

Vancouver to acquire Water Works, electric street lights - September 23, 1889

Geo. MacKay resigned as Parks Board chairman: W.J. Horne appointed to Chair. City to negotiate with Vancouver Water Works Company to acquire its system of Water Works. City signs agreement with Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company for street lights.

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Vancouver Sept 23rd 1889

The Council met on Monday September 23rd 1889 at 8 P. M.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From John M. Stewart, asking to be furnished with a copy of the charges preferred against him. Referred to Police Committee.

From WH. Falding, Registrar of the Supreme Court, New Westminster acknowledging receipt of resolution from the City Clerk re Police investigation. Referred to Police Committee.

From C. S. Jones asking for the City's typewriting. Referred to Finance committee.

From W. Thomas, Manager of the Gas Co. complaining about damage done to his pipe line by Street Contractors. Referred to Board of Works.

From S. Brighthouse, et al agreeing to build a sidewalk on Granville Street from Davie Street South if Council would refund the cost thereof in the future. Referred to Board of Works.

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From D. Robson, City Clerk New Westminster inviting the Mayor and Aldermen of Vancouver to be present at the opening of the Provincial Exhibition. Filed.

From Wm. Prentice Local Secretary of the B. C. Smelting Co. acknowledging receipt of communication from the City Solicitor re the opening of the works. Filed.

From Geo. Wagg and H. G. Moore, Front Dealers complaining about the Sunday Closing ordinance. Referred to Police Committee.

From the Governor General's Secretary re movements of the Governor General. Filed.

Reports

Park No 8

The Park Commissioners met on Monday September 23rd 1889.

Present Messrs Alexander, Brighthouse, Horne and McConnell.

A communication was received from Mr. Geo G. McKay, Chairman of the Board tendering his resignation as Chairman. It was resolved that his resignation be accepted and Mr. J. W. Horne appointed in his place.

Sgd. Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk

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Moved by Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Brewer. That the Report of the Park Committee be adopted. Carried.

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Finance No 27

The Finance Committee met on Friday September 20th and Monday September 23rd 1889.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the City Clerk be instructed to address the following communication to J. W. McFarland Eng. Secretary of the Vancouver Water Works Co.

Sir. In reply to your letter of September 9th 1889. I am instructed to inform you that the City will be prepared to negotiate with your company with a view of acquiring its System of Water Works.

2. That the Report of the Board of Works read at the last meeting of Council be confirmed with the exception of the new work recommended therein.

3. That the following account be paid:

News Advertiser, Notice \$2.60

Sgd. W. S. Salisbury, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Brighthouse. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works No 27

The Board of Works met on Monday September 23rd 1889.

Present Aldermen Brighthouse, Horne, McConnell and Oppenheimer.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the communication of Messrs Innes and Richards re fence in Georgia St be referred to the City Solicitor.

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2. That the Sidewalk lifted off Granville Street be laid on Seymour Street between Davie and Drake and that part of the lane in Block 13, 196 be planked with old plank.

3. That the drain in rear of Van Bramer's block be extended to opposite Bell-Irving's block.

4. That the following tenders be accepted.

Quebec Street H. Connacher

11th Avenue H. Archibald

Keefer Street A. D. McDonald

Lansdowne St. W. C. Muir

5. That the following accounts be paid:

A. Bunker, Dunsmuir St. etc. 96.22

do Dunlevy Av. 25.00

Bunker & McD. Westminster Av. 239.10

A. D. McDonald, Gore Av. 157.22

do Seymour St. 193.14

W. C. Muir, Lanes 17 & 20, 196 148.23

McDonald & Barton, Hornby St. etc. 183.80

162.26

D. McAlister, Alberni St. 156.24

D. J. McDonald, Westminster Av. 502.32

H. Connacher, 11th Av. 120.91

D. McAlister, Eveleigh St. 80.63

A. Balkwell, Cambie St. 182.00

H. Connacher, Georgia St. 479.70

D. B. Murray, extras 83.00

H. Connacher, Basement drain 584.55

P. Atkinson et al Street Work 37.40
R. C. P. Mills Co. Lumber 23.71

Sgd. J. W. Horne, for Chairman

Moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That Clause 4 be laid over. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Oppenheimer, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the balance of the Report be adopted. Carried.

The Agreement between the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Co and the City for Street lighting was read and ordered to be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City on motion of Alderman Salsbury seconded by Alderman Clark.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Horne. That the Mayor and Council accept the invitation of the New Westminster Council to the opening of the Agricultural Association Exhibition on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October next. Carried.

Moved by Alderman McConnell, seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer.

That whereas on Thursday the 19th day of September on account of the entertainment and reception of the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Minister of the Interior a sufficient number of the Councillors of this City and delegates from the Vancouver Board of Trade were not present at the City Hall to discuss the contemplated amendments to By-Law No 70 known as the Trades License By-Law.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council now name a committee to consist of five members to meet a delegation of the Vancouver Board of Trade someday during this week to discuss said

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By-Law and that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Board of Trade to that effect. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Horne, seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer. That the whole Council meet as a Committee on Friday at 3 o'clock to meet the Board of Trade. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Salsbury. That the following citizens be added to the reception committee of the Council for the reception of the Governor General:

Messrs. H. Abbott, J. M. Browning, Thos. Dunn, D. E. Brown, H. I. Ceperley, C. D. Rand, J. M. Spinks, G. I. Wilson, R. H. Alexander, R. P. Cook, Dr. Lefevre, H. Bell-Irving, E. & J. Devine, said Committee to meet on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Consideration of By-Laws

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

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

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

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Alderman Salisbury and Horne gave notice that at next meeting they would introduce the following resolution. Be and it is hereby resolved that the Monkeys now giving free entertainment to the small boys and others in the back yard of the City Hall be declared as interfering with the Police Department in the proper execution of their duty and that the nuisance be remedied by expropriating them at a fair valuation and handing them over to the Chairman of the Park Commissioners as a commencement of his Zoological collection (along with the Pheasants) and may they be happy and prosper.

Alderman McConnell gave notice that he would introduce a motion to instruct the City Auditor to furnish a financial statement on or before the 15th of October next.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos.F. McGuigan, City Clerk