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MINUTES

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Vancouver Feb 11th 1889

The Council met on Monday February 11th 1889 at 7:30.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Clark, Costello, Horne, McConnell, Oppenheimer, Salsbury & Whetham.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Robert Bell et al praying for the improvement of Lane in Block 52, 196. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. W. McFarland, Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co. informing Council that the Directors of his Company would meet the Committee of the Council on Tuesday the 12th inst at 2:30 P.M. Filed.

From W. S. Gore, Surveyor General acknowledging the receipt of a communication of Council re Fruit Growing Lands. Filed.

From W. Norman Bole on behalf of D. Burns informing Council that he intended bringing an action against the City for False imprisonment. City Solicitor.

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From M. W. Thain, Harbor Master notifying the Council to stop dumping garbage etc. in the Harbor. Referred to the Board of Health.

From D. McDougall et al praying for the improvement of Seymour Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Strathern et al praying for the sidewalking of Princess Street from Dunlevy to Jackson Avenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Crickmay & Robson submitting cost of Vitriified pipes. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Millar M.D. asking that steps be taken to prevent his well being filled on Dupont Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From James D. Fraser, withdrawing from his gravel tender. Referred to Board of Works.

From John H. McMillan asking Council to remove Morgue. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Wilson Burns et al praying for the improvement of Robson Street West. Referred to Board of Works.

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From Philip Mager et al praying for the improvement of Westminster Road. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Geo Fisher et al praying for the improvements of 11th and 12th Avenues. Referred to the Board of Works.

From D. J. McDonald asking that he be awarded the Contracts for which he is the lowest on. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Robert Hunter et al praying for the improvement of Pendrell Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

Police

No 1

The Police Committee met at 3 P. M. on Saturday Feb 9th for the transaction of Business.

Alderman Lefevre moved seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That Alderman Horne be the Chairman of the Police Committee for the current year 1889.

On this motion being put Alderman Lefevre, Salsbury and Horne voted Yea and Alderman McConnell and Brewer voted Nay.

Alderman Horne accordingly took the Chair.

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Your Committee would respectfully beg to recommend:-

1. That they have taken into consideration the advisability of increasing the number of the Police Force and from the applications laid before them would suggest that W. D. Haywood and D. J. R. Cameron be appointed numbers of the Force subject to the Rules and Regulations governing the same.

2. That the sum of \$12,105.00 be placed in the estimates for the maintenance of the Police, Jail and Police Court Departments of the Civic Service for the current year. ~~Be refunded to~~

3. That the sum of \$5.00 expended by the Chief of Police for subscription for current year to the International Detective be refunded to him.

That the following accounts for the year 1888 be paid:

Queen Bros. Hack Hire	\$1.00
G. I. Wilson Dry Goods	2.25
McDowell & Co. Drugs	1.25
V. W. Haywood, Fares	11.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. Hardware	8.65
John Scuitto, Bread	29.26
World Printing Co. Printing	9.85
Abrams & McLean, Clothing	6.50
J. Scuitto, Bread	12.05
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. Meat	13.50
McGuigan & Langis	10.00
R. L. Winch, Supplies	3.40
Bell-Irving & Johnson	30.00

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F. X. Martin, Groceries	\$40.26
C. P. Tel. Co. Telegram	.65
J. M. Stewart, Fares	4.00
Cum Yow, Interpreter	22.50
J.M. Stewart relief	3.00
Dr. Langis, Med Ex.	5.00
Dr. Beckingsale, Med Ex.	5.00

The following accounts for 1889 are recommended for payment:

J. McAllister, Blacksmithing	\$4.50
J. Sehl, Window Blind	1.25
Palmer Bros. Coal	20.00
V. W. Haywood, Fares	3.50
John Scuitto, Bread	9.14
World Printing Co.	9.85
Abrams & McLean, Clothing	6.50
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. Meat	9.75
S. T. Tilley, Stamps	1.00

Sgd. J. W. Horne, Chairman Police Board Dated this 9th of February 1889.

The Police Committee met on Saturday Feb 9th 1889 at 3 P. M. a full Board being present.

Your Committee begs to recommend as follows:

1. That the Police Force be increased by 2 members and that W. D. Haywood and D. J. R. Cameron be appointed to fill the positions, subject to the Rules and Regulations governing the Force.

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2. That the Finance Committee be asked to place in the Estimates for the current year \$12,105.00 for the maintenance of the Police, Jail and Police Court Departments of the Civic Service for the current year.

3. That the sum of \$5.00 expended by the Chief of Police for subscription to the International Detective for the current year be refunded to him.

4. That the following accounts for the year 1888 be paid:

Queen Bros. Hack Hire	\$1.00
G. I. Wilson Dry Goods	2.25
McDowell & Co. Drugs	1.25
V. W. Haywood, Fares	11.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. Hardware	8.65
John Scuitto, Bread	29.26
McGuigan & Langis	10.00
R. L. Winch, Supplies	3.40
Bell-Irving & Johnson	30.00
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. Meals	13.50
F. X. Martin, Groceries	\$40.26
C. P. Tel. Co.	.65
J. M. Stewart, Fares	4.00
Cum Yow, Interpreter	22.50
J.M. Stewart Relief	3.00
Dr. Langis, Med Ex.	5.00
Dr. Beckingsale, Med Ex.	5.00

5. That the following accounts for 1889 be paid:

J. McAllister, Blacksmithing	4.50
Jacob Sehl, Window Blinds	1.25
Palmer Bros. Coal	20.00

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V. L. Haywood, Fares	\$3.50
J. Scuitto, Bread	21.19
The World, Printing	9.85
Abrams & McLean, Supplies	6.50
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. Meat	9.75
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	1.00

Sgd., G. S. McConnell, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello. That Alderman McConnell's Police Report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That Alderman Horne's Report be adopted as being the true transcript of the business of the Committee's Meeting.

Amendment Lost. Motion Carried.

Finance

No 5

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 8th 1889 at 8 P. M. a full Board being present.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

Palmer Bros. Coal	\$16.50
Godfrey & Co. Tax	.20 cts
World Printing & Publishing Co.	49.50
J. Miller, Stamps	20.00
Electric Illuminating Co.	137.85
Thomson Bros. Stationery	15.00
S. T. Tilley	19.70

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News Advertiser	\$5.60
C. P. Tel. Co.	.65 cts

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted for the sanction of Council.

1. That, as the duties of the City Treasurer are far too heavy that the office be divided and that Mr. Baldwin act as Treasurer and Assessment Commissioner and that a competent Accountant be appointed forthwith and that this Committee be empowered to define his duties.

2. That three copies of Henderson's Directory be purchased at \$2.00 each.

3. That the Annual Reports of the Standing Committees for A. D. 1888 be printed in Pamphlet Form.

4. That the following improvements recommended by the Board of Works be proceeded with:

1. Planking Water Street 344.00
 2. Planking Granville St with 3 " plank 1,940.00
 3. Building Shed & fence at City Hall 128.00
 4. Laying 6 ft Sidewalk on Dunsmuir Street from Howe to Burrard 137.80
 5. Laying a 6 ft Sidewalk on Haro Street from Burrard to Bute 348.00
 6. Laying a 10 ft Sidewalk on Burrard Street from Dunsmuir to Melville 80.00
 7. Laying an 8 ft sidewalk on Columbia Av. 740.00
- \$3,217.00

Less 1,400.00 W. S. Salisbury Chairman

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

Works

No 4

The Board of Works met on Saturday February 9th 1889 at 7:30 P. M. a full meeting being present.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted for the sanction of Council.

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Goodmurphy & McLellan, Dunlevy Av.	\$504.90
D. McAlister, Hospital Fence	42.50
do. Georgia St.	345.00
Keefer & McGillivray, Granville St. Bridge	1,495.23
H. Connacher, Lane in Block 5	136.28
do Lane in Block 56	160.41
do Lane in Block 42	53.56
do Sidewalk on Heatley Av.	144.77
Jacob Sehl, Blinds etc.	14.25
Thomson Bros. Stationery	21.40
A. Larwill, fixing Bridge	1.50
Godfrey & Co. Supplies	4.00
J. McAllister, Blacksmithing	4.00
World Printing & Advertising	6.75
Queen Bros. Buggy Hire	2.50
Henry Avison, Salary	60.00
Thos. Stephenson, Boarding Park Horse	40.00
Royal City Planing Mills Co.	6.27
Hill & McMillan Elevator	177.25
R. Rutherford, Teaming	6.00
O'Toole & Ralph Stoves	26.75

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E. Mohun, Rent	36.00
Boyd & Clandening, Jackson Av.	348.36

2. That the following tenders be accepted:

Cambie St, Filling D. J. McDonald
Hastings St, Filling D. J. McDonald
Pender St, Planking Goodmurphy & McLellan
Granville St, Planking DL. Gow
Richards St, Sidewalk D. McAlister
Lane in Block 14 H. Connacher
Gravelling J. D. Fraser

3. That \$5000.00 be appropriated for improvements in Stanley Park and \$5000.00 for improvements in the East Park.

4. That H. Connacher's tender for the grading of the lane in Block 42 be accepted.

5. That H. Connacher's tender for the grading of Powell Street be accepted, Messrs Goodmurphy & McLellan having failed to go on with the contract.

6. That Thos. Stephenson be appointed Street Superintendent at a Salary of \$120.00 per month and that he be required to assist the City Engineer in carrying out all woks required to be done by the Corporation in accordance with his communication to this Board.

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7. That pending the Settlement of the litigation between James Hartney and the City that no further contracts either directly or indirectly be awarded to him.

8. That D. J. McDonald be awarded the contract for Section 2, Hastings Street instead of James Hartney.

9. That a six foot sidewalk be built on Princess Street from Dunlevy to Jackson Avenue and that said street be graded full width from Carl to Heatley.

10. That a crossing be put down on Hastings Street opposite Jackson Avenue.

11. That the Sidewalk on the North Side of Dunsmuir be extended to the East side of Burrard Street. thence South along Burrard Street to Georgia Street and that crossings but put over Burrard Street to connect with Melville & Georgia Street Sidewalks.

12. That no tender be hereafter accepted unless accompanied by a marked Cheque or cash deposit equal to 5% of the amount of the tender.

13. That a 5 ft crossing be placed on Gore Avenue at Alexander Street and that said Street be

crowned from Hastings to Alexander.

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14. That the lane in Block 8, 196 be graded.

15. That Dunlevy Avenue be filled at the sides from Alexander Street to the Mill and 2, six ft. sidewalks laid thereon from Alexander St to Mill.

16. That Jackson Avenue be graded full width from Hastings to Alexander and from Alexander Street to Railway Street and a six ft. sidewalk on the West side from Hastings to Railway Street and on the East side from Alexander to Railway Street.

17. That Carl Avenue be graded from Alexander to Railway St. and a six foot sidewalk laid thereon from Hastings to Railway Street and on the West side from Alexander to Railway Street.

18. That Heatley Avenue have 2 six ft. sidewalks from Hastings to Powell and on the East Side from Powell to the Railway with crossings where necessary.

19. That Hawkes Avenue have 2 six ft. sidewalks from Hastings to Powell and on the East Side from Powell to Alexander St. with crossings.

20. That Campbell Avenue be graded full width from Powell to Hastings and 2, six ft. sidewalks laid thereon.

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21. That 4 crossings be laid on Oppenheimer Street at Westminster Avenue and filled to grade on both sides from Westminster to Dunlevy with 2, 8 ft sidewalks from Carl to Campbell and graded.

22. That Hastings Street be Sidewalked on the North Side from Jackson to Campbell Avenue.

23. That tenders be called for the construction of a water way leading from Thos. Dunn's residence on Thurlow St.

24. That all specifications be printed.

25. At a Special Meeting held on Monday the 11th inst the following resolutions were passed.

That Mr. Hoffar be appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the City to assess damages done by recent fire as provided for in By-Law No 49, Clause 12, and that the Street Inspector be instructed to notify the owners of the damaged buildings that action has been taken to assess damages, by arbitration as provided for in By-Law No 49, Clause 12, and asking them to appoint an Arbitrator in accordance therewith.

Sgd., S. Brighthouse, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Clause Seven of the Report, relating to James Hartney be struck out. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Whetham seconded by Alderman Brewer. That Clause 25 of the Report relating to the appointments of Arbitrators to assess the damages done by the recent fire be struck out and referred back to the Board of Works and City Solicitor for reconsideration and that said Solicitor be asked to give his opinion thereon, and that the Board be guided by said opinion and act immediately in the matter. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Clark. That the Balance of the Report be adopted as read. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman McConnell a By-Law to raise the Sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting a Market House etc. which was read a first time and laid over to be included in the general estimates.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salisbury. That the sum of

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fifty dollars be paid to A. N. Richards as fee for Legal opinion. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Salisbury seconded by Alderman Clark. That the City Clerk be authorized to call for applications for the position of Account such applications to be received up to Friday the 22nd inst. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello seconded by Alderman McConnell. That all of the Streets in Ward No 4, South of False Creek to Southern and Eastern Boundary of said Ward, be named and registered and that His Worship the Mayor appoint a Committee to assist the City Engineer in selecting names for the same. Carried.

His Worship appointed Aldermen Costello, Horne and McConnell.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Messrs Hatch and Webster Millers be asked to make a written offer to the Council, giving full particulars of the number of men to be employed, the number of barrels turned out per day and any other particulars in connection therewith and that

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the matter be then considered by the Council. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk