

By-law passed to restrain and punish vagrants - May 25, 1886

Letter received from David Oppenheimer suggesting Council begin at once to grade and plank streets "by contracting with parties who may be willing to wait payment until the sale of the first city debentures". Council to consider. A Bylaw to Restrain and Punish vagrants and other disorderly persons (Bylaw No. 2) was read three times, passed, and sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication. A Bylaw dividing the City of Vancouver into Wards was read for the first time.

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Vancouver May 25, 1886

The council met in the usual place on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30 P.M.

His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present Aldermen Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Griffith, Humphries, L.A. Hamilton, E.P. Hamilton and Northcott. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. A communication was read from the Chief of Police, requesting outfit for the Force, Referred to Police Commissioners to ascertain the cost of same before action be taken by the council.

Motion [18]

Telegram was read from John. D. Ronald Manufacturer of Fire Engines, Brussels which was referred to Committee on Fire, Water and Light.

Motion [19]

A communication was read from D. Oppenheimer suggesting the advisability of passing a By-Law authorizing the council to make contracts with parties who may be willing to undertake planking and grading of streets and wait payment therefore from proceeds of sale of first debentures. Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Dunn that this matter be laid on the table for consideration. Carried.

A petition was read from W.H. Fuller and others praying that the Council pass a By-Law prohibiting the erection or maintenance on the street of any booth, stall or any kind of business. Referred to the Board of Works.

Report of Board of Works read and adopted.

"A By-Law to restrain and punish vagrants and other disorderly persons" introduced and read for the first time. Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that By-Law be known as By-Law No 2. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Griffith that By-Law No 2 be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that By-Law No 2 be read a third time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton By-Law No 2 be considered passed, be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication. Carried.

“A By-Law to regulate the Proceedings in the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver and the officers and Committees thereof” was introduced and read for the first time.
“A By-Law dividing the City of Vancouver into Wards” was introduced and read for the first time.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Griffith that the Board of Finance and Assessment meet at its earliest convenience to confer with the Assessment Commissioner on Assessments. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that Alderman L.A. Hamilton be added to the Finance and Assessment Committee in the absence of Alderman Balfour. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Griffith that Council adjourn till Monday May 31st 1886. Carried.

Alderman E.P. Hamilton gave notice that he would introduce a motion to rescind that portion of By- Law No 1 appointing Police Magistrate without salary and appoint a Police Magistrate according to Law.

M.A. MacLean, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk