

Vancouver opposes provincial takeover of city police - March 1, 1887

Special Meeting to “represent” to the Lieutenant-Governor that it will not be necessary for the Province to take over police jurisdiction of Vancouver ..Twenty additional police to be hired at a salary of \$2.25 per day.

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A Special Meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday March 1st 1887 at 2. P.M. a full attendance being present.

Moved by Alderman Isaac Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Humphries,

Whereas it appears from the reports in the public press that special legislation practically annulling the powers given to this Council to make and enforce laws for the government and good order of the community and placing the police management of the City under the control of persons not responsible to the Corporation at an enormous expense to this City and its inhabitants,

therefore, be it resolved that this Council respectfully represent to His Honor (sic), the Lieutenant Governor in Council of this Province that no special legislation for the protection of life or property in this City is necessary and that the powers in the hands of the authorities are ample for each protection and will be used when required.

And this Council being prepared to take all steps for the enforcement of the laws for the protection of persons of all nationalities who come to Vancouver we respectfully request that the Lieutenant Governor in Council will at present take no further steps to enforce the last Act until the Mayor and Council have shown themselves unable and unwilling to enforce the law.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be at once forwarded to His Honor (sic) the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Moved by Alderman Mannion seconded by Alderman Isaac Oppenheimer
that resolution be at once telegraphed to Hon. John Robson, Provincial Secretary.
Carried.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Alexander
that the Police Commissioners be authorized to swear in twenty additional police and that their salaries be fixed at \$2.25 per day.
Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk.