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MINUTES

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Vancouver June 2nd 1890

The City Council met on Monday June 2nd 1890 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Browning, Carroll, Garden, Horne, Sentell, Fox, Costello, McLeod and Docring. The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From A. J. Paterson et al praying for the improvement of the lane in Block 41, 196. Referred to Board of Works.

From R. B. McMicking, Victoria agreeing to furnish a Bond to Support Guarantee given by the California Electrical Coy re Fire Alarm. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From the Secretary Vancouver Water Works Company acknowledging receipt of Communication from the City Clerk re hydrants. Filed.

From Messrs Tuck & Black giving notice that a Mechanics Lien had been filed against Alfred Bunker to enforce claims of certain workmen engaged in clearing the cemetery grounds. Referred to Board of Works & Solicitor.

From W. S. Gore, Surveyor General acknowledging receipt of a resolution sent by the City Council re extension of Westminster Avenue to Cemetery. Referred to Board of Works.

From the City Solicitor giving an opinion on the hydrant question. Referred to F. W. & L.

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From F. C. Cotton and Wm. Cargill on behalf of the Jockey Club giving a description of the property required for a Race Course in the East Park. Referred to Special Committee.

From the President Vancouver Water Works Co asking for a copy of Schussler's Report on his Water System. Filed.

From Wm. Cargill, Secretary to the British Columbia Jockey Club asking for the improvement of Howe Street for a Race Track on the 2nd of July. Referred to Board of Works.

From John Clough asking for an increase of Salary. Referred to Finance Committee.

From H. Rhodes in reference to the Survey of a Lot in Cordova Street between Abbott & Cambie Streets. Referred to Board of Works.

From Leamy & Kyle in reference to certain changes in Cambie Street Bridge. Referred to Board of Works.

From G. Perrie & Matsado Sora Kiche asking Council to cancel the License imposed on wrestlers. Referred to Police Committee.

Reports

Works

No 15

The Board of Works met on Thursday

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May 29th 1890.

Present Aldermen Horne, Browning, Sentell and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That Messrs Leamy & Kyle's offer to build a bridge across False Creek from a point at or near the foot of Cambie Street to the Easterly Boundary of the C. P. R. property on the South side of False Creek for the sum of \$9,100.00 be accepted upon the condition that the said firm contribute the sum of \$4,550 towards said structure the bridge to be built according to the plans and specifications to be drawn up by the City Engineer and the work to be done under his supervision and to his satisfaction, payment to be made from time to time as the work progresses upon progress estimates by the City Engineer.
2. That the City Engineer be authorized to have a well sunk on the pound site
3. That Chas. A. Coldwell be allowed 220 feet of the old sidewalk on Westminster Avenue to lay where he requires it on 8th Av.
4. That H. T. Keefer be given the contract for ventilating the Sewer Manholes at the Central School for the sum of \$48.25
5. That the City Engineer fill in the names of the streets where required and report.
6. That tenders be invited for the completion of the cemetery contract according to specifications

and that a notice be inserted in the paper calling for all labor accounts in connection with a Bunker's contract for the cemetery.

7. That the City Engineer be instructed to have spouts put upon each side of the City Hospital to catch the water drop and have the main water pipe tapped and sufficient hose supplied to water the hospital grounds.

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8. That Gore Avenue between Oppenheimer and Hastings Streets be filled to grade and a box drain put down on the East side of Westminster Avenue from the Bridge to Barnard Street.

9. That the following contracts be awarded:

Dufferin St. Grading Leatherdale & McDonald
Dufferin St. Sidewalk Leatherdale & McDonald
North Arm Road Planking Leatherdale & McDonald
Powell St. Box Drain John Telford
Helmcken St. Grading John Telford
Lane in Block 23, 541 W. C. Muir
Lane in Block 10, 196 D. Gibbons

10. That the following accounts be paid:

H. A. Burke, Clerk of Sewers	\$75.00
A. Parker, Clerk of Sewers	75.00
H. Mattock, Hospital grounds	90.00
W. C. Muir, Westminster Av.	31.60
W. C. Muir, Scotia Street	74.25
Vancouver City Foundry	6.00
John Costello, Powell St.	100.00
McDonald & Leatherdale, Fence	28.08
Alex Struthers Sidewalk	33.00
John Telford, Burrard St.	343.50
David Gibbons, Sophia St	96.75
David Gibbons, 8 th Av.	102.42
McDonald & Barton, East Park	774.00
Connacher & Archibald, North Arm Road	229.60
Boyd & Clendenning, Hornby St.	466.20
T. Hanson, cutting trees	4.00

Sgd. J. W. Horne, Chairman

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

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Police

No 7

The Police Committee met on Tuesday May 28th 1890.

Present Aldermen Costello, Carroll and Mason.

We beg to recommend that the following accounts be paid:

V. W. Haywood, Fares	\$5.00
M. G. McLeod, Fares	8.50
A. D. McPherson, Drayage	1.50
J. McLaren, Sundries	3.75
J. McLaren, Fares	4.00
Joseph Gibson, Cartridges	.75
San Juan Lime Co. Lime	1.60
G. L. Allan, Shoes	2.50
Van Volkenburgh, Meat	18.20
D. McDonald, Repairs	11.50
J. Scuitto, Supplies	66.70
H. McDonald, Drayage	.50
Creamer & Langley, Supplies	1.95
W. C. Marshall, Drayage	1.00
W. J. Smith, Drayage	.50
P. P. Gendrean, Scavenger	3.00
F. W. Hart, Bedding	11.00
Wm. Moresby, Fares etc.	9.00
J. H. Grady, Fares	3.00
Dr. Beckingsale, Witness	2.00
W. J. McGuigan, Inquiry	5.00

Sgd. M. Costello, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

Health

No 9

The Health Committee met on Tuesday May 28th 1890.

Present Alderman Mason, Fox, McLeod

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And Carroll.

We beg to recommend:

1. That McDowell & Co be paid the cost price for all bottles or other containers furnished as it appears to be the usual course pursued by the trade.
2. That Drs. Johnstone Wilson and Beckingsale be added to the Medical Staff of the City Hospital and that Rule 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the hospital be amended by striking out the words "to four" in the first line and by striking out the words "five" in the fifth and seventh lines and inserting the word "eight" in lieu of said word "five" and amending Rule 1 by striking out the word "five" in the first line and inserting the word "eight" in lieu thereof.
3. That the following accounts be paid:

McLennan & McFeely Supplies	\$33.95
H. McDowell & Co.	.20
Dr. McGuigan, Inquest	10.00

J. W. Horne for Chairman

Moved by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman Fox. That the Report of the Health Committee be adopted. Carried.

Finance

No 15

The Finance Committee met on Friday May 30th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Fox, Garden and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That tenders be invited for the insuring of the Market Building

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For three years to the amount of \$15,000.

2. That tenders be invited for the purchase of \$135,000 worth of City Debentures, extending over a period of 40 years and bearing interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum such tenders to be received up to July 15th 1890.
3. That the Foreman of Fire Hall No 1 be paid a salary of \$55.00 per month and the Foreman of Fire Hall No 2 \$50.00 per month, both to date from the 1st of April 1890.
4. That Miss Swan's Salary be increased to \$50.00 per month and that she continue to act in the capacity of Secretary as heretofore and that Charles Gibson's Salary remain at the original figure and that he continue to act as night nurse as heretofore.

5. That the Reports of the Police, Board of Works and Health Reports be adopted.

6. That the following accounts be paid:

H. B. Lewis, Address	\$76.50
Robt. Banham, Express	1.00
A. Doyle, Express	.50
W. C. Marshall, Express	2.00
Thos. F. McGuigan, Cash paid on account of Schussler's trip	16.75

Sgd. J. M. Browning, Chairman

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

Alderman Carroll and McLeod dissenting

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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 Company's System was laid before the Committee for consideration.

It was resolved that the Report be laid before the Council and published for the information of the public and that an offer of \$251,000 be made to the Vancouver Water Works Company for the purchase of its System, such offer being made on the basis of the Engineer's Report; 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

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the Report be laid over for one week. Carried.

The Mayor read a letter a copy of which was sent to the President of the Water Works Company regarding the laying of the second main across the narrows.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Garden. That the letter of the Mayor to the President be approved by Council. Carried.

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License

No 1

The Licensing Board met on Wednesday May 28th 1890.

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

Applications for Hotel Licenses, laid over from former meetings of the Board were read and considered together with Inspector's Report thereon.

Applications were also read and considered from J. E. Davis and Ross & Co for Saloon Licenses.

Your Committee begs leave to report that Hotel Licenses were granted to:

Whelan & Co. Manor House, Howe St.

F. A. Bochlafsky, International, Cordova St.

W. J. Mcakin, Club House, Seymour St. and that Saloon Licenses were granted to

J. E. Davis, Opera Resort, Carrall St.

Ross & Co. Real Estate Exchange, Cambie St. provided that the By-Laws in each case have been fully complied with.

Sgd. D. Oppenheimer, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Report of the Licensing Board be referred back to the said Board for amendment at the first meeting of the Mayor at the earliest possible date. Carried.

Motions

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

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P. Atkinson et al, Street Work \$155.50

John Costello, Seaton St. 87.50 Carried.

Moved by Alderman Sentell, seconded by Alderman Fox. That tenders be called for clearing the market grounds provided enough money remains over out of the market appropriation. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That in compliance with Sec. 5 of By-Law No 67 commonly known as the Pound By-Law the Chief of Police be instructed to take immediate steps to have all dogs seized which are found running at large without the prescribed evidence of the dog tax having been paid. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Sentell. That in consequence of the rapid growth of the City it has become necessary that there should be either a redistribution of or

increase in the present number of wards be it resolved that Aldermen Docring, Costello, Horne, Sentell and the mover form a Committee to consider that charges are in their opinion advisable and report to the Council at their earliest convenience, in order that a By-Law may be prepared in accordance with the views of the Council as provided in Section 3 of the Act of Incorporation. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Costello. That on account of certain sections of By-Law No 79 commonly known as the "Trades' License By-Law" passed on the 29th day of April 1889, having been considered objectionable, the said By-Law has never been enforced and consequently the City has been deprived of a considerable source of revenue and been prevented making improvements which are urgently called for.

It being most important that the revenue of the City be increased by every legitimate means which will not be oppressive to individuals or injurious to the trade of the City.

Be it resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to carefully consider and report upon the said By-Law at as early a date as possible, recommending such changes as they may deem advisable in order that it may be either amended or repeated. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That a return be made of all correspondence, tenders, contracts and other papers relating to the clearing and other improvement of the Brockton Point Athletic Grounds and that the same be submitted to this Council. Carried.

The papers etc. in relation thereto were accordingly produced and read.

Moved by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman Horne. That in all future contracts

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Made and entered into by the Council for public works a clause shall be inserted to the effect that nine hours shall be a day's work for all Mechanics and laborers employed on said contracts and that any violation of that stipulation shall nullify the contract and also that nine hours shall constitute a day's labor for all mechanics and laborers hereafter employed by this Council". Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk