

Standard Oil wants to build a warehouse in Vancouver - August 16, 1887

W.P. Johnson, Manager of Standard Oil Company, asked permission to build a warehouse. Board of Works recommended a budget for improvements to a number of streets, totalling \$15,734.00 Alderman D. Oppenheimer introduced a by-law to offer a bonus to anyone building a Foundry and Smelting Works within the City. The (absent) Mayor authorized to call a public meeting of the ratepayers of the City during the week to discuss the question of granting bonuses to manufacturers.

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The Council met on Monday August 16th 1887 at 7.30, p.m.

Present Aldermen Clark, Hamilton, Humphries, Lockerby, Lefevre, David Oppenheimer, Isaac Oppenheimer and Sanders.

Moved by Alderman David Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre that Alderman Lockerby be appointed Chairman.
Carried.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From Harry Abbott, asking if the City would ultimately assume the Cost of Sewering that portion of the City in the Vicinity of the C.P.R. Hotel if the Company should pay for it in the meantime.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Alfred Flett, Deputy Treasurer enclosing Vouchers for the Fire Department and City Hospital for \$500.00 respectively and asking that they be receipted (sic) and returned.
The Clerk was instructed to perform the work in connection therewith.

From H.B.W. Aikman informing Council that he had received no instructions from A.M. Burgess in reference to the foreshore rights of the City of Vancouver.
Filed.

From W.S. Gore informing Council that that portion of Westminster Avenue South of False Creek would be thrown open for traffic provided the work was completed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From W.P. Johnson, Manager of Standard Oil Co. asking permission to erect a warehouse.
Referred to Fire, Water and Light Committee with power to act.

From Alderman Joseph Mannion asking for Six Week's leave of absence.
Granted on motion of Alderman Hamilton seconded by Ald. Clark.

From George Black complaining a nuisance on Hastings Road.
Referred to the Board of Works with power to abate the nuisance.

From Jos. Humphries and others asking that a Sidewalk be laid on North Side of Water Street to Junction
of Water and Cordova Streets.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Electric Light Company making proposition to light the City.
Referred to F.W.L. Committee.

From City Solicitor submitting opinion re claim of Leonora Z. Hughes.
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From City Solicitor submitting alterations in Lease between C.P.R. Co. and City.
Referred to the Finance Committee with power to make final arrangements in the matter.

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Report
of
The Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Friday August 12th 1887 at 4 p.m. and beg to report that we have taken into
consideration the best means of expending the balance of the money voted for street improvements.

We recommend that it be expended for the improvement of the following streets: -

On Westminster Avenue \$2235.00
On Jackson Avenue 730.00
On Columbia Avenue 1629.00
On Oppenheimer St. East 440.00
On Oppenheimer St. West 400.00
On Granville St. 500.00
On Road to Dumping ground 600.00
On Powell Street 300.00
On Alexander Street (grading) 1500.00
On Pender, Richard Street
Seymour & Granville Street 7000.00
Total \$15734.00

We recommend the payment of the following accounts.

Wm. Deavis, Blacksmithing \$2.10
J.W. Cameron, Water Street \$196.60
Hastings Saw Mill Co. 4.24

Wm. Harkins, Drayage \$22.00

Final Estimate on Dupont St. \$210.77

We recommend that Mr. Mohun be instructed to arrange with the owners of existing private drains obstructed by the Sewers and have the same altered at the expense of the City.

sgd L.A. Hamilton

Chairman

Report adopted, Clark - I. Oppenheimer.

By-Laws.

Alderman David Oppenheimer introduced a By-Law to provide for the Bonusing of a Foundry and Smelting Works, which was read a first time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law appointing a Medical Health Officer and Hospital Assistant on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman I. Oppenheimer with Alderman D. Oppenheimer in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 41 and read over clause by clause and the name of A.M. Robertson M.D. invested as Medical Health Officer and Hospital Assistant at a Salary of \$25.00 per month.

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

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

By-Law ordered to be engrossed on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman I. Oppenheimer.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries, that the Mayor be authorized to call a public meeting of the rate-payers of the City to be held during the present week in the City Hall for the purpose of discussing the question of granting bonuses to manufacturers.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries, that the Chief of Police do act as Fire and Health Inspector in the absence of an officer being employed for that specific purpose and that he be directed to see that the provisions of the Health and Fire By-Laws are enforced.

Carried.

A Report from Mr. Mohun relating to Rules for the regulation of Sewers was read.

Notices of Motion.

Alderman Isaac Oppenheimer gave notice that he would at the next meeting of Council introduce a By-Law for the establishing of Fire Limits in the City of Vancouver.

Alderman Lefevre gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law to make certain amendments to the Health By-Law.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk