

Second fire engine on its way to Vancouver – August 14, 1888

Communication from John D. Ronald acknowledging receipt of money for Engine No 2. A telephone, a bell and pump to be purchased for the new Fire Hall and sufficient lumber for the erection of water closets, fences etc. Vancouver Cricket Club strongly objects to the idea that a circus be allowed to use the cricket ground. John Nicholson to be paid \$400 for the Gore at the Junction of Powell and Alexander Streets provided he signs an agreement to leave the sidewalk on its present site.

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Vancouver Aug 14th 1888

The Council met on Monday August 14th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Clark, Coldwell, Dougall, Humphries, Lefevre and Oppenheimer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From James Hartney, asking why he had not received a reply regarding his claims for damages sustained in quarantine. Filed.

From John D. Ronald acknowledging receipt of money for Engine No 2. Filed

From Royal City Planing Mills Co and Messrs Leamy and Kyle praying that the span in proposed bridge across False Creek be made 80 ft wide. Referred to Board of Works.

From Dr. Bodington, President of the Medical Association praying that a deputation be received by Council to discuss the question of the appointment of a Medical Staff for the City Hospital. Filed.

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From E. Mohun C.E., claiming that the Sewers were not properly attended to. Filed.

From E. Sanders et al praying Council to change the name of Dupont Street to Princess Street, East of Westminster Av. Referred to the Board of Works and City Solicitor.

From A. E. Beck Secretary to the Vancouver Cricket Club praying that Council take steps to prevent the Cricket Grounds from being used by Sell's Circus. Referred to Board of Works.

From Deputy Attorney General furnishing Copy of Verdict of Coroner's Jury on the death of Robert Melmoth. Referred to City Solicitor.

From M. A. MacLean et al praying that lane in Block 56, District Lot 196 be opened up. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Messrs Garden and Hermon offering to run out Powell and Hastings Street to eastern boundary of City for \$260.00. Filed.

From E. Crow Baker asking for further remuneration for part of Lot 14, Block 64, District Lot 185. Sold to the City. Referred to City Solicitor.

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From W. H. Gallagher et al praying that Seymour Street be graded and sidewalked from Smithe to Pacific Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From H. A. Mellon praying that Nicola Street be opened up. Filed.

Accounts

The following accounts were read and referred to their proper committees.

W. D. Ferris 45.60
Electric Illuminating Co. \$191.75
Wm. Murphy 213.40
Queen Bros. 13.50
S. T. Tilley 13.50
Vancouver Wine Co. 17.15
Isaiah Forbes 2.25
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 170.55
Charles Nelson 3.50
John Scuitto 20.86
Crowder & Penzer 101.12
Moodyville Saw Mill Co. 227.61
E. S. Scoullar & Co. 41.35
J. Miller Stamp .75
C. P. R. Co. 5.00
Thomson Bros. 13.90
Tattersall's Stables 37.00
C. M. Hawley 25.50
H. Arkell 2.00
C. P. Tel Co. 1.15
F. C. Birks 19.50

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James [unreadable] 64.00
Chilling & Davis 3.75
H. Butler 11.68
W. R. Williamson 1.00
Leask & Johnson 10.25
Godfrey & Co. 29.12
Hayes & McIntosh 35.64
News Advertiser 50.00
Telephone Co. 31.00
F. W. Hart 53.15
J. McAlister 24.25
Fraser & Leonard 3.75
Brunette Saw Mill Co. 6.63
Thos. Dunn & Co. 58.64
O'Toole & Ralph 33.30
F. C. McCartney 28.50
D. McCallum 8.00
Palmer Bros. 12.00
McLennon & McFeely 17.25
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. 13.80
Springer & VanBrauer 65.50
Campbell & Martin 15.50
V. Straube 2.50
Thos. J. James 52.50
F. X. Martin 89.77
Dr. Bodington 30.00

Reports

Finance No 17

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 3rd 1888 and beg to report that the communication of Messrs Dunn

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and Ferguson regarding the Sewers has received consideration.

We cannot see that the contractors can be liable for incomplete work since the Board of Works failed to make any claim before the expiration of the Sixty days.

The following accounts is recommended for payment:

To Stamps for Tax Collector \$4.25
Sgd., Rich H. Alexander

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

F. W. & L. No 15

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Thursday August 9th 1888 and beg to recommend:-

1. That the Electric Illuminating Co be asked to submit an offer for the lighting up of the City for the ensuing year on a more extensive basis than the System now in vogue.
2. That Charles Chamberlain be asked to furnish fuller information on the Subject of Street lighting as the communication brought before your committee was not definite enough.

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3. That a Telephone be placed in the new Fire hall.
4. That a bell and pump be purchased for the new Fire Hall and sufficient lumber for the erection of water closets, fences etc.
5. That the Chairman of this Committee be authorized to purchase chemicals for the Babcock Extinguisher.

Sgd., J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That the report of the F. W. & L. Committee be adopted. Carried.

Health No 15

The Health Committee met on Friday August 10th 1888 and beg to report that a Deputation of the Vancouver Medical Association waited upon your Committee and presented their views on the question of the appointment of any Medical Staff for the City Hospital.

Your Committee after due consideration laid the matter over for consideration in the near future.

Tenders for furnishing the City Hospital were received from Jacob Sehl, F. W. Hart, Brown and White and Clute & Co.

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We recommend that the contracts be awarded to Jacob Sehl, Brown and White and Clute & Co the lowest tenderers and that the furnishing be completed within fourteen days from date.

We have taken into consideration the claims of James Hartney for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by him in connection with the quarantine and would recommend after consulting our City Solicitor that said claim be not entertained.

Sgd. J. M. Lefevre

The following account is recommended for payment.

R. F. Garland, Towing Scow 30.00

Sgd. J. M. Lefevre

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the report of the Health Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works No 25

The Board of Works met on Friday August 3rd 1888 and beg to recommend:-

1. That the following streets be improved:

Bute from Georgia to Nelson, \$550

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Nicola from Georgia to Nelson \$640

Davie from Burrard to Nicola 850

Robson One block west of Granville 146

Seymour 500 ft 200

Hornby 500 ft 200

Ninth Avenue 20 ft wide from Westminster Avenue to connect with proposed road to North Arm \$3350

2. That tenders be called for the erection of Immigrant sheds at a cost not exceeding \$500.00 and that it be painted with two coats of paint.

3. That John Nicholson be paid \$400 for the Gore at the Junction of Powell and Alexander Streets provided he signs an agreement to leave the sidewalk on its present site forever.

4. That the City Engineer be instructed to cover the Sewer exposed between Hastings and Pender Streets and to block up and repair the sidewalks where necessary, also that he report upon the improvement of Lorne Street as petitioned for by Robertson & Co et al.

5. That tenders be called for the erection of a school house on the South Side of False Creek according to plans and specifications furnished by Mr. Gore, Surveyor General and Mr. Mallandaine and that

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when tenders are received that the Board decide which plan to accept.

6. That the City Engineer examine and report upon the filling up of the low lands on Westminster Avenue fronting Mr. Lockerby's property and upon the cutting of a drain on the North side of Prior Street.

7. That the following accounts be paid:

H. Blyth, Tent for Park Road \$20.00
C. P. Telegraph Co. 9.00
H. Blyth et al Street Work 575.68
H. Connacher, Cross St 128.00
Alfred Bunker, Howe St 388.80
do Haro St 356.40
Hugh McDonald, Burrard St 673.10
Goodmurphy & McL. Prior Howe St 243.00
H. Connacher, Quebec St 56.05
Boyd & C. Pender St 399.50

8. That a Sidewalk be laid on Nelson Street South side from Granville Street to Burrard Street and on Hornby East side from Nelson to Helmcken.

Sgd., Chas. A. Coldwell, Chairman

Works No 26

The Board of Works met on Saturday August 11th 1888 and beg to report that the following tenders have

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been received for the proposed school house on the South Side of False Creek

Kellough & Co
House \$1,200.00
Desks 150
Joseph Dixon
House 823.00
Desks 88.
Oldfield & McClenathan
House 895
Desks ----
James Stanford
House 850.00
Desks (each) 2.50
Goodmurphy & McLellan
House etc 1,225

We recommend that Joseph Dixon be awarded the contract provided the Finance Committee furnish the additional funds required.

We beg to recommend:-

1. That the City Treasurer be instructed to pay Corporation Day Laborers weekly on presentation of Vouchers certified to by the City Engineer and the Foreman of the Works on which such laborers are employed.

2. That A. E. McCartney be paid 5% on the total cost of constructing the City Hospital for drawing up plans and specifications and superintending the work.

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3. That Council appropriate \$500.00 for the construction of a morgue as the amount already voted is in adequate for the purpose.

4. That the following accounts be paid.

A. Davidson, Work on Park Road \$15.66
D. McAlister, Seymour St. Sidewalk 203.95
do Making Crossing 18.60
H. Connacher, Drake 54.52
do Seventh Av. 120.00
F. Cerra & Co. Sixth Av. 216.00
Goodmurphy & McLellan, Prior St 80.55
Boyd & C. Alexander & Heatley 813.64
C. Duhamel et al, Westminster Road 152.38

We recommend that an additional \$500.00 be expended in gravelling sections 3 & 4 of the Park Road and that Messrs Garden and Hermons proposition to run the lines of Powell and Hastings Streets to the Eastern Boundary of the City be accepted.

Sgd., Chas. A. Coldwell, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Dougall seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Board of Works

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be authorized to allow the contractor 25 cts per foot for the balance of Seventh Avenue about two blocks. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Clark. That His Worship the Mayor communicate with Sir Donald A. Smith asking him to name our City Park. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Humphries gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a motion to appoint a Police Magistrate as provided by the City Charter.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk