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## MINUTES

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Vancouver Aug 26, 1889

The Council met on Monday, August 26 1889 at 8 P.M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

### Communications

From Hon. A. N. Richards asking Council to forward cheque for \$25.00 his fee for opinion on the Mayor's right to vote in Committees. Referred to Finance Committee.

From S. McHugh et al praying that Cordova Street between Carrall and Abbott be made passible on the South Side. Referred to the Board of Works.

From I. B. Spring asking council to have a building projecting into the lane in Block 5, 196 moved back. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. W. McFarland, Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co. acknowledging receipt of communication re water for fire purpose and informing council that his Co were prepared to enter into an Agreement for a continuous supply. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

### Reports

F. W. & L.

No 15

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> to receive the application

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For positions on the paid Fire Department.

A full meeting was present.

The applications were read but no appointments were made as the Board wished to interview each applicant personally.

The Board then adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> inst at 2 P. M.

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Salsbury, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Report of the F. W. & L. Committee be adopted. Carried.

Finance

No 24

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889.

Present Aldermen Salsbury, Clark and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

S. Brighthouse Charter refund	\$15.00
Thomson Bros. Stationery	2.00
News Advertiser	16.35
S. T. Tilley Stationery	11.05

2. That the Report of the Board of Works read at the last meeting of Council be approved of.

3. That the City's Bank account be changed from the Bank of British Columbia to the Bank of British North America.

Alderman Salsbury dissenting.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the last clause in the Report of the Finance Committee be eliminated. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the Balance of the Report be adopted. Carried.

The Board of Works met on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889.

Present Alderman Brighthouse, Horne, McConnell and Oppenheimer.  
We beg to recommend:

1. That the following contracts be awarded:

Seymour St. 3 ft. sidewalk	McDonald & Barton
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Haro St 6 ft. sidewalk	McDonald & Barton
Hornby St. 3 ft. sidewalk	McDonald & Barton
Nelson St. 6 ft. sidewalk	McDonald & Barton
Princess St. 6 ft. sidewalk	McDonald & Barton

2. That tenders be called for the following works:

3 ft. sidewalk on Gore Avenue.  
3 ft. sidewalk on Lansdowne St.  
Crossings on Westminster Ave. at Princess St.  
3 ft. sidewalk on Quebec St.  
Grading of 12 Av from Quebec to Ontario  
Sidewalking 12 Av from Quebec to Ontario  
Grading and Sidewalking Seventh Ave. from Westminster to Quebec St.  
Sidewalking Seventh Ave. from Westminster Ave. to Prince Edward St.  
Grading Hamilton St. from Georgia to Robson

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Six ft. Sidewalk on Hamilton Street from Georgia to Robson, petitioners to pay the difference between it and the cost of a 3 ft. sidewalk  
Grading and sidewalking Homer Street from Georgia to Robson  
3 ft. sidewalk on Richards Street from Drake to Helmcken  
Sidewalk on Alberni Street 3 ½ Blocks  
Grading lanes in Blocks 34, 35 & 36, 541  
Sidewalk on Eveleigh Street  
Grading Homer Street from Drake to Helmcken  
Sidewalking Homer Street from Drake to Helmcken  
Six ft. sidewalk on Robson Street from Burrard West

3. That the City Engineer be instructed to examine and Report upon the grading of the lane in Block 12, 196; upon the grading and filling of the Streets at the crossing of Dunsmuir and Howe Streets as petitioned for by Jos Couture; upon the grading of the lane in Block 10, 196 and upon the grading and bridging of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. East of Westminster.

4. That Messrs Sansom & Danson be paid \$100.00 for their prize plan of the Market building.
5. That the City Engineer call for tenders for the construction of a basement drain from Columbia Av to Cambie Street.
6. That Granville Street be graded and gravelled on the West side of the Street Railway from the Hotel Vancouver to Dunsmuir St.
7. That the following accounts be paid

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Boyd & Clandening, Westminster Road	\$1,425.51
H. Connacher, Georgia St. etc.	317.40
D. J. McDonald, Gravel	11,444.93
P. Atkinson et al Street Work	22.40

8. That J. J. Brooks be appointed Pound Keeper at a Salary of \$26.00 per month.
9. That the Board of Works hereafter meet on Saturday at 2 o'clock and that if any members for a particular reason desire a change of the date or hour that each member of the Committee be notified in writing.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Costello. That a six ft. sidewalk be laid on Princess Street from Dunlevy Ave. to Jackson Avenue and that the Board of Works Report be amended in that respect. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salisbury. That the Report as amended be adopted. Carried.

#### Motions

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Mr. Sansom, Architect be allowed to address the Council Showing the advantage of setting the Market building 16 feet back from Westminster Avenue. Carried.

Mr. Sansom then addressed the Council on the subject after which it was moved

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By Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salisbury. That the Market building be set back 16 feet from Westminster Avenue on line of lane in rear. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Whetham. That this Council recommends of the Executive Committee the British Columbia Exhibit Association the appointment of James Codville as our representative at Toronto in connection with said exhibit. Carried.

The Deed of Conveyance from E. J. Clark of Toronto donating 7 ½ acres in 264A for an Athletic Park was read.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Costello. That we approve of the terms of the deed submitted by Mr. E. J. Clark and accept the lands mentioned therein on the terms therein contained. Carried.

Ayes 5, Nays 2.

#### Notice of Motion

Alderman McConnell gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a motion to cancel the bonus of \$25,000 offered to the B.C. Smelting Co also that their deposit of \$5,000 be forfeited and placed to the credit of the City.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk