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MINUTES

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Vancouver September 9, 1889

The Council met on Monday September 9th 1889 at 8 P.M.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From E. S. Scoullar & Co. asking to be reimbursed for expenses incurred through getting information for Mr. Mohun re prices of Sewer pipes. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. W. McFarland, Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co requesting that an answer be not given later than September 25th inst of the City's intention re the purchase of the Vancouver Water Works. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From the Deputy Attorney General laying before the Council the plan to be adopted in future in reference to prisoners. Referred to Police Committee.

From John White asking for permission to erect a tent between Jones' Book Store and Simon's Tailor Shop on Carrall Street. Referred to Inspector.

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From the Secretary of the Board of Trade asking Council not to adopt the motion cancelling the Contract with the Smelting Co. Referred to Finance Committee.

Reports

Works

No 25

The Board of Works met on Saturday September 7th 1889.

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

We beg to recommend:

1. That Thos. Cyr's be permitted to erect lattice gates in front of his building on Water Street if it does not conflict with the Fire Limits By-Law, but that the Fire Inspector be first required to report upon it.
2. That a sidewalk be erected on the North side of Georgia Street opposite the Hotel Vancouver. New work cost \$75.00.
3. That the City grant permission to the Marine Department to erect a Fog Bell at Beaverton Point.
4. That a Six ft sidewalk be constructed on Powell Street from Campbell Avenue to Boundary Avenue.
5. That the lane in Block 22, District Lot 541 be planked with old plank lifted from the Streets.
6. That \$350.00 be expended in the purchase of trees to be planted on Arbour Day.
7. That Messrs Sansom and Dawson be paid \$400.00 being half their commission on the Market building.

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8. That Sewer pipes be ordered in accordance with Mr. Mohun's Report and also 18 Syphons.
9. That the City Engineer be empowered to order lumber for box drains.
10. That surface drain pipes be laid in the Sewer trenches where practicable.
11. That E. Mohun be paid \$400.00 being commission for preparing plans for Sewers.
12. That the City Engineer be instructed to give the levels for the dam in Stanley Park.
13. That a ten foot sidewalk be laid on Granville Street from the end of the present sidewalk to Davie Street, 800 feet of which has already been provided for. New Work cost \$438.00.
14. That tenders be called for the following improvements:

Grading lanes in the Market Block. New work cost \$168.00

Repairing Homer St from Hastings to Georgia
Gravelling & repairing Seaton Street
Close cutting and burning lanes in Blocks 10 & 53
Grubbing part of lane in block 4, 196.

15. That the following tenders be accepted:

Ontario St Grading	M. McIntyre
Ontario St Sidewalk	H. Connacher
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Ave Sidewalk	D. McAlister
Westminster Av Sidewalk	McDonald & Barton
Georgia St Crossings	A. D. McDonald
Princess St Sidewalk	do
Drake St Sidewalk	do

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer for Chairman

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

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Police

No 3

The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Vancouver met on the 2nd, 4th & 9th days of September.

Present Aldermen McConnell, Brewer, and Mason.

A number of serious charges have been made against certain members of the Police force of this City and your Committee is fully investigating the same.

Your Committee would therefore recommend as follows:

1. That a Special Audit of the Police Court accounts be made by the City Auditor particularly in reference to cases cited in charges brought before the Board against members of the Police Force and that a general audit of the Police Books be made and a report brought before this Board by the City Auditor by 2 P. M. of Saturday September 14th.
2. That final action on the charges preferred against members of the Police Force be deferred until Saturday next September 14th when the Auditors' report will be received by the Board.
3. That Officer H. Fyffe be suspended pending further investigation of the charges preferred against him.
4. That W. W. Patterson be appointed a Special Police Officer for this City without Salary.

Sgd. G. S. McConnell, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That a By-Law be introduced to raise by way of loan a sum of money to be applied towards improving Brockton Point in Stanley Park and the race course in the Eastern Park. Carried.

The By-Law was then read a first time.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Brewer. That a By-Law be introduced to amend By-Law No 79. Carried.

The By-Law was then read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman S. Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the following accounts be paid:

P. Atkinson et al, Street Work	\$50.75
Do et al, Street Work	42.85
J. Canning, Flower Pots	2.25

Carried.

The Agreement between the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co and the City for Street Lighting was read and adopted by Council.

Consideration of By-Laws

The Council went into Committee of the Whole to resume the reading of the By-Law compelling owners of lands and yards to place the same in condition to guard against risk or accident

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Alderman Clark was appointed Chairman.

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

The By-Law was then read a third time on Motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Salsbury and ordered to be engrossed, signed, sealed and gazetted.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk