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MINUTES

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Vancouver March 17th 1890

The Council met on Monday March 17th 1890 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Browning, Garden, Horne, Sentell, Fox, Costello, McLeod, Docring and Mason.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Robert Wells, Stratford, Ontario applying for the position of electrician. Filed.

From the Hon. John Carling acknowledging receipt of resolution re Quarantine Station at Vancouver. Filed.

From the H. Abbott agreeing to put a siding into the sugar refinery grounds when required. Filed.

From Hanson Bros. re tendering on \$10,000 worth of City Bonds. Filed.

From W. H. Wood asking that certain trees be cut down on Chilco Street. Referred to the City Engineer.

From J. M. Bowell Collector of Customs in reference to the seizure of the Fire Alarm Boxes. Referred to Finance.

From Alex Tremblay in reference to the East Park contract. Referred to Board of Works.

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From Wm. Bailey in reference to a nuisance on Georgia Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From W. Bredemeyer asking the City to purchase his collection of Specimens. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From A. J. Alcock et al and Thorpe & Co. et al asking the Council to take steps to prevent the erection of a tannery on a creek in 200A & 301. Referred to Health Inspector & City Solicitors.

From H. B. Small acknowledging receipt of resolution re Immigration sheds. Filed.

From J. J. Blake notifying Council that an Injunction would be applied for to prohibit the execution of the East Park Contract. Referred to the City Solicitor.

From J. A. Russell enclosing report of the Free Reading Room. Filed.

From Joseph Dixon, President of the Trades and Labor Council asking the Council to discontinue Prison Labor on the Streets and to reduce the time of corporation Day Laborers to nine hours. Referred to the Police and Board of Works.

From Richard T. Robinson in reference to the North Arm Road. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Gavin et al petitioning for the improvement of Dufferin Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

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From Thos. Hooper asking for a permit to construct a basement 10 feet under Hastings Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Webster and Edmonds asking that Powell Street be graded between Boundary Avenue and Vernon Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

The Committee appointed to select a Site for the Sugar Refinery met in the City Clerk's Office on Friday March 7th 1890.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Garden, Browning, Costello and Sentell. Resolved:

1. That the City Clerk wire Mr. Rogers informing him of the passing of the Sugar Refinery By-Law and that the City is prepared to proceed at once with the work as soon as the deposit of \$10,000 is made in accordance with the Agreement entered into with him.
2. That the Vancouver Improvement Company be notified that their offer to the City of the piece of land known as part of Block 47, District Lot 181, for the erection of a Sugar Refinery for the sum of \$15,000 be accepted and requesting said Company to have the necessary deed prepared at its earliest convenience.
3. That the General Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Ry Co. be communicated with regarding a siding which be required to be laid into the property of the proposed Sugar Refinery Company as soon as the land can be levelled and prepared for the buildings to be erected thereon and that he be requested to state upon what

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terms the Railway Company will lay such siding.

4. That the City Solicitor be requested to have the necessary Agreement drawn up between the City and the San Juan Lime Co. regarding the exchange of a certain piece of land lying on the North Side of the C. P. R. Right of Way opposite Blocks 48 & 49 in District Lot 181.

5. That the Canadian Pacific Railway Co be communicated with regarding the release of its foreshore rights to the 200 feet lying to the west of the San Juan Lime Coy's property and opposite Block 49 in Subdivision of 181, granted to the City in connection with the proposed Sugar Refinery and that they be requested to have the necessary documents prepared in favour of the City.

6. That the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications with the least possible delay for the required cribbing, filling and clearing to the west of the San Juan Lime Coy's property.

7. That tenders be invited for the clearing and levelling of a certain piece or parcel of land being Block 47 and that lying between said Block 47 and the C. P. R. Right of Way and for filling up a certain area of land to the west of the San Juan Lime Coy's property opposite Block 49.

Sgd. James F. Garden, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Fox. That the Report of the Sugar Refinery Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Police

No 4

The Police Committee met on Tuesday March 11th 1890. Present Aldermen Costello, Carroll and Sentell.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the City Treasurer be instructed to pay W. D. Haywood and J. T. Abray, their respective salaries up to date of resignation without making any deductions therefrom.

2. That John McKeown be appointed on the regular police force at a salary of \$60.00 per month in place of D. J. R. Cameron resigned, such appointment to date from the 4th day of March 1890.

3. That Malcolm McLean be paid \$10.00 per month for acting in the capacity of night watchman, such payment to date from the 3rd of March 1890.

4. That the following accounts be paid:

John Scuitto, Supplies	\$55.28
V. W. Haywood, Fares	5.00
M. G. McLeod, Fares	6.00
C. Nelson, Drugs	1.75
Geo McKay, Express hire	2.25
VanVolkenburgh & Bro.	16.50
W. Fowell, Milk	5.16

Sgd. M. Costello, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Garden. That Chairman of the Report be struck out. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Docring, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Report

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of the Police Committee be adopted as amended. Carried.

Finance

No 7

The Finance Committee met on Friday March 7th 1890.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Browning, Garden, Fox and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Queen Bros. Livery	\$10.00
M. A. Harvey, Livery	5.00
Dep Ret. Officers	25.00
Crowder & Penzer, Coal	33.75

2. That the tender of Hanson Bros. of Montreal for the purchase of \$10,000 worth of City Debentures bearing interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum and extending over a period of 40 years, be accepted, said firm having agreed to pay \$103.10 for every \$100.00 worth of Debentures.

3. That the Minutes of the Board of Works be adopted.

The Committee met again on Friday March 14th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Costello, Garden and Fox.

We beg to recommend:

1. That J. J. Blake be paid \$40.00 on account of Services connected with the case of McHugh vs. the City.

2. That the following accounts be paid:

The World P & P Coy	\$380.23
The News Advertiser	386.00
Her Majesty's Customs	50.00

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Telephone Co.	\$16.00
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3. That the Reports of the Police, F. W. & L. and Board of Works Committees be confirmed.

Sgd. J. M. Browning, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

F. W. & L.

No 4

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday March 12, 1890.

Present Aldermen Fox, Docring, McLeod, and Carroll.

We beg to recommend that the following accounts be paid:

I. Forbes, Blacksmithing	\$15.25
John Scuitto, Supplies	.81
Van Electric Ill Co.	298.29
Crowder & Penzer, Coal	76.45
John Wolfe, Scavengering	6.50
A. Godfrey & Co. Supplies	3.15
H. McDowell & Co. Supplies	4.35
R. Rutherford, Team	70.00

The Estimates for the year have been prepared and referred to the Finance Committee.

Sgd. J. M. Fox, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the report of the F. W. & L. Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Works

No 7

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

Present Aldermen Browning, Horne, Sentell and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That Donald McAlister be allowed to complete the contract for the sidewalking of Granville Street between Davie and Pacific Street as entered into between Wm Power et al and himself and authorized by the last Council, at the price agreed upon, on condition that he takes the place of Wm. Power et al and waits for the payment for the same until the City is in funds and that the additional sidewalk between Pacific Street and the Bridge as petitioned for be laid over until the Estimates are prepared.
2. That the City Engineer be instructed to fence in such vacant lots opposite dangerous sidewalks as authorized by the By-Law after the expiration of time stated in notices.
3. That E. Cook be permitted to remove his hoisting engine from the Lefevre Block to the sidewalk in front of the Delbrick Block on Hastings Street and to occupy a portion of the street subject to the terms of the Street By-Law.
4. That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with Allan K. Stuart Burton-on-Trent and send him a sample of the clay, with a piece of Terra Cotta, made from the same by Wm. Johnstone of Leeds, England who tested it and reported on the same and to refer him for further

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information to said Johnston, also inform him that if more clay is required to make a proper test that it will be forwarded to him.

5. That the City Clerk communicate with Mr. H. L. Edmonds with a view of making arrangements with him for the purchase of a [bit? See original document] of land land, South of the False Creek School house at the corner of Sophia St., Tenth Ave & Westminster Av. for the purpose of straightening a bad crook in Tenth Av.
6. That hereafter parties putting down superior classes of sidewalks be allowed five cents per superficial foot, if the same have been previously approved of by the Board of Works and City Engineer.
7. That a basement drain be made on the West Side of Cambie Street connecting with the drain on the lane at Queen's Stables and to extend Southerly to the News Advertiser office, a distance of about 350 feet.

8. That James Whetham be paid at the rate of five cents per superficial foot for the sidewalk constructed at the corner of Cambie and Cordova streets amounting in all to \$95.50.

9. That J. M. Lefevre be requested to submit a plan and description of sidewalk he intends erecting in front of his buildings on Hastings Street.

10. That M. C. Muir be awarded the contract for constructing box drains on Burrard and Dunsmuir Streets at 23 cents and 19 cents per foot respectively.

11. That the following accounts be paid:

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D. McGillivray, False Creek Bridge	\$394.10
R. C. P. Mills Coy, Crossings	27.10
McDonald & Barton, Jackson Av. Etc.	10.25
D. McAlister, Burrard St.	441.76
Saul & Wart, Excavation	12.00
Berry & Co, Drayage	6.00
Geo Woods, Sewerage	11.00

The Board of Works met again on Thursday March 13.
Present Aldermen Costello, Docring and Sentell.

We beg to recommend:

1. That part of the lane in Block 40, District Lot 541 be graded and a box drain laid therein and that tenders be called for the same.

2. That the following accounts be paid:

Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies	\$12.77
Wm. Steel, Express	.75
A. Godfrey & Co. Supplies	2.48
Mack & Co. Sulphur	128.46
H. A. Berry & Co. Drayage	27.15
Vancouver Gas Co.	3.00
D. Gibbons, Tenth Av.	90.00

Sgd. J. W. Horne, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McLeod, seconded by Alderman Docring. That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Motions

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

P. Atkinson et al Labor	\$310.50	
VanVolkenburgh & Bro Meat	1.26	
Crowder & Penzer, Feed	8.43	
R. V. Winch, Cabbage	.93	Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Garden. That the thanks of this Council be and is hereby tendered to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and their Land Commissioner, Alderman Browning for the liberal manner in which they donated a valuable piece of foreshore fronting on Burrard Inlet to the City of Vancouver to enable it to make an exchange with the San Juan Lime Company for a piece of land of equal size, situate between the C.P.R. track and the site for the Sugar Refinery so that a sidetrack or Switch can be laid from the C.P.R track to said Sugar Refinery on the South Side and leave sufficient room for Hornes & C on the North Side of same. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Sugar Refinery Bonus By-Law be read a third time. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Fox gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law to provide that all employees of the City must be British Subjects.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk