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MINUTES

Vancouver Sept 13th 1886

The Council met on Monday September 13th 1886 at 7.30 P.M.

Present his Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Griffith, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton, L.A. Hamilton and Northcott.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted.

A Communication was read from the B.C. Directory asking the Council to subscribe for 50 copies of the work.

No action taken.

A petition was read from A.G. Tatlow and others praying the Council to place the side walk now under construction on Alexander Street on the south side of said street.

Referred to the Board of Works.

The Finance Committee were empowered to make arrangements for the printing of debentures.

The following accounts were read,

Daily News, printing etc	48.50	Finance
A.C. Perry, Stationery	5.80	Finance
Montreal Herald, Debentures	9.80	Finance
B.C.S.&P. Company Stationary	3.50	Finance
Jacob Shel, Wire Mattres	6.00	Health
Thos. Dunn & Co, Oils etc	24.28	F. W. L.
Thos. Dunn & Co, Slacks	2.70	Police

The following letter was read from John Cooper Keith, Manager of the Bank of British Columbia, Vancouver:

Vancouver 13th Sep 1886

The Chairman and members of the Finance Committee, City of Vancouver.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to our interview of 11th inst re loan of \$4000 (say four thousand dollars) I beg to inform you that I shall be prepared to advance the above sum to the City on behalf of the Bank on receipt of

1. Note for \$4000 at 60 days bearing interest at the rate of 8% per annum and payable to the Bank of British Columbia or order at the Bank here.
2. Letter to the Bank agreeing to hold the debentures to our order pending their sale, the loan to be paid off at maturity or before maturity should the debentures be sold.
3. Copy of the By-law authorizing the issue of the debentures & a statement to the effect that the requisite formalities with regard to the property-holders on Water Street have been complied with and their sanction received.
4. Copy of the Resolution passed by the Council authorizing the Finance Committee to negotiate with the Bank in the Matter.

Yours faithfully,

sgd Jas Cooper Keith

Agent.

Moved by Ald L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alde. Dunn that the request of Mr. Keith re loan to the City be complied with. Carried.

Report of the Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Tuesday Sept 7th, Saturday Sept 11th and Monday 13th 1886 and submit the following report.

In accordance with the wishes of the Council we have asked for tenders for Cordova Street and Hastings Street from Howe Street to Westminster Ave and have received the following:

Cordova Street

Wise and Boyd	\$7900	No deposit
J.A. Gillis	6250	No deposit
William Harkins	6270	\$1100 cheque
McDonald & Cameron	6445	\$325 order
Stephenson & McCraney	5960	325 cheque

Hastings Street from Carrall to Howe

Wise & Boyd	\$10,600
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William Harkins 13,400

Hastings Street from Carrall to Westminster

William Harkins \$4200

William Harkins offers to gravel said streets for \$2.20 per cubit yard.

And this Board recommend to the Council the acceptance of Messrs. Stephenson & McCraney's tender for the improvement of Cordova Street their being the lowest.

We have examined the petitions of the property owners on Carrall Street and Cordova Street between Carrall and its conjunction with Water Street and report to the Council in favor (sic) of the prayers of the petitioners, but in the matter of the Hastings Street petitions we find the cost of the improvements so great when contrasted with the assessed value of the property that we have referred them back to the Council for discussion.

We have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct recommend them to be paid.

Brunette Sawmill Corp	\$5.40
E Longhorn	9.00
Ayer & Son	10.000

As Messrs. Carey, Cameron and McKay, McDonald & Cainelow, failed to put up the necessary deposit, the contract for the improvement on Carrall Street was awarded to William Harkins, the next lowest tenderer and first to comply with the conditions for cash deposit.

sgd L.A. Hamilton

Chairman

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on Report of the Board of Works with Alderman L.A. Hamilton in the Chair.

In Committee the petitions of the property owners on Carrall Street and Cordova Streets were adopted but in the matter of the Hastings Street petitions it was moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Griffith that the Board of Works be empowered to act on the petitions or amended petitions of the property owners on said street.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Ald. Northcott that the report of the Board of Works recommending the awarding of the Contract for the improvement of Cordova Street to Messrs. Stephenson and McCraney be adopted and that the Board of Works be empowered to fix the time and times of the Contract and the Mayor authorized to execute the contract forthwith. Carried.

The Committee then rose and adopted the report as a whole.

The Fire Water and Light Committee met on Monday Sept 13th 1886 at 7 P.M. and submit the following Report.

We have received the resignation of E.T. Morris as Fire Engineer which we recommend to be accepted as soon as a successor can be appointed.

And the Committee ask for power to appoint a Fire Engineer at the same salary.

We also find that the Engine requires considerable repairs through defective workmanship and we recommend that the same may be remedied and the cost thereof charged to John D. Ronald.

sgd. J.R. Northcott

Chairman

Moved by Ald. Dunn seconded by Ald. Griffith that the report of the Board be adopted.

Carried.

Ald. Humphries opposed the adoption of the report.

Board of Health

A Meeting of the Board of Health was held on Saturday Sept 11th 1886 at 4.30 P.M. and submit the following Report.

Seeing the necessity for the establishment of a hospital in the City of Vancouver and being offered the free use of the C.P.R. hospital for City Patients this Board would ask the Council to furnish provisions and bedding necessary for the comfort of the patients.

It will also be necessary to appoint a steward for the hospital and we would recommend to the favorable (sic) consideration of the Council the appointment of Mr. Hughes at \$25.00 a month on trial for the first month.

We would also ask the Council to request the Government to appropriate a sum towards the starting of a hospital in the City.

sgd E.P. Hamilton

Chairman.

Report adopted.

The Report of the Court of Revision was here read.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that the Council having heard the report of the Court of Revision it be resolved that the Council do not levy a rate of taxation for the year 1886 but that a special Committee be appointed to draw up a scheme of contemplated expenditure covering ordinary and extra-ordinary expenditure the first to be provided for by a loan under a By-law of the Council the second under a by-law requiring the assent of the Electors.

Carried.

Alderman L.A. Hamilton introduced a By-law to empower the Corporation to borrow four thousand dollars which was read a first time.

By-Law read a second time on motion of Ald. L.A. Hamilton seconded by Ald. Northcott after which the Council went into Committee of the Whole on Motion of Ald. Balfour with Ald. L.A. Hamilton in the Chair.

In Committee the By-law was numbered eleven and read over Clause by Clause after which the Committee rose to report.

The By-law was read a third time and passed on motion of Ald. L.A. Hamilton.

Moved by Ald. Balfour seconded by Alderman Dunn that By-law No. 11 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Northcott that inasmuch as the Board of Works have reported the acceptance of the improvements on Water Street by the City Engineer that the Mayor be authorized to issue his warrant on the Treasurer to pay Messrs. Cameron and McDonald the amount due to them on their contract for the Water Street improvements and the extras thereon authorized by the Board of Works as soon as the loan to meet the same has been placed to the credit of the City. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Cordiner that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a note for the sum of four thousand dollars payable sixty days after date, to the order of the Bank of British Columbia, bearing interest at the rate of eight per centum per annum and that the City Seal be attached thereto. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Ald. L.A. Hamilton that the City Engineer be empowered to cause the property owners on Cordova and Carrall Streets to remove any obstructions, sidewalks or verandahs they may have placed or erected thereon that would interfere with the Contractors in carrying out the contracts for Local Improvements on said streets entered into by them. And that all such obstructions must be removed within ten days after receiving notice to that effect. Carried.

The Finance Committee were instructed to meet on Wednesday and the Board of Works on Tuesday at 1 o'clock respectively.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk.