

Vancouver Iron Works Company gains 10 year tax exemption - September 24, 1887

The Vancouver Iron Works Company was exempted from all municipal taxation for ten years. City accepted offer from Mr. J. J. Irwin to purchase 19 feet along Cambie Street and 33 feet along Cordova Street for \$400.00. The city Chain Gang be utilized to do the work requested along Abbott Street. A cost of two dollars and fifty cents set for a cemetery plot large enough for a single burial, a whole plot costing twenty five dollars and a quarter plot eight dollars.

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Vancouver September 24, 1887

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Saturday September 24th 1887 at 2 p.m. to receive reports of Committees and to consider a By-Law exempting the Vancouver Iron Works Company from taxation for a period of ten years.

Present – His Worship Mayor MacLean, Aldermen Alexander, Clark, Humphries, Lefevre, Lockerby, David Oppenheimer, Isaac Oppenheimer and Sanders.

Reports.

Finance. No. 30.

The Finance Committee met on Thursday September 22nd 1887 and report that the following accounts have been considered and are recommended for payment:

H.A. Berry, Teaming \$ 1.00
Tattersall Stables, Cab, 5.00
Herald Printing Co. 27.60
W.A. Brown, placing lock 1.50
S.T. Tilley, Stationary 23.50
R. Matheson, Voters List 38.00
F.W. Hart, Furniture 41.95
News – Advertiser 9.15
C.P.R. Telegraph Co. 2.50
Wm. Templeton, Coal Oil 3.00
Leonora Z. Hughes 6.00

We recommend to Council that the buildings and lands of the Vancouver Iron Works Company used for manufacturing purposes be exempted from municipal taxation for a period of ten years.

We have considered the claim of John Devine, City Auditor, for additional salary for auditing accounts in August and have referred the matter back to Council for reconsideration.

The appropriation set apart for printing purposes being overdrawn we would ask the Council to place a further sum of three hundred dollars to that fund.

sgd D. Oppenheimer
Chairman

Adopted, Alexander - I. Oppenheimer.

Police. No. 15.

The Police Committee met on Thursday September 22nd, 1887 and recommend the payment of the following accounts:

John M. Stewart, Boarding prisoners \$130.50
Isaiah Forbes, repairs 8.12
John Flervin, Interpreter 2.50
Thos. Dunn & Co. Nails, etc 2.00
Wm. Templeton, Brushes 1.00
Geor. Raymond, Stage Hire 3.00
Queen Bros. Express 0.50
Havelock Fyfe, Salary for August 60.00
sgd M.A. MacLean
Chairman

Adopted,
D. Oppenheimer – Lockerby.

Works. No. 55.

The Board of Works met on Monday September 12th 1887 and report that the following estimates and accounts have been considered and are recommended for payment:

Wm. Harkins on [Sewers ?] \$3873.79
“ “ Howe St. 338.31
“ “ Gore Av. 101.36
“ “ Alexander St. 1360.80
“ “ Dunsmuir “ 351.00
“ “ Granville “ 165.19
“ “ Georgia “ 680.40
“ “ Columbia Av. 368.01
W.L. McDonald, Hastings St. 477.54
“ “ Seventh Av. 265.00
“ “ Tank 62.00
J.B McKim, Cordova St. 2956.86
Water “ 551.07
McDonald + Cameron, Dunlevy Av. 662.54

Henry Bowers, Harris St. 351.61
I.J. Hayden, Dupont Street 15.00
A. McLellan, Georgia " 138.50
E. Mohuir, on account 175.00
J.H. West, " Cemetery 80.00
Brunnette Saw Mill Co. 23.45
Thos. Dunn + Co. 4.25
Queen Bros. 5.00

We recommend that the City Engineer be instructed to give Messrs. Desautels and Fairon the grade for their building on Powell Street – and that the Chain Gang be utilized to do the work petitioned for on Abbott Street:

Mr. J.J. Irwin having put in a proposition to this Board, offering to sell 19 feet along Cambie Street and 33 feet along Cordova Street for \$400.00 we recommend that his offer be accepted by Council.

The contract for the clearing and grading of the Cemetery being now completed and being also staked off into plots we would recommend to Council that a Register of each plot be kept in the City Clerk's office and that a charge of twenty five dollars be made for parties wishing for a whole plot; eight dollars for a quarter plot and two dollars and fifty-cents for land sufficient for one burial; the City Clerk to receive certificates to parties on the payment of the above fees.

sgd R. Clark
acting for Chairman
Adopted,
I. Oppenheimer – Clark.

By-Laws.

Alderman D. Oppenheimer introduced a By-Law to exempt the Vancouver Iron Works Company from all municipal taxation for a period of ten years which was read a first time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on motion of Ald D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Sanders with Alderman Alexander in the Chair.

The By-Law was numbered 46 and read over clause by clause and passed.

Committee rose to report by-law on motion of Ald. D. Oppenheimer.

By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark, and a third time on motion of Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Alexander.

By-Law authorized to be published and engrossed, on motion of Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Humphries.

Communication

From C.W. Rand Secretary of the Vancouver Gas Co. asking permission to use the streets for the purpose of laying mains and services.

Permission was granted and directors asked to confer with the Board of Works.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk