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## MINUTES

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Vancouver April 25th 1887

The Council met on Monday April 25th 1887 at 7.30. P.M.

Present Aldermen Alexander, Clark, Hamilton, Humphries, Lefevre, Lockerby, Mannion, D. Oppenheimer and Sanders.

The Minutes of last Regular and Special Meetings were read and adopted.

Communications.

From Edward Mohun C.E. giving notice that he had completed the Contour plan of the City and rendering his bill therefore.

Referred to the Board of Works to take into consideration the proposed system.

From J.H. Wert asking for contract for clearing road running along cemetery.

Referred to the Board of Works, with power to act.

From Malcolm Matheson and other praying for the improvement of Harris Street.

Referred to Board of Works.

From Rev. Jos. Hall and others praying for the improvement of Barnard Street.

Referred to Board of Works.

From property owners on Dunsmuir Street praying for the improvement of same.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Cartwright asking that grade be lowered in front of his property on Westminster Avenue.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From Donald Chisholm acknowledging receipt of letter re False Creek.

Filed.

From City Engineer submitting property estimate of \$3960.00 for the planking of Westminster Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Lefevre

that Wm. Harkins be paid 90 % of the amount of the estimate submitted in Westminster Avenue Bonds.

Carried.

Accounts.

M. Pickin, to 1000 pamphlets \$100.00 Finance

Reports.

Health.

The Board of Health met on Monday April 25th 1887 at 11 A.M. and Report that they have considered the merits of the applicants for the positions of Night and Day Scavengers and would recommend that James Crowley be appointed Night Scavenger and W.W. Ayer Day Scavenger and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the Bonds for Signature.

We recommend that A.R. Coughtry be permitted to erect a Slaughter House on Lot 37 Block 3 200 A, he agreeing to comply with the provisions of the Health By-Law regulating Slaughter houses.

sgd. J.M. Lefevre.

Report adopted, Sanders - Mannion.

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Wednesday April 20th 1887 at 2. P.M.

The following Report is submitted.

Tenders

The Tenders for the improvement of Gore Avenue were opened and read as follows.

James Hartney.

Grubbing grading &c 70c per ft.

Ditching 10c per ft.

Box Culverts 25c per ft

Sidewalks 25c per ft.

Boyd and Clandening

Grubbing grading &c	39c per ft.
Sidewalking	23c per ft.
Culverts	\$16.00 per M. ft.

Wm. Harkins

Grubbing grading &c	39c per ft.
Sidewalks	22c per ft.
Plank for Culverts	\$15.00 per ft.

Henry Bowers

Grubbing grading &c	43c per ft.
Sidewalks	23c per ft.
Lumber for Culverts	\$15.00 per M. ft.

Howat and Sicily

Grubbing grading &c	45 cts per ft.
Sidewalks	24 cts per ft.
Lumber for Culverts	\$15.00 per M. ft.

We recommend that the contract be awarded to Wm. Harkins his being the lowest tender.

In reference to the Petition of R.G. Tatlow and others for the improvement of Alexander Street we would recommend that it be grubbed graded cleared and burnt the full width and one sidewalk six feet wide laid down on the South side and that tenders be called for at once.

We have granted permission to McDonald and Larson to dig a drain to carry off the waste water from the Union Hotel and have instructed the City Engineer to make an estimate of the cost of filling up to grade, Columbia Avenue where it joins Hastings Street on the North side.

We have considered the petition of Thos. Dunn re the clearing of the lane between Hastings Street and Cordova Street and have authorized the City Engineer to have it cleared and burned.

Account of McDonald and Cameron, for improvements made under contract for Hastings Street West and Hastings Street East amounting to \$9525.18 and \$3451 are attached.

We recommend payment of the items clearly included in contracts being for Hastings Street West \$8591.00; for Hastings Street East \$3268.75 as certified by City Engineer leaving the extras over to be settled by a conference between the City Engineer, Contractors and this Board.

sgd L.A. Hamilton

Chairman

Report adopted, Mannion - Lockerby.

Report of City Treasurer giving statement of Estimated Expenditure for the current fiscal year; statement of contracts; income of previous year, liabilities and statement of bonds, sinking funds and interest.

Referred to Finance Committee.

By-Law.

A By-Law to authorize the levying of a rate for the current year was introduced and read a first time.

By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman Humphries.

Committee of the Whole.

Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law with Alderman Humphries in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 35 and read over clause by clause.

The Committee rose to report By-Law as passed in Committee, on motion of Alderman Hamilton.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Lockerby seconded by Alderman Lefevre.

C.G. Johnson appeared before the Bar of the Council on motion of Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Lefevre to discuss the question of a park for recreation grounds for the City.

He presented a petition signed by 350 of the citizens of Vancouver praying that grounds be set apart for the holding of our door sports and a communication from Mr. L.A. Hamilton offering on behalf of the C.P.R. Co. to rent Block 48, District Lot 541, to the City for a term of ten years at a nominal rental of \$5.00 per year, on condition that the ground be prepared and used as a public recreation ground only.

Moved by Alderman Mannion seconded by Alderman Lefevre that the Board of Works be empowered to expend five hundred dollars towards the improvement of the proposed park,

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries

that the City Clerk be authorized to purchase a map of the City for the Council Chambers.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Alexander,

that as Cholera is prevalent in many places in South America especially in Valparaiso and as vessels come direct from that port to Burrard Inlet for lumber, the Dominion Government be memorialized to establish a quarantine station somewhere in this vicinity and that the Government be asked to take special precautions to prevent the introduction of Cholera and other infectious diseases into this City and through this City into the Country generally and that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State and to Donald Chisholm our representative at Ottawa.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Hamilton

"that whereas it is the intention of this Council to raise (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a General Hospital in this City and whereas the time is rapidly approaching when as the Pacific Terminus of our transcontinental railway the City of Vancouver will become a large and important seaport and in consequence will require a Marine Hospital, and whereas it will be to the interest of all parties concerned to unite and erect one hospital to be known as the General and Marine Hospital resolved that the Dominion Government be memorialized to cooperate with this City in erecting and maintaining the above named hospital and that the Government be asked to place on the estimates of the current year a sum equal to that raised by this Council viz (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars for this purpose.

Resolved also that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State and to Donald Chisholm Esq. M.P. our representative at Ottawa."

Carried.

Water Works.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on Agreement with Coquitlam Water Works Company with Alderman Mannion in the Chair.

The agreement was read over clause by clause in Committee and amended after which the Committee rose to report agreement as amended in Committee on motion of Alderman Alexander.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Sanders,

that the agreement as now amended in Committee of the whole be engrossed and handed to the Coquitlam Water Works Company for signature.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk