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MINUTES

Vancouver October 15th 1886

The Council met on Friday October 15th 1886 at 7.30.P.M.

Present His Worship the Mayor (presiding) Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adapted.

Communications

A Communication was read from Sir Matthew B. Begbie, Chief Justice in answer to a letter from the City Clerk declining to hold a Court of Appeal on the Voters List.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Humphries that the City Clerk be instructed to write to Hon. A.N. Richards asking his advise (sic) re Court of Appeal.

Carried.

Communication from R. D. Pitt asking the use of part of Lot 2 Block 2 Old Granville Townsite for the erection of a building for a Real Estate Office.

Laid on the table.

A telegram was read from Sir Hector E. Langevin acknowledging (sic) receipt of telegram re Bridge across False Creek and as having transferred telegram to Minister of Railways and Canals for his consideration.

Moved by Alderman Dunn Seconded by Alderman Balfour,

Whereas it is necessary and expedient that a wharf or wharves should be erected as soon as possible on the shores of Coal Harbor (sic) and Burrard Inlet north of the boundary of the City of Vancouver under the control of the Corporation of said City.

And whereas in consequence of the present financial state of said Corporation it is not considered judicious for said Corporation to attempt the construction of any wharf or wharves at as early a period as the public necessity demands same,

And whereas David Oppenheimer of said City of Vancouver has applied for permission to build a wharf and an approach to a wharf proposed to be erected by him on the Northern extremity

of Carrall Street in said City which permission was granted to him his heirs and assigns by resolution of this Council dated August 28th 1886 and confirmed by By-Law No 15 subject to the conditions in said resolution and by-law contained

And whereas said David Oppenheimer has also applied to the Governor-in-Council for permission to build a wharf at the Northern extremity of said wharf and an approach to a wharf and extending easterly therefrom about five hundred feet notice of which application appeared in the Canada Gazette bearing a date September 18th A.D. 1886

And whereas said David David Oppenheimer ~~has also applied to the Governor-in-Council for permission to build~~ by Conveyance bearing date October 14th A.D. 1886 has transferred all his right title and interest in the privileges granted or to be granted to him by said resolution and said by-law and under and by virtue of said application to the Governor-in-Council to the Vancouver Wharfage and Storage Company (limited liability) whom he has also nominated his attorney and granted the use of the name of him, the said Oppenheimer in continuing said application if each Company desire so to do,

And whereas said Company name entered into an agreement with the Corporation of the City of Vancouver to convey to said Corporation said wharves and approach upon terms mentioned and set out in said agreement,

Be it therefore resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled,

That the Construction of the public wharf and approach thereto application for permission to construct which and for approval of the site whereof has been made to the Governor-in-Council by David Oppenheimer as appears by the notice given by him in the Canada Gazette bearing date September 18th A.D. 1886 is a necessary public work which will assist materially the progress of this City and its inhabitants and the proposed site of same being in the most Central location on Coal Harbor (sic) best suits the convenience of the Citizens at large and of the mercantile and shipping interests in particular and this Council humbly expresses His Excellency the Governor General in Council the opinion that the said site should be approved and permission be given to build said wharf.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution sealed with the seal of this Corporation and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk be forwarded to his Excellency the Governor General.

On a division on this motion the following voted: -

Yea, Aldermen Cordiner, Coldwell, Balfour, Dunn and E.P. Hamilton.

Nay, Alderman Humphries.

Motion declared carried.

Accounts

Chas. M. Hawley Pole Straps etc.	4.00	F.W.L.
T. Gowdy *unreadable* engine	2.00	F.W.L.

Berry & Rutherford

5.50 F.W.L.

Petition

A petition was read from the property owners on Dupont Street praying for the improvement of said Street which was referred to the Board of Works.

A By-Law to provide for the construction of a Public Wharf at the foot of Carrall Street was introduced and read for a first time.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Dunn that By-Law be read a second time.

Ald. Humphries voting nay. Carried.

Council then went into Committee of the whole on By-Law with Ald. Coldwell in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 15 and read over clause by clause and passed, Alderman Humphries voting Nay.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Dunn that the Committee now rise and report.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that By-Law No 15 be now read a third time.

Carried.

Alderman Humphries voting nay.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that By-Law No 15 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication.

Carried.

Alderman Humphries voting Nay.

The Council went into committee on By-Law to raise by way of Debenture Seventy three hundred dollars for the improvement of Carrall Street with Alderman Balfour in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 16 and read over clause by clause after which the Committee rose to report progress and asked leave to sit again on Motion of Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Cordiner.

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Balfour that the Council now adjourned to meet again on Monday Oct 18 at the usual hour. Carried.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk