

Vancouver requests 64 acre park in Hastings Township – January 23, 1888

Committee appointed to meet with Richmond Committee regarding constructing bridges from Lulu Island and Sea Island. Map submitted with streets with sewers and plans for additional. Alexander and Oppenheimer recommend street trees be planted. Request to Province for 64 acres of land in Hastings Townsite for public park for recreation. Request to the Post Office that Vancouver has 6000 people and is growing; it needs letterboxes stationed in various parts of the city. Bylaws for regulating storage of gunpowder and firing of guns in the city.

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Vancouver January 23rd 1888

The Council met on Monday January 23rd 1888 at 7:30 P.M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Bell-Irving, Clark, Couth, Dougall, Humphries, Mannion, Lefevre and Oppenheimer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications.

From H. Abbott Esq. offering Block 48 District Lot 541 for \$20,000.00  
Referred to the Board of Works

From City Solicitor advising City adversely in the matter of the petition of William Soule.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From E.M. Murphy, Manager and E.A. Gray, Editor of the Journal of Commerce re the British Columbia Edition of Said Journal.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From O.W. Sweet and L.A. Hamilton notifying Council of the appointment of a Committee from the Municipality of Richmond to confer with a Committee of the City

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Council of Vancouver with a view of interviewing the Government regards to the Construction of Bridges from Lulu Island and Sea Island to the Mainland etc.

No. 24

His Worship appointed Aldermen Mannion, Clark, Couth, and Bell-Irving to meet the Committee, for the purpose.

From Fire Inspector re the enforcing of the Fire By-Law in respect to the Terra Cotta Flues.  
No action taken

From M.G. Blanshard V.S. giving report of Glanders cases in the City and the City Solicitors opinion in connection therewith.  
Action deferred pending instructions from Government.

From E. Mohun submitting plan of blocks sewered and of those which require to be sewered.  
Referred to the Board of Works

From City Auditor submitting report for A.D. 1887.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From E. Mohun reporting that the Sewers had been tapped.

No. 25

Aldexander – Bell-Irving

That the Chief of Police be instructed to proceed against the offenders at once.

Carried

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Telegram from N.P. Stead, Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, in reply to a telegram of Congratulation sent by his Worship the Mayor.  
Filed

Reports

Works No. 3.

No. 26

The Board of Works met on Friday January 20th 1888 and beg to report that the petition of Messrs' Leomy and Kyle has been considered and would recommend that the matter be allowed to stand over until after the estimates are compiled for the year.

We have instructed the City Engineer to prepare a plan of Lot 14 Block 64, District Lot 185, shewing what portion is required for an approach to the proposed bridge across Coal Harbour with a view to expropriating the same.

The following accounts are recommended for payment.  
Phillip Brew, putting on Locks \$3.00

H. Blyth et al, Street work \$81.62  
Jos Huntly, Lumber \$6.50  
sgd H. Bell-Irving  
Chairman

Report Adopted  
Lefevre-Dougall

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Motions  
No 27

Moved by Alderman Alexander Seconded by Alderman Lefev  
That the account of B.B. Skinner for two tons of coal furnished the City Hall amounting to \$15.00 be paid.  
Carried

Alexander-Oppenheimer  
No 28  
That the Board of Works take into consideration the planting of trees on the streets of the City with power to act in the matter.  
Carried

Mannion-Dougall  
No. 29  
That the City Clerk insert an advertisement in the paper to the effect that all parties having animals affected with glanders be required to notify him and failing to do so that they be prosecuted.  
Carried

Lefevre-Mannion  
No 30  
That the Board of Works be instructed not to proceed with the construction of the bridge across Coal Harbour in connection with the Park Road as proposed and carried at the last meeting of this Council but to continue the

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road around Coal Harbour and across the peninsula to English Bay as originally proposed by the Board of Works of A.D. 1887.  
Motion lost, Ayes 1, Nays 8.

Dougall-Mannion

No. 31  
That the following Memorial be addressed to the Post Master General:-  
That the Port of the City of Vancouver has a large and constantly increasing communication by letter and

otherwise with the North Arm of the Fraser River and the business relations between this City and that North of the Country is rapidly increasing and assuming large proportions.

Your memorialists therefore pray that this department may give directions to the Post Office Inspector in this Province to establish a daily mail service between this City and the North Arm of the Fraser River. And your memorialists will ever pray.

Carried

Couth-Clark

No. 32

That the following memorial be addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

That the Port of the City of Vancouver has a large and

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constantly increasing population.

That in view of the almost certain increase natural and otherwise of the said population, it will be necessary and expedient that Public Parks and open spaces be provided for the people of that City.

That the Hastings townsite affords an excellent site for a public park for the recreation of the people of that City.

Your memorialists therefore pray that sixty four acres of the said Townsite be set aside and granted by your Honourable Body for the use and behoof of the people of this City forever.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Carried

Clark-Mannion

That the following memorial be addressed to the Post Master General:-

That the Port of the City of Vancouver has a large and constantly increasing communication by letter from all parts of the World and is rapidly becoming a great commercial centre and contains within itself a population of about 6000 people.

That the business of the city has acquired such proportions that it is absolutely necessary that letter boxes should be stationed

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at various parts of the city and a postal delivery be instituted in order to meet with the requirements of the people and as prayed by them to this Council.

Your memorialists therefore pray that your department may give directions to the Post Office Inspector in this Province to place such letter boxes throughout the City as he may deem necessary and expedient and give such necessary postal delivery as may meet the pressing necessities of the people as the situation demands.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Carried

By-Laws

No 34

Alderman Couth introduced a By-Law to regulate the storage of Gunpowder within the limits of the City of Vancouver which was read a first time.

No 35

The By-Law for preventing or regulating the firing of guns etc. with[in] the City was read a second time on motion of Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark.

Committee

The Council went into Committee of the Whole of By-Law on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Couth.

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with Alderman Humphries in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was read Clause by Clause and amended when the Committee rose to report by-law as complete.

Notice of Motion

No 36

Alderman Alexander gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law to amend the issuing of Liquor Licenses.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor  
Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk