

Vancouver January 27th 1890

The Council met on Monday January 27th 1890.

Present: His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen Browning, Carroll, Keene, Garden, Fox, Sentell, Costello, MeLeod, Mason and Oving.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From Allan H. Strachan in reference to Clay deposits for manufacturing pipes in Vancouver.

Referred to the Board of Works

From Ancling & Parkin in reference to rollers.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From E. B. Dristow & Co in reference to the purchase of a chemical engine.

Referred to the S. & W. Committee.

From J. W. Hoak requesting to be allowed to disinter A. L. Mc Mullin's remains.

Referred to the Board of Health.

From Dr. Robertson furnishing list of drugs required at Hospital.

Referred to the Board of Health

From W. L. Rogers in reference to a Sugar refinery in Vancouver.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From Royal Templars of Temperance praying that the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors be restricted etc.

Referred to Licenses Committee

From W. J. Gallagher et al praying that a
Sewer in Block 41 District 5th 5th, be com-
pleted.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From E. Mohan in reference to recording
Sewer Connections etc.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From the City Engineer reporting on the
improvement of the North Ann Road.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From Miss Bowes furnishing copies of
"Home Beer"

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From A. G. Hessler and Wm Dennis
of Kaliforn sending the Vancouver Mayor
and Council greetings on the com-
pletion of the Telegraphic Service to that
point; and reply of Mayor Oppenheimer.

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Reports

J. W. & Co.

No 2.

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on
Wednesday January 23rd 1890.

Present: Alderman Fox, McLeod, Gardner
and Doering.

We beg to recommend:-

1 That the California Electrical Works be
allowed to transfer its contract for the ere-
ction of the Electric Fire Alarm System to
R. D. Mc Micking of Victoria.

2 That Alderman McLeod and Doering
be allowed to test the team selected for the
Fire Department and purchase it from satis-
factory.

s/d J. M. Fox
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello.
 Seconded by Doering
 That the Report of the
 Committee be adopted
 and carried.

Words. No 2.

The Board of Works met on Thursday January
 23rd 1890.
 Present: Alderman Browning, Horne, Sewell
 and Doering.

- We beg to recommend:
- That the following accounts be paid:

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| C. P. R. Co. freight on Siphons. | 110 ³² |
| C. C. Davis. Work. | 67 ⁵⁰ |
| Angus McAuley. Cutting down trees. | 3 ⁰⁰ |
| W. J. McDougal. Gravel. | 2241 ¹⁰ |
| Edward Mohun. Commission. | 200 ⁰⁰ |

2 That the duty on the Siphons be paid amounting to \$187⁹⁵ and clearance.

Re J. G. McDougal account for fixing the city wharf.

As there is nothing in the Minutes authorizing such work, this Committee refuse to recognize any such claim.

Re Turner, Beeton & Co's account.

This Committee finds the charge of 10 per cent upon their account for Siphons as an unusual one for purchasers to pay but seeing that a similar charge was made and admitted by the Council on a previous occasion, we recommend that the account amounting to \$606³² be paid.

We have received several petitions for street improvements and have laid same over until after the Estimates are compiled
 Wm. Horne, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Garden
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That the Report of the Board
of Works be adopted.

Carried.

Finance

No 2.

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday Janu-
ary 24. 1890.

Present: Aldermen Browning, Garden and Cox,
we beg to recommend:

- 1 That the following account be paid: \$ 11.00
L. O. Pfenhennig. Journal for 1890.
- 2 That a page be taken in the Dominion Dir-
ectory represented by Pals & Co. at a cost of
\$ 35.00 which shall include a copy of the Dir-
ectory for the Civic Office.
- 3 That Dr. Dodington be tendered \$ 3.00 in full
settlement of his account for making an
affidavit re Small pox on the S. S. Premier.
- 4 That the Guarantee Bond, drafted by the City
Solicitor for the Bond of British Columbia
to indemnify them against any future trouble
in paying over the \$ 5000.00 deposited by Claude
Bantam in their Bond, be approved, and
signed on behalf of the Corporation by the
Mayor and City Clerk.
- 5 That the City Clerk be instructed to com-
municate with the several banks in the
City and Hanson Bk of Montreal, and others
that may be suggested soliciting tenders
for the purchase of \$ 10,000 worth of City De-
bentures.
- 6 That there are no funds on hand at pre-
sent to be devoted towards a Museum

and that Messrs Redgate and Leclair
be notified to that effect,

That the Report of the Board of Works be con-
firmed.

Sgd J. M. Browning
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Fox,

Seconded by " McLeod

That the Report of the
Finance Committee be adopted
Carried.

Water Works.

No 1

The Water Works Committee met on Thurs-
day January 27th 1890

Present Alderman Browning Fox and
Garden,

Alderman Garden was appointed Chair-
man.

We beg to recommend:-

"That this Committee considers it advi-
sable in the interest of the City to acquire
the system of Water Works from the Vancouver
Water Works Co provided the same can be
purchased for a sum which may be con-
sidered its value to the City, and further
that the Water Works Co be requested to ap-
point as early a date as possible to meet
your Committee for the purpose of coming
to some financial understanding.

Sgd James F. Garden
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Doering

Seconded by " Fox

That the Report of the
Water Works Committee be adopted
Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws.

Alderman Browning introduced a By-Law to fix the Salary of the Mayor which was read, a first time.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman Mason.

Seconded by " Costello.

That the Motion of Alderman Browning in regard to the dismissal of the Police Magistrate be rescinded.

Motion lost: 2.7.

Moved by Alderman Costello.

Seconded by " Mason.

That the motion of Alderman Browning in regard to the appointment of a City Solicitor be rescinded.

Motion lost: 5.5;

Moved by Alderman Home.

Seconded by " Costello.

Whereas the address of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia to the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province delivred at the opening of the present session sets out that no measure will be introduced at said session for the repeal of the Small debts Court Act,

and whereas the reason given for the proposed repeal of said Act is that the Dominion Government has appointed several County Court Judges and therefore said Act is no longer necessary.

and whereas there is a Judge resident in every City of this Province except Vancouver although said City has a population of upwards of 15,000 persons and a great deal of

business of all kinds is being daily transacted therein.

And whereas in the business transactions of such a large population it is often necessary to avoid loss that creditors should be able without delay to collect small claims with little cost and in consequence of there being no judge located here this cannot be done if the Small Debt Act is repealed.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled that the Government of this Province and the Members of the Legislative Assembly be respectfully requested if said Act is to be repealed for the remainder of the Province that it be allowed to remain in force in this City until there shall be a Judge resident here.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the City Seal affixed be sent to each Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Horne.

Seconded by " Carrall.

That whereas the representation of the Mainland in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia is at present inadequate and not in proportion to the population and some of the districts are not represented according to size or commercial importance thereby.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled that this Council heartily sympathizes with the objects of the Mainland Association as declared in their Circular of the

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15th January a copy of which has just been
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 with the Municipal Procedure, we will
 lend our support in furthering the objects
 of the Maitland Association and wish them
 a complete success in their endeavours
 to obtain proper and equitable represen-
 tation for the Maitland in the legis-
 lature Assembly of this Province.
 Carried.

Moved by Alderman Gaudin.

Seconded by " " Horne.

Whereas in the interests of the
 Port of Vancouver it is necessary that every
 facility should be provided to enable vessels
 which come to said port to have any neces-
 sary repairs made.

And whereas at the present time
 there is no dry dock in this Province
 of sufficient capacity to receive the
 class of vessels plying between this port
 and China and Japan and those which
 it is anticipated will shortly be placed on
 the route between this City and Australia
 and Colonies although a dry dock of such
 dimensions is absolutely necessary.

And whereas this port being the
 terminus of the C.P.R. and place of entry
 and departure of the class of ships above
 mentioned, is the proper place at which
 such a dry dock should be built to
 fill an absolute want.

And whereas Vancouver is a
 point of Imperial importance being
 the terminus of the C.P.R. which traverses
 throughout its entire length from the
 Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean through
 British Territory, thus affording an al-
 ternative route to the Suez Canal, as a
 means of transporting troops and mails

to India; and whereas a secure and safe harbour entirely protected by nature from the attack of any hostile fleet is the proper place, in which in the interests of the City Imperial Navy a dock should be situated. and whereas Vancouver harbour possesses this requisite in an eminent degree

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled that the Dominion Government be requested to direct that such location in tidal waters in this port be set aside for the erection of such dry docks and that such sum be placed in the Estimates for the present year as will enable the work to be begun at once and carried on to completion and that the Mayor be empowered to enter into negotiations with the Dominion and Imperial Governments and with any individuals or Companies who may desire to undertake the construction of such dry dock as a private speculation and make such arrangements with them or any of them as may lead to the early construction of said work.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the City Seal affixed be forwarded to the Department of Public Works and to the Members of the Dominion Parliament from this Province at Ottawa.
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne.

Seconded by " Costello.

That whereas the rate payers of the City of Vancouver carried away have appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars for the im-

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 \$2000 to be spent on the East Park
 and whereas some of this appropriation
 has yet been spent on the East Park and
 \$5000 is still in the City Treasury for im-
 proving it.

And whereas the last report of the Park
 Commissioners recommended that
 18 acres be cleared on the north west cor-
 ner of said Park strutting along the C.P.R.
 track, which report was adopted at the
 last business meeting of the City Council
 for 1889.

Therefore be it resolved that the City
 Clerk put a notice in the "World" calling
 for tenders to clear, grub and grade said
 18 acres according to the plan and report
 of the Park Commissioners which was
 adopted by the City Council of 1889 and
 that the City Engineer be instructed to
 prepare specifications and make a survey
 of the same.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Fox.

Seconded by " " Sentell.

Whereas preparations
 on a large scale for the smelting and
 reducing of the mineral products of the
 Province are now about being made and
 Capital to a very large extent has been
 expended in preparing for such smelting
 and reducing of mineral ore.

And whereas in the smelting and redu-
 cing of such minerals large quantities of
 lead are always produced which
 could be utilized if our home market
 could be secured for our own people, but
 in consequence of the much larger smelting
 operations of foreign countries, principally
 the United States where there is a large
 home market, their surplus produce

is shipped into Canada, at such rates as will make it difficult for the various miners and smelters of Canada to compete with the Government of the Dominion and such lead produce will be accordingly lost if action is not taken. Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled, that the Dominion Government be respectfully requested to place such a duty upon lead imported into Canada as will enable our miners and smelters of metal to compete with importers of the surplus produce of other countries and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, having the City Seal affixed and a copy of the annexed table be forwarded to the Honourable the Minister of Customs at Ottawa.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Fox

Seconded by " " Horne.

That Messrs Sanson and Dawson be authorized to make a plan of the tower of the Market buildings so as to admit of a clock tower or belfry being erected and that same be brought to the Board of Works Committee without delay, and that said Committee report thereon to this Council with the estimated cost of such addition.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Horne.

Seconded by " " Hoering.

That the City Clerk be instructed to call for tenders and that the City Engineer be authorized to cut

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down the steep hill on the North Arm Road
 according to the grades shown on the plan
 made by him and submitted to this Council.
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Notice of By-law.

Alderman Browning gave notice that at
 the next meeting of Council he would intro-
 duce a By-law to fix a sum to be paid as a
 bonus to a company who will construct
 and operate a Sugar Refinery in the City
 of Vancouver.

D. Oppenheimer
 Mayor

John S. McLaughan
 City Clerk.