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MINUTES

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Vancouver April 21st 1890

The Council met on Monday April 21st 1890.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the City Solicitor enclosing an amendment to the Pound By-Law. Filed.

From Chas. A. Coldwell et al praying Council to abate the cow nuisance on the South Side of False Creek. Referred to the Board of Health.

From J. J. Blake on behalf of Wm. Tierney warning the Council that a suit would be entered against them if Mr. Tierney's cows were again interfered with. Filed.

From J. J. Blake notifying the Council that a verdict of \$50.00 was given in favor of McHugh. Filed.

From Wm. Cowderoy complaining about the condition of the Sewer in B41, District Lot 196. Referred to Health Inspector.

From the City Solicitor informing Council that they could not legally give away any land which has been registered as a public street. Referred to Board of Works.

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From H. G. & Clinton et al and the Vintners' Association suggesting amendments to the Liquor License By-Law. Referred to the Licensing Board.

From Robert Dickie et al asking the Council to allow them to use the Common South of Nelson Street for herding their cattle. Filed.

From R. H. Alexander Secy of the Mainland Association inviting a delegation from the Council to accompany a delegation of the Mainland Association to Victoria to protest against the injustice done to the City and District in the Bill now before the House. Filed.

Reports

Finance

No 10

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 18th 1890.

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

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

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| A. P. Badger, Tracings | \$7.00 |
| Crowder & Penzer, Coal | 40.50 |

2. That the Police Magistrate's Office be supplied with the most necessary law books and police court forms.

3. That the grant of \$65.00 per month be continued to be made to the Vancouver Free Reading Room and Library but

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that no action be taken towards donating \$200.00 for the purchase of books until the matter has been fully considered.

4. Re the communication of the President of the Vancouver Water Works Co. requesting the Council to guarantee an overdraft of \$50,000 for the extension of the system, we recommend that no action be taken until an Engineer has been appointed to examine and report upon the works.

5. Re the communication of Chas. H. Strutt Esq asking for a free site for a tannery, we consider that this Council has no power to recommend the granting of funds for any such purpose without submitting a By-Law to the ratepayers.

6. The Auditor's Annual Report for 1889 and the Monthly Reports for January, February and March were examined and filed.

Sgd. J. M. Browning, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works

No 10

The Board of Works met on Thursday the 17th April 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Costello and Sentell. Alderman Costello in the Chair.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

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| H. I. Keefer, Market Building | \$2,392.75 |
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| W. C. Muir, Box Drains | \$341.12 |
| H. Connacher, 11 th Av. | 134.40 |
| D. B. Murray, Melville St. | 483.50 |
| A & D. McDonald, Cambie St | 181.43 |
| A. Parker, Salary | 75.00 |
| H. A. Berry, Drayage | 1.50 |
| E. B. Martin, Hack hire | 8.60 |
| A. Carling, Flushing | 3.75 |

2. That the following tenders be accepted:

Hornby St. Grading, Boyd & Clandenning
8th Av. Grading, David Gibbons
Abbott St. Basement drain, John Telford

3. That tenders be invited for the following Street work:

- (a) Sophia St. grading from Westminster Road to 13th Av a distance of about 800 ft
- (b) Powell St. grading from Boundary Av to Vernon St. thence North to the present road
- (c) 9th Avenue grading to Scotia Street and Scotia St North to 8th Av.

4. That while everything possible is being done by the Council to put a stop to animals running at large and damaging property, the citizens are urgently requested to have all trees planted in front of their property on the streets protected as said is not considered the duty of the Council.

5. That the Architects for the market building be instructed to notify the contractor Mr. H. Keefer that he has made default and delay in diligently continuing to execute or advance the works to their satisfaction and that if such default or delay shall continue for six days after notice in writing shall have been given by the Architects

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to the contractor, the building will be taken out of his hands and completed as provided for in the Agreement dated 24th August 1889.

6. That the Sanitary Engineer be notified to furnish the Board of Works with a weekly report every Thursday morning stating how the work is progressing on the sewer contract and what has been done since the previous report.

7. That the City Solicitor be asked to give his opinion as to whether the City can legally give up any land which had been registered as a public street.

Sgd. J. W. Horne, Chairman

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

Report of The Sugar Refinery Committee

The Sugar Refinery Committee met on Friday April 18th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Garden and Costello. Resolved.

That the tender of Messrs Boyd and Clandenning be accepted for cribbing, excavating etc in connection with the Sugar Refinery Site on Block 47, District Lot 181 and that portion of land lying between said Block 47 and the C. P. R. Right of Way according to the plans and specifications of the City Engineer for the lump sum of \$5,900.00.

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Resolved.

That tenders be invited for constructing a wharf on the North side of the Sugar Refinery Site on Block 47, District Lot 181 according to the plans and specifications of the City Engineer, such tenders to be received up to Friday the 25th inst at noon.

Sgd. J. M. Browning, Member of Committee for Chairman

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

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That the By-Law to fix the polling places etc. for the election of Park Commissioners be read a first time. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That a delegation consisting of His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman Garden, Horne and Costello be appointed to accompany the Mainland delegation to Victoria to protest against the injustice that has been done the Mainland in the proposed Re-distribution Bill now before the House of Assembly. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That a Special Meeting of this Council be called for Saturday April 26th 1890 at 3 P. M. to consider in Committee of the Whole the proposed Liquor License By-Law. Carried.

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

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| P. Atkinson etal | \$75.00 | |
| Crowder & Penzer, Cabbage | 12.50 | |
| R. I. Winch | .90 | |
| John Scuitto, Wheat | 2.75 | |
| VanVolkenburgh & Bro, Meat | 1.50 | Carried. |

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk