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MINUTES

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Vancouver June 17th 1889

The Council met on Monday June 17th 1889.

Present His Worship, Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brewer, Brighthouse, Clark, Costello, Horne, McConnell, Oppenheimer and Salisbury.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Secretary of the Board of Trade re By-Law No 79. Referred to Police Committee.

From W. A Cumyow on applying for the position of Chinese and Chinook Interpreter at a fixed salary. Referred to Police Committee.

From Messrs Black and Wood asking to be paid for fillings on Granville St. Referred to Board of Works.

From Edward Nicoll praying that Nicola Street be opened up. Referred to Board of Works.

From Messrs Wood & Charlton drawing attention to the condition of Cordova Street near their place of business. Referred to the Board of Works.

From E. S. Scoullar & Co. et al asking for a box drain to be placed on Water Street South. Referred to Board of Works.

From the City Engineer giving an

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Estimate of the cost of improving the North Arm Road to the Cemetery. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

F. W. & L.

No 9

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday June 12th 1889.

Present all of the Members of the Committee.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Vancouver Electric Ill Co. Lights	\$298.40
Vancouver Water Works Co.	33.98
Jacob Sehl, Chimneys	2.10

2. That the following locations be selected for the fire alarm boxes:

Westminster Ave & Powell St corner
Granville & Drake Streets corner
Westminster Av & Prior Streets corner
Richards & Georgia Streets corner
Robson & Thurlow Streets corner
Oppenheimer & Carl Av corner
Cambie & Cordova Streets corner
Carrall & Hastings Streets corner
Hastings & Granville Streets corner
Seventh Av & Westminster Av corner

3. That a water gauge be purchased to test the water measure of the Water Works Co.

We beg to report that in accordance with the resolution of Council we have purchased 2,000 feet of No. 1 three ply eureka hose at \$1.07 1/2 per foot delivered, one Silsby Hose wagon capacity 1,000 feet price \$920.00 delivered, also six flexible branches two dozen leather hose straps, one dozen male couplings, two doz. expansion rings and one branch pipe.

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer, Chairman

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

Health

No 8

The Health Committee met on Tuesday June 11th 1889.

Present Alderman Whetham, Brewer, and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Van Volkenburgh & Bro. Meat	\$42.83
Palmer Bros. Coal	24.75
Van Wharfage Co. Rent	7.50
Hong Sing, Washing	6.20
Wing Lee, Washing	9.10
W. J. McGuigan, Inquest	10.00
DL. Beckingsale, Evidence	5.00
Henry Butler, Scavengering	17.75
J. S. Clute & Co. Supplies	5.60
W. J. Taylor, Burial	10.00

2. That the contract for subdividing the upper ward of the City Hospital be awarded to J. G. Garvin at \$190 and that he be allowed \$5.50 for each transom on the first floor and \$6.00 for each transom on the second floor.
3. That the Council be asked to take immediate steps towards starting a thorough system of surface drainage, as in our opinion such work should be executed during the hot season when we are more liable to incur disease through defective drainage.

Sgd. M. Costello, for Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the Health Report be adopted. Carried.

Market Building Committee

The Market Building Committee met on Friday June 14th 1889.

Present Aldermen Clark, Horne and McConnell.

We beg to recommend that Plans, Specifications and details be advertised for a brick building 63 feet x 100 with basement; ground floor to be divided into stalls with arcades as per sketch and hall on second storey, total cost of building not to exceed \$16,000.

A premium of \$100 be offered for the most suitable plans, specifications and details in addition to the usual fee of 5 per cent for superintendence of construction of building.

Sgd. R. Clark, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Salsbury seconded by Ald Brighthouse. That the report be laid over.

Amendment lost; Motion carried.

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Works

No 17

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 13th 1889.

Present Alderman Brighthouse, Brewer, McConnell, Horne and Oppenheimer.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

C. Lewis, Drayage	\$1.00
Tattersall's Stables, Buggy hire	3.00
J. J. Tierney, Drayage	1.50
J. McAllister, Jackson Av	4.00
R. C. P. Mills Co. Lumber	114.96
D. McAlister, Jackson Av	4.00
Fewster & Co. Seeds	20.40
Queen Bros. Westminster Av. etc.	139.30
Balkwell & Co. Filling	56.00
D. J. McDonald, Jackson Av	192.72
Do East Park Road	292.05
McMillan & Kelly, Drake St	169.94
Boyd & Clandening, East Park Road etc.	2,301.30
H. Connacher, Powell St	472.62
James Ironsides, Carl Av.	187.78
D. McAlister, Campbell Av.	29.60
Alfred Bunker, Dunlevy Av	251.93
H. Blyth et al, Street Work	55.50

2. That Robert Rutherford be awarded a three months contract for watering the streets at \$6.50 per day, he to supply the team and sprinkler.
3. That D. J. McDonald be allowed 25 cts per cubic yard for all the gravel he has at the corner of Powell and Alexander Streets, said gravel having been condemned by the City Engineer.
4. That the City Engineer be instructed to have Howe Street prepared for a race course by the first of July.

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5. That the City foundry and Iron Works Co be communicated with asking them for plans and specifications for a fountain to be placed at the corner of Hastings and Carrall Streets; all to be completed by the first of July.

6. That the City Engineer be empowered to have the pound site cleared at once.

6a. That D. M. Murray be awarded the contract for the grading of Campbell Avenue between Hastings and Princess Streets at \$1.78 per lineal foot.

We beg herewith to submit our report for street improvements as complete; after working four days we find we cannot carry on the necessary street improvements or work with the balance of the appropriation on hand, and we would respectfully ask the council to provide an additional sum of \$10,000 to complete the same.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the report of the Board of Works from Clause One to Six a be adopted and the balance referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Finance

No 17

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 14, 1889.

Present Aldermen Salsbury, Clark and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

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C. P. Telegraph Co.	\$5.70
Telephone co.	16.00
Jacob Sehl, Seat	4.50
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	28.25
John Johnson, Express	2.50
Munroe Miller, Printing	20.00
F. W. Hart, Oil Cloth	1.00
Thomson Bros. Stationery	11.55

2. That there are no funds available for increasing the Police Force of the City.

3. That the report of the Board of Works be endorsed from clause One to Six and that the Health & Fire, Water & Light reports be confirmed as read.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello seconded by Alderman Clark. That the Finance report be adopted.
Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the following Police accounts be paid:

Hutchins, Desk & Chair	\$13.50
Van Volkenburgh & Bro Meat	10.25
Van Volkenburht & Bro Meat	13.75
John Clough, Bed etc.	10.00

Carried.

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Notice of Motion

Alderman McConnell gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a motion to empower the Mayor to appoint two Police Commissioners in place of Aldermen Horne and Salsbury who have failed to attend the meetings.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk