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MINUTES

Vancouver February 28th 1887

The Council met on Monday February 28th 1887 at 7:30 p.m. All the members being present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Thos. C. Sorby re Laying of Sidewalks

Moved by Alderman Isaac Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Humphries

That part of New Sidewalks be laid as suggested by Thos. C. Sorby.

Carried.

From Yung Chung asking protection from Mob.

Filed.

From Drummond Bros. + Moffatt Winnipeg [?] re floating of General Debentures

Finance.

From William Harkins asking for an extension of time on his contract.

Board of Works.

From John Devine submitting Auditors Report for January, 1887

Filed.

Accounts.

Moodyville Saw Mill Co.	\$70.00	B of Works
E.S. Scoullar + Co. Lamps	\$165.60	F.W.L.

Stephenson + McCraney	\$87.97	B of Works
McLennan and McFeely	\$13.07	F.W.L.
P. Gannon, Meat	\$14.48	Health
Daily News Advertizing [sic]	\$39.33	Finance
A.C. Perry, Stationery	\$5.90	"
H. McDowell + Co.	\$16.00	Health
B.C. Stationery Co.	\$1.75	Finance
J.R. Northcote	10.75	F.W.L.
do	16.70	Health
Telegraph Service	[unreadable]	
Wm. Cargill [unreadable]	\$3.00	Health
[unreadable] fixing desks	2.50	Police
W.H. Williams	\$1.00	Health
G.H. Wright, Bread	\$6.82	Health
W.B. McDougall, Advertising	23.18	Finance
Blake and Boulton.	\$50.00	Finance
Andrew C. Muir.	\$5.00	"
Thornton Fell	\$200.00	"
John D. Preston	\$2.50	Police
Robert Couth	\$7.00	F.W.L.
do	\$7.00	Finance
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do	\$7.00	F.W.L.
C.M. Steinbeck	\$2.50	" " "
T.B. Draper	\$15.75	" " "
Queen Bros.	\$6.00	Police

J. Miller	\$3.00	Finance
A.J. Marks	\$5.00	"
R.C.P. Mills	\$21.83	F.W.L.
McLennan + McFeely	\$8.15	" " "
Thos. Dunn + Co.	\$7.00	B of Works
R. Matheson	\$5.80	Finance
George Black	\$25.00	"
W. Ashford	\$5.00	Health
A.J. Matheson	\$5.00	Finance
R.C.P. Mills Co.	\$48.00	B of Works
F.H. Martin	28.65	Health

Reports

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 25th 1887 at 7.30.P.M.

The following Report is submitted:

In considering the amount of the Guarantee Bond to be furnished by the City Treasurer we considered it advisable to instruct John Boultee to have clause 9 of section 152 of the City Charter amended by striking out the word "fifteen" and inserting the word "five" instead which action we trust will be approved of

We recommend that the Auditors Report for the year 1886 be adopted and that the City Treasurer be required to furnish guarantee bonds to the amount of \$3500.00 in addition to his present bond.

We have instructed the Board of Works to prepare an estimate of proposed street expenditure such estimates to be submitted to next meeting of Council

Sgd D. Oppenheimer
Chairman

Report adopted. Hamilton – Sanders.

Fire Water and Light Committee.

The Fire Water and Light Committee met on Saturday February 26th 1887 at 2.30.P.M

The following Report is submitted,

We have advertized [sic] for tenders for the construction of two [tanks?] one near the corner of Oppenheimer Street and Dunlevy Avenue and the other near the corner near the corner [sic] of Granville and Pender Streets which we trust will meet with the approval of Council.

We would recommend that John Clough be appointed lamp lighter at a salary of \$10.00 per month to date from the 1st of March.

We have authorized the purchase of a clock for the fire hall and a bracket lamp to be placed in front of the Engine House

Sgd R.H. Alexander
Chairman.

Report adopted

D. Oppenheimer – Lockerby

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Wednesday February 23rd and Monday Feb 28th 1887 and beg to submit the following Report.

The following tenders were received for addition to City Hall,

Shearer and Kemp	\$1234.00
Geo. Fraser	\$1125.00
Mateer and Adams	\$1025.00
Scott and Clare	\$1340.00
Oldfield and Glenn	\$ 985.00
Wm. Gray	\$1045.00

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of Oldfield and Glenn if the Council see fit to supply the necessary funds, also an additional amount for painting and architects fees.

The following tenders were received for the improvement of Prior Street and Park Avenue.

Wm. Harkins

Clearing per acre \$140.00

Grading and Deleting [?] 30 cts per L. ft.

Bridge	\$25.00
C. Ciceley	
Grubbing and Grading per ac	\$300.00
Digging Drain	19 cts per L. ft.
Bridge	75.00
W.A. Pratt	
Clearing per acre	\$260.00
Drains	5 cts per ft
Bridge	\$45.00
Jos. Clandenning	
Clearing per acre	\$250.00
Bridge	\$28.00

We recommend the tender of Jos. Clandenning to the favourable consideration of Council.

We have read over the scheme of sewerage submitted by the City Engineer and Mr. Mohun, C.E. and would respectfully submit them for consideration of the Council.

We recommend that improvements on Pender, Seymour and Richards Streets be proceeded with forthwith and the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications thereof and that tenders be called for at once, payment for said work to be made out of proceeds of general loan.

We would ask the Council for an extension of time for submitting our Report on Street Improvements.

Sgd L.A. Hamilton
Chairman

Report Adopted. Mannion – Lefevre.

By-Laws.

Loan By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Hamilton.

Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law on motion of Alderman Lefevre with Alderman D. Oppenheimer in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 29 and read over clause by clause after which Committee rose to Report:

A By-Law to fix the polling places, the time and to appoint Deputy Returning Officers for taking vote on Loan By-Law was introduced and read a first time.

By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lockerby

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law with Isaac Oppenheimer in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 30 and read over clause by clause.

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

By-Law read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman D. Oppenheimer.

Moved by Alderman Lockerby seconded by Alderman Mannion.

That By-Law No 30 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the B.C. Gazette for publication.

Carried.

A By-Law appointing a City Auditor and City Solicitor and Police Magistrate was introduced and read a first time.

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

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Clark in the Chair

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 39 and read over clause by clause.

The Committee rose to report By-Law as passed in Committee.

The By-Law read a third time on motion of Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Isaac Oppenheimer that By-Law No 31 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the B.C. Gazette for publication.

Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Alexander.

Resolved that this Corporation will exempt from taxation for a period of twenty years, the yards, work shops, round houses of the Canadian Pacific Railway provided the whole of said work shops, Round houses are established and maintained during the whole of said period on the North side of False Creek in the City of Vancouver at some point between Abbott Street produced southerly to False Creek and the present Railway Bridge across said False Creek.

And further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Harry Abbott Esq for transmission to the directors of said Railway Company.

And be it further resolved that in case said directors agree to accept this proposal and furnish a list of the said yards workshops and round houses to be so established and maintained within this City by said Railway Company that a By-Law in accordance with this resolution be at once prepared be at once [sic] by the City Solicitor

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Sanders.

That the Salary of John P. Lawson the City Engineer be increased from the present sum of \$50.00 per month to the sum of \$100.00 per month, and that By-Law No 2 may be amended in that respect:

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman D. Oppenheimer

That as the two drive roads between this City and the City of New Westminster are in a very bad state of repair and in an almost impassible [sic] condition and that in consequence the traffic between the two cities is seriously interfered with, the Mayor and Aldermen in Council assembled petition the government to repair these roads without delay and that the City Clerk be authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to our representatives in the Local House and that sufficient sum be put in the estimates to cover this expenditure.

Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Humphries gave notice that he would at the next meeting of Council introduce a motion to have the Salary of the City Clerk and City Assessor increased to \$100.00 and \$75.00 a month respectively

A special meeting of the Council was called for Friday March 4th 1887 at 7.30.P.M. to read Health By-Law.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk