

M. A. McLean appointed Vancouver's police magistrate – August 27, 1888

Former Vancouver Mayor M.A. McLean appointed Police Magistrate at a salary of \$1,000 per year. City Officials given an annual ten-day holiday. Fri Oct 12, 1888 set aside as Arbour Day, "for the purpose of planting trees and shrubs, and as a public holiday."

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Vancouver Aug 27th 1888

The Council met on Monday August 27th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From City Auditor submitting report for May. Filed.

From Medical Health Officer submitting Semi Annual Report. Filed.

From City Officials petitioning for a yearly vacation.

From R. G. Tatlow on behalf of Hon F. G. Vernon asking Council close a portion of Forbes Street in District Lot 182. Referred to City Solicitor.

From W. C. Archer offering to insure Hospital furniture for three years at 5%. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Louisa Wilson asking Council to take steps towards removing rubbish placed on her lot on Seaton Street. Referred to Board of Works.

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From Hon John Robson notifying Council that the statutes were under course of consolidation. Filed.

From Sir Donald A. Smith acknowledging receipt of letter from His Worship the Mayor re Park. Filed.
From Rev J. W. Pedley asking to be relieved of paying the taxes on property acquired by him for church purposes. Referred to City Solicitor.

From John Boulton asking for a refund of \$20.00 paid into the City Treasury by Walter Dufour as part of Auctioneer License. Referred to City Solicitor.

From James Struthers et al praying that a crossing be constructed on the West side of Homer & Georgia Streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

F. W. & L. No 16

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on Thursday August 23rd 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:-

F. X. Martin \$1.20
McLennan & McFeely 14.00
Thos Dunn & Co. 1.70
Fraser & Leonard 3.75

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John McAlister \$26.25
W. Beavis 3.74
Telephone Co. 29.00
E. S. Scoullar & Co. 11.20
Crowder & Penzer 101.12
Leask & Johnson 10.25
Henry Arkell 2.00
C. M. Harley 25.50
Tattersall's Stables 35.00
Charles Nelson 3.50
Electric Illuminating Co 191.70
Royal City Planing Mills Co 22.62

Electric Lights

We have received three propositions for the lighting up of the City for the ensuing year as follows:

No. 1

The Vancouver Eureka Electric Light Co will furnish 60 Arc Lights of 2000 candle power at 70 cts each per night on condition that the City binds itself to take the lights for five years.

No. 2

The Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co will furnish 60 Arc Lights of 2,000 candle power each at 60 cents each per night.

No. 3

The Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co will furnish 60 lights at 32 candle power each at \$4.25 each per month.

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30 lights of candle power each at \$3.00 each per month.

Or

20 candle power lamps @ \$3.00 per month.

32 candle power lamps @ \$4.25 per month.

40 candle power lamps @ \$4.75 per month.

50 candle power lamps @ \$5.75 per month.

We recommend that the present lights be increased to 32 candle power where considered necessary and that 46 lights of 20 candle power be added and located as follows:

- 1 On the corner of Thurlow and Georgia
- 2 Burrard and Seaton
- 3 Burrard and Georgia
- 4 Howe and Pender
- 5 Howe and Dunsmuir
- 6 Howe and Georgia
- 7 Granville and Robson
- 8 Granville and Smithe
- 9 Granville and Nelson
- 10 Granville and Helmcken
- 11 Granville and Davie
- 12 Granville and Drake
- 13 Granville and Pacific
- 14 Granville and Beach
- 15 Drake and Seymour
- 16 Drake and Richards
- 17 Drake and Homer
- 18 Seymour and Georgia
- 19 Seymour and Robson
- 20 Homer and Dunsmuir
- 21 Homer and Georgia
- 22 Hamilton and Pender
- 23 Hamilton and Dunsmuir

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24 On the corner of Hamilton and Georgia
25 Cambie and Pender
26 Cambie and Dunsmuir
27 Beatty and Pender
28 South end of Westminster Bridge
29 Westminster and Frank
30 Westminster and Dufferin
31 Westminster and Lorne
32 Westminster and Lansdowne
33 Gore and Dupont
34 Dunlevy and Dupont
35 Jackson and Dupont
36 Carl and Alexander
37 Carl and Powell
38 Carl and Hastings
39 Carl and Oppenheimer
40 Carl and Dupont
41 Heatley and Alexander
42 Heatley and Powell
43 Heatley and Oppenheimer
44 Heatley and Hastings
45 Heatley and Dupont
46 Hawkes and Powell

And that a contract be entered into for one year with the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co for the furnishing of said lights.

We further recommend:-

1. That the Council take into consideration the communication of the Vancouver Water Works Co. with a view of having hydrants placed in proper position for the supply of water.
2. That the Telephone Co be communicated with asking them to

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furnish two telephone free to the City in return for paying \$25.00 per month for night service it being considered that the amount is adequate to cover the whole telephone service.

Sgd., J. Humphries, Chairman

The Chairman of the Fire, Water and Light Committee dissents from the recommendation of the Committee on the Electric Light question on the following grounds:

- I. That the present Company has not sufficient power for the present lights.

II. That the Company gives no guarantee to increase its present power to enable it to carry out its offer to the Committee.

III. That it is not to the interest of the City to continue the present system - it being entirely in disuse for street lighting.

Sgd., J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the portion of the report referring to Electric Light be struck out and the balance of the report adopted. Carried.

Works No 28

The Board of Works met on Friday August 24th 1888 and beg to

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report that the following tenders have been received for street improvement:

Ninth Avenue

Goodmurphy and McLellan

Grading etc per ft 31 cts

Logs per ft 7 cts

Culverts per m ft 18.00

Boyd & Clandening

Grading per ft 32 cts

Round lumber ft 8 cts

Square lumber ft 12 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

Wm Tierney

Grading per ft 34 ½ cts

Logs per ft 7 cts

Culverts per m ft 19.50

James Hartney

Grading per ft 33 cts

Sawed Lumber per m ft 17.00

Flat Lumber per ft 9 cts

Round Lumber per ft 7 cts

Rail Lumber per ft 25 cts

H. Connacher

Grading per ft 43 cts

Culverts per m ft 18.00

Dunlevy Avenue

Wm Tierney

Grading per ft 55 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00
James Foster
Grading per ft 34 cts
Logs per ft 8 cts
Plank per m ft 16.00

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Boyd and Clandening
Grading per ft 58 cts
Logs per ft 8 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
H. Connacher
Grading per ft 63 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Hugh Macdonald
Grading per ft 65 cts
Logs per ft 9 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Goodmurphy & McLellan
Grading per ft 51 cts
Logs per ft 8 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00

Jackson Avenue

Hugh Macdonald
Grading per ft \$1.10
Logs per ft 9 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Goodmurphy & McLellan
Grading per ft 79 cts
Logs per ft 8 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
H. Connacher
Grading per ft \$1.09
Culverts per m ft 15.00
Boyd & Clandening
Grading per ft 74 cts
Logs per ft 8 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Wm Tierney
Grading per ft 83 cts
Culverts per m ft \$16.00

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Columbia Avenue

Boyd & Clandening
Lump Sum, \$1800.00

Hugh Macdonald
Filling per ft \$2.50

We recommend that the contracts be awarded as follows:

Ninth Avenue, Goodmurphy & McLellan
Columbia Avenue, H. Macdonald
Dunlevy Avenue, James Foster
Jackson Avenue, Boyd & Clandening

We further recommend:

- I. That a six foot sidewalk be laid on the west side of Howe Street from Nelson to Helmcken.
- II. That the grading of Beatty Street be extended from Pender to Dunsmuir about 260 feet if the funds are forthcoming.
- III. That the upstairs of the new fire hall be ceiled and one room partitioned off.
- IV. That Bute Street be opened up from Georgia to Seaton.
- V. That an approach be made from Georgia Street sidewalk to Howe Street Sidewalk.
- VI. That John Hurst be appointed Park Warden at \$ per month.
- VII. That the following accounts be paid:

Tierney & McDonald, Brunswick St \$167.00
Wm Blackmore, Commission on Fire Hall 61.22
H. A. Bell final on Fire Hall & extras 248.00

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Boyd & Clandening, Georgia St \$696.00
H. Connacher, Seventh Avenue 123.81
D. McAlister, Carl Av Sidewalk 87.26
do Georgia St 234.90
Stephenson & McCraney, Georgia St 1322.10
Bell and Taylor, Powell Street Sidewalk 73.00
Alfred Bunker, Haro Street 178.20
Alfred Bunker, Howe Street 486.00
Armstrong & Wescott, Coal Harbor Bridge 2480.66

That the City purchase the point at the junction of Powell and Alexander Streets for four hundred dollars which include that portion of land to the site of the present sidewalk.

Sgd. Chas. A. Coldwell, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Humphries. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That the City Officials be allowed a vacation of 10 days each year to be taken alternately. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That M. A. MacLean be and is hereby appointed Police Magistrate from and after this date as a salary of one thousand dollars per annum. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Alexander. As it is advisable in the interest of the City to have a day to be known as Arbour Day, set apart in the Autumn of each year for the purpose of planting trees and shrubs and to be observed as a Public Holiday that His Worship, the Mayor be requested to proclaim Friday October 12th as Arbour Day for 1888. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Clark gave notice that at next regular meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law for the purchase of Lots one to ten Block 12 corner of Westminster Avenue and Hastings Street for a public market and the appointment of a new Committee.

Alderman Lefevre gave notice that he would introduce a motion to discharge the committee appointed to select a suitable site for a public market and the appointment of a new committee.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk