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MINUTES

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Vancouver April 28th 1890

The Council met on Monday April 28th 1890.

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

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

Communications

From W. D. Haywood asking for the balance of his salary due. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From H. T. Keefer and Sansom and Dawson in reference to the contract for the construction of the Market. Referred to Board of Works.

From R. Mackay Fripp in reference to the lines on Dougall House corner. Clerk instructed to reply.

From the Pound Keeper asking for an increase of salary. Referred to Finance Committee.

From W. Bailey in reference to a nuisance on Thurlow Street. Referred to the Health Inspector.

From Chas. H. Strutt asking for exemption from taxation for his tannery. Referred to Finance Committee.

From J. H. Quigley Secretary of the Lacrosse Club asking Council to put the Recreation Grounds in order. Referred to the Board of Works.

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From James Allen et al asking Council to improve lane in Block 11, 196. Referred to Board of Works.

From Malcolm McIntyre et al requesting Council to open up 13th Av from Quebec to Manitoba Sts. Referred to the Board of Works.

From A. M. Robertson, Secy of the Medical Board furnishing a list of instruments urgently required at the hospital. Referred to Board of Health.

Reports

F. W. & L.

No 6

The F. W. & L. Committee met on Wednesday April 23rd 1890. Present Aldermen Fox, Carroll, and Docring.

We beg to recommend:

1. That T. Tilley be appointed ball man in place of J. Harvey resigned.
2. That the large team of horses be transferred to Fire Hall No 2 with the teamster and that the necessary alterations be made for their accommodation.
3. That the following accounts be paid:

Vancouver City Foundry	\$8.43
Creighton & Fraser	1.65
Middler & Powe	1.50
P. P. Gendrean	2.50
Van Electric Mill Co.	296.45
Van Water Works Co.	47.05
John Scuitto	18.03
Thos. Dunn & Co.	141.25
H. McDowell & Co.	1.62

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R. Rutherford	\$75.00
Royal City Planing Mills Coy	4.69
C. G. Johnson	25.00
Tye & Co.	10.56
C. M. Hawley	19.40
Crowder & Penzer	106.25
E. S. Scoullar & Co.	20.70

Sgd. J. M. Fox, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Docring. That the Report of the F. W & L. Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Sugar Refinery Site Committee met on Friday April 25, 1890.

Present Alderman Garden, Costello and Browning.

Tenders were received and considered for the construction of a wharf at the Sugar Refinery Site.

It was resolved that when the Committee is in a position to proceed with the contract that it will be awarded to Messrs Leatherdale & McDonald, generally in accordance with the plans and specifications of the City Engineer.

Sgd. James T. Garden, Chairman

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

Police

No 6

The Police Committee met on Tuesday at 1890.

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Present Aldermen Costello, Carroll, Sentell and Mason.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

San Juan Lime Co. Lime	\$1.60
John Scuitto, Bread	51.50
Mr. Green, Interpreter	2.50
Tye & Co. Supplies	5.10
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	5.50
Thomson Bros Stationery	5.00
VanVolkenburgh Meat	17.60
Wm. Murphy, Police Clothes	484.85
D. McRae, Labor	37.05

2. That Thomas Shirley be appointed Special Police Officer at a salary of \$1.00 per year.

3. That a reward of \$200.00 be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who murdered Henry T. Sunbury.

4. That the Chief of Police be instructed to have three cells in the lock up put in proper condition so that prisoners confined therein can be securely held; two inch diagonal planking to be used and the work to be let by tender.

5. That a uniform be ordered for Officer Eligh.

Sgd. M. Costello, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Docring. That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

Health

No 7

The Health Committee met on Tuesday

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April 22nd 1890

Present Aldermen Mason, Carroll, Fox and McLeod.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

G. I. Wilson	\$2.10
Yick Lung	9.40
VanVolkenburgh & Bro.	43.33
John Scuitto	70.78
H. McDonald & Co.	28.77
L. McFarland	6.00
Mrs. Alcock	23.00
Van Wfg. Co.	7.50
Scoullar & Co.	6.25
Dr. McGuigan	35.00
Dr. Bell-Irving	15.00
Crowder & Penzer	27.00
W. J. Taylor	70.00
R. I. Winch	15.89

2. That the Health Inspector be instructed to make the necessary corrections as contemplated under the Public Health By-Law and amending By-Laws after due notice in writing has been given under said By-Laws, all such connections to be made by licensed plumbers upon tenders given the lowest tender in all cases to be accepted.

3. That Messrs O. Toole & Ralph be awarded the contract for the necessary plumbing in connection with the outbuildings at the City Hall for the sum of \$173.00

Sgd. Malcolm McLeod for Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Docring. That the Report of the Health Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Works

No 11

The Board of Works met on Wednesday April 23rd and Thursday April 24, 1890.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the matter of filling in the low lands of the North side of Water Street in the Old Granville Townsite be referred to the City Solicitor in order to ascertain if the Corporation can compel the owners of said lots to fill them up to high water mark to abate the disagreeable stench therefrom.
2. That the drain on the west side of Abbott Street crossing Water Street be carried out by a box culvert across the Railway Track.
3. That Oppenheimer and Hastings Streets be filled up and levelled by the material excavated from the basement under the Dougall House at the corner of Abbott & Cordova Streets.
4. That tenders be called for the improvement of the following streets
 - (a) Filling up Princess Street between Westminster Avenue and Gore Avenue with material obtained from cutting down the hill between Gore & Dunlevy Avs.
 - (b) Filling up to grade Westminster Avenue between Hastings and Prior Streets on the East side.
 - (c) Grading and filling Oppenheimer Street between Westminster & Gore Avs. with the material obtained by putting Oppenheimer Street on grade between Gore & Dunlevy Avs.
 - (d) That tenders be invited for gravelling and repairing Streets and lane for the ensuing year.

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5. That the following tenders for street works be accepted:

Powell Street John Costello
Sophia Street D. Gibbons
Scotia St & 9th Av. W. C. Muir

6. The Estimates for Street improvements for the year 1890 have been finally prepared and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

7. That the following accounts be paid:

Jacob Eligh, Cutting down trees	\$5.00
Robt Law, connection pipes	127.50
H. A. Burke, Salary	75.00
McDonald & Barton, Eastern Park	900.00
D. Gibbons, Lane in B40	34.08
D. B. Murray, Lane in B15, 196	66.00
Do Lane in B18, 196	66.00

Sgd. J. W. Horne, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Sentell, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Finance

No 11

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 25th 1890.

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

We beg to recommend:

1. That the City Treasurer be instructed to refund to Napoleon Authier through L. R. Authier the sum of ten dollars paid into his hands in July last as an application fee accompanying an ap

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plication for license, which application was refused and no inspection of the premises having been made.

2. That the accounts of the Board of Works, Police and Fire, Water & Light Committee be passed for payment.

Alderman Browning, Chairman of the Finance Committee brought down the estimates for the year 1890 which were laid before the Committee for consideration.

After discussing them in detail it was resolved that they be submitted to Council for adoption and that a By-Law be introduced at next meeting of Council empowering the Council to raise by way of debentures a loan of \$125,000 for public improvements.

It was further resolved that the rate be struck at 1 ¼ cents with a rebate of 20 percent if taxes were paid within 30 days after being declared due and that a By-Law be prepared in accordance therewith.

Sgd. J. M. Browning, Chairman

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

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Council do now go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Estimates for the year 1890. Alderman Garden in the Chair. Carried.

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The Clerk then read the following Estimates of receipts and expenditure:

Estimated Receipts

Balance from 1889.	
Revenue a/c \$11,527.21	
Debenture a/c 46,568.18	
	58,095.39
Cemetery Fees	600
Hospital Fees	600
Police Court Fines	3,000
License Fees	22,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	20,000
Assessments 1890 on \$9,519,480 @1% 95,194.80 } Estimated collection in 1890	85,000
Assessments 1887, 1888 & 1889 are \$76.35 } Estimated collection in 1890	3000
Provincial Gov Grant to Fire Dept.	500
Do do Hospital	4,500
Smelting Coy's deposit forfeited	<u>5,000</u>
	\$184,295.39
Proposed loan	<u>125,000</u>
Total	\$309,295.39

Estimated Expenditures

Finance Department	\$62,447.12
Board of Works Department	169,321.83
Police Department	12,711.33
Fire, Water & Light Department	34,529.51
Health Department	19,010.63
Interest ½ years Interest on 1890 Loan	<u>3,125.00</u>
Total	\$301,145.42
	<u>8,149.97</u>
Balance	\$309,295.39

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Estimated Expenditure for 1890

Finance Committee

Sinking Fund & Interest	\$35,595.12
Commission & Exchange	200
Salaries	4,840
Revision of Voter's List	100
Stationery	3,000
Telephones	96
Light City Hall	300
Fuel City Hall	350
Insurance	200
Election Expenses	200
School Tax	35.70
Reading Room	1,000
Grant to Mayor	2,000
Contingent Account	10,000
Legal Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$62,447.12

Board of Health

	\$3,340
	2,500
Salaries	3,240
Hospital Supplies	2,500
Lighting	400
Fuel	200
Water	100
Telephone	48
Inquests & Examination	300
Garbage Destroyer	8,000
Contingent Expenses	<u>1,500</u>
	\$16,288

Unexpended Appropriations 1889

Instruments	\$1,110.25	}	
Hospt Furniture	1,412.21		<u>2,522.46</u>
			\$18,810.46

Expensed in excess of Appropriation

Hospital Lots	<u>200.17</u>
Total	\$19,010.63

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Estimated Expenditures 1890 (continued)

Police Committee

Salaries	8,025.33
Police Magistrate	1,250
Interpreter	100
Telephone	36
Uniforms	1,000
Clothing of Prisoners	100
Board	1,000
Transport	200
Contingent	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$12,711.33

Fire, Water & Light

Salaries	\$10,740
Telephone	96
Horses & Harness	1,800
Feed & Shoeing of horses	1,000
Fuel, Oil & Waste	700
Repairs Tools	500
Fire Hose	1,000
Water Supply, flushing & sprinkling	1,076
Hydrants	3,000
Fire Alarm System extra	500
Street Lighting	8,700
Contingent a/c	<u>1,000</u>
	\$30,112.00

Unexpended Appropriations 1889

Fire Alarm System	\$2,275.25	}	2,592.41
Hose Houses	317.41		

Expensed in excess of Appropriation

Fire Hall Lots	66.40	}	<u>1,825.10</u>
Fire Hose	1,370.70		
Horses & Harness	388		
Total			\$34,529.51

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Estimated Expenditure 1890 (continued)

Board of Works

Salaries	\$7,068.00
Stationery	250.00
Street Improvements Box Drains & sidewalks Absolutely necessary	75,000.00
Probable additional St Improvements	15,000.00
Street & Sidewalk Repairs	3,000
Sewerage	10,000
Parks	5,000
False Creek proposed Bridge & approaches estimated ½ cost	6,000
New North Arm Road	<u>3,000</u>
	\$124,318.00

Unexpended Appropriation 1889

Sewerage	14,437.87	
Surface drains	3,789.57	
Street & Sidewalk repairs	416.57	
Market & Scales	12,724.80	
Pound Site & Buildings	214.00	
Shade trees	515.74	
West Park	136.31	
East Park	5,218.45	
Rock Crusher	4,000.00	41,453.31

Expended in excess of Appropriation since 1889

Street Improvements	3,348.22	
Street & Sidewalk Repairs	202.30	<u>3,550.52</u>
Total		\$169,312.83

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Proposed Street Improvements in detail

Street	Description of Work	Length	Rate	Amount
Hastings	Box Drains Burrard to Howe	800	354	\$280.00
Hastings	Gravel Burrard to Richards	900	80	720.00
Hastings	Repairs			150.00
Thurlow	Grade Seaton to Haro & Culvert	1,950	75	1,482.00
Thurlow	Box drain from Bank to Haro	2,000	30	600.00
Eveleigh	Box drains	600	30	180.00
Eveleigh	Crossings for sidewalks			60.00
Pender	Box drains	2,000	32	640.00
Lane	Block 2, South of Eveleigh	660	30	198.00
Burrard	Grade Georgia to Nelson full width	1,600	70	1,120.00
Burrard	Gravel & Crowning	1,400	80	1,220.00

Hornby	Grade Georgia to Drake	3,200	74	2,368.00
Hornby	6 ft sidewalk	3,200	20	640.00
Hornby	Box drains	3,200	30	960.00
Howe	6 ft sidewalk Georgia to Drake	3,200	20	640.00
Howe	Gravel	1,200	80	960.00
Alberni	Box drains, Agreed to another \$225.00 drain			
Robson	Grade Richard to Burrard Culverts	1,600	65	1,060.00
Robson	Grave	1,600	80	1,280.00
Robson	6 ft sidewalk	1,600	20	320.00
Robson	Box drain Burrard West	1,800	30	540.00
Robson	6 ft sidewalk North side of Burrard West	1,800	30	200.00
Bute	Grade Georgia to Pender	600	65	390.00
Bute	6 ft sidewalk	600	20	120.00
Bute	Box drains	500	30	150.00
Bute	Grade Nelson to Pender	700	70	490.00
Jervis	Grade Georgia & Pender	400	80	320.00
Jervis	6 ft sidewalk	400	20	80.00
Jervis	Box drain	300	30	90.00
Smythe	Burrard to Richard	1,600	70	1,120.00
Smythe	6 ft sidewalk & crossings	1,600	20	330.00
Smythe	Box drains	1,000		400.00
Haro	Grade full width Burrard to Bute	1,300	55	715.00
Haro	Box drains	700	30	210.00

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Proposed Street Improvements in detail (continued)

Street	Description of Work	Length	Rate	Amount
Cambie	Basement Drain	338	90	\$304.00
Cambie	Box drain & repairs			375.00
Lane in 356	Grade	500	25	125.00
Nelson	3 ft sidewalk Richards East	300		33.00
Nelson	Gravel & Repairs			640.00
Georgia	8 ft sidewalk Richards to Homer	300		90.00
Cordova	Basement Drain	650	90	585.00
Carrall	Box drain	900	30	270.00
Carrall	Move Ry fence, for foundation & grade			500.00
Hastings	Gravel Seymour to Cambie	1,340		1,072.00
Georgia	8 ft sidewalk Homer to Hamilton	310		96.00
Cambie	6 ft sidewalk Georgia to Smyth	1,100	20	220.00
Davie	Grade Richards to Homer	376		238.00
Helmcken	Grade Richards to Homer			231.00

Cambie	Basement drain			294.97
Oppenheimer	Grade Westminster to Dunlevy	1,000		800.00
Hastings	Fill & gravel Carrall to Westminster	1,050		1,500.00
Alexander	Box Drains	2,600		780.00
Alexander	Repairs & Gravel			300.00
Powell St	Box drain	2,600		780.00
Hastings	Box drain	1,100		330.00
Hawks	Box drain	900		270.00
Hastings	Gravel Healthy East	1,000	80	800.00
Hastings	Box drain	700	30	210.00
Seymour	Grade Powell to Hastings	629	70	460.00
Seymour	6 ft sidewalk		20	120.00
Lane in B10	Running North & South	264		66.00
Oppenheimer	Grade to Boundary Av. & Culverts	900		690.00
Carrall	Basement Drain	693		623.00

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Proposed Street Improvements in detail (continued)

Street	Description of Work	Length	Rate	Amount
Clark's Park Road	Grade Westminster Road to Park with culverts	5,800		\$1,740.00
6 th Av	Grade one Block with culverts	500		135.00
6 th Av	3 ft sidewalk	500		55.00
Streets	Between Lots 106 & 119 (2604A) South to 9 th Av, 7 th to 9 th then East 2 Blocks			430.00
7 th Av	3 ft sidewalk Prince Edward St East	1,200		144.00
	Widen to 3 ft	1,200		53.00
Westminster	Box drain Bridge to Harris	1,300	40	520.00
Westminster	Grade & fill one side water to water	3,000		1,080.00
Westminster	Gravel Hastings to Keefer & Prior to Bridge	1,600		1,325.00
Prior	Grade 2 Blocks East	900		500.00
Prior	6 ft sidewalk	900		180.00
Barnard	Grade to Dunlevy & Drains	300	75	280.00
Barnard	6 ft sidewalk	300	20	60.00
Harris	Grade 3 Blocks Gore to Carl	1,300	65	845.00
Keefer	Grading & sidewalks			2,000.00
Princess	Cut down the hill from Westminster Av to Dunlevy			2,400.00
Princess	6 ft sidewalk			420.00
Raymur	Grade Hastings to Harris	1,000	75	750.00
Box drains	Hastings 1,000 Prior 700,	2,700		810.00

	Gore 1,000			
Lane B15	Grade & Round up	264		66.00
Lane B15	do	264		66.00
Powell St	Grade Boundary Av to Vernon	550		385.00
Westminster	Grade full width Front St to 7 th Av	2,000	125	2,500.00
Dufferin	Grade 22 ft wide from			
Dufferin	Westminster to Prince Edward	1,500	35	525.00
Dufferin	3 ft sidewalk	1,500		175.00

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Proposed Street Improvements in detail (continued)

Street	Description of Work	Length	Rate	Amount
Westminster	6 ft sidewalk Bridge to 6 th Av	2,300		460.00
Westminster	Gravel & Repair 7 th to 13 th	1,900		1,000.00
Westminster	Grade 14 th to City Boundary		700	175.00
Quebec	Grade 14 th Av to Boundary	1,000		250.00
Quebec	Gravel & Repairs			600.00
13 th	Grade Ontario to Westminster	2,200		460.00
13 th	3 ft sidewalk			248.00
12 th	Av Quebec to Sophia	1,150		345.00
Westminster	8 ft sidewalk 7 th to 10 th	1,000		300.00
11 th	Grade Quebec to Westminster	1,200		360.00
11 th	3 ft sidewalk			144.00
Sophia	Grade 9 th to 14 th Av	1,600		480.00
Sophia	3 ft sidewalk			192.00
Prince Edward	Grade 5 th to 15 th	3,300		990.00
8 th	Grade Westminster Rd to P. Edward & Bridge			592.00
9 th	Repairs to Centre of Street			1,000.00
6 th	Bridge Creek South of Brewery			640.00
Lansdowne	Grade Westminster East 1 Blk	450		180.00
	Total			\$74,490.98

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Sentell. "That the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated out of the Estimates for the opening up of a street commencing on 14th Avenue one block east of the South Park and running North to connect with Powell Street." Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Fox. That the Estimates as

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amended be now adopted. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Browning. That the Committee do now rise and report. Carried.

The Committee accordingly rose and the Mayor resumed the Chair.

The Estimates were reported as Complete with Amendments.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Browning. That the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1890 as adopted in Committee of the Whole be confirmed by Council. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Fox. That the following By-Laws be introduced and read a first time:

- (a) A By-Law to strike the rate for 1890
- (b) A By-Law to raise a loan of \$125,000
- (c) A By-Law to fix the polling places etc for the election of Park Commissioners and for holding an election on the \$125,000 loan By-Law. Carried.

The By-Laws were accordingly read a 1st time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the Solicitor be instructed to furnish this Council at its next meeting with a written opinion on the validity of the contract between

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The Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company and the Corporation stating whether it is binding on both parties. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman Fox. That a Committee consisting of His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Browning and Horne be appointed to prepare an address to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught on their arrival at this park. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Browning. That the following labor account be paid:

P. Atkinson et al	\$136.05	Carried.
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Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Government be humbly requested to grant to the Police Magistrate of this City, the same powers, authority and jurisdiction as conferred upon stipendiary Magistrates, to enable him to deal with any cases outside of the City Limits which may be brought before him. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Docring. "That the Proprietor of the Lot on the corner of Abbott & Cordova Sts known as the Dougall House, be notified at once, that in the event of any part of the public street being built upon or taken possession of, that he or they do so at their own risk and that

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the City will hold them liable for any damage or for encroachment upon the public streets. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Fox. That the rules be suspended and the following By-Laws read a second time:

- (a) A By-Law to strike a rate for A. D. 1890
- (b) A By-Law to raise \$125,000
- (c) A By-Law to appoint polling places etc for the election of Park Commissioners and for holding an election on \$125,000 By-Law. Carried.

The By-Laws were accordingly read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the above By-Laws with Alderman Browning in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Laws were considered clause by clause and reported back to Council as complete.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Garden. That the following By-Laws be read a third time:

- (a) A By-Law to strike the rate for 1890
- (b) A By-Law to appoint Returning Officers etc for holding an election for Park Commissioners and on the By-Law to raise \$125,000. Carried

The By-Laws were accordingly read and signed.

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The Council went into Committee of the Whole to resume the reading of the Park By-Law with Alderman Horne in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was considered clause by clause and reported back to Council as complete with Amendments.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Garden. That the By-Law be now read a third time. Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly read and signed.
The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk