

Portuguese Joe to get \$150 compensation – January 14, 1889

Ex-Alderman Alexander and Mr. McKay made Park commissioners. Extra police payroll of \$142 was paid to enforce the quarantine. Portuguese Joe (José Gonsalves) will get \$150 for destruction of personal property in quarantine facility at Brockton Point. Fire, Water and Light Committee form a subcommittee to review street lighting.

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Vancouver January 14th 1889

The Council met on Monday January 14th 1889 at 7:30 P. M.

Present His Worship Mayor Oppenheimer, Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Clark, Costello, Lefevre, McConnell, Oppenheimer, Salsbury, Whetham and Horne.

The Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From Whittier and Cramer asking permission to erect a Barber's Pole on Carrall Street. Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. Hamilton asking for an increase of salary. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From Drake, Jackson and Helmcken on behalf of David Vandusen claiming damages for injuries sustained on Hastings Street. Referred to City Solicitor.

From L. G. McPhillips on behalf of Roderick Ross claiming damages for injuries sustained on Burrard St. Referred to City Solicitor.

From J. Mc B. Smith, Provincial Auditor sending in statement of the amount due the Provincial Government for the support of the Vancouver Schools the amount due being \$607.99. Referred to Finance Committee.

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From the Hon. John Robson, Provincial Secretary notifying Council that the roads at the North Arm were under contract and that they only awaited the receipt of the working plan of the Bridges to commence their construction. Filed.

From Jose Gonsalves claiming \$741.27 compensation for property destroyed at Brockton Point under Quarantine Regulations. Filed.

From Messrs A.G. Ferguson and H.P. McCraney resigning their positions as Park Commissioners. Filed.

From Fader Bros. Milling Co making a proposition for the planking of Granville Streets South. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Messrs Mathieson, Cotton and Trythall protesting against the awarding of the City Printing to the World Printing and Publishing Co on the grounds that they had no plant. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Millar M.D. asking what By-Law he had contravened. Referred to the City Solicitor.

From F. X. Martin, drawing the attention of Council to the tenders for the Supplying of General Groceries and asking for a reconsideration. Referred to the Finance Committee.

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#### Accounts

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

News Advertiser \$31.20  
World Printing and Publishing Co 13.50  
A. W. Wright 14.70  
M. Berry 3.00  
Robertson & Co. 347.00  
Cum Yow 15.00  
J. McAllister 8.80  
Brown & White 45.00  
Robt Robertson 22.75  
F. X. Martin 56.26  
Campbell & Martin 17.40  
Hayes & McIntosh 43.49  
Jacob Sehl 5.65  
J. Wolfe 8.00  
J. Sehl 17.55  
J. Sehl 7.25  
A. Larwell 84.50  
Wm. Williams 83.00  
J. Moran 11.25  
J. Scuitto 10.55

Hastings Saw Mill Co. 20.00  
C. Lewis 1.00  
W. C. Haywood 3.00  
Queen Bros. 38.00  
Moodyville Saw Mill Co. 4.50  
J. S. Clute 10.18  
W. S. Cook 10.00  
Frank Wiss 42.70  
Dr. Bell-Irving 5.00  
John Johnson 2.00  
Henry Avison 60.00  
Bell-Irving & Johnson 20.00  
I. Miller 1.75

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VanVolkenburgh & Bros. 13.50  
Starrett & Leatherdale 5.00  
J. Robinson .50 cents  
G. I. Wilson 5.25  
S. T. Tilley 8.25  
H. McDowell & Co. 1.25  
L. W. Haywood 11.00  
Electric Ill Co. 396.90  
Thos. Dunn & Co. 121.38  
Telephone Co. 107.00  
W. J. Taylor 45.00  
S. T. Tilley 37.15  
Bell-Irving & Johnson 25.00  
John Scuitto 29.20  
H. A. Berry & Co. 2.00  
C. P. R. Co. 265.00  
McLennan & McFeely 103.95  
Wm. Power 110.00  
E. S. Scoullar & Co. 40.50  
W. D. Ferris 9.60  
J. Stevens & Son 6.00  
C. P. Tel Co. 25 cts  
Davidson Bros. 38.50  
John Abrams 10.00  
Dr. McGuigan 10.00  
Charles Nelson 36.88  
F. W. Hart 9.00  
Woodworth & Co. 40.00  
Palmer Bros. 30.00  
R. C. Winch 4.15  
Palmer Bros. 20.00  
A. Godfrey & Co. 16.75

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## Reports

### Finance No 1

The first meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Friday January 10th 1889 at 8 P.M. Alderman Salsbury being appointed Chairman.

## Tenders

Tenders for the furnishing of Supplies and for printing and advertising for the year 1889 were received and considered and awarded to the lowest tenderers as follows:-

Coal & Wood

Palmer Bros.

Feed

Henderson Bros & Co.

Bread

John Scuitto

Meat

VanVolkenburgh & Bros

Milk

Hamilton Eligh

Groceries

John Scuitto

Burial of Pauper Dead

W. J. Taylor

Printing & Advertising

The World Printing & Publishing Co.

Green Groceries

R. L. Winch

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Brewer.

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That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

### F. W. & L. No 1

The Fire, Water and Light Committee met on Wednesday January 9th 1889 and appointed Alderman Isaac Openheimer, Chairman and fixed the regular day of meeting on Wednesday of each week at 2 P. M.

A Committee consisting of Aldermen McConnell, Brighthouse and Whetham were appointed to investigate where additional Street Lights are required and where it is necessary to increase the candle power of the lights.

The fire engineer was instructed to repair the coal boxes at the different lands throughout the City so as to prevent the coal from being stolen therefrom.

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer, Chairman

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

Health No 1

Your Committee beg to report as follows:

1. That they met on Tuesday evening the 9th inst and unanimously appointed

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Alderman Lefevre chairman for the current year.

2. That they have fixed the regular days of meeting for the transaction of business by this Committee for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each and every month during the year.

3. That the claim of Portuguese Joe for loss of property sustained by him by burning in quarantine at Brockton Point was duly considered and while not admitting any legal liability on the part of this City we deem it expedient that Portuguese Joe be tendered \$150.00 in full satisfaction for said losses and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the necessary receipt for same.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next the 15th inst at 8 P.M.

Sgd., J. M. Lefevre, Chairman

A Special Meeting of the Board of Health was called by his Worship the Mayor on Friday the 11th inst at 2 P.M. to consider what steps it would be advisable to take concerning the quarantined Steamship "Premier" upon her arrival at this City.

A full Board was present and it was unanimously decided to uphold the terms of our Public Health By-Law and the Medical Health Officer of the City was instructed to carry out fully the powers vested in him by said

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By-Law and the Chief of Police was instructed to place at his command a sufficient force to enable him to carry his instructions into effect.

His Worship the Mayor was requested to at once communicate with the Minister of Agriculture in relation to the unusual proceedings connected with the quarantine of the Steamship Premier. Collector of Customs Howell was present at our deliberations by invitation of the Mayor and Board of Health.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Sgd. J. M. Lefevre, Chairman

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

Motions

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Horne. That Ex-Alderman Alexander be appointed one of the Park Commissioners. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Whetham seconded by Alderman Lefevre. That Mr. McKay be appointed one of the Park Commissioners. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That Aldermen Horne and McConnell be appointed Park Commissioners. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Salisbury seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Pay Roll for Special Police appointed to act for quarantine purposes amounting to \$142.00 be accepted and paid. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Lefevre gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council move a resolution that the Finance Committee be authorized to place in their estimates for the current year, a sum to enable his worship the Mayor to entertain distinguished visitors who may visit us and to assist him in paying the many other expenses appertaining to his office as Chief Magistrate.

The Council then adjourned.

M. Lefevre, Chairman

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk