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MINUTES

Vancouver May 2nd 1887

The Council met on Monday May 2nd 1887 at 7.30. P.M.

Present His Worship, Mayor MacLean presiding, Aldermen Clark, Hamilton, Humphries, Lefevre, Lockerby, Mannion, D. Oppenheimer and Sanders.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From H. Schussler, C.E. informing Council that he had mailed his report re Coquitlam Water Works Company and leaving the fixing of his fee to Council.

Laid on the table.

From Richard Gibson, Mayor of Nanaimo inviting Mayor and Council and Citizens of Vancouver to join them in celebrating Her Majesty's Birthday at Nanaimo.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Mannion

that the Council thank the Mayor of Nanaimo on behalf of the Citizens for his courteous offer and inform him that it is the intention of the Citizens generally to go on an excursion to Nanaimo, and as many of the members of the Corporation as can get away. Carried.

From Herbert G. Lewis asking Council to send [a] map of that part of False Creek lying East of Westminster Avenue, desired to be conveyed to the City.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Mannion that the Board of Works prepare a plan of that part of False Creek east of Westminster Avenue and transmit to H.G. Lewis.

Carried.

From Gilbert McConnell and others praying for the improvement of Hastings Street between Westminster Avenue and Jackson Avenue.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From Louisa Wilson asking that something be done towards improving Hastings Street near corner of Westminster Avenue and drawing attention to the dangerous condition of a building near her residence on Westminster Avenue through stove pipes being used as chimneys.

Referred to B. of Works and F.W.L.

From A.W. Cameron asking for an increase of Salary.

Referred to the Board of F.W.L.

From John Dougall drawing the attention of Council to the incomplete condition of the work on Abbott Street.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From E.J. Clark offering to donate seven acres to the City for Park purpose in consideration of Council improving certain streets.

Moved by Alderman Mannion seconded by Alderman Humphries,
that we cannot accept Mr. Clark's offer at present.

Carried.

Accounts.

G.H. Wright, Bread	\$7.77	Health
R. Couth, Coal	35.00	F.W.L. & Finance
A.J. Marks, frosting	7.00	Board of Works
Dr. McGuigan	\$12.50	Health
S.T. Tilley, Stationery	\$43.30	Finance
W.T. Whiteway, Architect	57.50	Works
H.G. Holman, Charter	5.00	Finance
Oldfield & Glenn, Extras	10.00	Works
W.R. Williamson	.50	Police
Moodyville Saw Mill Co.	\$60.78	Works
Hastings Saw Mill Corp.	\$158.52	Works
F.X. Martin, Groceries	\$15.35	Health
W.S. Cook, hauling	\$11.50	Works
E.P. Hamilton	4.00	F.W.L.

J.M Stewart, Boarding	\$118.50	Police
J.B. Thornton, Groceries	8.67	Health
John Lock	\$5.00	Police
R. Mathison, Printing	\$7.75	Finance
W.C. Muir	\$12.25	Works
Thos. Quann	\$30.00	Health
J.M. Stewart, Mattresses	7.00	Police
Owen Hughes, Washing	3.25	Health
Robert Elliott	\$8.75	Police
Telegraph Company	\$1.75	Finance
Thos. Dunn & Co.	14.25	F.W.Lite (sic)
H. McDowell & Co	\$5.40	Health
Wm. Harkins, Powell Street	\$7957.00	Works
Vancouver News	\$20.14	Finance
Queen Bros., Stage hire	\$8.50	Police

Reports.

Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 29th 1887 and beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend their payment.

J. Miller, rent of P.O. Box	\$1.75
Munro Miller, Amendments	\$46.10
J.B. Thornton, Groceries	\$2.85
M. Picken, Pamphlets	\$100.00
John Boulton	\$300.00

sgd D. Oppenheimer

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Mannion seconded by Alderman Lockerby that Report of the Finance Committee be adopted and that John Boulton be required to furnish a report to Council as to certain changes made in amendments.

Carried.

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Friday April 29th 1887 at 8. P.M. and beg to report that we have considered the petitions of Wm. Porter and others for the improvement of Dunsmuir Street, Rev. Jos. Hall and others for the improvement of Barnard Street and Malcolm Mathison and others for the improvement of Harris Street and have instructed the City Engineer to examine and report upon each.

Messrs. Boyd and Clandening having offered to grade and ditch Prior Street for \$150.00 and lay sidewalks for 23 cents a foot we would recommend that their offer be accepted.

We have considered the petition of John Cartwright re the changing of the grade in front of his premises on Westminster Avenue and would deem it inadvisable to make any break on the sidewalk.

In reference to the offer of L.A. Hamilton re the granting of Block 48 District Lot No 54, to the city for a term of years at a normal rental, for public park we would recommend that the offer be accepted and that the City Solicitor be directed to draw up a lease in accordance with the terms offered and that tenders be called for to grub and level the ground to a grade of not over 4 feet in 260 feet, the width of the lot, cost not to exceed \$500.00.

We have called for tenders for the improvement of Alexander Street and Columbia Avenue and recommend that the grading on Powell Street be carried across Campbell Avenue to meet the old road.

We also recommend that the City Engineer be empowered to make arrangements with J.H. Wert re the clearing of the road leading to the cemetery and that the work be proceeded with immediately.

With reference to the Sewerage question we would recommend that Mr. Mohun be instructed to propose ground plans.

The following accounts we recommend to be paid:

Edward Mohun, Contour plans \$150.00

Royal City Planing Mills \$25.00

Wm. Harkins, Dunlevy Avenue \$191.61

Boyd & Clandenning \$15.00

sgd R. Clark

Acting Chairman

The Report of the Board of Works was adopted on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Mannion.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre,

that the Sewerage question be left in the hands of the Board of Works with power to act and that they report to Council as to material to be used in Construction.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mannion that Alderman D. Oppenheimer be appointed to act in compunction with the Board of Works on the Sewerage question on behalf of the Board of Health.

Carried.

The Water Works question was again taken up but no consideration given to it until report of H. Schussler be received.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk