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MINUTES

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Vancouver July 29th 1889

The Council met on Monday July 29th 1889 at 8 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Managers of the Chartered Banks in the City re the interest to be allowed on the City Current account. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Secretary of the Vancouver Fire Brigade notifying Council that they will officiate as a volunteer brigade for 30 days longer. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From L. Davies on behalf of the Jewish Congregation of the City of Vancouver requesting Council to set apart about one acre and a half in the public cemetery for members of the Hebrew Confession. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Secretary of the Vancouver Fire Department asking Council to pay over to them their Government grant. Referred to F. W & L. Committee.

From W. F. McCollough asking for the position of Sewerage Clerk. Referred to Board of Works.

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From H. T. Ceperley, Secretary Treasurer of the Vancouver Street Railway Co notifying Council that work was impeded through obstructions from building material on Hastings Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From H. Abbott re the gravelling of the North Arm Road South of Granville Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From A. Parker calling attention to the dangerous condition of the Sidewalk on Drake Street.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. P. Blake asking permission to construct a Bake oven under the sidewalk on Hastings Street east, fronting lot 21, Block 57, 196. Referred to Board of Works.

Reports

Finance

No 20

The Finance Committee met on Saturday July 27th 1889 at 11 A. M.

Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Salsbury, Clark, Mason and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Davie & Pooley, Law Costs.....\$500.00
News Advertiser, Pamphlets 173.76
The World P & P Co, Printing etc..... 213.13
W. A. Cumyow, Interpreter fees.....17.50

2. That 100 copies of the City Charter and By-Laws be printed and bound in

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quarter leather and cloth similar to the British Columbia Statutes and that the World Printing and Publishing be paid \$25.00 in addition to their tender for binding.

3. That \$1,000 be advanced by the Corporation to the Celebration Committee to be refunded by said Committee when the subscriptions are collected.
4. That D. McCallum be tendered \$10.00 in Settlement of his account without the City acknowledging any responsibility for the payment of any portion thereof.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

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

Works

No 19

The Board of Works met on the 29th at 1 P. M.

The following communications were received:

1. From Sansom & Dawson, re the Market House:

We recommend that tenders be called for it but that the specifications be first prepared and submitted to this Board.

2. That the proposition of James M. Holland to move a building from Lot 2 Block 3, cannot be entertained.
3. That permission be refused to

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J. Paterson to cross the sidewalk at the corner of Powell & Jackson unless he put a proper crossing and keep the sidewalk clear.

4. That permission be given to Stanley Bros. to erect a photo studio on the roof of the building known as the London House subject to instructions from the Fire Inspector.

5. That Wm. Tierney be paid 15 cts per yard for excavation on the corner of Hastings & Seymour Streets.

6. That Black & Wood be paid 10 cts for 150 cubic yards of earth deposited on Granville Street.

7. That Scoullar & Co and others be compelled to connect with the Sewers on the lane at the back of their buildings and that the Inspector be instructed forthwith to see that the connections are made and that the City Engineer examine and report on the cost of opening and deepening the draw as petitioned for and report at the next meeting of the Board of Works.

8. That the lane at the rear of the Imperial Opera House be filled for a distance of about 70 yards.

9. That the City Engineer report on the cost of grading Davie Street from Granville to Richards.

10. That tenders be called for the following Street improvements:

Melville Street grade from Burrard to Junction
Robson Street grade from Burrard to Jervis
Robson Street grading from Nicola to Cardero and 3 foot sidewalks thereon.

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Alberni Street grading One and One half blocks 990 feet.
Westminster Avenue filling to grade from Hastings Street to the Bridge and from the Bridge to Fremont Street.

11. That we beg to recommend to the Council the necessity of notifying the proprietors of the Imperial Opera House to have the exits from such building in case of fire, satisfactory to the Board of Works, and that the Fire Inspector be instructed to examine all public buildings as to their exits in case of fire and report to the Board of Works.

12. That the report of the City Engineer with reference to the extension of Westminster Avenue from the Boundary to the Cemetery be sent to the Government:

Tenders were received and the following are recommended for acceptance:

Eighth Av. Malcolm McIntyre	40 cts
Georgia St Sidewalk 8 ft, H. Coumacher.....	26 cts
Georgia St Sidewalk 3 ft Jas. A. McDonald...	9 ½ cts
Seymour St Grading D. J. McDonald.....	28 cts
Seymour St Sidewalk H. Coumacher	10 cts
Richards St Sidewalk D. McAllister	11 cts
Comox St Grading D. B. Murray	32 cts
Westminster Grading D. B. Murray	28 ½ cts

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Whetham seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Plans and specifications of the Market Building be left in the City Engineer's Office until Thursday next to give the

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members of the Council an opportunity to examine them and that clause one of the report be struck out. Carried.

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

By-Laws

Alderman Whetham introduced a By-Law to define the conditions and requirements for obtaining liquor licenses which was read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the following account be paid:

H. Blyth et al, Street Work\$94.60
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the City Engineer and Fire Inspector be instructed to examine Mr. Blake's Site for the erection of an oven and report to the Board of Works on Thursday next with power to act. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Brewer seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the amendments to By-Law No 49 be read a second time. Carried.

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The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on motion of Alderman Clark with Alderman Brewer in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported back to Council.

The Mayor resumed the Chair after which the Council adjourned.

M. I. Brewer, Chairman

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk