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MINUTES

Vancouver Nov 16th 1886

A Special Meeting of the Council was held in the City Hall on Powell Street on Tuesday November 16th 1886 at 7 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Board of Works and Finance Committee and to pass a By-Law fixing the polling places and appoint Deputy Returning Officers to take the vote of the Electors for the election of a Mayor and Aldermen for 1887.

Present His Worship Mayor MacLean (in the Chair) Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Humphries, E.P. and L.A. Hamilton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Reports

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Saturday November 13th 1886 at 2:40 P.M. a full Board being present.

The following accounts were considered

J. D. Preston, Work on City Hall	\$15.00
John Hill, Teaming	14.25
J Abrams, Work on Fire Hall	18.00
J. W. Palmer, Sawdust	2.00
Moodyville Saw Mill Coy Lumber	10.20

We would recommend to Council that the accounts of J. D. Preston, J Abrams and J. W. Palmer be paid out of money to be raised for the erection of Fire Hall and City Hall, John Hills out of ordinary expenditure and Moodyville Saw Mills Coys account out of money to be raised for Street improvements.

We have considered the communication of W. Norman Bole re claim of J. Patterson for cutting trees on Street on 200 a and have instructed the Clerk to write to Mr. Bole requesting Mr. Patterson come to Vancouver and point out to the Board of Works, the work he has done.

We have also instructed the City Clerk to call for tenders for the construction of a two foot sidewalk on Westminster Avenue from Hasting Street to False Creek Bridge which action we trust will be approved of.

The Board of Works met again on Tuesday November 16 1886 at 3 o'clock and opened the tenders for laying the sidewalk on Westminster Avenue.

The following were read.

Mc Kenzie & Ross 3 cts per foot

E. A Barker 55 cts per rod

We recommend that the contract be awarded to McKenzie and Ross on the condition that they supply the labor and the cross pieces or blocking the City to supply the plank and nails.

We also ask that this Board be empowered to purchase lumber and nails for said work and have them hauled upon the ground, the cost of said material and work to be charged against the money to be raised for opening up and improvement of streets.

Sgd. L.A. Hamilton

Report adopted on motion of Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Coldwell.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Thursday November 11th 1886 with a full attendance of members.

The report of the Fire Water & Light Committee referred by Council to this Board was considered and finally determined that sufficient money will be raised by general debentures to cover the amount stated in the Report to be expended on Hook and Ladder and 2 Babcock extinguishers.

We have also decided that it would be judicious to insure the City Hall for one thousand dollars in the Aetna Fire Insurance Company at 2 per centum per annum.

It would also be advisable to renew the note now lying due on the Bank of British Columbia for 60 days in order to allow time to sell the debentures.

We have instructed the City Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman of the Finance Committee to prepare a prospectus to be mailed to the different monetary institutions calling for tenders for the purchase of our general debentures and also to advertise in the Monetary Times that tenders will be received for such debentures up to first January 1887 which action we trust will be approved of.

The Committee also recommend to Council that the tract of land lying north of False Creek belonging to the C.P.R. to the extent of 75 acres be exempted from taxation for a term of 20 years together with all machine and repair shops, round houses and whatever other buildings they may desire to erect thereon to be used in connection therewith and that the Finance Committee be authorized to meet Mr. Van Horne Vice President of the C. P. R. on his visit to this City and tender the above offer and discuss terms relative to the proposed exemptions.

signed Thos. Dunn
Chairman

Report adopted on motion of Alderman Humphries recorded by Alderman Cordiner.

By-Law

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton

That By-Law to fix polling places, the time and appoint Deputy Returning Officers be read for a second time.

Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law on motion of Alderman Dunn with Alderman L. A. Hamilton in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was number 18 and read over Clause by Clause after which Committee rose to report By-Law as amended.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Cordiner

That By-Law No. 18 be now read a third time.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Coldwell that By-Law No 18 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and City Clerk and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk