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MINUTES

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Vancouver December 11th 1889

The Council met on Wednesday December 11th 1889 for general business.

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

The Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From Joseph Couture asking payment of \$28.00 for permanent improvements on Howe Street. Filed.

From E. W. Griffith et al asking that the lane in rear of the East end School be improved. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. M. Browning, C. P. R. Land Commissioner granting the City the temporary use of a piece of land at the South end of Abbott Street. Filed.

From I. B. Godfrey et al requesting that the sidewalk on Melville Street be made six feet wide instead of two. Filed.

From J. J. Blake, City Solicitor advising Council that J. M. Stewart and H. Fyfe were not entitled to any salary after suspension. Referred to Finance Committee.

From J. M. Browning, Land Commissioner

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granting the City an extension of time for the erection of the fountain. Filed.

From Chas. Wm. Robson asking permission to erect a stable in rear of the Hudson's Bay Co's Store. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Joseph Huntly re: the fencing lots where there are high sidewalks. Filed.

From John Devine re Auditors Report. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John Devine re resignation. Filed.

From D. B. Murray re gravelling North Arm Road. Referred to Board of Works.

From F. W. Sentell et al requesting that Thurlow Street be graded. Referred to Board of Works.

From S. Minard re purchase of team for the Fire Department. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From A. E. Beck re location of poles for Arc Electric Lights. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From J. T. Abray & W. D. Haywood resigning as Police Officers. Filed.

From J. J. Blake resigning as City Solicitor. Filed.

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From J. G. McDonald asking payment for work done on City Wharf. Referred to Board of Works.

From A. J. Monat Secy Treas of Free Reading Room furnishing his monthly report. Filed.

Reports

Finance

No 32

The Finance Committee met on Friday November 22nd 1889. Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Clark, Costello and Whetham.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Telephone Co. Rents	\$16.00
Thomson Bros. Stationery	10.10
Queen Bros. Livery	22.00
Transfer Co. Livery	35.00
M. A. Harvey Livery	12.50
Starret & Leatherdale	32.50
John Spear	10.00
Palace Livery Stables	120.00
Hill & McKinnon	195.00
Page Ponsford Bros.	5.00
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	23.00
T. O. Townley, Registration	9.50

S. Green	2.00
News Advertiser	9.20
J. W. Morrison	55.00
C. P. R. Co.	60.00
The World P & P Co.	172.66
Wm. Hallway	3.00

Health Accounts

S. T. Tilley Stamps etc.	3.40
I. R. Morrow, Drugs	2.00
P. Witney, Milk	57.12

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Hong Sing, Washing	\$30.25
John Scuitto, Supplies	50.24
Van Wfg & Stg Co.	7.50
R. L. Winch, Supplies	5.72
W. J. Taylor, Burials	35.00
Charles Nelson, Drugs	4.75
J. S. Clute, Supplies	.75
VanVolkenburgh & Bro. Meat	46.73
Palmer Bros. Coal etc.	21.50

2. That a communication be addressed to John M. Browning, Land Commissioner asking him to allow the question of the erection of the fountain to stand over until next year.

3. That Joseph Gonsales be paid \$361.00 as agreed upon with his Solicitor to remunerate him for burning his household effects etc. by order of the Health Inspector, such amount to include the amount already passed for him by the Health Committee in January 1889.

4. That Dr. Bodington be informed that the Council cannot see its way clear to allow him any remuneration for the affidavit re small pox on the S. S. Premier.

Sgd. R. Clark, Acting Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the Finance Report be adopted. Carried.

Health

No 14

The Board of Health met on Wednesday Dec. 4, 1889.

Present His Worship the Mayor and

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Aldermen Costello, Whetham and Salsbury.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

W. J. McGuigan, Inquests etc.	\$32.50
Davis & Taylor, Work on hospital	107.00

2. That the Board of Works be requested to at once proceed with the construction of the deep surface drainage system for carrying off the stagnant water throughout the City as previously recommended by this Board and endorsed by the Board of Works.

3. That the owners of all slaughter houses within the City limits be given six months' notice to remove such houses to some point outside the limits of the City.

4. That the Health Inspector be authorized to connect any and all restaurants and hotels with the public sewers under the provisions of the public health By-Law and amending By-Laws where practicable.

Sgd. James Whetham, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Report of the Board of Health be adopted. Carried.

Works

No 33

The Board of Works met on Thursday November 21st and Thursday Nov 28th 1889.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, McConnell and Horne.

We beg to recommend:

1. That R. Stephens et al be allowed to lay

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a sidewalk on Howe Street with old plank from the streets also that L. R. Johnsons be allowed to lay sidewalks on Pacific Street and Beach Avenue with the same material if obtainable.

2. That tenders be called for the gravelling of the North Arm Road from Granville Street Bridge South to the Boundary line of the City; one tender to be for gravel taken from the North Arm Road, the other for gravel brought in by scows.

3. That John Johnson be permitted to lift sidewalk in front of his lot for the purpose of filling in

same, subject to the terms of the By-Law governing same.

4. That D. B. Murray's foreman be allowed \$3.00 per day in connection with the filling in of Westminster Av and that D. B. Murray be allowed 15 per cent on the total cost of such filling.

5. That a sidewalk be constructed on Nelson Street from Granville to Homer Street, at a cost not to exceed \$75.00

6. That a box drain be dug and a box culvert put in on Burrard Street between Eveleigh Street and the hill to the South of the school house on Barclay Street also that a drain and box culvert be put down on Dunsmuir Street from Cambie to Robson Street or as far as necessary and that tenders be called for the same.

7. That the following accounts be paid:

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H. Connacher, Seventh Av.	\$64.88
Boyd & Clandening, Jackson Av.	98.03
Geo McFarland, Scrapers	4.50
R. C. P. Mills Coy, Lumber	10.72
A. O. Leask, Duty	2.15
P. Atkinson et al Street Work	54.50
D. J. McDonald, Gravel	956.52
Do Pender St.	432.90
A. D. McDonald, Drake St.	21.22
Do Lane in B6, 196	39.52
Martin & Balkwell, Davie St.	102.29
D. B. Murray, Westminster Av.	480.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies	9.50
F. F. Woodaman, Labor	1.20
Murray & Fraser, Westminster Av.	16.61
A. Godfrey & Co Supplies	16.50
R. C. P. Mills Co.	20.74
O. Toole & Ralph, Stove	17.00
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	1.70

8. That the following tenders be accepted:

Lane in Block 57, 541,	McDonalds & Barton
Lane in Block 9, 196,	W. C. Muir
Lane in Block 43, 196	do
Robson St. grading	H. Connacher
Richards St. Sidewalk	James Barton
Burrard St. Sidewalk	D. McAlister
Helmcken St. grading	McDonald & Barton
Haro St. Sidewalk	D. McAlister

Jackson Av. Sidewalk	A. D. McDonald
Barclay St. Sidewalk	do
Quebec St. Sidewalk	H. Connacher
Nelson St. Sidewalk	McDonald & Barton

9. That D. B. Murray's tender be accepted for the gravelling of the North Arm Road South of Granville Street Bridge and that said tender be forwarded to Mr. H. Abbott together with an Estimate of the total cost of the work.

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10. That Messrs Sansom and Dawson be permitted to erect a balcony on the lane at the corner of Pender and Howe Streets provided it does not conflict with existing by-laws.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Board of Works Report be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Salsbury, seconded by Alderman Clark. That the following Finance accounts be paid:

Berry & Co. Drayage	.50 cts
C. P. Telegraph Co.	\$15.70
Peter Latham, Rope	12.50
Deputy Returning Officers	30.00

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Whetham, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the following Health accounts be paid:

Jacob Sehl, Supplies	\$6.75
F. W. Hart, Supplies	2.10
A. L. McMullen Supplies	7.25
Davis & Taylor, Glazing	2.25
P. Witney, Milk	26.60
Mrs. Alcock, Supplies	11.25
VanVolkenburgh & Bro. Meat	51.83
R. L. Lonich, Supplies	4.87
A. Ross, Guard	8.75
J. Scuitto, Bread	47.03
J. J. Owens, building house	100.00

Carried.

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Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the following police accounts be paid:

J. McDonald, Express Hire	\$4.00
Corswell & Co. law books	8.15
John Devine, Special Audit etc.	60.00
John Scuitto, Supplies	158.94
VanVolkenburgh & Bro. Meat	37.25
W. Moresby, Fares etc.	11.50
W. A. Cumyow, Witness	5.00
Jos Sanders, Witness	5.00
W. Steel, Express	.75
M. A. Harvey, Hack Hire	2.50
H. McDonald, Express	2.00
R. C. P. Mills Co. Battons	4.50
C. L. P. Nelson, Drugs	9.25
V. W. Haywood, fares	11.00
W. D. Haywood, fares	3.00

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the following Park accounts be paid:

F. M. Blomquist, Painting	\$3.50
Henderson & Couth, Seed	12.50
Thos. Dunn & Co. Fuse	2.50
Palmer Bros. Feed	2.60
Crowder & Penzer Feed	2.05
B. Hungerford et al Work on Park	197.60
Henry Avison, Work on Park	8.05

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brewer, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the following accounts for labor and contracts be paid:

P. Atkinson et al Labor	\$264.65
H. Connacher, Quebec St.	210.25
Martin & Balkwell, Homer St.	35.10

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James Ironsides, Pound house	\$99.00
W. C. Muir, Lansdowne St.	126.37

H. A. Berry & Co. Drayage	2.25
Chos. Nelson, Sulphur	1.25
A. Doyle, Express	.50
H. F. Keefer, Market	3,145.00
Vancouver St. Ry Co. Clearing	90.66
McDonald & Barton, Seaton St.	145.06

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the following Fire, Water & Light accounts be paid:

Creighton & Fraser, Supplies	\$17.01
W. L. Leonard, Waste	9.50
Crowder & Penzer, Feed	9.35
Palmer Bros. Feed	19.61
A. M. Morton, Tarpaulin	10.00
Vancouver Electric Ill Co.	291.15
Telephone Co.	16.00
Robert Barker, Insurance	100.00

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the lane in rear of the Leland House be planked with old plank if obtainable, such plank to be laid by the applicants. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Horne. That a six ft. sidewalk be laid on Melville Street instead of 2 feet. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the tender of Wm.

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Murphy be accepted for the furnishing of the requisite number of police uniforms according to Sample No One, Price per Suit \$55.00 and that D. Evans be given the contract for the requisite number of overcoats at \$30.00 each. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the resignation of J. J. Blake, City Solicitor be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Mason. That Arc Lights not to exceed 90, be contacted for and located in places to be fixed by the Fire, Water and Light Committee such selection to be approved of by Council. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That by virtue of the powers vested in this Council under the provisions of By-Law No 88 re the fencing of vacant lots, we hereby direct that all such places, lots & premises as come within the meaning and intent of said By-Law

No 88, that are not fenced after reasonable notice in writing has been given to the owners thereof, either personally or through their reputed agents, be fenced at as reasonable cost as possible by the Board of Works of this City and the cost of so doing be collected in manner prescribed in said By-Law No 88. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the sum of \$28.00 be paid to Joseph Couture for permanent improvements at the corner of Howe and Dusmuir Streets. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Mason, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the sidewalk on Quebec Street between 14th & 15th Avenues be placed on the west side of the street. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse, seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare specifications for corduroying the low swamp and other bad portions of the road to the City Cemetery with split cedar material corduroy to be Sixteen feet wide and that tenders be called returnable on Monday next at noon. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the Sgt of Police be authorized to appoint two special police constables temporarily. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the resignations of officers Abray and Haywood be accepted. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Salsbury, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the City Clerk advertise for applications for the position of City Auditor, the time for the reception of such applications being limited to two weeks. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Horne. That I. B. Spring be allowed old plank enough to lay a two ft. sidewalk in the lane in Block 5, 196, length 100 ft. or less. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the offer of J. M. Browning, C. P. R. Land Commissioner re leasing the piece of land from the C. P. R. Co. for the storage of the sewer pipes be accepted, as per his letter dated Nov 20 1889. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk