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## MINUTES

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Vancouver Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1890

The Council met on Monday August [sic] 13, 1890 at 7.30 P.M.

Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Carroll, Horne, Garden, Fox, Sentell, McLeod, Costello and Doering.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

### Communications.

From George T. Craig requesting Council to have water course on Seventh Avenue in 264A put in its proper location.

Board of Works.

From M.J. Henry et al asking Council not to interfere with Westminster Road as at present located.

Board of Works.

From Geo. McKay, Pound Keeper furnishing his Monthly Report.

Filed

From W.J. Gallagher asking for a sidewalk on Hornby Street between Georgia & Dunsmuir.

Board of Works.

From Thos. Whetham et al petitioning for the clearing of District Lot 184.

Board of Works.

From Wm. Prentice requesting Council to spend the balance of the Sugar Refinery appropriation in clearing the boulders on the foreshore in front of the Co.'s wharf.

Sugar Refinery Committee

From the Miss M.S. Woodward asking for two weeks leave of absence.

Filed

From E. Mohun Esq. C.E. notifying the Council that all sewerage plans etc were left in the City office

Finance Committee.

From C.V. Knowdell et al praying for the improvement of the lane in Block 113, District Lot 541.

Board of Works.

From John Devine et al petitioning for the improvement of Princess St. between Jackson and Carl Avs.

Board of Works.

From A. Descovitch asking for the use of the Market Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct. and every second Thursday during the season for a Dance Hall.

Market Committee

From C.B. Birchall thanking the Council for the use of the Council Chambers for the British Columbia Building Association.

Filed.

From A. St. G. Hamersley advising the Council to tender the Vancouver Improvement Co. \$15,000.00 for the Sugar Refinery Site and the return of the conveyance duly executed and stating that there was no necessity to pay interest.

Finance.

From F.M. Blomquist asking for the use of the Market Hall for a ball on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst.

Market Committee.

From Miss Bowes asking Council to provide a separate apartment in the Jail for female prisoners.

Police Committee.

From Halley Bros. + Granville, Montreal informing Council that they had perfected arrangements with the Hon Adam Brown M.P. Commissioner for Canada to exhibit by stereopticon process views of the various cities of the Dominion at the coming exhibition at Jamaica. His Worship read a copy of a letter in reply to the above communication.

From H.E. McKee President of the Street Ry Co asking for an answer to his letter of the second inst. regarding the extension of the track up Westminster Av.

Mr. McKee appeared by permission before the bar of the Council and explained certain points in connection therewith.

Reports.

Works

No 28.

The Board of Works met on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890.

Present Aldermen Sentell, Browning, Costello and Horne.  
It was recommended:-

- 1 That permission be not granted to John White to exhibit his photos on the sidewalk as it is contrary to By-Law.
- 2 That the communication from James McGeer re straightening the Westminster Road be referred to the City Engineer and City Solicitor for their report:
- 3 That Messrs Woods, Turner + Gamble be employed to assist the City Engineer to locate Westminster Road where disputed from 12<sup>th</sup> Av to the City Boundary, James McGeer agreeing to pay half of the cost of same.
- 4 That there are no funds available for grading the lane in Block 63, 541 as petitioned for by Gallagher et al.
- 5 That the City Clerk be instructed to notify the sureties of Messrs Murray + Fraser to carry out the contracts left uncompleted by them.
- 6 That the following accounts be paid:-

Queen Bros. Hack hire etc.	\$28.50
Boyd + Clandenning [sic] Centre St:	3366.00
do Labor	3.00
do Smithe St:	799.20
do Hornby St:	43.63
Alex McDonald. Burrard St:	\$648.00
Wm. Jones. Hornby St:	456.53
Van Water Works Co. Connections	564.85
McDonald + Lloyd. Westminster Av.	531.00
Murray + Fraser, South Park.	206.10

do	12 <sup>th</sup> av Bridge.	228.96
D.J. McDonald.	13 <sup>th</sup> av.	429.70
J.P. Lawson Expenses		1.50
M.A. Harvey.	Hack hire.	3.00
E.R. Martin	“ “	2.50
Rose + Marshall,	Sewers.	126.27
John Telford.	Homer St:	519.41
“ do	Drake St:	180.90
W.D. Hobson.	Robson St.	144.91
Hugh Hamilton.	Cemetery	260.50
McLean Bros.	Culverts etc	167.28
A. Parker.	Salary.	55.00
C.H. Lloyd.	Bute + Jervis Sts.	859.50
McDonald + Barton,	Hastings Park.	1161.00

7 That the following contracts be awarded:-

Street numbering. J. Henderson

Basement drain in Block 4 O.G.T. [?] H. Connacher but that the City Engineer first ascertain if vitrified pipe connections can be obtained either here or in Victoria.

8 That the services of John P. Lawson be retained as assistant City Engineer for the present – in place of Mr. Dawson and that Mr. Dawson be retained to assist in the office until such time as the office becomes organized.

9 That the City Engineer enter into an agreement with Boyd + Clandenning [sic] to gravel part of Westminster Avenue where the planks were lifted at a rate not exceeding \$2.00 per cubic yard delivered on the Street, and that they commence work at once.

10 That the Chief of Police be notified to have the building on the South end of Burrard Street removed at once and also that this Committee would strongly urge the Council to take immediate steps to co-operate with the Board of Trade and C.P.R. Co towards getting rid of the present and

rapidly increasing number of squatters along the shore of Burrard Inlet and False Creek and the consequent loss to the revenue of the City from so many being exempt from taxation who are in receipt of good wages but in no way contribution go the City's expenses.

11 That the Street Car track on Westminster av south of False Creek be laid on the west of the street between the street drain and the sidewalk.

12 That tenders be called for the construction of a box drain on Gore avenue from Harris Street to False Creek the expense to taken out of other works.

13 That a basement drain be constructed in Block 3 O.G.T. as petitioned for by Thos. Dunn et al.

14 That permission be granted to Messrs Town + Robinson to extend the foundation of their hotel building to the full width of the sidewalk on Abbott St; they guaranteeing to build proper retaining walls, arched vaults and concrete sidewalks with glass lights and that the true grade be given them.

15 That there are no funds available for the sidewalking of Barclay St as petitioned for by W.G. Elliott et al.

16 That the communication of G. Lockerbie re the renting of the new market hall for church purposes be referred to the Market Committee.

17 A communication was received from H.T. Ceperley on behalf of the Street Ry Co. stating that the Co is willing to construct an open extension to the Granville St. Bridge suitable for its Ry Track from a point about 20 feet South of the South end of the Swing to the South end of the bridge, provided the City will refund one half of the cost thereof and will permit the track to be laid across the swing and on the present bridge from the swing to the North end thereof as show by the enclosed sketch.

We recommend that his offer be accepted with the understanding that no cars shall enter upon the bridge from the North end, while any conveyance is upon that part of the bridge north of the south end of the swing nor shall they pass any conveyance from the south while any conveyance is upon the said north end of the bridge.

The Committee met again on Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Present Aldermen Horne, Doering and Sentell.

It was recommended:-

1 That Messrs Anderson and Yerex the sureties of Messrs Murray + Fraser be notified that Murray + Fraser's contract has been abandoned by them and that sureties take over same and complete it and also that the Engineer be authorized to enter into an agreement with them to date two weeks back when the original resolution was passed by the Board of Works.

2 That H.I. Keefer be paid the balance of the contract money retained on the Market house.

3 That the City Engineer be authorized to enter into a new contract with C.H. Lloyd for grading Haro St. as per amended graded.

4 That John Brenton be authorized to get locks for the sewer flush tanks manholes and ventilators where required.

5 That Joseph Huntly notify Messrs Crean and Fleming that permission will be granted to them to erect an addition to their building on Water Street if it is permitted by by-law.

6 That the City Engineer obtain the necessary Y's for the basement drain in Block 3 O.G.T. and for the Sewerage extension near Messrs Cambie, Rand + Keith's residences.

7 That the City Engineer arrange to repair Gore Avenue between Oppenheimer + Hastings Strs.

8 That the grade on Bute St. between Georgia and Alberni Strs as proposed by the City Engineer be altered to suit existing stone wall.

9 That the following accounts be paid:-

Wm. Tierney. Robson St:	\$768.81
D. Gibbons. Prince Edward St.	108.53
D.H. Morgan. do.	111.17
do 12 <sup>th</sup> av.	27.50
do Victoria St:	184.25
McDonald + Lloyd. Westminster Av.	383.10
Muir + Johnson. Lane in B28, 541.	185.65
do. Box drain in gulley 185.	204.87
Boyd + Clandenning. Sugar Refinery Site	1298.00
Arthur Balkwill. Bute St:	46.20
C.H. Lloyd. Bute + Jervis Sts	455.49
H. Connacher. Keefer St:	435.56
S.T. Tilley. Stationery.	1.25
Leatherdale + Smith. Buggy hire	3.00

Sgd. J.W. Horne.  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Fox

Seconded by Alderman Doering

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the Report.

Carried.

Alderman Horne was appointed Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Fox

That clause 3 relating to Westminster Road be struck out.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McLeod

That Clause 11 relating to the laying of the Street Car track on Westminster Av be amended and that the track be laid as per contract.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Fox

Seconded by " Carroll.

That Clause 17 relating to the laying of the track across Granville St. bridge be laid over for one week.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello

Seconded by " Sentell.

That Clause 2 of the Report of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> be struck out.

Carried.

The Committee then rose and reported the Report as complete with amendments.

Moved by Alderman Sentell

Seconded by " McLeod.

That the Report as amended be adopted.

Carried.

F.W. + L.

No 13.

The F.W. + L. Committee met on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> 1890

Present Aldermen Fox, Garden and Carroll.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

H. McConney. Drayage.	\$3.00
John Sciutto. Supplies.	14.50
Jacob Sehl. “	1.15
Van Gas Co. Gas.	19.25
G.H. Bayley. Horse shoeing.	2.00

2 This Committee having instructed the Chief of the Fire Department to test the hydrant pressure, we find by his report that only twenty three are efficient for fire purposes and would therefore recommend that the Vancouver Water Works Co. be tendered payment for that number dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1889 at 50 per annum each.

3 That an electric light of 2000 candle power be erected on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> av + Quebec Sts as petitioned for.

4 That an advertisement be inserted in each of the local papers for one week, giving the location and numbers of the fire alarm boxes and further that said papers insert an item drawing attention to the ad.

sgd J.M. Fox  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Costello  
Seconded by “ Doering.

That the Report of the F.W. + L. Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Finance

No 25.

The Finance Committee met on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890.

Present Alderman Browning, Garden, Costello and Fox.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

R.E. Gosnel. Pamphlets.	\$500.00
Wm. Crickmay. Rent:	35.00
News Advertiser. Printing	17.50
C. Nelson. Toilet paper.	1.50

Stephen Green. Messenger.	4.00
Daily Journal.	9.00
H. Hemlow. Salary	60.00
S.T. Tilley Stationery	39.25
H.E. Croasdaile. Guarantee Bond.	62.50

2 That E. Mohun be asked to hand over to the City Engineer Mr. Warren all plans, maps, books etc in connection with the City Sewerage system and furnish and Inventory of the same.

3 That payment of land purchased by the City from the Vancouver Improvement Co as a site for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery amounting to \$15,000.00 be made upon delivery of a deed approved by the City Solicitor and declared by him to be in every way satisfactory and in accordance with the resolutions of the Council and should the City Solicitor be of the opinion that the Improvement Co is entitled to interest upon the above sum, the same shall be tendered along with the principal, as may be recommended by him.

sgd J.M. Browning  
Chairman.

The Committee met again on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Present Aldermen Fox, Garden and Costello.  
Alderman Fox in the Chair.

It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:

Telephone Co.	\$23.00
C.P. Telegraph Co.	9.16

and accounts of the Board of Works and Fire Water and Light Committees

sgd J.M. Fox  
Chairman [unreadable].

Moved by Alderman Costello.  
Seconded by " Fox

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Market.

No 1.

The Market Committee met on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. + Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30. P.M.

Alderman Garden was appointed Chairman at the first meeting.  
It was recommended

1 Rental of Stalls and Stands.

Five cents per front foot for space occupied in Market building for each market day for any period of one month or over.

2 Six cents per front foot for space occupied in Market building for each market day for periods of less than one month.

3 Twenty cents per day for each day during which any outside stall, or stand for any wagon or cart shall be occupied or used on the market-place.

4 Ten cents per day or part of day shall be charged for each horse, mule cow, bull, steer, ox or calf brought to the market place for trade, barter or sale.

5 Five cents per day or part of day shall be charged for each sheep, lamb, hog, or pig brought to the market-place for trade, barter or sale.

Weighing Fees.

1 Five cents shall be charged for each load of coal.

2 Grains or meats for weighing same.

5 cents for all amounts up to 500 lbs

10 cents for " " " " 1000 "

15 cents " " " over 1000 "

3 15 cents for each load of hay or straw weighed.

4 For each live animal weighed other than sheep or hogs five cents shall be charged.

5 For sheep or hogs up to 5 in number 5 cents for the lot; for all over 5 in number 3 cts each head.

The Market Clerk to act in the capacity of Weigh Clerk.

That the form of lease and agreement as drawn up by the City Solicitor be adopted and that 100 of same be ordered prescribed for use.

That tenders be called for the leasing of the upper story [sic] of the market building, applicants to state fully their terms of rental and conditions of proposed lease.

That G.W. Thomas be recommended for appointment to the Council as Clerk of the Market at a salary of \$75.00 per month, duties to commence on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> [unreadable].

That the Board of Works be instructed to have the roof of the Market building repaired.

That the Market be lighted with electricity and that the Street Railway and Light Co be authorized to proceed with the installation of the required number of lights subject to the directions of the Committee.

That the Cellar of the Market be rented at the rate of 3 cents per foot on each side of the passage way for periods under six months and 2 cents per foot for periods of six months or over.

That the Market By-Law and regulations be published for the information of the public

sgd

James F. Garden  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Fox

Seconded by " Doering.

That the Clause relating to calling for tenders for the leasing of the Market Hall be struck out.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McLeod

Seconded by " Sentell.

That the Clause relating to the appointment of G.W. Thomas be struck out and the applicants balloted for in the usual way.

Moved in Amendment by Ald Horne

Seconded by Alderman McLeod.

That all of the applications be produced and considered this evening by Council Amendment.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Fox

Seconded by " Garden

That the Report as amended be adopted.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the appointment of a Market Clerk with Alderman Fox in the Chair.

The names of the applicants were read over and their testimonials perused.

After a number of Ballots were taken Mr. G.W. Thomas was declared elected.

The Committee then rose and reported the appointment to Council.

Moved by Alderman Fox  
Seconded by " Costello.

That G.W. Thomas be appointed Market Clerk at a salary of \$75.00 per month duties to commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Carried.

#### Introduction of By-Laws.

Alderman Fox introduced a By-Law to regulate the selection of the officers and employees of the City of Vancouver, which was read a first time.

#### Motions.

Moved by Alderman Horne.  
Seconded by " Doering.

That the following labor accounts be paid:-

R. Romang et al. \$111.80

R. Romang et al. 113.64

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Garden  
Seconded by " Carroll.

That the request of Mr. Blomquist on behalf of the Knights of Pythias, asking for the use of the Market Hall for the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. be granted, at such fee as the Council or Committee may arrange.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McLeod.  
Seconded by " Costello.

That the Market Hall be set aside after the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. for the use of the Vancouver Free Reading Room and Library to be used by that Institution as a public reading room, art gallery and Museum; also that a grant of \$100.00 be made monthly to defray the running expenses of the institution, such grant being \$35.00 per month in addition to the present monthly grant.

Lost.

Aye. Costello, Horne + McLeod.  
Nay. Garden, Carroll, Doering, Fox, + Sentell.

Moved by Alderman Carroll.  
Seconded by " McLeod.

That Miss Woodward be granted a holiday of two weeks duration dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> of the present month on condition that she has already received the Matron's permission.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne.  
Seconded by " Carroll.

That Alderman McLeod be appointed a member of the Board of Works during the absence of Alderman Costello.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman McLeod.  
Seconded by " Fox.

That the Chairman of the Board of the Board of Works be requested to submit a statement for the information of the Council showing the amount of money expended in each work on public improvements; also contracts awarded but not yet paid for.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Sentell  
Seconded by " Fox

That the Hill on Hastings St. between Jackson Avenue and Carl Av be cut to the proper grade according to profile.

Disallowed.

Notice of Motion.

Alderman Carroll gave notice that at next regular meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to amend the Fire Limits By-Law.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer  
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk