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MINUTES

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Vancouver April 1st 1889

The Council met on Monday April 1st 1889 at 7:30 P.M.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Costello, Clark, Horne, McConnell, Oppenheimer and Salsbury.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That Alderman Horne be appointed Chairman in the absence of the Mayor. Carried.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. M. Lefevre resigning his seat on the Council Board.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Brewer. That Alderman Lefevre's resignation be accepted. Carried.

From Miss S. Bowes submitting copies of "Home Cheer" a new paper published in the City and asking for a share of the City Advertising. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Wm. Crickmay et al praying that part of Pender and Abbott Street be planked. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John B. Saint et al praying

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for the improvement of the lane in Block 43, 196 & 181. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co acknowledging receipt of a communication from the City Clerk re extension of Water Service to South Side of False Creek. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Vancouver Free Reading Room asking a grant of \$500.00 from Council.

Referred to Finance Committee.

From D. Chisholm M. P. informing Council that an Immigration Agent would be sent immediately to Vancouver. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Smelting Co. informing Council that the works in Vancouver were completed according to Agreement. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Messrs Yates and Jay, Solicitors for J. Trethway informing Council that their client would do nothing towards repairing False Creek Bridge. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Alex Johnston et al re Telephone at False Creek Bridge. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee

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From E. Stevenson et al asking for the grading of Lane in Block 12, 196. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Vancouver Typographical Union No. 226 protesting against the City printing being done outside the City. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From J. M. Browning Land Commissioner offering a Site for a public fountain at the corner of Hastings and Carrall Streets. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From John Devine, submitting Auditor's Report for 1888. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From A. N. Richards, Q. C. submitting legal opinion on the Mayor's right to vote in Committees. Filed.

The accounts for the month were read and referred to their respective committees for examination.

Reports

Park

No 4

The Park Commissioners met on Thursday March 28th 1889 at 11 A. M.

Present Commissioners Mackay, Alexander, Tatlow and Brighthouse.

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They beg to recommend:

1. That the Salary of H. Avison, Park Ranger, amounting to \$60.00 per month be paid on the first of each month until further arrangements are made.

2. That the following accounts be paid:

Mallandaine & Samson, Com on Park Lodge,	\$15.60
Edward Flahoff, Work on Park Road	\$17.00
F. Young, 1 st payment on Park Lodge	\$250.00
James Haggarty, Work on Park Road	\$2.00
John Williams do	19.40
Ed Flahoff do	14.00
L. Burke do	42.80
James Dundon do	14.40
R. Currie do	31.80
Nicolo Demota do	21.20
Duncan McDermaid do	21.40
Patrick Roache's team do	10.50

Sgd. Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Clark. That the report of the Park Commissioners be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Finance

No 9

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 22nd 1889 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Salsbury, Clark and Costello.

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By invitation Mr. J. C. McLagan on behalf of the "World" and Mr. F. C. Colton on behalf of the "News Advertiser" appeared before the Committee to explain in reference to the charges proffered by the "News Advertiser" that the City advertising was being unduly displayed by the "World".

After the charges were fully ventilated it was resolved that of the four advertisements in dispute it is the opinion of the Committee that the one relating to the City Accountant was unduly displayed as admitted by Mr. McLagan in his Communication read before the Committee.

The following account was recommended for payment:

C. P. Telegraph Co. Telegrams, \$5.25

Sgd. W. S. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Board of Works met on Thursday March 21st 1889 at 8 P.M.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, McConnell and Oppenheimer.

Tenders for street improvements in Ward 3, were received and awarded as follows:

Hastings Street Sidewalk D. J. McDonald

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Hawks Avenue Sidewalk,	D. McAllister
Oppenheimer St. Sidewalk,	Angus Fraser
Heatley Avenue Sidewalk,	Angus Fraser
Jackson Avenue Sidewalk,	D. J. McDonald
Lane in Block 8, 196,	D. J. McDonald
Crossings	D. J. McDonald

We beg to recommend:

1. That the Vancouver Water Works Co be authorized to make connections with the flushing lands and submit cost of same.
2. That Frank Tilley be permitted to remove a building from Lot 2 Block 9 to Lot 5, Block 40, 196.
3. That the City Engineer take proceedings against J. Tretheway to recover from him the amount of the damages done to False Creek Bridge.
4. That the Street Inspector be instructed to keep wagons and other obstructions off the streets at night and if such obstructions be left in the lanes that sufficient room be left to allow vehicles to pass.
5. That the City Engineer be instructed to arrange terms with D. J. McDonald for the construction of a six foot sidewalk on Westminster Road and report:

Hereafter the Board of Works will meet on Thursday at 2 P. M. instead of at 8 P. M.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman McConnell. That C. L. Queen be awarded the contract for the filling in Westminster Avenue at 20 cts per cubic yard cost not to exceed \$80.00. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the Chairman of the F. W. & L. Committee be authorized to have the front of Fire Hall No. 1 altered, the roof of Fire Hall No. 2 repaired and to purchase a span of horses for fire purposes. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the sale of the gray horse for \$200.00 made by the Chairman of the F. W. & L. Committee be approved by Council. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk