

Vancouver police get uniforms, batons, handcuffs, and whistles - May 6, 1889

Council approved purchase of uniforms for police chief, sergeant, 5 officers and caretaker at a cost of \$282.50. Police department also authorized to buy "2 Batons, 3 Sets of Handcuffs, 1 Staff Badge, 2 Sets Chain Nippers & 2 Whistles"

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Vancouver May 6th 1889

The Council met on Monday May 6th 1889 at 7:30 P.M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From E. Mohun C. E. re the Sewerage System in Vancouver. Filed.

From Patrick Carey drawing attention to the fact that the Street in front of his hotel on Hastings Street was left in an imperfect condition by the Water Works Co. Filed.

From Chas. E. Pooley acknowledging receipt of telegram from the Mayor expressing sympathy for Mrs. Dunsmuir for the loss of her husband. Filed.

From G. Thomas Jr. Secretary of Reliance Hose Co No. 2, asking if Council had done anything further in the matter of exempting the Firemen from Poll Tax. Filed.

From the City Engineer recommending that the Blyth's wages be raised to \$2.75 per day. Filed.

From the City Engineer recommending the grading of Seymour Street, full width

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from Drake Street to Pacific Street. Filed.

The Monthly accounts were read and referred to their respective Committees.

Reports

Health No 8

The Health Committee met on Tuesday April 3rd 1889.

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

We beg to recommend:

That the following accounts be paid:

1. Geo Gale and Sons, Beds \$392.91

J. Stevens & Sons, Beds 2.50

Queen Bros. Hack Hire 2.50

2. That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with Thos. Greer, asking him to supply the City Hospital with a better quality of milk.

Sgd. Jas Whetham, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the Health Committee's Report be adopted. Carried.

Finance No 13

The Finance Committee met on Friday May 3rd 1889.

Present His Worship, the Mayor,

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Aldermen Salsbury, Clark and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Board of Health

Queen Bros. Hack Hire \$2.50

Geo Gale & Sons, Beds 392.91

Stevens & Son, Instruments 2.50

Board of Works

James Hartney, Davie Street \$29.96

do Nelson Street 83.32

A. Bunker, Lane in Block 9, 196 152.91
do Hastings Street 656.50
do " " 18.00
Donald McAlister Street 462.20
D. J. McDonald, Hastings St. Sec 2 123.75
do Gravel 424.02

Park Committee

Henry Avison, Salary \$60.00
P. Roach et al, Labor 202.40

2. That Henry Avison, Park Ranger be placed on the City Pay Roll at a Salary of \$60.00 per month and that said salary be charged to the appropriation for the Park.

Sgd. W. F. Salsbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the Finance Report be adopted. Carried.

By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Whetham seconded by Alderman McConnell. That the Poll Tax By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

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The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law. Alderman Whetham in the Chair.

The title of the By-Law was read after which the Committee rose on motion of Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Costello and the By-Law was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion thereon.

Motions

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Clark. That Wm. Murphy's tender to supply uniforms to the Police Force at the following rates be accepted:

For Chief of Police \$55.00
For Sergeant, 5 Officers & Caretaker 227.50
Total \$282.50

and that the Chief of Police be authorized to order the following requirements:
2 Batons, 3 Sets of handcuffs, 1 Staff Badge, 2 Sets Chain Nippers & 2 Whistles. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Mason seconded by Alderman Costello. That J. B. Babington be appointed Pound Keeper. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That H. Blyth be engaged at \$2.75 per day to date from May 1st 1889. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the Board of Works be authorized to inquire into the cost of a Street Sprinkler and report to this Council. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne seconded by Alderman Salisbury. That Seymour Street be graded forthwith between Drake and Pacific Streets as suggested by the City Engineer. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Horne. That whereas the Water Works Co. having in the laying of their pipes, left portions of stumps, rocks etc. on the streets, be it therefore resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to order the removal of the same without delay and also to level the portions of the streets where the pipes have been laid and charge the cost to the Water Works Co. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman McConnell. That whereas the members of the Fire Brigade desire to be exempted from Provincial Poll Tax be it therefore resolved that said Poll Tax be ordered paid from the City Treasury on demand. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell seconded by Alderman Whetham. That the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the Province be communicated with urging upon

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him the necessity of gravelling the New North Arm Road and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon John Robson, Member for this District. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

I. W. Horne, Chairman

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk