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MINUTES

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Vancouver April 23rd 1889

The Council met on Tuesday April 23rd 1889 at 7:30 P.M.

Present His Worship, Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Costello, Clark, Mason, McConnell, Oppenheimer, Salsbury and Whetham.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Francis Crosbie asking to be allowed remuneration for filling in lane in Block 13, 541 and on Georgia Street. Filed.

From M. W. Thain, Harbour Master giving permission to the Council to dump in the old place for one month longer. Referred to Health Inspector.

From Yates & Jay, Barristers asking compensation for Andrew Smith for injuries received from falling off the sidewalk. Referred to Finance and City Solicitor.

From Alfred Bunker offering to put in Box Drains on Drake St. etc. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

Park

No 5

The Park Commissioners met on Tuesday

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April 23rd 1889 at 11 A. M. and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

The World Printing & Publishing Co.	\$2.64
A. Hambrook, Drayage	6.00
F. Young, Park Lodge etc.	218.00

Thos. Stephenson, feed of Park horse 20.00
F. M. Blomquist, Painting 20.00

Sgd. Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk

Moved by Alderman Brewer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the report of the Park Commissioners be adopted. Carried.

F. W. & L.

No 7

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Saturday April 20th 1889.

Present Alderman Oppenheimer, Whetham and Brighthouse.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Geo. R. Raymond, Freight	\$4.54
Vancouver Electric Ill Co.	248.25
O'Toole & Ralph, Repairs	9.50
Scuitto & Co. Coal Oil	6.50
Leask & Johnson, Coal	62.50
Van Water Works Co. Connections	158.90
Godfrey & Co., Supplies	3.75
Van City Foundry, Repairs	3.00
J. McAllister, Blacksmithing	52.50
H. McDowell & Co.	.85
Telephone Co.	8.00

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2. That the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co's offer to install 8 Electric Lights in Fire Hall No 1 for \$20.00 and charge a monthly rent of \$16.50 be accepted.

3. That W. T. Milross' tender to paint Fire Hall No 1 for \$58.00 be accepted.

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Costello. That the report of the Fire, Water and Light Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works

No 12

The Board of Works met on Thursday April 18th 1889.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Horne, Oppenheimer and McConnell.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for applications for the position of Pound Keeper, such Pound Keeper to be paid out of the fees collected under the By-Law.
2. That the pound be fenced in with a close board fence, 6 feet high with a lattice work gate, 4 feet wide furnished with proper hinges and locks estimated cost \$68.00.
3. That the North fence of the cemetery

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be moved south and put on the new line run by the Provincial Land Surveyor.

4. That James Ironsides' tender for sidewalking Carl Avenue be accepted.

That the following accounts be paid:

C. C. Alleman, Lunches	\$2.00
D. J. McDonald, Westminster Road	993.49
do Lane in Block 8, 196	124.55
James Hartney, Davie Street	383.60
D. McAllister, Richards St.	1,110.71
H. Blyth et al, Street Work	90.35

Hereafter the Board of Works will meet at 4 p.m. instead of at 2 P. M.

Tenders have been received for the gravelling of Westminster Road and the painting of Fire Hall No 1 both of which we considered too high.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello seconded by Alderman Whetham. That clause 3 be struck out and referred back to the Board of Works. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brewer seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

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Finance

No 12

The Finance Committee met on Saturday April 20th 1889.

Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Salsbury, Costello and Whetham.

The following accounts were confirmed for payment:

Police

Van Volkenburgh & Bro	\$26.25
S. T. Tilley	22.75
The World P & P Co.	22.57
Scuitto & Co.	142.52
Rev. E. Robson	10.00
James R. Payne	12.50
Starrett & Leatherdale	1.50
Palmer Bros.	33.00
Charles Nelson	3.00
John Watson	12.50
Sorenson, Herbing & Co.	1.50
W. A. Cumyow	42.50
Chas. Pack	2.50
John McLaren	3.00
R. Mathison	7.00
C. Lewis	1.00
V. W. Haywood	14.00

Board of Works

D. J. McDonald, Westminster Road	993.49
do. Lane in Block 8, 196	124.55
James Hartney, Davie Street	383.60
C. C. Alleman, Lunches	2.00
D. McAllister, Richards Street	1,110.71
Thos. Stephenson, Park Street	20.00

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Fire, Water & Light

Geo. R. Raymond	4.54
Van Electric Ill Co.	248.25
O'Toole & Ralph	9.50
Scuitto & Co.	6.50
Leask & Johnson	62.50
Van Water Works Co.	158.90
Godfrey & Co.	3.75
Van City Foundry	3.00
J. McAllister	52.50
H. McDonald & Co.	.85 cts
Telephone Co.	8.00

Finance

News Advertiser, Books	\$116.00
World P & P Co.	1.92

2. That the President of the Vancouver Rifle Association be communicated with informing him that the Council cannot see its way clear to grant any funds in aid of his Association at present.

3. That A. S. & G. Hammersly be tendered \$50.00 for services to be rendered in connection with the consolidation of the City Charter and amendments to the By-Law.

4. That 68.00 be granted to the Board of Works for the construction of a Board Fence around the City Pound Site.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

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

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Motions

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Contractor excavating on Hastings Street be allowed 15 cts per yard for fillings in the lane only under the supervision of the City Engineer. Carried.

By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the By-Law to regulate drays etc. be read a second time. Carried.

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

Thirty three clauses were read after which the Committee rose to report progress and asked leave to sit again.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Brewer gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would bring in a motion for this Corporation to purchase the City Wharf from the present Wharfage Co according to the privilege in the Agreement with said Co and By-Law No 15 of this City.

The Council then adjourned.
D. Oppenheimer, Mayor
Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk