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MINUTES

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Vancouver January 30th 1888,

The Council met on Monday January 30th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Bell-Irving, Clark, Dougall, Humphries and Mannion.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Mayor Bate, Nanaimo acknowledging telegram of condolence from His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer. Filed.

From Alderman Brighthouse requesting three months leave of absence.

Moved by Alderman Mannion Seconded by Alderman Dougall.

That he be granted leave of absence in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. Carried.

From Thos. Stephenson asking that Thos. Simpson be appointed Teamster for the team purchased for the Fire Engine.

Referred to the Board of ~~Works~~ F. W. & L. with power to act;

From P. A. Irving re passing of By-Laws re glanders. Filed.

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From City Engineer Submitting map of the Foreshore of False Creek.

Moved by Alderman Mannion Seconded by Alderman Clark.

That the City Clerk be instructed to forward map to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries Ottawa.
Carried.

From John H. Grady et al praying that a Sidewalk be constructed on the East side of Cambie Street from Water Street to Moodyville Saw Mill Cos Lumber Yard.

Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

F. W. & L.

No. 3

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Thursday January 26th and beg to report that the question of increasing the candle power of the electric lights has received consideration from your Committee, We would recommend that no action be taken for the present but that the Board be empowered to put in such intervening lights as may be deemed increasing.

We recommend that W. W. Ayer be appointed to the position of teamster and fireman combined as a Salary of fifty dollars a month and that the Fire Engineers Salary be raised two dollars a month.

We ask for further

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time before submitting our report on a fire alarm system for the City.

The Chairman of the Committee has been empowered to purchase a patent set of harness as soon as a team is procured.

The following account is recommended for payment:-

F. X. Martin, Coal oil etc. \$13.45

We beg to report that we have purchased a team for the Fire Engine from Messrs Dunn & Ferguson for \$650.00 which we trust will be approved of by Council.

Sgd. J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving Seconded by Alderman Alexander.

That the report be adopted with the exception of the clause relating to the appointment of W. W. Ayer. Carried.

Finance

No. 3

The Finance Committee met on Friday January 27th 1888 and beg to report that a petition has been laid before us from the City officials praying that their salaries be paid on the first of every

month.

We recommend that their prayer be granted.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

John Weiler Lamp	\$5.82
F. X. Martin soap etc.	\$12.90

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Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co.	\$1.25
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We would again urge upon the several Committees the desirability of forwarding their yearly estimates to this Board as soon as possible.

Sgd. Rich H. Alexander, Chairman

Adopted.

Humphries – Bell-Irving

Works

No. 4

The Board of Works met on Friday January 27th and beg to report that Mr. E. Mohun has been instructed to bring in a report of the approximate cost of the additional Sewerage required with the comparative cost of vitrified and wooden pipes and also for Sewerage deep enough to drain basements said report to be furnished free of cost.

We recommend that the Park Road be constructed according to the plan submitted by the Chairman of the Board of Works and City Engineer and marked "A".

In accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor, we recommend that L. H. Soule's petition be refused.

Sgd. H. Bell-Irving, Chairman

Adopted.

Mannion - Dougall

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Health

No. 3

The Board of Health met on Friday January 27th 1888 and beg to report that the following

application have been received for the position of City Scavenger

Kenneth McDonald
Smith & Ridd
Duncan McCallum

These applications we submit to Council for discussion.

The following account is recommended for payment:

F. X. Martin, groceries \$18.85

Sgd. K. Clark, for Chairman.

Adopted

Mannion – Dougall.

Moved by Alderman Mannion Seconded by Alderman Dougall.

That ~~Alderman~~ the tender of Messrs Smith and Ridd be accepted. Carried.

By-Laws.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law No. 51 with Alderman Alexander in the Chair.

The By-Law was read over clause by clause and amended where necessary when Committee done to report By-Law as complete.

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By-Law read a third time and ordered to be engrossed and gazetted on motion of Alderman Alexander Seconded by Alderman Clark.

Moved by Alderman Humphries Seconded by Alderman Clark.

That By-Law regulating the firing of guns etc be read a third time and numbered 54. Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Mannion Seconded by Alderman Clark.

That the Finance Committee take under advisement the separation of the offices of the City Solicitor and Police Magistrate with power to act in the matter. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander Seconded by Alderman Dougall.

That the Board of Works be empowered to select a site for a dumping ground with power to act fully in the matter. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries Seconded by Alderman Bell-Irving.

That if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Telephone Co. for a fire alarm system for the City their plant be exempted from taxation for the present municipal year. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Mannion Seconded by Alderman Clark.

That the City Solicitor be instructed to expropriate that portion of the Gore at the junction of Powell and Alexander Streets, recommended by the Board of Works. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark Seconded by Alderman Mannion.

That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the government through our representatives for a grant of \$5,000.00 for Hospital purposes and \$1,500.00 for Fire Brigade and Hook and Ladder Companies. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander Seconded by Alderman Mannion.

That the Board of Works instruct the City Engineer to prepare an estimate of the cost of gravelling that portion of the Park Road now under contract viz Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 and that he prepare plans and an estimate for a foot bridge across the upper part of Coal Harbour and also that immediate steps be taken for obtaining the necessary permission to erect the Bridge. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries Seconded by Alderman Clark.

That the Chief of Police be instructed to take

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proceedings immediately against R. T. Mizony for obstructing Cordova Street. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving Seconded by Alderman Alexander.

That the Chief of Police be instructed to take proceedings to have the fence on Block 10, Cordova Street immediately removed in so far as it projects on the alley. Carried.

Notice.

Alderman Clark gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to repeal By-Law No 53.

The account of Messrs Dunn & Ferguson was ordered to be paid when the necessary bond was executed.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk