

Vancouver December 20th 1886
 A Regular Meeting of Council was held on
 Monday December 20th 1886 at 7.30 P.M.

Present - His Worship Mayor MacLean,
 presiding, Aldermen Balfour, Dunn, Griffiths,
 Humphries, E. P. Hamilton, J. A. Hamilton
 and Northcott.

The Minutes of last meeting
 were read and adopted.

Communications
 From R. R. Gilman asking the privilege
 of erecting poles for electric light purposes
 on the Streets and Alleys of the City of
 Vancouver.

Request granted on motion
 of Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman
 Northcott.

From Robert Louth and others calling the
 attention of Council to the condition of the road
 on the South side of Valse Creek Bridge.

Referred to the Board of
 Works with power to act on motion of
 Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman
 E. P. Hamilton.

From John P. Lawson, City Engineer,
 calling attention to the condition of the water
 ways at the foot of Cambie Street.

Referred to the Board of Works.
 From J. P. C. Dorby asking permission to
 lift the planking on Cordova Street for
 the purpose of digging a drain under said
 street. Filed.

From A. J. Alport conveying the con-
 gratulation of the City-Council of

New Westminster to the Mayor and Council elect of this City

From J. Z. Quackenbush calling attention of the Council to the adulteration of milk sold in the City and praying for the passage of a by-law to prevent such adulteration.

Laid on the table.
From W. Norman Bole re the cutting of trees by Mr. Patterson on 200 a.

Laid on the table.
From John D. Ronald informing the Council that he had completed the plans for the Fire Engine etc.

From Jas. Cooper Keith acknowledging receipt of General Debentures and Fire Engine Debentures.

From Jas. B. Kennedy Secretary of the Meeting of the property owners on Westminster Avenue, held to consider the best plans for the improvement of said Avenue giving the minutes of said Meeting referred to the Board of Works with power to act fully in the matter.

Accounts.

J. B. Thornton, 3 Brooms	\$95	Health Committee
J. P. Lawson, Surveying Cemetery	1000	B. of Works
Quile News, printing	27.20	Finance
R. City Planning Mills Coy	110.95	B. of Works
Moodyville Saw Mill Coy	94.70	" " "
Jacobs Sehl, Furniture	52.30	Finance
J. McEwen, Seaming	2.50	J. W. L.
Monetary Times, Ad.	10.50	Finance

S. J. Lilley, Stationery	26.40.	Finance
J. Vair, Store etc	65.37.	F. W. L.
J. B. McKim, Extras	33.00	By works,
W. B. Dunne & Co,	1.75.	Health
" " "	4.00	By works,
" " "	56.77	F. W. L.
" " "	9.25.	Police
Ed Sanders	5.00.	Finance
J. B. Thornton, food.	13.65.	Health
J. M. Sprink, Election.	18.00.	Finance
J. W. Hart, Furniture	66.40.	Finance
Geo. P. Kelley Rent	30.00	Finance
Robert Lamb, Coal	28.00	F. W. L.
Thomson B. S. Stationery	5.40	Finance
McKenzie & Ross,	55.50.	By works,
Lye & Co. Nails etc	38.86.	" " "
" " " Handcuffs etc	74.00	Police
" " " Sash Line etc	27.13.	By works,
H. A. Berry, Lumber	4.50.	Finance.
E. S. Scauncer & Co Store	23.12.	Finance
A. D. McKenzie, Bell.	15.00.	F. W. L.
W. S. Cook, Spring Road	5.00	By works,
Abrams & Co Furniture	182.68.	Health,
W. Ashford, Milk	14.40	"
H. Mc Donnell, Medicine	49.15	"
Owen Hughes, Washing	2.75	"
Moodyville Saw Mill Coy -	30.00	By works

Reports
 Finance Committee.
 The Finance Committee met on Friday
 December 10th 1886 at 2 P. M.
 The following accounts were recommended
 to be paid

Panama Daily News	57.40
Geo Fisher Washing Ballot Boxes	25.00
John McClurg, Coal Oil etc	10.25

Vancouver Herald 43.50
 Robert-Coutts, Coal 8.75
 Telegraph. 12.65

The Communication of John Clough re
 remuneration for past services in
 connection with the City Hall and at-
 tendance on prisoners was considered.

We recommend that he
 be allowed twenty dollars for the work
 he has already done and five dollars
 a month for future services. The Chief
 of Police to have control of the funds and
 expend it for the benefit of the said John
 Clough.

Your Committee have waited
 upon Mr. Keith, Manager of the Bank of
 British Columbia and have succeeded
 in borrowing seven thousand dollars on the
 security of our General debentures, twenty
 four hundred and ninety five dollars of
 which goes towards paying of the former loan
 the balance to be placed to the credit of the
 City.

Ed. Geo. Dunn, Chairman
 Report adopted on Motion of Alderman Selgeby
 seconded by Alderman Northcott.

Board of Works
 The Board of Works met on Tuesday Nov-
 ember 30th 1886 at 4 P.M.

The account of Queen Bldg amount-
 ing to \$3950 for general cleaning we have
 considered and recommend its payment.

In accordance with the wishes
 of Council we have authorized the fire
 Chief

purchase of 5000 feet of plank for laying a 2 foot sidewalk on the South Side of Halse Creek Bridge, and also 1000 feet additional plank to complete the present plank-way under construction to Halse Creek Bridge.

We have also purchased 3300 feet of planking for the construction of a sidewalk from Hastings Street to Dunsmin Street along Richards Street.

The City Clerk has been instructed to call for tenders for the improvement of Abbott Street between Water Street and Hastings Street.

The Board met again on Saturday December 4th 1886 at 2. P. M. to open the tenders for Abbott Street.

The following were received.

J. B. McKim
 Grubbing and grading per L. ft. 70¢
 Sidewalks " " 33"
 Planking placed in Streets B. M. \$13.75

McDonald and Cameron
 Grubbing and Grading per L. ft. 37 1/2¢
 Sidewalks per running " 33"
 Planking placed in Streets B. M. 15.00
 Box Culverts per L. ft. 27 1/2¢

Stephenson & McCraney
 Street planking per L. ft. B. M. \$15.75¢
 10 ft Sidewalks per L. ft. 48¢
 Street grading & grubbing 1.40
 26 ft Culverts each 8.00
 48 " " " 15.00

We recommend to Council that the

letter of J. B. Mc Kin be accepted his being the lowest.

Mr. Lawson City-Engineer has submitted an estimate to the Board showing that Mr. Harris, Contractor on Powell Street has completed work on said street to the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars and we would recommend that the Government be asked to advance the appropriation of one thousand dollars promised for said work.

Sgd L. A. Hamilton
Chairman

Report adopted on motion of Alderman Dun seconded by Alderman Northwest.

Police Commissioners

A Meeting of the Police Commissioners was held on Saturday December 4th 1886 at 10 A.M.

We ask for appropriation to meet the following proposed expenditure.

To Boarding prisoners in October	\$ 87.00
" Rent of Building for Police	21.00
" Learning	1.00
" Cross Cut Saw	3.00
" Coal Oil	6.00
" Police Clothing & fittings	235.00
Total	\$ 353.00

In the Matter of John Clough we would recommend that he be paid \$2000 for past services and five dollars per month for the future.

Sgd W. A. MacLean
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton

seconded by Alderman E. P. Hamilton that the Report of the Police Commissioners be adopted and that the Treasurer be authorized to place the amount ~~to~~ called for to the credit of the Police Commissioners

Carried.

By-Laws.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Humphries, "That a By-Law to provide for the erection of poles with cross arms and for stretching wires thereon throughout the public streets lanes and alleys of the City of Vancouver" be introduced and read a first-time.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that a By-Law to raise \$2000 by way of debentures for the improvement of Cambie Street be introduced and read for a first-time.

Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Dixon seconded by Alderman Northcott

That the City Clerk be instructed to call for all outstanding accounts to be sent in by the 25th inst. such advertisements to be inserted in the Daily News.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that the City Clerk be directed to invite tenders forthwith for the printing of all blank work required for the year 1887 in accordance with section 164 of the City Charter.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour. That the Board of Works be authorized to partition off part of the upper flat of the City Hall to provide offices for the Mayor, City Engineer and Assessment-Commissioner.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman E. P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Dunn.

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 That on account of the amount of work thrown on the shoulders of the City Engineer in excess of that contemplated at the time of his appointment it is considered that the salary paid him has been not in keeping with the duties performed. Therefore be it resolved that an additional sum of two hundred dollars be paid to him the same to be in full settlement of all claims or demands on account of all claims or demands on account of extra work performed by him up to the end of the current year. Carried.

Notice of Motion

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a By-Law at the next meeting of Council for levying a rate on certain property on Powell Street defined in a petition for the improvement of said street under the local improvement clauses of the City Charter. E. P. Hamilton.

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move the following resolution.

Resolved that a petition be drafted and presented by the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver to the Government of the Province of British Columbia praying the said Government to pay over to the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver the amount of all rates and taxes collected by or on behalf of the Government from the date of the Incorporation of the said City of Vancouver within the limits or boundaries of the said City, in order that the same may be used and expended in the improvement of the City of Vancouver.

Sgd J. Humphries,

The Council then adjourned.

M. R. MacLean
Mayor

H. J. McGinjaw
City Clerk.