

Vancouver corners chosen for fire hydrants, electric lights – October 9, 1888

Intersections chosen for installation of electric lights and fire hydrants. Contractors agree to have debris along Stanley Park road disposed of by city, and the cost deducted from final payment. Hiring of cook and temporary nurse for new hospital approved.

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Vancouver Oct 9th 1888

A Special meeting of the City Council called for general business, was held on Tuesday October 9th 1888. Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Alexander, Brighthouse, Clark, Couth, Dougall, Humphries, McConnell, Lefevre and Oppenheimer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. W. McFarland, Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co. acknowledging communication from City Clerk giving location of hydrants and containing an offer for water for all other purposes than fire protection. Filed.

From J. W. McFarland, Secretary of Vancouver Water Works Co. accepting offer from City Council. Referred to City Solicitor.

From A. M. Robertson, Esq. M. D. Secretary of Medical Board furnishing report on Hospital. Referred to Board of Health.

From J. Miller et al praying for the improvement of the lane in Block 36, Subdivision of 541. Referred to Board of Works.

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From Robert Barker soliciting the insurance of addition to the City Hall and School house. Referred to Finance Committee.

From C. H. Temple et al praying that a sidewalk be laid on Richards St from Georgia to Pacific Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From James Codville et al asking for permission to use the City Hall on Wednesday evening at 8 P.M. Leave granted on motion of Alderman Clark seconded by Ald. Lefevre.

From A. L. Muir asking for the payment of \$50.00 on behalf of D. McLachlan for damages done to his house on Hornby Street by blasting. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Michael Costello et al asking that Westminster Avenue be filled to grade between Johnston Street and Bridge. Referred to Board of Works.

From M. Rhodes et al asking that the sidewalk be extended on Melville Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From D. H. King withdrawing from his tender for the improvement of Hastings Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Rounsefell & Co offering to sell Lots 24 to 35 in Block 28, District Lot 541 for \$11,560.00 to be used as a market site for the City.

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Accounts

The following accounts were read and referred to their several Committees:-

Moodyville Saw Mill Co. \$157.05
Leamy and Kyle 99.45
Charles Nelson 2.50
Brunette Saw Mill Co. 2.70
Morrow and McDonald 17.75
Thos. J. James 61.77
E. S. Scoullar & Co. 18.50
News Advertiser 230.35
C. P. Telegraph Co 2.45
J. Miller 1.75
F. X. Martin 144.28
Van Volkenburgh & Bro. 17.85
Telephone Co. 37.00
Veysey and Creelman 7.45
Vancouver Electric Ill Co. 192.75
S. T. Tilley 24.60
Wm. Murphy 32.50
Tattersalls Stables 29.00
F. W. Hart 15.00
Van Wharfage Co. 7.50
Royal City Planing 268.93
McLennan and McFeely 19.50
Palmer Bros. 29.00

F. W. Hart 3.00
Frye & Co. 5.45
Frank Baker 30.00
Hayes & McIntosh 30.17
F.K. Winch 2.50
W. L. Leonard & Co. 43.00
R. Matthison 57.75
Starrett and Leatherdale 7.50
Thos. Dunn & Co. 2.70
Berry & Co. 4.00

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Vancouver City Foundry 2.28
J.A. Green 22.93
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 4.09
J. A. Kemp 10.98
W. J. Smith 1.50
Queen Bros 13.00
Berry & Co. 8.00
W. A. Cumyow 2.50
John Matthews 2.50
Wharfage Co. 1.00

Reports

F. W. & L. No 19

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Thursday October 4th 1888 and beg to report that the following locations have been selected for the Electric Lights

Street Corner Candle Power

- 1 On the corner of Hastings and Carrall 40
- 2 On the corner of Oppenheimer and Railway 40
- 3 On the corner of Powell and Columbia 40
- 4 On the corner of Alexander and Columbia 40
- 5 On the corner of Cordova and Carrall 40
- 6 On the corner of Cordova and Abbott 40
- 7 On the corner of Cordova and Cambie 40
- 8 On the corner of Cordova and Richards 40
- 9 On the corner of Water and Cambie 40
- 10 On the corner of Water and Abbott 40
- 11 On the corner of Hastings and Granville 40
- 12 On the corner of Hastings and Cambie 40
- 13 On the corner of Granville and Dunsmuir 40
- 14 On the corner of Carrall and Dupont 40

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Street Corner Candle Power

- 15 Junction of Powell, Carrall and Water 40
- 16 On the corner of Cordova and Granville 32
- 17 On the corner of Cordova and Homer
- 18 On the corner of Carrall and Water
- 19 On the corner of Hastings and Seymour
- 20 On the corner of Hastings and Richards
- 21 On the corner of Hastings and Homer
- 22 On the corner of Hastings and Burrard
- 23 On the corner of Hastings and Howe
- 24 On the corner of Hastings and Columbia
- 25 On the corner of Hastings and Westminster
- 26 On the corner of Hastings and Dunlevy
- 27 On the corner of Granville and Georgia
- 28 On the corner of Granville and Robson
- 29 On the corner of Cordova and Howe
- 30 On the corner of Granville and Davie
- 31 On the corner of Granville and Drake
- 32 On the corner of Granville and Pacific
- 33 On the corner of Granville St Bridge
- 34 On the corner of Pender and Seymour
- 35 On the corner of Georgia and Richards
- 36 On the corner of Georgia and Homer
- 37 On the corner of Georgia and Seymour
- 38 On the corner of Dunsmuir and Richards
- 39 On the corner of Dunsmuir and Howe
- 40 On the corner of Thurlow and Seaton
- 41 On the corner of Thurlow and Georgia
- 42 On the corner of Robson and Seymour
- 43 On the corner of Royal City Mills
- 44 On the corner of Alexander and Westminster
- 45 On the corner of Alexander and Gore
- 46 On the corner of Alexander and Dunlevy

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Street Corner Candle Power

- 15 Junction of Powell, Carrall and Water 40
- 16 On the corner of Cordova and Granville 32
- 47 On the corner of Powell and Westminster 32
- 48 On the corner of Powell and Gore 32
- 49 On the corner of Powell and Jackson 32
- 50 On the corner of Oppenheimer and Columbia 32
- 51 On the corner of Oppenheimer & Westminster 32

52 On the corner of Oppenheimer and Gore 32
53 On the corner of Oppenheimer & Dunlevy 32
54 On the corner of Dupont and Columbia 32
55 On the corner of Dupont and Westminster 32
56 On the corner of Westminster & Keefer 32
57 On the corner of Westminster and Howe 32
58 On the corner of Westminster and Prior 32
59 On the corner of Westminster and Burrard 32
60 On the corner of Westminster North End of Bridge 32
61 On the corner of Pender and Bute 20
62 On the corner of Pender and Burrard 20
63 On the corner of Pender and Howe 20
64 On the corner of Pender and Granville 20
65 On the corner of Pender and Richards 20
66 On the corner of Pender and Homer 20
67 On the corner of Pender and Hamilton 20
68 On the corner of Pender and Cambie 20
69 On the corner of Pender and Abbott 20
70 On the corner of Hastings and Hornby 20
71 On the corner of Hastings and Abbott 20
72 On the corner of Hastings and Gore 20
73 On the corner of Hastings and Jackson 20
74 On the corner of Hastings and Carl 20
75 On the corner of Dunsmuir and Seymour 20
76 On the corner of Dunsmuir and Homer 20

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Street Corner Candle Power

77 On the corner of Dunsmuir & Hamilton 20
78 On the corner of Dunsmuir and Cambie 20
79 On the corner of Georgia and Burrard 20
80 On the corner of Georgia and Bute 20
81 On the corner of Georgia and Jervis 20
82 On the corner of Georgia and Homer 20
83 On the corner of Georgia and Hamilton 20
84 On the corner of Nelson and Hornby 20
85 On the corner of Nelson and Howe 20
86 On the corner of Granville and Helmcken 20
87 On the corner of Granville and Smithe 20
88 On the corner of Seymour and Davie 20
89 On the corner of Seymour and Drake 20
90 On the corner of Seymour and Pacific 20
91 On the corner of Drake and Richards 20
92 On the corner of Georgia and Pender 20
93 On the corner of Drake and Hornby 20
94 On the corner of Davie and Homer 20

95 On the corner of Gore and Harris 20
96 On the corner of Park Avenue Center of Block 24 20
97 On the corner of Alexander and Jackson 20
98 On the corner of Alexander and Carl 20
99 On the corner of Alexander and Heatley 20
100 On the corner of Dunlevy North of Railway 20
101 On the corner of Powell and Carl 20
102 On the corner of Powell and Dunlevy 20
103 On the corner of Powell and Heatley 20
104 On the corner of Powell and Hawkes 20
105 On the corner of Oppenheimer & Jackson 20
106 On the corner of Dupont and Gore 20
107 On the corner of Dupont and Dunlevy 20
108 On the corner of South end of False Creek Bridge 20

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Street Corner Candle Power

109 On the corner of Westminster & Seventh 20
110 On the corner of Westminster & Lansdowne 20

Sgd. J. Humphries, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Couth seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That three lights be added to the list of Electric Lights and that they be located as follows:

111 On the corner of Westminster and Front 20
112 On the corner of Westminster and Lorne 20
113 On the corner of Westminster and Sixth 20

said lights to be of 20 candle power each. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the report of the Fire, Water, and Light Committee as amended be adopted. Carried.

Works No 33

The Board of Works met on Tuesday Oct. 9th 1888 and beg to recommend:

1. That A. W. Simpson's application be refused.
2. That a sidewalk be constructed from the end of the present sidewalk on Westminster Avenue to Tenth Avenue if there are funds available for the purpose.

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3. That Mr. R. G. Tatlow be requested to submit a plan and particulars of what he requires re the closing of Forbes Street.
4. That the City Engineer examine and report upon the filling up of Dupont Street between Carrall Street and Columbia Av.
5. That no action be taken in regard to the petition of John Callon for the construction of a drain between Westminster Columbia Avenue and the lane east of Carrall Street as the same will pass through private property.
6. That desks be made for the school house on the South Side of False Creek and that a well be dug and a woodshed water closet and fence erected forthwith.
7. That a ten foot sidewalk be constructed on Granville Street from the end of Hotel Vancouver Sidewalk to Robson Street estimated cost of \$120.00 if funds are available.
8. That Hornby Street be graded full width one block as petitioned for if funds be available and a three planked sidewalk laid on Drake Street from Granville to Hornby on the South Side and from Drake to Pacific on the east side of Hornby cost including grading about \$207.40.
9. That the resignation of D. S. Adams Bridge Inspector be accepted and the balance due him paid him.
10. That the City Engineer be instructed to examine and report upon the filling of Westminster Avenue to grade between Johnston Street and the Bridge.

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11. That a sidewalk be built on Richards Street from Georgia Street to Pacific Street at a cost of \$950.00 and that Hastings Street be filled from Abbott to Cambie at a cost of \$728.00 and Cambie Street from Hastings Street to Cordova at a cost of \$283.00.
12. That the City Engineer be instructed to report upon the cost of grading the alley between Dunlevy and Gore in Block 56 and also the cost of constructing a small bridge in alley in Block 5.
13. That the application of Robert Marrion to connect with sewers be referred to the Health Inspector.
14. That the remainder of Lot 14, Block 64 District Lot 185 be purchased from E. Crow Baker at a cost of \$500.00.
15. That the trees be planted on the streets at equal distances apart and at certain distances from the sidewalks to be governed by the width of the streets.

16. That the following accounts be passed:
P. H. Campbell Street Work \$15.00
Joseph Dixon, Extras in School \$10.00

The following tenders were received.

Repairs to False Creek Bridge

J. A. Gow

Plank laid per m ft \$17.90

Iron per lb 10 cts

Goodmurphy & McLellan

Plank laid per m ft \$17.75

Iron per lbs 10 cts

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Hugh Macdonald

Plank laid per m ft \$22.00

Iron per lb. 8 cts

Spikes per lb. 3 cts

Lowering of Hastings Street

A. Bunker

Grading per ft \$1.80

R. H. King

Grading per ft \$1.40

Hospital Fence,

Thomson and Ellison

picket fence per l ft. 37 cts

Board fence per l ft. 28 cts

James Stanford

Lump Sum \$550.00

Donald McAlister

picket fence per l ft. 31 cts

Board fence per l ft. 27 cts

We recommend that the tenders be awarded as follows:

False Creek Bridge J. A. Gow

Hastings Street R. K. King

Hospital Fence D. McAlister

We recommend that James Hartney be allowed to withdraw from the completion of his contracts on Sections 2, 3 & 4 of the Park Road and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a submission to arbitration between said Hartney and the City to ascertain the sum required to complete said contracts which sum when so found shall be deducted from the balance due said Hartney on said contracts.

Two persons, one selected by Hartney

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and the other by the City to be arbitrators with power in case of disagreement to appoint an umpire and if said arbitrators fail to agree upon such umpire application shall be made to the Judge of the County Court to name such umpire and we further recommend that the arbitrators for the City be selected by his Worship the Mayor.

Sgd., S. Brighthouse, Chairman

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

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Clark introduced a By-Law to amend By-Law No 8, regulating the sale and manufacture of opium which was read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the City accept \$40.00 from Messrs Boyd and Clandening in lieu of burning on Sections 1 and 5 and take the contracts of their hands. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Clark. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the agreement with the Vancouver Water Works Co. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the present By-Law to sum \$15,000 for the purchase of a market site on Westminster Avenue be withdrawn and a new By-Law introduced for the purchase of Lots 14 to 35 in Block 28 District Lot 541 to be used for the same purpose. Motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the Balance of the appropriation for Park purposes be placed under the control of the Park Committee to be by them expended for such purposes as they may deem proper. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Couth. That the City subscribe for the Vancouver Daily World and that same be kept on file in the City offices. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Clark. That Thos. O. Allen be appointed Bridge Inspector in place of D. S. Adams resigned and that his salary be fixed at \$100.00 per month and that he be engaged subject to summary dismissal if deemed necessary. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Board of Works be empowered to spend the \$500.00 allowable

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for the purchase of trees and planting and boxing of same. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Couth. That the Chairman of the Board of Health be empowered to engage a temporary cook & a temporary nurse for assistance in the new city hospital and that he arrange with the Porter in regard to the amount of wages to be paid him and that he get the books ordered and have telephone put into the hospital. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That the following accounts be paid.

Thos. F. McGuigan, Telegrams \$1.00
Nicholles & Renouf, Wagon 121.00
C. P. R. Navigation Co., Freight 3.50
C. P. R. Co., freight on Bell 12.60
C. P. R. Co., freight on drugs 7.46

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Alexander seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the following accounts be paid:

Jacob Weiss, Carpenter Work \$7.50
Dufour & Co. fire works 15.00
H. McDonald, Going after flag 2.50

Carried.

By-Laws

The Council resumed the Committee of the Whole on Dog Tax By-Law with Alderman Humphries in the Chair.

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The By-Law was finally read in Committee after which the Committee rose to report By-Law to Council.

The By-Law was read a third time on motion of Alderman Alexander and numbered 67.

It was ordered to be signed sealed and gazetted on motion of Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Lefevre.

Notices of By-Laws

Alderman Lefevre gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law to give permission to George Turner and H. P. McCraney on behalf of themselves and other citizens to construct and operate a Street Railway on certain streets in the city.

Alderman Alexander gave notice that he intended to introduce a By-Law to raise a sum not exceeding \$ [no sum provided] for the purpose of providing a suitable site in the central portion of the City for a post office.

The Board then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk