

Vancouver street improvements approved for each ward - July 15, 1889

List of street improvements for each of five city wards itemized and approved, at a total cost of \$41,990.00. Leading Chinese citizen J. Cumyow receives permission to exhume Chinese dead in cemetery. City receives a donation of fountain from Vancouver Iron Works Co.

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Vancouver July 15th 1889

The Council met on Monday July 15th 1889 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Clark, Costello, Horne, Mason, Oppenheimer, Salisbury and Whetham.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From James Z. Hall et al praying for the improvement of Nelson Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Dr. Reinhart et al praying for the improvement of Princess Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Wm. Smith et al asking that the owners of lots 5, 6 & 7, Block 3, 182 be compelled to clear their lot. Referred to the Fire Inspector.

From John Abrams complaining about the conduct of the Chief of Police. Referred to the Police Committee.

From Wm. Webster asking for the payment of an account incurred by Mrs. Roberts. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Harbour Master notifying the Corporation to stop dumping in the Harbour. Referred to the Board of Health.

From J. H. Watson asking the Council to repair a Bridge on Ninth Av. Filed.

From W. A. Cumyow asking to be permitted to exhume dead Chinese in Cemetery. Filed.

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From Alex Struthers et al praying that a surface drain be put down on the lane between Water and Cordova Streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

From S. Coumers offering to sell 4,000 ft of plank for \$7.00 per M. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the City Clerk of New Westminster enclosing, a Note of Thanks from the Council for the kindness shown to them in Vancouver on the 1st & 2nd of July. Filed.

From Stanley Bros. Photographers asking for permission to erect a studio on the roof of a building on Cordova Street.

From C. Tilley offering to erect a Telephone line to the cemetery for \$50.00

From A. J. Paterson asking permission to cross the sidewalk on the corner of Jackson Av. & Powell Street with teams.

From H. Abbott Esq. notifying Council that he would proceed with the rounding up of Granville Street extension. Referred to the Board of Works.

From D. M. Kennedy asking permission to operate & construct a cable line of street Railways. Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Medical Health Officer furnishing his semi-annual report. Referred to Board of Health.

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Reports

Finance No 18

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 21st 1889.

Present Aldermen Salsbury, Clark, Costello and Mason.

We beg to recommend that \$2,000.00 be placed to the credit of His Worship, the Mayor to be expended in paying the expenses of his office.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

The Finance Committee met again on Monday July 15th 1889.

Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Salsbury, Whetham, Clark and Costello.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

The World P & P Co. Ads \$17.53
The Provincial Government 1116.20
Bank of B. C. Coupons 44.82
Thomson Bros. Stationery 10.50
News Advertiser, Books 40.00
S. T. Tilley, Stationery 20.50
E. S. Scoullar & Co. Connections 110.85
Royal City Planing Mills Co. 23.01
Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies 35.99

Sgd. W. F. Salisbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mason. That the Finance report be adopted. Carried.

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Health No 7

The Health Committee met on Tuesday July 9th 1889.

Present Aldermen Whetham, Salisbury & Brewer.

We beg to recommend:

1. That 50 feet of hose be purchased for the City Hospital, also two fracture boards and one long splint, the latter articles to be supplied through Dr. Robertson.

2. That the rules and regulations previously passed by the City Council for the government of the City Hospital and Medical Staff be condensed and printed.

3. That the following accounts be paid:

Jacob Sehl, Supplies \$1.85
Van Wharfage Co. Rent 7.50
S. T. Tilley, Stationery 2.35
D. A. Campbell, Scavenging 6.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies 11.70
Chas. Nelson, Drugs 6.40
R. V. Winch, Supplies 40.38
Dr. McAlpine, Drugs 20.65
J. S. Clute & Co. Supplies 3.60
Hudson's Bay Co. Supplies 46.00
Thos. Tynan, Attendance 2.00
Sorenson & Co. Drugs 18.25

Sgd. Jas. Whetham, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Costello seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the report of the Board of Health be adopted. Carried.

F. W. & L. No 10

The Fire, Water & Light Committee met on Wednesday July 10th 1889.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Clark, Whetham, and Oppenheimer.

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We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

V. W. Haywood, Buckets \$5.00
Palmer Bros. Feed 29.55
Van Electric Ill Co 293.70
Telephone Co. 16.00
E. S. Scoullar & Co. Supplies 126.30
Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies 26.34
John W. Ronald, Supplies 106.00
Keefer & McGillivray, Horse Hire 35.00
J. H. Carlisle, Drayage 3.00

2. That the City Solicitor communicate with the Vancouver Water Works Co asking them when they can supply the City with water for fire purposes, guaranteeing the maintenance of a pressure of ___ lbs to the square inch at all times and that the City insist that the company must without delay construct their water works to such an efficient condition that the demand above asked for can be carried into effect at the very earliest date.

3. That the locations of two of the Fire Alarm Stations be changed as follows:

(1) From Richards and Georgia to Burrard and Georgia.

(2) From Robson and Thurlow to Barclay and Bute.

Sgd. I. Oppenheimer, Chairman

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

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Works No 18

The Board of Works met on Saturday July 13th 1889.

Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Brighthouse, Brewer, Horne and Oppenheimer.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

A. Bunker Excavations \$93.90
A. Balkwell, Excavations 71.70
F. Young Street Crossings 23.32
James Ironsides, Carl Av 15.68
D. J. McDonald, Hastings St East 467.22
Do Crossings 75.32
Thos. Dunn & Co. Supplies 75.98
S. T. Tilley, Supplies 7.35
Tattersall's Stables 18.50
Vancouver City Foundry 7.00
Henderson & Couth, Barnard St. 264.67

2. That Westminster Road be widened in places. So as to receive 16 feet of gravel.

3. That Hastings Street be gravelled from Carrall to Cambie Street and crowned and gravelled from Westminster Avenue east.

4. That Burrard and Dunsmuir Streets and the lane between Horne and Hornby Streets be drained.

5. That the following communication be addressed to Mr. H. Abbott, General Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co:

That since the appropriation of \$600.00 was voted by the Council for gravelling Granville Street extension South of False Creek we find that Your Company undertook

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To gravel said road where necessary and make it a permanent one during all seasons of the year.

We therefore respectfully ask you to carry out your agreement in that respect.

6. That the City Engineer be instructed to make an Estimate of the cost of opening up Westminster Avenue to the City Boundary and its extension to the Cemetery and report to this Board; also that he prepare a contour plans of surface drainage and lay it before the Board at its next meetings and that he select a Suitable location on the Hastings Townsite for Exhibition grounds and report within two weeks.

7. That a notice be inserted in the Eastern papers and one of the Vancouver papers soliciting applications for a sanitary Engineer to carry out a thorough system of Sewerage for the City of Vancouver.

8. That the Board of Works hereafter meet on Thursday at 3 P. M. instead of 4 P. M.

The following appropriations for street improvements have been agreed to by your Board and are respectfully submitted for the Sanction of Council.

Ward One

Richards Street

One Six ft Sidewalk, Georgia to Robson \$123.00

One 3 ft Sidewalk, Drake to Davie 56.00

Seaton Street

Gravelled from Burrard to Brewery 160.00

Repairs on Bridge 100.00

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Hornby Street

Graded from Pender to Dunsmuir 308.00

3 ft Sidewalk Pender to Dunsmuir 56.00

3 ft Sidewalk Pacific to Helmicken 164.00

Burrard Street

Gravelled One Thousand feet 800.00

Melville Street

Graded from Burrard to Junction 1400.00

3 ft Sidewalk 100.00

Eveleigh Street

Three foot Sidewalk 66.00

Georgia Street

Sidewalk from Howe to Broughton 873.00

3 ft Sidewalk from Nicola to Bridge 330.00

Gravelling 2,896.00

Crossings at Seymour & Richards 88.00

Robson Street

Graded from Burrard to Jervis and from Nicola to Cordero 20 ft 900.00
3ft Sidewalk 330.00

Alberni Street

Graded One block and a half 375.00
One Sidewalk 118.00

Haro Street

Sidewalk 1,800 ft from Burrard West 243.00

Nicola Street

3 ft Sidewalk from Robson to Georgia 80.00

Barclay Street

3 ft Sidewalk from Burrard to Bute 175.00

Nelson Street

3 ft Sidewalk from Burrard to Bute 175.00

Howe Street

Sidewalk from Pacific to Helmicken 195.00

Granville Street

Ten foot Sidewalk 1,406.00

Comox Street

Graded from Burrard to Jervis 660.00
One Sidewalk 168.00

Pendrel Street

3 ft Sidewalk from Burrard to Bute 168.00
Graded from Burrard to Bute 504.00

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Seymour Street

Graded from Smithe to Davie 600.00
3 ft Sidewalk Smithe to Davie 195.00
2 3 ft Sidewalk Pacific to Drake 120.00

Helmicken Street

Graded from Richards to Granville 185.00

Pacific Street

Graded from Richards to Granville 185.00
Three foot Sidewalk 62.00

Drake Street

Gravelled from Granville to Richards 270.00

Pender Street

Gravelled 2 Blocks, 856 ft 642.00
Sidewalk 2,100 ft (3 ft) 300.00

Street Railway Repairs 1,500.00

Total \$17,076.00

Ward Two

Homer Street

Gravel from Hastings to Cordova 213.00
Repairs from Hastings to Georgia 250.00
Grading from Drake to Helmicken 452.00
3 ft Sidewalk 1,080 ft 130.00
Grading from Georgia to Robson 210.00
Sidewalk from Georgia to Robson 132.00

Richards Street

Gravelling 600 ft from Drake North 420.00
Sidewalk from Davie to Drake 132.00

Hamilton Street

Grading from Georgia to Robson 180.00
3 ft Sidewalk 60.00
Pender Street

Crossings 14.00

Dunsmuir St

Grading from Hamilton to Cambie 94.00

Sidewalk 32.00

Drake Street

Gravelling from Richards to Homer 210.00

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Lanes in Blocks 34, 35 & 36 320.00

Hastings Street

Planking Repairs and Gravel 750.00

Water Street

Planking Repairs and Gravel 300.00

Carrall Street

Planking Repairs and Gravel 200.00

Cambie Street

Planking Repairs and Gravel 225.00

Street Railway Repairs etc 1,525.00

Total \$5,869.00

Ward Three

Campbell Avenue

Grading from Powell to Hastings \$387.00

Hastings Streets

Gravelling from Westminster to Jackson 600.00

Lanes in Blocks 10 & 53 80.00

Powell Street

Gravelling from Campbell to Boundry Av. 600.00
Repairs to Hastings Road 200.00
Street Railway Repairs 3,160.00
Total \$5,027.00

Ward Four

Westminster Av.

Filling from Hastings to Bridge 1000.00

Hastings Street

Gravelling from Westminster to Jackson 600.00

Gore Av.

3 ft Sidewalk 198.00

Princess St

1 Six ft Sidewalk 104.00

1 3 ft Sidewalk 56.00

Grading from Carl to Hawks 800.00

Keefer Street

Grading from Gore to Dunlevy 144.00

3 ft Sidewalk 48.00

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Prior Street

Grading from Gore to Dunlevy [unreadable] \$280.00

Lanes in Blocks 17 & 20 110.00

Jackson Av.

Approach & Crossings 29.00

Sixth & Seventh Ave.

2 Plank Sidewalks 90.00

Campbell Av.

Grading from Hastings to Princess 325.00
Street Railway Repairs 1,280.00
Westminster Road Graveling 1,500.00
Total \$6,564.00

Ward Five

Westminster Av. 8 ft Sidewalk from Bridge to Blairs \$810.00
Filling from Bridge South 1,260.00
Grading from 10th Av. To Boundary 1,000.00
Graveling 3,000.00
Seventh Av. Grading from Westminster to Quebec \$126.00
4 ft Sidewalk 150.00
2 Plank from Prince Edward to Westminster 65.00
Eight Av. Grading from Westminster to Quebec
4 ft Sidewalk 150.00
Quebec Street, Sidewalk from 6th to 15th
Grading from 13th to 15th 398.00
Twelfth Av. Grading from Quebec to Ontario, 2 plank sidewalk 154.00
Tenth Av. Sidewalk for 2 Blocks from Westminster Av. West 120.00
Ontario St. Grading from 12th to 14th 180.00
2 ft Sidewalk 45.00
Sidewalk on Sixth & Fifth Av. 65.00
Columbia St. Grading 1 block 9 to 10th 40.00
Lansdowne St. Westminster to Scotia 27.00
Street Railway Repairs 800.00
Total \$7,454.00
Grand Total \$41,990.00

Sgd. S. Brighthouse, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Whetham seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Hornby Street grading read from Hastings to Georgia. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the clause in the report of the Board of Works referring to advertising for a Sanitary Engineer be struck out and that Mr. E. Mohun be appointed to extend the Sewerage System and that vitrified pipes be used instead of wood and that the Board of Works be empowered to arrange details with Mr. Mohun in regard to the amount of work to be done and his charges for plans specifications and details and superintendance of construction. Carried.

Alderman Salsbury & Brighthouse dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Clark Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello. That the rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced to amend By-Law No 79. Carried.

The By-Law was then read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer Clark seconded by Alderman Costello. That the rules be suspended and a By-Law introduced requiring movers of lands and yard to place the same in a condition to guard against accident. Carried.

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The By-Law was then read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello. That the amendments to By-Law No 79 be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Salsbury. That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on By-Law with Alderman Oppenheimer in the Chair. Carried.

In Committee the By-Law was read clause by clause and reported back to Council as complete without amendments.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Clark and passed.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Clark. That the offer of the Telephone Co. to extend their line to the City Cemetery for the sum of \$50.00 be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the kind and liberal offer of the Vancouver Iron Works Co. donating a fountain to the City be accepted and that the City Clerk be instructed to convey to them the thanks of the Council for their liberality. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Brewer. That W. A. Cumyow be permitted to exhume the Chinese in the Cemetery under the supervision of the Health Inspector and in accordance with his communication. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Fire Inspector be instructed to inquire into and investigate the claims of E. H. & J. Stanley and report to the Board of Works and that said Board be empowered to act fully in the matter. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello. That Mr. D. B. Charleson be required to fix 9th Av Bridge without delay. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Mr. Paterson be permitted to construct a regular crossing on the corner of Powell Street and Jackson Avenue under the supervision of the City Engineer. Carried.

Notices of Motion

Alderman Brewer gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would bring in a motion to amend the Fire limits By-Law.

Alderman Whetham gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would introduce a By-Law to amend the Mayor License By-Laws of the City.

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The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk