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The Council met on Saturday Evening 15th July at 7 o'clock in Bakers Hall. Present Reeve Schou in the Chair and Councillors Byrne Cliff Smith Sprout and Stride

The minutes of previous meeting were read and were, on motion, approved.

Couns: Smith & Stride reported that, as the municipal Hall was not completed, the Building Committee had obtained permission from the several members of the Council, to order the present meeting to be held in Bakers Hall, and not at the municipal Hall, as arranged at last meeting.

It was moved & seconded by Couns: Smith & Byrne & resolved: That the Clerk notify Contractor Allen that the Council had instructed the Building Committee to inspect the new hall, on Wednesday next, and if found satisfactory in all respects, to accept the same on behalf of the Council, but if not completed, that the Council will be reluctantly compelled to have the work brought to completion, and will have to charge the cost thereof against his account, as it is absolutely necessary that the building be completed without delay, as the rate payers are daily going to the new hall to pay their taxes, and the Council is incurring considerable expense in providing offices elsewhere.

A communication from the North Pacific Lumber Co. was read, referring to the matter of repairs to the Barnett Road. It was moved & seconded by Couns. Smith & Sproutt & resolved: that the Council will sanction the expenditure, by the Company, of a sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars, for the purpose of effecting temporary repairs to the most dangerous places on the Barnett Road, and agreeably to the stipulations set out in the Co's letter that the actual cost thereof shall be allowed to stand against their next years taxes. The Clerk was instructed to state to the Co. that the Council is fully cognizant of the difficulty of the case, but hopes that there will soon be sufficient funds on hand to enable the Council to properly perform the work and to bring the road into an efficient state of repair.

A communication from W^m Haynes re needed repairs to Johnston Road, was read. and the Clerk was instructed to notify W^m Haynes that steps are being taken to have said road opened out.

Couns. Stride & Cliff reported a nuisance being committed by Chinese. It was moved & seconded by Couns. Byrne & Sproutt and resolved: That the Clerk notify Dr. A. E. Walker, Medical Health Officer, that a nuisance was being committed by the Chinese who convey the offal from Reichenbach's slaughter house to their market

gardens, and leave the same exposed to the weather uncovered, producing a nuisance, which will prove harmful to the public health; the Clerk to express to Dr. Walker the regret & surprise of the Council that he has not already visited the spot, and made a report thereon, as his attention was called to the matter last Monday by Counc. Cliff. Counc. Cliff and the Clerk were empowered, after receipt of Dr. Walker's report, to consult the Solicitor and to take the necessary steps to have the nuisance abated.

It was reported that Collector Mr. Dermott was experiencing difficulty in the collection of the road tax from the Chinese, and it was moved & seconded by Couns. Byrne & Cliff and resolved: That the collector could, under the Solicitor's advice, take legal proceedings, to enforce payment from the Chinese, who are refusing to pay said tax, any expense attaching thereto being assumed by the Council.

A communication from W. J. Brandreth, was read, asking for construction of a road in part of lot 25.

On motion it was referred to a committee consisting of Couns. Byrne & Cliff, to report thereon at next meeting.

It was moved & seconded by Couns. Byrne & Spott & resolved: That tenders be called for brushing out & cutting logs &c on Johnston

Road for its entire length. Specification of wood to be on view at Counc: Cliff's shop, and tenders to be opened on Friday next at noon, in the Clerk's office, Bader's Hall, and the contract to be awarded to the lowest tenderer by Couns. Cliff & Smith. The Clerk was instructed to insert an advertisement in Wednesday's "Weekly Columbian" to this effect.

After consideration of a verbal report made by Counc: Cliff the Clerk was, on motion, instructed to request W. Adam W. Donald to refrain from blocking ditches and from obstructing the roadway with his waggon, and that if he continued to do so, the Council will be compelled to take steps to prevent a recurrence.

A communication from W. Jos. Pearson, re arrears of Taxes on Bruni property was read, and was, on motion, ordered to be received & filed and the Clerk to acknowledge.

The matter of the appointment of a Constable for the municipality was discussed. It was moved & seconded by Couns. Sprout & Smith & resolved: That the Clerk write to the Hon. Provincial Secretary, requesting that the Prov. Government would see fit to appoint as a provincial constable W. W. Coulter, a respectable resident of

Central Park, whom the Council desired to appoint as municipal constable, as the appointment would strengthen his power and enable him to arrest offenders against the law, who may travel outside the boundaries of this municipality.

As the new hall is not yet ready for the carrying on of the clerical work of the corporation, the Clerk was instructed to insert an advertisement in the Daily "Columbian" & "News-Advertiser" requesting rate payers to pay their taxes, until Saturday next in Room 16, Burr Block, New Westminster.

The Council adjourned, to meet on Saturday, 29th Inst. at 2 o'clock, in the municipal hall.

approved.
Nicola Schou.