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## MINUTES

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Vancouver Sept 20 1886

The Council met on Monday September 20th 1886 at 7.30.

Present Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Griffith, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton and Northcott.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were read.

Jas. Campbell, Prescription	.75c	B. of H.
McDowell, H, Sponges etc.	4.25	B. of H.
Northcott & Co, provisions	17.20	B. of H.
Grant and Arnell	1.40	B. of H.
Jacob Sehl	42.50	B. of H.
Abrams Aird & Co	8.75	B. of H.
H. McDowell & Co	4.65	B. of H.
Victoria Times, Advertising	19.00	Finance
John P. Lawson	16.00	Finance
British Columbian	8.50	Finance
D. McPherson, Barrels	6.00	F. W. L.
D. Fulton, hauling etc.	6.00	F. W. L.
A. Connor, hauling Fire Engine	1.00	F. W. L.
A. Connor, Hauling Lumber	2.00	B. of W.
E. Leacome, Work on Street	3.00	B. of W.
Thos. Fenam, Relief	15.00	B. of H.

## Reports

The Fire Water and Light Committee met on Monday Sept 20th 1886 at 7 p.m. and submit the following report.

We have received applications for the position of Fire Engineer and after considering them have appointed Mr. Cameron to the Position at \$60.00 a month and we ask the Council to confirm the appointment.

sgd J.R. Northcott

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that the report of the F. W. L. be adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday September 15th 1886 at 2 p.m.

The following accounts referred to this Committee were examined and found correct and we recommend their payment.

Alexander C. Perry, Stationery	\$5.80
John Swift, painting Sign	5.00
Montreal Herald, advertising	9.80
S.T. Tilley, Stationery	61.85
B.C.P. & P. Company	3.50
R.W. Armstrong, Registering	6.20
Daily News Advertising	48.50
Telegraph & Signal Service	2.00

We recommend to the Council the purchase of two hundred copies of the Vancouver Weekly Herald for general distribution.

sgd Thos. Dunn

Chairman

Report adopted on Motion of Ald. Northcott seconded by Ald. E.P. Hamilton.

The Board of Works met on Saturday September 18th, Monday Sept 20th 1886.

The Account of Messrs. McDonald and Cameron for \$20.00 for grubbing and levelling ground around tank on Oppenheimer Street was examined by us and being found correct we recommend it to be paid.

In answer to the call for tenders for the improvement of Hastings Street from Howe to Westminster Avenue and Powell Street from Carrall to Jackson Avenue, we have received the following.

Hastings Street East of Carrall

McDonald & Cameron

Grubbing per acre	85.00
Grading per yd	.37 1/2
Planking per m ft	15.00

Stephenson & McCraney

Clearing Lump sum	\$150.00
Grubbing	175.00 per acre
Earth per yd	.39
Lumber per m.	15.75

William Harkins

Earth Excavations per yd	.49c
Lumber placed in Walks	15.00 per m.

Hastings West of Carrall

McDonald & Cameron

Grubbing per acre	\$85.00
Grading per yd	.38c
Planking per m	15.00

Stephenson & McCraney

Grubbing per acre	175.00
Earth per yd	.44c
Loose Rock per yd	.60c
Solid Rock per yd	1.75
Planking per m.	\$15.75

William Harkins

Earth Excavations per yd	.27c
Lumber placed per m.	15.50

Powell Street

McDonald and Cameron

Grubbing per acre	\$150.00
Grading per yard	.58c
Planking per m.	16.00

William Harkins

Earth Excavations per yard	.32c
Earth Embankment per yard	.32c
Lumber placed per m.	16.00

And we recommend to the Council the awarding of the Contract for both portions of Hastings Street to Messrs. McDonald and Cameron theirs being the lowest tender.

In the matter of Powell Street we do not consider it advisable to recommend the awarding of the Contract until a new estimate of the work is made.

We would recommend to the Council that Hugh Keefer be given a contract for gravelling that portion of Water Street west of Cambie Street to connect with the C.P.R. planking 18 feet wide and one foot deep at \$2.00 per yard and 37 1/2 c per yard for grading and making ready for gravelling payment to be made after collection of taxes and that Alderman E.P. Hamilton be authorized to put down a box drain across said Water Street.

E.P. Hamilton

Chairman pro tem

The Council went into Committee of the whole on Report of Board of Works with Alderman E.P. Hamilton in the Chair.

The Report was read over Clause by Clause and adopted.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Northcott that the Report of the Board of Works referring to the Powell Street improvements be adopted and that the Board have full power to deal in the matter after the new estimate is completed. Carried.

The Committee then rose to report.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Dunn that the Report of the Board of Works be adopted as amended in Committee. Carried.

A Petition was read from the property owners on Oppenheimer Street between Carroll and Jackson Avenue praying for the Improvement of the same.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Dunn that the Petition be referred to the Board of Works to take immediate action in the matter as soon as the Clerk has certified that the petition is signed by the necessary number of owners on the said street. Carried.

Notices

I desire to give notice that I intend to introduce a By-law at the next regular meeting of Council to authorize the issuing of Debentures to the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars to defray the cost of the Local Improvements on Carrall Street.

Vancouver 20th Sept 1886      sgd. L.A. Hamilton

Notice is hereby given that I intend to introduce a By-law at the next Regular Meeting of Council to Authorize the issuing of Debentures to the amount of six thousand two hundred dollars to defray the Cost of the Local Improvements on Cordova Street.                      sgd. L.A. Hamilton

Vancouver 28th Sept 1886.

The Council then adjourned on Motion of Ald. Dunn seconded by Ald. Northcott.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk.