
PAPERS

Relating to a grant of land to the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
30th March, 1894.*

NEW WESTMINSTER & VANCOUVER ELECTRIC TRAMWAY Co., Ltd.,
VANCOUVER, December 26th, 1890.

To the Hon. John Robson, Premier, Victoria, B. C.:

DEAR SIR,—It is the intention of the Directors of the above Company, during the next few days, to decide which route their line shall take between the two cities.

The choice now lies between routes 2 and 3, as shown on map sent herewith, and will not only be a great advantage to the property, through which it will run, but also to that adjacent thereto. The private owners have, on the average, offered a right of way 100 feet wide, and about one-tenth of their property as an inducement. The line will pass through a long tract of unsettled country, and when made will cause property to be built all the way between the two points, so that in a short time Vancouver and New Westminster will be united and the property will rate the same as in the cities.

The Directors, therefore, think that for the foregoing reasons they may consistently ask the Government to afford the same amount of assistance which private owners are willing to render, *i. e.*, a right of way 100 feet wide, and one-tenth of the remainder of the lands traversed. The lands may be given in one block, or in alternate sections, as may be mutually agreed upon hereafter.

Praying that you will give this matter your immediate and favourable consideration,
I remain, &c.,
D. OPPENHEIMER,
President.

Route 2 will affect 84, 72 and Hastings.
Route 3 will affect 32, 33, 36, 51 and Hastings.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, 3rd January, 1891.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 26th ultimo asking for the right of way for, and certain land grants in aid of, the New Westminster and Vancouver Electric Tramway, was duly received and has been considered by the Executive, and I am to acquaint you:—

(1.) That the Government will grant the right of way required with the understanding, however, that whenever the tramway passes through Crown lands in which streets are planned or laid out, the tramway shall take such streets as may be practicable.

(2.) The Government will make grants of land in aid of the enterprise equal to the average given by private owners, not, however, to exceed one-tenth of the land traversed by the tramway—all matters of detail remaining for future mutual adjustment.

Yours, &c.,
JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

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President, New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company.*

NEW WESTMINSTER & VANCOUVER ELECTRIC TRAMWAY Co., Ltd.,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., October 28th, 1893.

The Honourable F. G. Vernon,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

SIR,—The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, with a view of an amicable adjustment with the Provincial Government of the lands they are entitled to under an Order in Council, and contained in a letter from the Honourable Provincial Secretary, dated the 3rd January, 1891, beg to submit the following for consideration of your honourable Government:—

2. The accompanying list of owners shews the lands donated to the Company in consideration of its line passing through their property, and that they amount to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the land traversed.

3. The enclosed statement shews the acreage of the several Government lands through which the tramway passes, and to which the Company are entitled to a proportion under the Order in Council.

4. On the plan herewith annexed the Government lands through which the tramway passes are tinted blue, and it is proposed that the whole of lots Numbers 51 and 36 be accepted by the Tramway Company in fulfilment of the Executive's Order in Council.

5. This proposal is made on the grounds that it would not be satisfactory to the Government to fulfil its Order in Council by donating lands in any of the Government reserves, or Hastings Townsite, and that it would be more desirable for the Government to grant the land *en bloc* rather than scattered at different points along the tramway line.

6. The land in lots Numbers 36 and 51 is not of as good a quality as that in the other Government lands. Nor will it prove so valuable to the Company *en bloc* as lands distributed along its tramway line.

7. In order to assist the Government in facilitating the adjustment of the above-mentioned Order in Council, and as the Company are desirous of opening up its land for settlement, the foregoing offer of the whole of lots 36 and 51 will be acceptable to the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company.

I have, &c.,
D. OPPENHEIMER,
President.

WESTMINSTER AND VANCOUVER TRAMWAY COMPANY.

List of private lands along tramway, showing the proportion given to the Company in consideration of its line traversing said lands.

No. of Lot.	Acreage of Lot.	Bonus.	Acreage of Bonus.	Percentage of whole Lot.
South part 28	50.04	5 lots	0.5	1 %
Centre part 28	97.78	20 acres	20.0	20
North part 28	28.46	6 "	6.0	21
30	156.31	32 lots	6.8	5
95	206.01	10 acres	10.0	5
96	159.85	10 "	10.0	6
96		10 "	10.0	6
97	157.20	10 "	10.0	6
98	156.00	10 "	10.0	6
35	166.07	10 "	10.0	6
37	278.00	12 "	12.0	5
741	25.29	2 "	2.0	7
195	135.00	13.5 acres	13.5	13.5
	1616.01		120.8	average 7.475

