

Vancouver commemorates arrival of the first train - May 23, 1887

By-Law No 33 excepting from taxation for 30 years "certain lands belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co." was finalized and sent to the newspapers. Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Humphries, "I have much pleasure in moving that we adjourn this evening in honor of this day the 23rd of May 1887 as the proudest that has ever been chronicled in the annals of the Province and our fair City by the completion of the C.P.R. to its western terminus...and by the arrival of the first train"

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Vancouver May 23rd 1887

The Council met on Monday May 23rd 1887 at 7.30. P.M.

Present His Worship Mayor MacLean, presiding, Aldermen Clark, Hamilton, Humphries, Lockerby, Mannion, D. Oppenheimer and Sanders.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From Horse-racing Committee informing Council that they had gone over the ground in the City with a view of finding a suitable place for horse racing and recommended that Granville Street be fixed up for that purpose.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries that the Communication be referred to the Board of Works, confer with the horse-racing Committee, with power to take steps towards carrying out the Work.  
Carried.

Report No 40

Board of Works.

Vancouver May 20th 1887

The Board of Works met on Friday May 20th 1887 at 8 P.M. and recommended that the following accounts be paid.

Boyd and Clandening, Cambie Street \$60.00

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Muir & Pratt, Hastings Street 847.40

We have directed that one hundred and ninety dollars the balance of the appropriation of \$500.00 be expended on the park in levelling under the supervision of the City Engineer.

sgd L.A. Hamilton  
Chairman

Report adopted.

By-Laws.

By-Law No 33 excepting from taxation for 30 years certain lands belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. was read a third time on motion of Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman D. Oppenheimer.

The By-Law was ordered to be gazetted on motion of Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Humphries,  
I have much pleasure in moving that we adjourn this evening in honor (sic) of this day the 23rd of May 1887 as the proudest that has ever been chronicled in the annals of the Province and our fair City by the completion of the C.P.R. to its western terminus, binding the Atlantic to the Pacific and by the arrival of the first through train which is the beginning of the great future in store for us and sincerely trust on the 1st of July next we will be able to celebrate the day in a more befitting manner on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee and further hope every one will put their shoulders to the wheel to make our celebration that day a commemorative one, to the Queen, ourselves, the C.P.R. and the Province at large.

Carried.

M.A. MacLean  
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk