

Vancouver hospital nears completion – July 9, 1888

Council considers the question of appointing a medical board, purchasing furniture, medicine and other needs as the hospital nears completion. Mr. A. E. McCartney to be paid \$100 for superintending building. C.P.R. patients to be accommodated at City Hospital at a charge of \$5.00 per week. Mr. H. T. Ceperley asks upon what conditions the City will grant the privilege of constructing and operating Street Railways. A. McDonald appointed cemetery keeper at a salary of \$35 per month.

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Vancouver July 9th 1888,

The Council met on Monday July 9th 1888 at 7:30 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From T. T. Black desiring to insure new Fire Hall. Referred to Finance Committee.

From H. T. Ceperley, asking upon what conditions the City will grant the privilege of constructing and operating Street Railways. Referred to Street Railway Committee.

From Edgar C. Goulding giving notice that he intended to commence proceedings against the City for damages in connection with the arrest of Mr. Meehan. Referred to City Solicitor.

From H. Abbott informing Council that he would make the Bridges on North Arm Road 18 feet wide. Referred to Board of Works.

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From J. W. Sutherland & Co, asking Corporation to set a price on the tender on Country Revenue. Referred to Board of Works.

From Owen Hughes giving notice that he was ready to resume his duties as Steward at hospital.
Referred to Board of Health.

From G. F. Bodington M. D. Chairman of the Vancouver Medical Society drawing the attention of the Council to the advisability of appointing a Medical Staff for the New City Hospital. Referred to Board of Health.

From H. J. Cambie agreeing to draw plans and specifications of proposed bridge across False Creek for \$200.00. Referred to Board of Works.

Accounts

The following accounts were read and referred to their respective committees:

John McAlister \$21.25
Fred Watkins 3.00
F. W. Hart 38.00
F. C. Birks 11.50
Telephone Co. 43.00
John Johnson 1.50
Crowder & Penner 42.10

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H. McDowell & Co. 4.50
John Matthews 21.00
Moodyville Saw Mill Co. 206.23
News Advertiser 93.05
VanVolkenburgh & Bro. 16.30
Charles Nelson 48.65
T. I. Woodaman 4.05
S. T. Tilley 25.00
John Scuitto 25.14
Fraser & Leonard 8.00
C. P. Tel Co .30
J. Miller 3.50
Owen Hughes 437.00
A. Lenton 2.00
J. Polloch 101.50
John Robinson .85
D. L. Beckingsale 15.00
Hayes & McIntosh 69.01
Electric Illuminating Co. 191.75
Vancouver Wine Co. 6.25
Thos. Dunn & Co. 6.10
Thos. Dunn & Co. 14.50

Thos. Dunn & Co. 41.63
Abrams & McLean 44.00

Reports
Police

The Police Committee met on Thursday July 5th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:-

F. X. Martin, Groceries \$59.17
San Juan Lime Co. 1.50
V. W. Haywood, Fares 3.00

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VanVolkenburgh & Bro., Meat \$16.75
John Matthews, Drayage 50 cts
S. McLean, Guard 10.00
John Scuitto, Bread 30.60
Thos. Dunn & Co. Axes etc 5.50
W. J. McGuigan, Examination 5.00
James McKeown, Drayage 1.00
James Peak, Guard etc. 52.50

Sgd., D. Oppenheimer, Acting Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall.
That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

Report No. 12

Health

The Health Committee met on Thursday July 5th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Robert Cummings \$110.00
J. J. Owens 95.00
Neil McGuinis 20.00
B. F. Garland 20.00
F. X. Martin 115.09
F. W. Hart 25.45
Hayes & McIntosh 51.07
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. 3.00
McDowell & Co. 25.81
H. Greenburgh 9.00
Campbell & Martin 10.50

Thos. Dunn & Co. 23 cts
Charles Nelson 19.50
Vancouver Wharfage Co. 15.75

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Joseph Brown 8.00
Robert Robertson 183.20
F. C. Birks 10.20
W. J. McGuigan 10.00
W. J. Smith 75 cts
Thos. J. James 15.00
Louis Colby 237.00
R. C. P. Mills Co. 1.44
P. C. Brown 24.15
P. Peebles 189.00
W. J. Brewer 20.00
L. Mulholland 1.50

We have considered Mr. H. Abbott's communication regarding the terms upon which C. P. R. Patients would be admitted into the City Hospital.

We would beg to recommend that the figure be placed at the rate of \$5.00 per week for each patient.

As the City Hospital is now about completed this Committee would beg to be empowered to purchase the necessary furniture therefor and that the Chairman be authorized to purchase drugs and such appliances as he may consider requisite for the working of the medical department of the institution.

The Medical Health Officer reports that parties are connecting with surface drains for the purpose of running off slops etc. thereby

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endangering the public health of the City and recommending that steps be taken to prevent such connections.

In accordance with said report we would recommend that Council take steps to prevent the drains from being used except for the purpose of carrying of surface water.

Sgd., J. M. Lefevre, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Brighthouse.
That the report of the Health Committee be adopted. Carried.

Finance No. 14

The Finance Committee met on Thursday July 5th 1888 and beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts:-

Herald Printing & Publishing Co. 28.50
C. P. Telegraph Co. .40
Stephen Saunders 18.50
ditto, 11.00

The City Engineer has furnished a statement to this Committee showing that the cost of improving Burrard, Nelson, Smithe and Powell Streets according to tenders submitted to Council by the Board of Works would be \$4,132.00; said statement being satisfactory to the Board we would beg to recommend

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that the contracts be signed and the works proceed with.

Sgd., J. M. Lefevre, for Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That the Report of the Board of Finance be adopted. Carried.

Works No. 22

The Board of Works met on Friday July 6th 1888 and beg to report that a number of applications have been received for the position of Caretaker for the Public Cemetery. We would beg to recommend that Alexander McDonald be appointed to the position at a salary of \$35.00 per month.

We have instructed the City Engineer to report upon the petitions of E. Stevenson et al, S. K. Twigg et al, John Callow et al and Messrs Prior and Green.

We beg to recommend that Mr. A. E. McCartney be paid one hundred dollars on account of superintending the construction of the City Hospital, pending the decision of the Board as to the amount to be finally paid him.

We would also recommend that Mr. James B. Babbington be paid

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\$2.50 per day not including Sundays from the date of his engagement as Street Inspector.

We further recommend:-

1. That Quebec Street be graded about 600 feet further and that the contract therefor be awarded to H. Connacher at 21 cts per foot.
2. That Howe and Hornby Streets be graded full width from Nelson to Davie Street.
3. That tenders be called for the grading of Oppenheimer and Hastings Street 20 feet wide from the end of present work to Campbell Avenue.

4. That Nelson Street be graded 20 feet wide.
5. That tenders be called for the grading of Barclay Street full width from Burrard to Bute about 1200 ft.
6. That James Hartney be paid for clearing along English Bay, cutting trail to the big trees and to Siwash Rock.
7. That Stevenson and McCraney be paid for improvements on Georgia Street between Granville and Burrard Street.

Tenders

The following tenders have been received for Street improvements.

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Georgia Street Sidewalk

Ironside and McRae 32 ½ c per ft

D. McAlister 29 c per ft

C. Goodmurphy 29 ½ c per ft

Eveleigh Street

James Dunlop,

Grading per ft 50 cts

Culverts per m ft 15.00

Alfred Bunker,

Grading per ft 36 cts

Logs per ft 5 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

Howe Street

C. Goodmurphy.

Grading per ft 22 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.50

James Dunlop,

Grading per ft 30 cts

Culverts per m ft 15.00

Haro Street

H. Connacher,

Grading per foot 43 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.00

James Hartney,

Grading per ft 35 cts

Culverts per m ft 16.50

Alfred Bunker,

Grading per ft 33 cts
Logs per ft 5 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
C. Goodmurphy
Grading per ft 34 ½ cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00

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Boyd and Clandening,
Grading per ft 44 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
McDonald and Cameron,
Grading per ft 38 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00

Richards Street

F. Foubert,
Grading per foot 35 cts
Logs per foot 7 cts
Culverts per m foot 14.00
H. Comacher,
Grading per ft 43 cts
Logs per ft 7 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
A. Longo & Co.,
Grading per ft 80 cts
Culverts per m ft 17.00
McDonald and Cameron,
Grading per ft 45 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Alfred Bunker,
Grading per ft 41 cts
Logs per ft 7 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Tierney & McDonald,
Grading per ft 43 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00
Boyd & Clandening,
Grading per ft 39 cts
Culverts per m ft 16.00

We recommend that the contract be awarded as follows:-

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Eveleigh and Haro Streets to A. Bunker, Georgia Street Sidewalk to D. McAlister, Richards Street to F. Foubert, Howe Street to C. Goodmurphy.

In connection with the above works, the City Engineer reports the cost as follows:-

Georgia Street Sidewalk, \$783.00
Eveleigh Street 232.00
Howe Street 133.40
Haro Street 927.00
Richards Street 1388.00

Of this amount 2767.40 will be expended in Ward No 1 and \$694.00 in Ward No. 2.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:-

McDonald & Cameron, Box drains 201.74
James Ironside, Prior Street 98.42
D. McAlister, Melville Street 120.00
H. Connacher, Quebec Street 369.45
Stephen Dominick, Seaton St 300.00
(ditto) Stephen Dominick, Seymour St 562.14
Bell and Taylor, Powell Street 388.80
Stephenson & McCraney, Gravel 1068.70
(ditto) Stephenson & McCraney, Georgia Street 1525.50
H. Blyth, Street Work 372.80
Hallowell & Joyce, Tank 279.00
James Reid, Hawkes Av. 84.87

Sgd., S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer Clark seconded by Alderman Dougall.

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That the Board of Works report be amended and that Oppenheimer and Hastings Streets be graded full width to Campbell Avenue and sidewalks laid down on one side of each the same width as ones now laid down. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That Richards Street be graded full width from Georgia Street to Pacific Street and one sidewalk laid down. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Humphries. That Howe Street be graded full width from Georgia Street to Pacific Street and one sidewalk laid thereon. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the contract for the grading of Richards Street be not awarded but that new tenders be called for the grading of the street full width according to resolution. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That Westminster Av. be graded past Thirteenth Ave.

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and a bridge constructed across the gorge.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the matter be laid over for one week to give the Board of Works an opportunity to inspect the ground. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Coldwell. That the Report of the Board of Works as amended be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the motion placing Alderman Clark on the Board of Works be rescinded. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Dougall. That Alderman Coldwell and McConnell be placed on the Board of Works. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark. That Alderman McConnell be placed on the Board of Health and Police

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and Alderman Coldwell on the Police and Fire, Water, & Light. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the Board of Works be authorized to have plans and specifications prepared for the construction of the Bridge across False Creek at the foot of Granville Street and that the construction of this Bridge be proceeded with as soon as possible. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark. That the account for Special Police amounting to \$22.50 be paid. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk