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MINUTES

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Vancouver Feb 10th 1890

The Council met on Monday February 10th 1890.

Present His Worship, Mayor Oppenheimer and Aldermen Browning, Carroll, Garden, Fox, Sentell, Costello, McLeod and Docring.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Hon. F. G. Vernon acknowledging receipts of resolution re Small Debts Court Act. Filed.

From J. W. McFarland Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co re the fixing of the date for the Meeting of the Directors and the Committee of the Council. Referred to the Water Works Committee.

From M. H. Hirschberg asking for a grant of \$300.00 to defray expenses in connection with the Mainland Association. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Mayor of New Westminster in reference to a Central Park for the Sister Cities. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the License Inspector furnishing a report on the Licensed houses in the City. Referred to License Committee.

From Alex Tremblay furnishing bonds for work on East Park. Filed.

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From J. W. Curry complaining about the conduct of Sergeant McLaren. Referred to Police Committee.

From H. Connacher in reference to surface drain. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

Finance

No 3

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 7th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Garden, Fox and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the City Solicitor be authorized to secure the services of Mr. J. J. Blake for consolidating and revising the By-Laws and Charter.
2. That the Reports of the Board of Works and Board of Health be confirmed.
3. That the following accounts be paid:

Thomson Bros. Stationery	22.10
E. S. Scoullar & Co. Supplies	21.65
Stephen Green, Messenger	2.00
F. W. Hart, Box	3.00
H. A. Urquhart, Refund	10.00
The World P & P. Co'y	72.19
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	48.40
A. K. Stuart, Clerical Work	10.00

J. M. Browning, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Garden.

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Works

No 3

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 6th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Sentell, Costello and Docring.

Alderman Costello was appointed Chairman pro tem.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

E. S. Scoullar & Co. Supplies	\$2.40
Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies	1.25
F. L. Nichols, Supplies	35.75

A. O. Leask, Clearance	2.10
Vancouver Gas Co.	38.53
McDonald & Barton, Grading	87.16
Mack & Co. Sulphur	35.29
H. A. Berry & Co. Drayage	1.70
A. Bunker, Cemetery	324.00
do, Labor	9.00
Queen Bros. Livery	2.50
W. L. McDonald, Labor	44.22

2. That J. M. Fox be granted permission under the Street By-Law to use a portion of Hastings Street fronting Lot 30, Block 8, 196 for building purposes.

3. That a clock tower be erected on the Market building according to plans submitted by Messrs Sansom & Dawson, at cost not to exceed \$1,300.00 provided a satisfactory guarantee be given to the Council that town clock with four dials costing not less than \$600.00 be placed in the tower within six months after the erection of the same.

4. That the City Engineer be authorized to grant permits to builders and others occupying part of the streets and

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Sidewalks for building purposes in accordance with the street By-Law instead of Joseph Hewitly for the reason that such Engineer is always in communication with this Board.

5. That a Committee be appointed by the Council to meet the heads of the different departments of the civic offices with a view to more clearly, define the duties of each particularly that of Street and Health Inspectors.

6. That McDonald & Barton be awarded the contract for the clearing of fourteen acres in the East Park at \$310.00 per acre and for the cutting down of the hill on the North Arm Road for the lump sum of \$645.00.

Sgd. M. Costello, Chairman pro tem

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the portion of the Board of Works Report referring to the clearing of the Agricultural Grounds be reconsidered by them and if Mr. Tremblay's sureties be found satisfactory it be given to him. Amendment lost; motion carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Mason. That the following account be paid:

P. Atkinson et al Street Work \$37.85 Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Mason. That the City Engineer be requested to report on the system of grades adopted between Carroll and Abbott Sts on the South Side of Cordova Street. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the City Engineer be instructed to have the necessary repairs made at once to False Creek Bridge on Westminster Av. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the following clause be added to the Sugar Refinery Agreement; "Provided always and it is hereby further agreed and declared that this Agreement is entered into by the said Corporation and the By-Law granting the bonus in aid of the establishment of the said Sugar Refinery is enacted by the Mayor and Council thereof on the condition that the said Benjamin Rogers or the Company to be formed by him shall not at any time employ Chinese labor in and about the said works and the said Benjamin Rogers hereby agrees on behalf of himself and the Company by him to be formed that he nor they will at any time employ any Chinese labor in and about the said works. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That Aldermen Horne

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Carroll and Garden with the mover and seconder form a Committee for the purpose of examining into the duties of the officers of the different department with a view to reorganizing the same and regulating the duties of the heads of each department so as to prevent the misunderstanding now existing in certain cases. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Sentell. That a Committee composed of Aldermen Garden, Costello, Docring and His Worship, the Mayor with the mover and Seconded be appointed for the purpose of negotiating for the purchase of a site for the proposed Sugar Refinery with full powers to acquire the necessary land, arrange with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for a siding into the same contract for the levelling and other wise improving the land and making a road from said land to the public highway, all in accordance with the By-Law and Agreement made between the City and one Benjamin Rogers. It being understood that the expenses which the said Committee is authorized to incur for the purchase of said land and improvement shall not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Whereas their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are contemplating to honor the Dominion of Canada with a visit on their return from India in the Spring of this year.

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And whereas a becoming reception should be tendered to the illustrious representatives of Her Majesty our Queen by the citizens of Vancouver.

Be it therefore resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council Assembled that the Municipal Council of the City of Vancouver be appointed a Committee to communicate with their Royal Highnesses and the Honourable Lord Huntsford, Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies and on receipt of a reply as to the probable time of the arrival of their Royal Highnesses at our City, take effective steps for the carrying out of the necessary and desirable preparations for their reception. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Garden. That the By-Law to fix the remuneration of the Mayor be read a second time. Carried.

The By-Law was then read.

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the By-Law. Carried.

Alderman Garden was appointed Chairman.

In Committee it was moved by Alderman Carroll seconded by

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Alderman Costello. That the By-Law be read six months hence. Carried 6.1

The Committee then rose, and the Mayor resumed the Chair, after which the Council adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk