedar piles per ft 16 cts

Lumber per m ft 16.00

Removing Old Lumber per m ft 2.00

Augus McLellan,

Cedar posts per ft 14 ½ cts

Plank per m ft 14.25

R. A. Baynes,

Piles in position \$3.15 each

Lumber in position per m ft 16.00

James Ironside,

Piles per ft 15 cts

Plank per m ft \$15.75

Joseph Jacques,

Cedar posts per ft 8 cts

Lumber per ft 24 cts

We recommend that the contract for the improvement of Abbott, Pender, Dupont, and Beatty Streets be awarded to Messrs Boyd & Clandening; Carrall Street Approach to Augus McLellan and Caretaker's House to A. J. Wheatley.

2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare amendment to Street By-Law to allow of canvas awnings being con

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structed 8 feet from the Sidewalk instead of 9 feet as it now is.

3. That tenders be called for the grading of the following streets 20 feet wide:-

Smithe Street from Cambie to Homer;

Homer Street from Smithe to Nelson;

Nelson Street from Homer to Burrard;

Burrard from end to end.

Thurlow, Jervis and Nicola from end to end.

Nelson and Davie from Burrard to Nicola.

Eveleigh Street from end to end;

Seventh Avenue from Westminster Avenue easterly to Block 100, then North to Block 93.

Sixth Avenue from Westminster Avenue easterly to Block 85 and Fifth Avenue from Westminster Av. To Block 93.

Sixth Avenue westerly from Westminster to the creek running from the Brewery or to the Western boundary of Block 12, District Lot 302, and Quebec Street from Sixth Avenue South to Block 39.

4. That tenders be called for the laying of an eight foot sidewalk on the West side of Granville Street from Hastings to Cordova Street.
5. That the Chairman of the F. W. & L. Committee purchase a cart, harness and tank for flushing the Sewers as previously recommended.
6. That Coal Harbour Bridge be constructed from the foot of Georgia Street

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as shown on the plan, thus avoiding the necessity of purchasing Lot 14.

7. That the Health Inspector be instructed to exercise more stringent measures to prevent people from throwing slops, refuse and garbage into the street gutters and also prevent parties from connecting closets with surface drains.
8. That the City Engineer be empowered to repair streets and sidewalks where deemed necessary and to examine and report upon the straightening of Powell Street east of Campbell Avenue and the continuation of the sidewalk on the South side of Powell Street. Regarding the offer of Mr. E. J. Clark of Toronto we would deem it worthy of consideration if he would deed nine acres of land to the City for the purposes set forth in his communication but we would not recommend the making of any permanent improvements under a lease.

Sgd, S. Brighthouse, Acting Chairman

Moved by Alderman Couth seconded by Alderman Dougall. That Section Six of the Board of Works Report be amended as follows:-

That Lot 14, Block 64 District Lot 185 be purchased by the Corporation for \$950.00 and that the Bridge across Coal Harbour be constructed from said Lot instead of from the foot of Georgia Street. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Alexander. That Seventy-five dollars be retained by the Corporation out of the final estimate passed in favour of Boyd and Clandening for the improvement of Sections 1 and 5 of the Park Road, in case they do not give a sufficient guarantee that the rubbish etc will be burnt when the proper time arrives; the balance of the Report to be adopted as read. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Humphries. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draw up an agreement to be submitted to Council for approval between the Corporation of the City of Vancouver and the Athletic Association re the leasing of 10 acres of the Government Reserve at Brockton Point to the said Association for Athletic purposes. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Dougall. That Alderman Clark be asked to accept a seat on the Board of Works. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That as Mr. Tierney has given up his contracts on

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Georgia Street that Section 2 be awarded to Messrs Stephenson and McCraney and Section 3 to Messrs Boyd and Clanden the next lowest tenderers. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Dougall. That Alderman Mannion's resignation be accepted with regret as member of the City Council. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Couth seconded by Alderman Humphries. That as the 1st of July is our fiscal year it would be well that a substantial acknowledgment should be made to the Fire Brigade in recognition of their valuable services to this City, seeing that they are wholly a volunteer company and we would therefore move that the Council vote them \$200.00 to be spent as they see fit. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk