

First Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of
Nanaimo B.C. held at the Court House Nanaimo on Friday
22nd January 1875.

Present

His Worship the Mayor
Councillors Bryden, Nightingale, Brinn, Pawson, Raybould
Arist, Dick.

The usual oaths were administered by Captain Spalding, Stipend-
iary Magistrate.

The Mayor said

"That this being the first Meeting of the Council, it was
proper that he should say a few words on the subject of the
important business they had undertaken to carry out.
He trusted that in all their deliberations they would treat
each other with courtesy and forbearance, work together in
harmony, and, as there was a deal of business to be done
in commencing the Municipal Government of the
City, he hoped that each member of the Council would,
by all means in his power, aid in forming and bring-
ing to a satisfactory issue, the different matters that
would of necessity come before them. He advocated ~~expend-~~
~~iture~~ economy in the expenditure of the City Revenue
and urged the desirability of being mild with Taxation.
There was no special business to transact tonight, but
the questions when and where the Council Meetings
should be held, and where the Notice required by the
Governor's Letters Patent to be given, ^{should be} ~~should be~~ exhibited.
The Government Agent had kindly offered the use
of the Court House and that building he thought should
be used for the present."
After some discussion the Council adjourned to meet
again on Wednesday next at the same place.

W. Bate
Mayor