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MINUTES

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Vancouver June 16th 1890

The Council met on Monday June 16th 1890 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Carroll, Horne, Garden, Sentell, McLeod, Costello and Mason.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. A. Russell, Secretary of the Vancouver Free Reading Room furnishing Monthly Report. Filed.

From C. B. Higginson drawing attention to the Street Sprinkling Contract. Filed.

From T. O. Townley informing Council that 13th Avenue was not registered. Referred to B of Works.

From John Irving, President of Vancouver Water Works Co. informing Council that it would be impossible at this late day to alter the location of the second main. Referred to Water Works Committee.

From Geo. D. Johnston Esq. MD. Accepting the position of physician on Medical Staff. Filed.

From Hanson Bros. re Vancouver Debentures. Filed.

From A. Williams, serving a writ on Council on behalf of John McMillan on account of Morgue nuisance. Referred to City Solicitor.

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From Sam Beaumont et al praying that Princess Street be graded to Boundary Av. Referred to Board of Works.

From L. G. McPhillips requesting the Council to settle the cost in the suit of McHugh vs the City and Dunn & Miller. Filed.

From L. Provis Wickam et al asking for an accurate survey of certain land on Mount Pleasant. Referred to Board of Works.

Reports

Works

No 16

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 5th 1890 at 3 P.M.

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

We beg to recommend:

1. That Mr. E. Mohun be paid \$450.00 on account of Commissions for Sewers provided the Accountant certifies the same to be correct.
2. That the Chief of Police be notified to put notices on Granville Street bridge to prevent the dumping of night soil and other refuse matter over said bridge.
3. That Alderman Costello engage a suitable man to assist in superintending the streets and sidewalks under contract as there are so many under way at the same time that it is impossible for one man to oversee the work.
4. That the Pound Keeper's wage be increased to \$60.00 per month in consideration of extra services required from him and that the City Engineer give him sufficient lumber

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To put up a dog pound.

5. Re H. Rhodes' communication

We consider that the Board of Works has nothing to do with the division of private property in the City.

6. That the following contracts be awarded:

Pendrell Street Sidewalk, Leatherdale & McDonald
Bute Street grading do
Westminster Av. Box drain, D. Gibbons
Davie Street grading, Wm. Tierney
6th Av. Bridge, F. L. Budlong

Clark's Park, Murray & Fraser
13th Av. East do
Cemetery clearing, Hugh Hamilton
Homer Street grading, John Telford
Drake Street grading, do
Robson St. grading, Boyd & Clandenning

7. That the following accounts be paid:

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| H. F. Keefer, Market House | 1,743.35 |
| Do Sewers | 5,858.65 |
| John P. Lawson, fares etc. | 1.75 |
| W. C. Muir, 9 th Av & Scotia St. | 78.30 |
| John Costello, Box drain | 135.00 |
| Do Seaton St. | 33.30 |
| Martin & Balkwell, Homer Street | 30.00 |
| D. Gibbons, Sophia Street | 108.47 |
| H. Balkwell, Westminster Av. | 90. |
| Pacific Coast S. S. Co. freight | 5.80 |
| A. D. McDonald, Pender Street | 252.30 |
| San Francisco Sewer Pipe Assn | 14.90 |
| S. T. Tilley, Stationery | 3.75 |
| John Campbell, Inspector | 50.00 |

Sgd. J. W. Howe, Chairman

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

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F. W. & L.

No 8

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday June 11th 1890.

Present Aldermen Fox, Carroll and McLeod.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a Bond between R. B. Mc Micking and the City of Vancouver fixing the amount at \$350 to support the guarantee given by the California Electrical Works to repair any mechanical defect in the Fire Alarm System within two years.

2. That the following accounts be paid:

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| C. G. Johnson, Coal | \$25.00 |
| John Wolf, Scavenging | 4.00 |

J. T. Carroll for Chairman

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

Health

No 10

The Health Committee met on Tuesday June 10th 1890.

Present Aldermen Mason, Fox, Carroll and McLeod.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

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| O. W. Allison, Milk | \$24.44 |
| Crowder & Penzer, Wood | 5.00 |
| John Scuitto, Supplies | 74.97 |
| Mrs. M. J. Alcock | 10.50 |
| James Lindsay, Labor | 2.00 |
| Russell, McDonald & Co. | 1.35 |
| Yick Lung, Washing | 15.98 |
| J. S. Clute & Co. | 14.60 |
| Van Volkenburgh & Bro. | 40.26 |

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2. That the Salary of Miss Swan, Matron of the City Hospital be reduced to the same figure it was previous to the last meeting of Council this Board being of the opinion that the Finance Committee should not have dealt with this matter as it did.

Sgd. W. H. Mason, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the Report of the Board of Health be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Garden. That Clause 2 of the Report be struck out.

Amended lost 3.4. Motion carried 4.3.

Finance

No 16

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 6th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Garden, Costello and Fox.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

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| Herman Schussler, Report etc. | \$2,503.15 |
| Vancouver Water Works Co. | |
| Supplies | 15.50 |
| News Advertiser, Printing | 38.60 |
| Crowder & Penzer, Coal | 13.50 |
| C. P. Telegraph Co | 11.65 |
| The World P & P Coy | 13.36 |
| S. T. Tilley, Stationery | 25.95 |
| D. McRee Desk etc | 40.00 |

2. That the tender of Messrs Ross & Ceperley for the insuring of the Market House for 3 years to the amount of \$15,000 for the sum of \$210.00 be accepted and equal amounts taken in the following companies:

Western Assurance Company of Toronto

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British America of Toronto
Royal Canadian of Montreal

3. That John Clough's salary be increased to \$20.00 per month dating from the 1st day of January 1890.

4. That \$2,500.00 be placed to the credit of the Park Commissioners on account of the \$5,000 to be raised by way of Debentures said sum to be expended in connection with the Parks.

5. That the Report of the Board of Works be confirmed.

Sgd. M. Costello for Chairman

Water Works

The Water Works Committee met on Monday June 2nd 1890.

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

The Report of H. Schussler C. E. on the Vancouver Water Works Coy's system was laid before the Council and published for the information of the public and that an offer of \$211,000 subject to the approval of the Citizens by By-Law be made to the Vancouver Water Works Company for the purchase of its system according to subsection B of Section 142 of the City Charter; also that the attention of the President of the Company be directed to the clause in the Report relating to the

laying of the second main across the narrows in the position indicated in said report.

Sgd. James F. Garden, Chairman

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

Introduction of By-Law

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That the Rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced to fix a price to offer the Vancouver Water Works for its system. Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly introduced and read a first time.

Motions

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

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| Boyd & Clandenning, Brockton Pt. Grounds | \$1,350 | |
| Murray & Fraser, Refinery Site | 1,130 | |
| Leatherdale & McDonald Refinery Site | 2,250 | Carried. |

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

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| W. G. Mase et al Special Police | \$15.00 | Carried. |
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Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the following accounts be paid:

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| B. Rowing et al Street Work | \$129.50 | |
| B. Rowing et al Street Works | 119.50 | |
| J. H. L. Wilson, Trees | 31.80 | Carried. |

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Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Costello. That C. B. Higginson be paid \$5.00 per day for street sprinkling and when not so employed that he be paid at the same rate per day for other work in connection with the City under the direction of the City Engineer said payment to be made from the time he commenced work. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McLeod, seconded by Alderman Sentell. That a Committee consisting of Aldermen Carroll, Garden, Docring with the mover and seconder be appointed to select a site for a crematory. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Sentell. Whereas the Provincial Government of British Columbia commenced the construction of a Court House in this City over a year ago.

And whereas the dilatory action of the Government in not completing the same heretofore has been the cause of much inconvenience and loss to the citizens of Vancouver.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled, that we respectfully request the Government of British Columbia to push forward the completion of same at the earliest possible date.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and bearing the Official Seal of the Corporation be forwarded to His Honor the Lieu Governor in Council. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman McLeod. Whereas the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia during its last session placed an amount in the Provincial Estimates for the improvement of the North Arm Road leading from the City of Vancouver to the North Arm of the Fraser River.

And whereas the said road is in a bad condition and it is absolutely necessary that it should be improved so that the Farmers in that vicinity may be enabled to come to Vancouver with their produce.

Be it therefore resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled that we respectfully request the Government of British Columbia to put the said road in a good and possible state of repair at once.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and bearing the official seal of the Corporation be forwarded to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman McLeod. Whereas the citizens of Vancouver have been placed at a great disadvantage and subjected to much expense in consequence of there being no Registry Office here which necessitates them going to New Westminster to have their documents recorded thus causing a delay of three or four months which is frequently a serious loss to all parties concerned.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen the City of Vancouver in Council Assembled that we respectfully request

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That a Registry office be established in this City at once.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor and City Clerk be forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Horne gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to appoint a Board of Police Commissioners.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk