

Vancouver accountant and street superintendent hired - April 8, 1889

Estimates of income and expenses for the year received from all City departments. City Accountant and Superintendent of Streets hired.

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Vancouver April 8th 1889

The Council met on Monday April 8th 1889 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Clark, Costello, Horne, McConnell, Oppenheimer and Salisbury.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co informing Council that as soon as the District already supplied with water pipes is in active Service, they will take the question up of supplying Mount Pleasant with water. Filed.

From F. C. Innes making a proposition to grade etc. the North east corner of Hastings and Burrard Streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Fire Brigade asking to be exempt from Poll Tax. Referred to Finance Committee.

From W. D. Le Suer re P.O. Letter Boxes. Filed.

Works No 10

The Board of Works met on Thursday April 4th 1889.

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Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, McConnell and Oppenheimer.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Robert Rutherford, Street Work \$9.00

Keefer & McGillivray, Bridge 40.00

Henderson & Couth, Seed 9.00

Harry Dunn, Work on Sewers 14.00

DL. Gow, Repairs on Bridge 118.49

Tattersall's Stables, Buggy hire 4.00

R. Mathison, Printing 19.15

John Robinson, Saw Filing .25 ct

H. Blyth et al, Street Work 36.10

2. That Michael Costello be permitted to lift the sidewalk on Dupont Street while excavating a cellar, subject to the regulations of the street By-Law.

3. That Messrs Goodmurphy & McLellan be notified to complete their contract on Dunlevy Avenue and if they fail to do so that tenders be called for the completion of the same.

4. That a sidewalk six feet wide be constructed on Carl Avenue.

5. That Lot one, Block ten, 182 be purchased for \$500.00 for the purpose of strengthening Hastings Street east.

Several petitions for street improvement etc. have been received but consideration of them has been deferred for the present.

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At a Special meeting of the Board on Friday the 6th inst it was resolved to notify Mr. J. P. Blake to remove or raze his premises on Carrall Street within 24 hours from date of notice being served on him.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello. That the report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Finance No 10

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 5th 1889.

Present His Worship, Mayor Oppenheimer, Alderman Salisbury, Costello and Clark.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Park Committee

Henry Avison et al Work on Park \$218.10
Mallandine & Samson, Coms. 15.60
F. Young, Estimate on Park Lodge 250.00
Board of Works

John Robinson, Saw filing .25 cts
Robert Mathison, Printing \$15.75
Tattersall's Stables, Buggy hire 4.00
DL. Gow. Repairs to Bridge 118.49
Harry Dunn, flushing Sewers 14.00
Henderson & Couth, Gross Seed 9.00
Keefer & McGillivray, Bridge 40.00

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Telephone Co. 4.00

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R. Mathison, Printing \$15.75
C. P. Telegraph Co. 3.20
F. W. Hart, Window blinds 12.50
Dominion Express Co. 40 cts
S. T. Tilley, Stationery 15.65
E. S. Scoullar & Co. Doz Cots 18.00
Vancouver Electric Ill Co. 27.05
J. Miller rent of P. O. Box 2.00
Palmer Bros. Coal 16.50
Thomson Bros. Stationery 8.00

2. That the City Clerk be instructed to reply to Miss Bowes' communication to the effect that as the corporation has entered into a contract for one year for the City Advertising that the request cannot be entertained.

3. That in compliance with the petition of the Typographical Union that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Manager of the World Printing and Publishing Co requesting him to have the City Printing done in the City and at the same time ascertain when he expects to have a printing plant set up, suitable for carrying out the job work tendered on by him.

4. That the City Auditor be communicated with requesting him to explain in what manner subsection one of Section four of the City Charter has been violated.

5. That J. M. Browning Esq Land Commissioner be informed that the

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Corporation will accept the site offered by him for a public drinking fountain at the intersection of Hastings and Carrall Streets and will agree to erect a fountain thereon.

6. That \$250.00 be granted by Council in aid of the Vancouver Free Reading Room.

7. That the consideration of the purchase of Lot 1, Block 10, 182, as recommended by the Board of Works be deferred for the present.

8. That Mr. Prentice, Local Secretary of the British Columbia Smelting Co. be informed that as soon as 1,000 tons of ore has been crushed, reduced and treated the corporation will then investigate and if the other terms of the Agreement are satisfactorily carried out that the Corporation will be prepared to execute their part of the Agreement as entered into with Mr. Vautin.

9. That the City Solicitor be instructed to enter an appearance for the City in an action at the Suit of Samuel D. Schmidt.

10. That no action be taken towards the purchase of copies of the West Shore or the Magazine represented by E. W. Beggar of Montreal as there are no funds available for the purpose.

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The Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the current year were prepared by His Worship, the Mayor and furnished to your Committee and are herewith submitted for adoption by Council.

Sgd. W. S. Salisbury, Chairman

Estimated Receipts

Cash on hand January 1st 1889 5,828.95
Licenses 17,600.00
Police 5,000.00
Cemetery 600.00
Hospital 800.00
Taxes Arrears 4,850.44
Sundries 200.00
Dog Tax 100.00
Trade License 4,000.00
Provincial Government Aid 3,500.00
do do Refund 1,747.98
Assessment Roll \$62,558.57 62,558.57
Total \$106,785.94

Estimated Expenditure

Debenture Revenue
Outstanding Accounts 1888 3,780.87
Finance Committee Estimates 46,701.40

Board of Works do 117,190.00 5,408.00
Fire, Water & Light do 3,860.00 11,429.00
Board of Health do 2,300.00 6,498.00
Police do 9,515.00
125,000 Loan ½ year 4,411.65
Uncollected Taxes 5,000.00
Total \$123,350.00 \$90,743.92

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Finance Committee
(Revenue)

Salaries \$4,720.60
Fixed Debt, Interest ½ Smelting 881.50
Sinking Fund 26,061.67
Insurance 120.00
Stationery, Printing & Advertising 2,000.00
Telephone City Hall 48.00
Lights do 262.00
Fuel do 425.00
Commission on Exchange 155.24
Revision of Voters List 70.00
Election Expenses 100.00
School Tax 1,857.99
Contingencies 10,000.00
Total \$46,707.40

Board of Works

Revenue Debenture
Salaries 5,208.00
Pound Site 390.00
Scuitto corner 400.00
House for Pound 400.00
Contingencies for streets etc. 1,500.00
Street Improvements 50,000.00
West Park, 2 fountains 5,000.00
East Park, Clearing for Exhibition 5,000.00
Sewerage 25,000.00
Rock Crusher & Co. 4,000.00
Market and Scales 20,000.00
Scavenger System
Trees for Arbor Day 500.00
Surface Drains 5,000.00
Stationery 200.00
Total 5408.00 117,190.00

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Fire, Water & Light

Revenue Debenture

Salaries 2,160.00

Fire Hall Lots 800.00

Fire Alarm System 1,600.00

Fire Hose (1,000 ft) 1,000.00

Painting Fire Hall 150.00

Repairs 160.00

Tools 50.00

2 Hose Houses 300.00

1 Dozen Lamps 32.00

Feed of 2 Horses & Shoeing 450.00

Fuel and oil & waste 500.00

Telephone 48.00

One horse 100.00

Set of Harness 60.00

Present Street Lighting 2,114.00

Arc Lighting 3,000.00

Water (9 months) 2,700.00

11,429.00 3,860.00

Board of Health

Revenue Debenture

Salaries 3,150.00

Supplies 2,500.00

Instruments etc. 1,300.00

Inquests & Examinations 2,000.00

Lighting 360.00

Telephone Co. 48.00

Fuel 200.00

Furniture 2,000.00

Drays & Livery 40.00

6,498.00 3,300.00

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Police

Salaries 6,180.00

Suits of uniforms 760.00

Clothing of Prisoners 150.00

Board 1,000.00

Handcuffs & c. 75.00

Transport 100.00
Salary Magistrate 1,000.00
Interpreter 50.00
Secret Service 2,000.00
\$9,515.00

Moved by Alderman Brewer seconded by Alderman Clark. That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Salsbury introduced a By-Law to fix the polling place, the time and to appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for taking the votes of the Electors in Ward No 5 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Lefevre.

The By-Law was read a first time.

Alderman Oppenheimer moved that the rules be suspended and the By-Law read a second time. Carried.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the By-Law on motion of Alderman Clark, Alderman Salsbury being appointed Chairman.

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In committee the By-Law was numbered 77 and read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete without amendment.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer and ordered to be engrossed, signed, sealed and gazetted.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for 60 Arc Electric Lights of 2,000 candle power each and for 60 incandescent Electric Lights of 24 candle power each, the Fire, Water and Light Committee to supervise the details of such tender.

Further that said Clerk do also advertise for tenders for the erection of a Fire Alarm System under the direction of the said Committee. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Horne. Whereas it is necessary and expedient to appoint an Accountant for the City under the powers given to this Council by the Vancouver Incorporation Amendment Act 1889.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled that Charles

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Tetley be appointed to said office at a salary of \$100.00 per month and said Accountant shall perform all the duties required of him by the City Charter or Amendments or any By-Laws of the City. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Horne. Whereas it is necessary and expedient to appoint a Superintendent of Streets throughout the City. Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in Council assembled to confirm the appointment of Thomas Stephenson for said position at a monthly salary of \$100.00 instead of \$120.00 per month as in said appointment named. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That a Committee consisting of the City Solicitor, the City Inspector and A. St. George Hammersly Esq. Barrister at Law be appointed to consolidate the City Charter and Amendments thereto and consolidate and revise the By-Laws now in force of the City with a view to the publication of same in one volume for the benefit of our citizens. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the stand for Express Wagons shall be at the junction of Carrall, Alexander, Powell and Water Streets instead of at the junction of Carrall and Cordova Streets as at present. Carried.

Notices of Motion

Alderman Brighthouse gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a motion to govern the expenditure of money upon new Street work in the City for the current year.

Alderman Oppenheimer gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to amend By-Law No 8 of the City of Vancouver by adding clauses providing for the Licensing of Traders, Bill Posters, Butchers and other Licenses provided for under the Vancouver Incorporation Amendment Act 1889 and if necessary to have said By-Law consolidated.

Alderman Salsbury gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would introduce a By-Law to raise upon the credit of Debentures to be hereafter issued the sum of \$125,000 for the following purposes.

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To procure a pound site and erect a pound for purchase of corner of Alexander and Powell Streets.

For grading, making, building and improving streets and sidewalks.

For improving the East, West and South Parks.

For extending the sewerage system.

For purchase of a Rock Crusher.

For erecting Market Buildings and weigh scales.

For purchasing trees for planting on the streets of the City.

For surface drainage.

For purchasing lots for Fire Hall No 2.

For establishing a Fire Alarm System and completing & equipping of Fire Halls and Hose Houses.
For completing equipments of City Hospital.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk