

Wanted: one Fire Chief, two Engineers, two Drivers, and two Stokers – August 19, 1889

Purchase of “another patent collar and harness” for the fire department was approved, as was the placing of job advertisements for the first paid Fire Department employees, “one Chief, two Engineers, two Drivers, and two Stokers”, plus ten on-call men. Request from the Knights of Labour to limit work hours for City day labourers to nine hour per day, however, was declined as “your Board [of Works] feel that it has no power to deal with the question”.

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Vancouver Aug 19, 1889

The Council met on Monday, August 19th 1889 at 8 P.M.

Present: Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Clark, Costello, Horne, McConnell, Oppenheimer, Salsbury and Whetham.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That Alderman Horne be appointed Chairman in the absence of the Mayor. Carried.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

#### Communications

From Messrs Ross & Ceperly acknowledging receipt of communication re donation to Fire Department. Filed.

From James Blair, Foreman of Hose Co Inc. Asking the City to purchase their Bath tub etc. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From J. W. McFarland, Secretary of Vancouver Water Works Co. Acknowledging receipt of resolution re Water rises. Filed.

From Imes & Richards acknowledging receipt of communication re donation to Fire Department. Filed.

From Joseph Brown, Second Hand Dealer asking protection asking other dealers who infringe on the By-Law. Referred to License Inspector.

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From Joseph Couture asking for the improvement of Howe and Dunsmuir Streets in front of his hotel.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

## Reports

### Finance No 23

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 16, 1889.

Present Alderman Salsbury, Clark and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following account be paid:

Corbould, McColl & James, Law Costs \$587.98

2. That the City Clerk be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of James Fraser's communication re the purchase of a clock and inform him that the City is not in a position to purchase one at present.

3. That the Report of the Board of Works read at last meeting of Council be approved of.

4. That another patent collar and harness be purchased for the Fire Department.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brewer, seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

### F. W. & L. No 14

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Wednesday August 14, 1889.

Present Alderman Brighthouse, Clark,

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Oppenheimer and Whetham.

We beg to report that we have called for the following application for positions in connection with the paid Fire Department:

One Chief, 2 Engineers, 2 drivers, 2 Stokers  
Six Permanent Men and Ten Call Men

Salaries to be fixed by this Committee and the applications to be received up to Friday August 23rd at noon.

We recommend that another patent collar and harness be purchased for the Fire Department.

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the report of the Fire, Water and Light Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works No 22

The Board of Works met on Friday August 16th 1889, a full meeting being present:

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following tenders be accepted:

Eleventh Avenue. H. Connacher  
Lanes in Blocks 17 & 20, 196. W. C. Muir  
Dunlevy Av. Sidewalk D. McAlister  
Hornby Street Grading A. Bunker  
Hornby Street Sidewalk McDonald & Barton  
Hamilton Street Sidewalk McDonald & Barton  
Dunsmuir Street Sidewalk A. D. McDonald  
Dunsmuir St. Grading full width McDonald & Barton  
Georgia St. Sidewalk Hugh Archibald  
Pendrell St. Grading D. J. McDonald  
Sixth, Eight & Tenth Av. Sidewalk McDonald & Barton  
Keefer St. Grading A. Bunker  
Westminster Av. Sidewalk McDonald & Barton  
Princess St. Sidewalk McDonald & Barton  
Princess St. Grading

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A. Bunker  
Pacific St. Grading D. B. Murray  
Pacific St. Sidewalk D. McAlister  
Davie St. Grading Martin & Baldwin  
Pound House James Ironside  
Market Building Complete H. F. Keefer, \$1,564

2. That tenders be called for the grubbing and grading of 5 acres of the cemetery grounds.

3. That the Sidewalk on Nelson Street from Burrard St. West be made six feet wide instead of 3 ft as petitioned for by the residents on that Street.

4. That I. B. Spring be permitted to lay a 2 ft sidewalk on the lane in Block 5, District Lot 196 and to use a portion of the Street with building material in accordance with the Street By-Law.

5. That tenders be called for a 3 ft sidewalk on Seymour Street from Smithe to Davie and a 3 ft sidewalk on Hornby Street from Drake to Helmcken.

6. That tenders be called for a 6 ft sidewalk on Princess St from Dunlevy to Jackson a 3 ft sidewalk on Hornby from Drake to Pacific and a 6 ft sidewalk on Haro St from Burrard St West as far as the money will go.

7. That a 10 ft sidewalk be laid on the East side of Granville Street from the end of the present 8 ft to the Bridge a distance of 3,060 ft and that the balance of the sidewalk appropriated be laid on the West side commencing at the end of the present sidewalk and extending south as far as the money will go.

8. That tenders be again called for the clearing

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per acre and grubbing per acre of the East Park.

9. That the following accounts be paid:

F. W. Hart, Blinds etc. \$21.90  
Wm. Martin, Horse hire 10.00  
Queen Bros. Livery 43.00  
Lowe's Eggert 5.00  
D. B. Murray, Comox Street 460.80  
A. Godfrey & Co. Supplies 16.41  
D. McAlister, Richards 53.02  
F. Lilienham, Labor 20.00  
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 79.08  
W. L. McDonald, Supplies 6.60  
Hugh McCartney, Drayage 2.00  
McLennan & McFeely, Supplies 78.80  
Alex McDonald, Labor 4.50  
S. R. Conner, Hack hire 5.00  
J. McAllister, Blacksmithing 4.10  
J. A. McDonald, Georgia St. 258.50  
H. Blyth et al, Street Work 67.00

We have taken into consideration the petition of the Knights of Labor et al regarding the reduction of the hours of labor of the Corporation day labourers but your Board feel that it has no power to deal with the question.

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the Board of Works Report be amended by adding the following clause:

“That a Six ft sidewalk be laid on Seymour St on the West Side from Georgia to Smithe, the cost thereof to be taken out of the appropriation for said street. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury, seconded by Alderman Clark.

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“That the Report as amended be adopted.” Carried.

#### Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Salsbury introduced a By-Law to amend the Street Railway By-Law and amending ByLaws which was read a first time.

#### Motions

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the following Police accounts be paid:

VanVolkenburgh & Bro. Meat \$19.60  
V. J. Straube, Repairs 4.00  
F. W. Hart, Meat safe 3.50  
Palmer Bros. Coal 8.25

Carried.

#### Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Salsbury, seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the Rules be suspended and the Amendments to the Street Railway By-Law read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Brewer, seconded by Alderman Clark, That the City Wharf By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Whetham, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the Health By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

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The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the Street Railway By-Law Amendment with Alderman Salsbury in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported back to Council as complete.

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.

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk