

Vancouver house numbering will cost 25 cents – May 14, 1888

The streets inspector to collect from the house owners twenty five cents per building on which a street number has been placed. Ten acres of "The Park" [Stanley Park] placed under control of the Athletic Association. Introduction of a by-law to provide fire escapes in hotels.

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Vancouver May 14th 1888

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From City Treasurer regarding instructions re accepting a draft in payment of Hose Reels.

From A. G. Ferguson asking leave to withdraw his petition asking for a franchise to run street railways.

From H. Abbott informing Council that the Sunday Train Service would be resumed on the 20th inst. Filed.

From McGirr and McKinnon drawing the attention of Council to some needed repairs in the vicinity of the Sunnyside Hotel. Referred to the Board of Works.

From A. G. Harvey Secretary of the Foot Ball Club asking that Council grant 10 acres of the Government Reserve at Brockton Point for Recreation Grounds.

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From A. H. B. McGowan, Secretary of the Board of Trade enclosing a resolution on the question of granting franchises to street railways. Filed.

From the Special Committee on Street Railway By-Law, giving their report and begging to be discharged.
Filed.

Reports

F. W. & L. No. 11

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Thursday May 10th 1888 and recommend:

(1) That the following accounts be paid:

F. X. Martin, Coal Oil \$3.50
W. Beavers 10.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. 9.65
Telephone Co. 4.00
Electric Illuminating Co. 192.75
F. W. Hart 25 cts
C. M. Hawley 7.00
John McAllister 4.22
J. H. Carlisle 8.75
Joseph Hooper 8.25
H. Arkell 10.40
Palmer Bros. 12.00
A. Godfrey & Co. 84.00
McLennon & McFeely 5.25
Byron Nunamaker 18.00

(2) That a tank, 13 feet deep, be constructed for fire purposes at the corner of Georgia and Thurlow Streets and that specifications be prepared

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and tenders called for at once

(3) That the Chairman of the Board ascertain the cost of inaugurating a night telephone service and report fully to Council, also that he inquire as to the cost of getting a supply of coal for the fire hall.

(4) That Thomas Simpson's Salary be increased to \$60.00 per month to date from the 1st of June.

(5) That tenders be invited for the supplying of feed for the fire engine team for three months.

(6) That the Fire Inspector be instructed to cause all premises to be cleared of rubbish etc. and that the land approaches be placed in proper condition.

Sgd., J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the Report of the Fire, Water & Light Committee be adopted. Carried.

Police No. 5

The Police Committee met on Wednesday May 9th 1888 and beg to make the following recommendations to Council:

(1) That Joseph Huntly be appointed Police Court Clerk at a Salary of \$10.00 per month to date from the first

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day of May inst.

(2) That the Salaries of the Police Officer's be increased as follows:-

Chief of Police \$20.00 per month

Sergeant of Police 10.00 per month

Officer Abray 10.00 per month

Officer Fyfe 10.00 per month

John Clough (Caretaker) 5.00 per month

Such increase to date from the 1st day of June.

(3) That Officer Fyfe be placed on the regular force.

(4) That the following accounts be paid.

F. X. Martin, Groceries, \$31.53

Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies 41.85

John Scuitto, Bread, 30.26

H. McDowell & Co., Medicine 75 cts

Van Volkenburgh & Bro, Meat 17.70

W. C. Marshall 4.00

D. L. Beckingsale Inquests 10.00

H. E. Langis Inquests 15.00

W. J. McGuigan Inquests 20.00

McLennon & McFeely 9.35

John M. Stewart fares. 2.00

We have adopted a code or regulation for the guidance of the Police Force which will be printed in pamphlet form in due course.

Sgd., D. Oppenheimer, for Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Dougall. That the Police Report be adopted. Carried.

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Works No. 17

The Board of Works met on Friday May 11th 1888 and beg to report that the following tenders have been received.

For Land on corner of Heatley Avenue and Powell Street:

Mr. Blank \$1,600.00
James Ironside 518.00
Geo. McKay 684.00
James Dunlop 470.00
McDonald & Cameron 575.00
C. C. Weldon 695.00

Painting City Hospital

Clark and Werk \$400.00
McGarrigle and Davis 370.00
John Slade 400.00
A. J. Marks 415.00
Sansom & Co. 476.00

Abbott Street Approach

Armstrong & Wescott
Piles in position \$3.00 each
Lumber in position \$19.00 per m.
James Ironside
Plank in position \$14.45 per m.
Piles per ft. 15 cts.

Seymour Street

Stephen Dominick
Grading etc per ft 54 cts.
Box Culverts per m. ft \$16.50

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R. H. Comacher
Grading etc per ft 59 cts.
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00
James Stewart
Grading etc per ft 60 cts.
Culverts per m ft \$16.00
Stephenson & McCraney
Grading etc per ft 68 cts.
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00

Planking Heatley Av.

McDonald & Cameron per m ft 14.00
C. C. Weldon per m ft 14.95
McKay & Culby per m ft 14.00

Geo McKay per m ft 13.85
James Ironsides per m ft 13.80
Boyd and Clandening per m ft 13.85
Joseph Shannon per m ft 15.90

Seaton Street

Joseph Shannon,
Grading etc per ft 75 cts
Bridges & Culverts per m ft 17.00
Stephenson & McCraney,
Grading per ft 81 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00
James Stewart
Grading per ft 60 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 16.00
R. H. Connacher,
Grading per ft 78 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00
Boyd & Clandening
Grading etc per ft 81 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 17.00

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A. McLellan,
Grading etc per ft 59 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 18.00

Beach Avenue,

R. H. Connacher,
Grading per ft 43 cts
Box Culverts per m ft 18.00
Rustic Rail per ft 15 cts
Cedar per ft 7 cts
James Stewart
Grading etc per ft 60 cts
Culverts per m ft 14.00
Boyd and Clandening
Grading etc per ft 36 cts
Culverts per m ft \$14.00
Rustic Rail per ft 26 cts
Cedar Logs per ft 10 cts

We recommend that the following tenders be accepted:-

For Supreme Street S. Dominick
For Painting City Hospital McGarrigle & Davis
For Water Tank James Dunlop
For Planking Heatley Av. James Ironside
For Seaton Street James Stewart
For Abbott Street Approach James Ironside

We further recommend:-

- (1) That tenders be called for the flushing of the Sewers at so much per flushing tank.
- (2) That the City Engineer be empowered to engage a Street Inspector.
- (3) That the City Hospital be insured for a term of three years.

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- (4) That tenders be called for the grading and planking or gravelling of the two lanes running from Carroll Street to Granville Street, North of Hastings Street.
- (5) That the Vancouver Water Works Cos pipes be placed in the position as per memorandum attached.
- (6) That a Water tank be constructed at the corner of Georgia and Thurlow Streets.
- (7) That the following accounts be paid:
W. Beavers Iron Stakes, \$18.00
Dunn & Ferguson Street Work, 11.20
John Lovett, Street Work, 19.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. Nails 3.80
Brunette Saw Mill Co. 53 cts
- (8) That tenders be called forthwith for the construction of the proposed bridge across Coal Harbour.

Sgd., H. Bell-Irving, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Alexander. That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

By-Laws.

Alderman Oppenheimer introduced a By-Law to provide for Fire Escapes in Hotels etc. which was read a first time.

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Motions.

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the following accounts be paid:-

Wm. Harkins, final on Cambie St \$174.59
J. W. Cameron, Street Crossings 254.60
A. McLellan, Burning Roots 63.00
F. Foubert, final on Granville St 18.50

McDonald & Cameron, final on Granville St 83.26
McDonald & Cameron, final on planking Cambie St 1,003.88
H. F. Keefer, Street Gravelling 90.00

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Humphries.

That the City Treasurer be instructed to accept draft on the City in payment of two hose carts, amounting to \$364.00. Carried. Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Dougall.

That the Board of Works be empowered to repair Westminster Road within the City limits. Carried. Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Brighthouse.

That the Street Inspector Mr. Huntly, be instructed to collect 25 cents from the owners of every building on which a street number has been placed according to the provisions of the By-Law. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Bell-Irving.

That the City Solicitor be instructed to consider the best mode of giving the Athletic Association Control of 10 or more acres of the Park for the Special purposes of the Association. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Bell-Irving seconded by Alderman Brighthouse.

That the Finance Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of increasing the Salary of the City Engineer. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Bell-Irving.

That the Board of Works be instructed to consider the prayer of Messrs McGirr and McKinnon asking that the space on the Street between the approach to the City Wharf and the Sunnyside Hotel be cleansed and covered in and if deemed advisable to have the work done. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Humphries.

That tenders be called for the grading and planking or gravelling of the lane running from Powell Street to Oppenheimer Street between Columbia Avenue and Carroll Street. Carried.

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Notice of Motion.

Alderman Humphries gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a motion to call for tenders for the privilege of constructing street railways in the City of Vancouver.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. McGuigan, City Clerk