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MINUTES

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Vancouver June 25th 1888

The Council met on Monday June 25th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From John Boulton on behalf of Mr. Dunlevy et al making a proposition to build Street Railways in the City of Vancouver.

From J. C. Keith presenting account for payment.

From E. Crow Baker agreeing to sell the West half of Lot 14, Block 64 to the City for \$375.00.

From E. Stevenson et al praying that Hastings Street be completed between Carrall Street and Westminster Avenue. Referred to the Board of Works.

From T. K. Twigg et al praying that Pender Street be opened up from Abbott to Carrall Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

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From John Callow et al praying that a box drain be laid from Columbia Avenue West to Railway Track along lane between Oppenheimer and Powell Streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Van Volkenburgh Bros asking to be allowed to reconstruct verandas on Water Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Frank Cerra & Co asking permission to burn on Sixth Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

Reports

F. W. & L.

No. 13

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Thursday June 21st 1888 and beg to recommend:-

1. That the following accounts be paid.

Tattersall's Stables \$2.00

F. X. Martin 5.00

R. C. P. Mills Co. 13.32

C. M. Hawley 5.75

Telephone Co. 4.00

Hy Arkell 24.00

S. F. Bradbury 1.00

Electric Ill Co. 9.75

Crowder & Penzer Coal 45.00

Thos Dunn & Co. 35.10

Leask & Johnson Coal 10.25

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C. P. K. Co Repairs \$2.57

Dunn & Ferguson Horse 250.00

2. That the New Fire Hall be lighted by Electric Light if the expense is not too great and that the Chairman of this Committee be authorized to ascertain the expense thereof.

3. That Wm Hamilton be appointed Fire Engineer for the new engine at a Salary of \$55.00 per month and that he be subject to the orders of Mr. A.M. Cameron, Chief Engineer, said Engineer to be employed from month to month.

4. That the Fire Inspector be authorized to purchase a pump for filling the water cart and that the lands be used to supply water for flushing the sewers under the direction of said Inspector.

Sgd., J. Humphries, Chairman

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

Works

No. 21

The Board of Works met on Friday June 22nd 1888 and beg to report that the following tenders have been received.

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Seymour Street Planking

Ironside and McRae per m ft \$13.80
D. McAllister per m ft 14.90
A. J. McMillan per m ft 14.00
Thos Nesbit per m ft 14.50
A. McLellan per m ft 13.75

Nelson, Homer and Smithe Streets

H. McDonald
Grading etc per ft 49 cts
Plank per m ft 13.85
Charlie Ross
Grading per ft 60 cts
Culverts per m ft 17.00
McDonald & Cameron
Grading Nelson St per ft 43 cts
Grading Homer St per ft 50 cts
Grading Smithe St per ft 50 cts

Burrard Street Section One

McDonald & Tierney
Grading full width per ft 87 cts
Grading 20 ft wide 34 cts
Plank per m ft 16.50
Logs per ft 7 cts
August McLellan
Grading full width per ft 95 cts
Grading 20 ft wide 47 cts
Plank per m ft 16.00
Logs per ft 12 ½ cts
H. McDonald
Grading full width per ft 69 cts
Grading 20 ft per ft 32 cts
McDonald & Cameron
Grading full width per ft 75 cts
Grading 20 ft per ft 38 cts

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Burrard Street Section Two

John Hudson
Grading per ft 36 cts
Plank per m ft 16.00
McDonald & Tierney
Grading per ft 57 cts

Plank per m ft 17.00

Logs per ft 7 cts

James Dunlop

Grading per ft 45 cts

Logs per ft 7 cts

Plank per m ft 16.00

H. Comacher

Grading per ft 43 cts

Plank per m ft 16.00

Logs per ft 8 cts

C. Goodmurphy

Grading per ft 42 cts

Logs per ft 10 cts

Plank per m ft 16.00

H. McDonald

Grading etc per ft 36 cts

Plank per m ft 16.00

McDonald & Cameron

Grading per ft 45 cts

Logs per ft 10 cts

Plank per m ft 16.00

We recommend that McDonald and Cameron be awarded the contract for Nelson, Smithe and Homer Streets, Hugh McDonald for Burrard Street both Sections and A McLellan Seymour Street Planking.

We beg to recommend:

1. That Burrard Street be graded full width from Hastings Street

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to Robson Street and 20 feet wide from Robson Street to Beach Avenue.

2. That the City Engineer examine and report upon the following streets:

(a.) Hornby from Drake to Pacific

(b.) Westminster Av to Thirteenth Avenue

(c.) Richards Street from Georgia to Pacific

(d.) The lane petitioned for by Wm Corgill et al

3. That the Council urge upon Mr. Abbott the necessity of making the bridges on the proposed North Arm Road 18 feet wide instead of 14 feet and to use gravel in the soft places where necessary.

4. That the sidewalk along the Recreation Grounds be lifted and laid on Georgia Street from Cambie to Richards and that an 8 foot sidewalk be laid on Georgia Street from Burrard to Nicola.

5. That tenders be called for the following street improvements:-

Thurlow, Jervis and Nicola from Water to Water.

Davie, Nelson and Haro from Burrard to Nicola

Howe from Davie to Pacific

Eveleigh full length

Richards from Georgia to Pacific

6. That H. Comacher be given the contract for the completion of Quebec Street to 13th Avenue at 21 cents per lineal foot.

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7. That the City Engineer be instructed to repair 7th Avenue from Westminster Avenue to Prince Edward Street and put in culverts where necessary.

8. That the City Hospital be connected with the Sewers by a six inch main and four inch connecting pipes at a cost not to exceed Sixty cents per foot.

9. That plans and specifications be called for the erection of a school house on the South Side of False Creek and an extension to the City Hall, the Board of Works to give particulars of the class of building to be erected.

10. That the teamster employed to drive the water cart be paid forty five dollars per month.

11. That applications be called for the position of caretaker at the Public Cemetery, the applicant to state salary required and whether he is a man with a family. Tenders to be addressed "Caretaker for Cemetery".

12. That the following accounts be paid:

McGarrigle & Davis, Hospital Painting \$150.00

James Stanford, Hospital 600.00

Halloway & Joyce, Georgia St Land 96.00

Ironside & McKae, Granville St. 93.80

do do Abbott St 654.42

A. McLellan, Carrall St 323.84

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Thos Dunn & Co. axes etc 6.60

Tattersall's Stables 2.50

T. F. Woodaman 1.80

H. Hansen 5.00

Sgd, S. Brighthouse, Chairman

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

By-Laws

Alderman Humphries introduced a By-Law to amend Fire Limits By-Law which was read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That J. C. Keith's account amounting to \$44.82 being commission etc. for paying coupons be paid. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Alexander. That the City purchase the west half of Lot 14, Block 64 District Lot 185 from E. Crow Baker for the sum of \$375.00. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That His Worship the Mayor appoint a Committee of three to enter into negotiations

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with Mr. Dunlevy et al for the construction of Street Railways in the City. Carried.

His Worship appointed Aldermen Coldwell, Alexander, and Lefevre.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Dougall. That Council vote the sum of \$250.00 in aid of the Vancouver Reading Rooms. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That every recommendation for opening streets or laying sidewalk or other work shall state the estimated cost of the same and that before any contract is signed such estimate shall be passed upon and reported on by the Finance Committee. Carried.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday July 5th 1888.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk