

Imperial Oil also granted permission to build fuel warehouse in Vancouver - August 22, 1887

Letter received from A.R. Diplock asking that the City purchase his hand grenades (!) Fred S. Clark, agent for the Imperial Oil Co asking permission to erect a ware house near Carl Avenue on Railway Street, granted permission on the same terms as the Standard Oil Company. Fire Water and Light Committee asked City Clerk to communicate with the Secretary of the Fire Brigade to cooperate on the best placement for city street lights. The question of the legality of passing a By-Law to grant a bonus to smelting works was referred to the City Solicitor.

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Vancouver Aug 22 1887

The Council met on Monday August 22nd 1887 at 7.30.P.M.
Present His Worship Mayor MacLean, Aldermen Clark, Alexander, Hamilton, Lefevre, Lockerby, David Oppenheimer, Isaac Oppenheimer and Sanders.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From H.A. Jones, complaining that the street in front of the lot of H.V. Edmonds on Water Street was used as a dumping ground for brush etc.

The Clerk was instructed to call his attention to the By-Law covering the case in point.

From Fred S. Clark, agent for the Imperial Oil Co asking permission to erect a ware house near Carl Avenue on Railway Street.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Clark.

That permission be granted on the same terms as that of the Standard Oil Co.

Carried.

From S.C. Robin asking for a pawnbrokers license.

Referred to License Committee

From Wm. E. Curtis asking for the position of Fire and Health Inspector

Filed.

From A.R. Diplock asking that the City Purchase his hand grenades.

Referred to the F.W.+ L. Committee

Reports.
No 28
Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met on Monday August 22nd 1887 and recommend the payment of the following accounts.

To further appropriation to Police
Committee \$1000.00
S.T. Tilley \$29.50
Vancouver News Advertiser \$69.47
Thomson Bros. Stationery \$24.45
B.C. Bookstore 1.50
R. Mathison, printing \$23.45
H.A. Berry, teamng 3.00
McLennan + McFeely 9.90
Fuller Freeman + Co 1.00
sgd D. Oppenheimer
Chairman

Adopted. I. Oppenheimer – Sanders,

No 14
Police Committee.

The Police Committee met on Saturday August 20th 1887 and report that they have examined the following accounts and finding same correct recommend their payment:

John M. Stewart, Boarding prisoners \$241.50
Isaiah Forbes, Blacksmithing .75
John Owens, Police Duty 4.00
Havelock Fyfe “ “ 60.00
W.C.Marshall, Drayage .50
John Clough 4.00
Alexander Gilmore, Clothes \$200.00
Hastings Sawmill Co. 2.50

We ask that a further appropriation of \$1000 be made to the Police Committee to cover proposed expenditure.

signed M.A. MacLean
Chairman.

Adopted Lefevre – Lockerby

No 24
Fire, Water + Light Committee

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Saturday August 20th 1887 and respectfully submit the following recommendations to Council:-

That the City enter into Contract for one year with the Electric Light Company for the furnishing of sixty (more or less) Electric Lights equal to 1200 candle power for lighting the streets of the City; said lights to be furnished according to figures submitted to Council at the last meeting and be placed on the streets under the direction of this Committee also that the City Hall be lighted as may be required.

That the Standard Oil Co be permitted to erect their warehouse in the location selected provided same does not interfere with existing insurances.

We have instructed the City Clerk to communicate with the Secretary of the Fire Brigade asking that that body co-operate with the Fire Water and Light Committee as to the most advantageous expenditure of the finds lately received from Government;

The following accounts have been examined and found correct – and are recommended for payment –

Palmer Brothers, Coal, \$10.75

To extinguishing fires \$10.50

Charles Nelson 1.00

Thos. Dunn + Co. hardware, 12.47

Thos. Beckett, Lettering 20.00

E.S. Scoullar + Co. 14.12

J.B. Thornton, Coal Oil. 4.00

A.R. Coughtrey, Tallow 2.24

John Clough 2.50

Hastings Mill Co 7.00

W.W. Ayer, hauling engine 7.00

R.C.P. Mills, Roller 3.00

sgd R.H. Alexander

Chairman

Adopted Lefevre – Clark.

No 51

Board of Works,

The Board of Works met on Tuesday August 16th and Monday August 22nd 1887 and beg to report that the following accounts have been examined and are recommended for payment: -

McDonald + Cameron, Hastings Road \$270.05

E.B. Herman, Cemetery 90.00

W.C. Muir, Estimate on Hamilton St. 529.20

W.H. McDonald “ “ Hastings “ 502.20

We recommend that a sidewalk 10 feet wide be constructed on the North side of Water Street from Cambie St. to connect with Cordova Street Sidewalk, thence along Cordova Street to Granville Street and that the tender of J.B. McKim be accepted for laying of same; also that a box drain be put in on the

south side of Water Street West of Cambie Street about - 200 feet – and a box drain be put in across Water Street on the West side of Cambie street.

Tenders,

The following tenders have been received and read for street improvements,

Columbia Avenue.

Wm. Harkins
Grading per L. ft. \$1.45
Sidewalks “ “ “ 38 cts.

Boyd + Clandenning
Grading per L. ft. \$2.25
Sidewalks “ “ “ 39 cts.

McDonald + Cameron
Grading per L. ft. \$2.45
Sidewalks “ “ “ 35

Oppenheimer Street

Wm. Harkins,
Grading per L. ft. 65 cts

Boyd + Clandenning “ 64 “

McDonald + Cameron, Lump Sum \$838

Road to Dumping ground.

Wm. Harking per L. ft. 27 cts

Angus McLennan “ “ “ 24 ½ “

Boyd + Clandenning “ “ “ 29 “

McDonald + Cameron “ “ “ 27 “

W.H. McDonald “ “ “ 25 “

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of Wm. Harkins for Powell + Oppenheimer Sts and Columbia Avenue and that of Angus McLennan for road to Dumping ground.

Mr. Blackett having refused to accept the contract for gravelling the streets we recommend that it be awarded to Hugh Keefer provided Council can see their way clear to provide for the additional expense.

Mr. Thos. Stephenson having tendered his resignation as Clerk of the Sewers we recommend that it be accepted and that Mr. Mohun be authorized to retain the man now employed until Mr. Stephenson's successor is appointed.

sgd L.A. Hamilton
Chairman,

Adopted Alexander – Lockerby,

By-Laws.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on Bonus By-Law on motion of Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Clark with Alderman D. Oppenheimer in the Chair.

In Committee the legality of passing a By-Law for Bonusing Smelting Works was raised and the matter was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion thereon.

The Committee then rose on motion of Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Lefevre and asked leave to sit again.

The Council again went into Committee on the Whole on Street By-Law with Alderman Hamilton in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was read over and amended when the Committee rose to report progress and asked leave to sit again on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman I. Oppenheimer.

Alderman Hamilton moved, seconded by Alderman I. Oppenheimer the first reading of the Fire Limit By-Law.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Clark,

That the amounts for construction of Box drains and the improvement of park charged against the appropriation for the opening up and making of streets and sidewalks be transferred to the following accounts;

Drains to Sewerage Debenture Account,

Park Improvement to general revenue account for unforeseen expenditure,

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk