

First Meeting
1856

Court House Barrie
28th January 1856.

In accordance with the Act 12 Vic Cap 81 the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of their respective Townships and the Reeve for the Incorporated Town of Barrie met this day in Council.

Present

James Sanson Esq ^r	Reeve	Drillia
William Aronson	Deputy	West-Drillingbury
Manas Macouchey	Deputy	do
Alexander Gaviller	Deputy	Secumith
James Manning	Deputy	do
John Craig	Deputy	Medonte
Richard Denny	Deputy	do
George McManus	Deputy	Monro
John Cooper	Deputy	Mulmur
Robert Murphy	Deputy	Poprontio
William B. Hamilton	Deputy	Kottawasaga
John Ferguson	Deputy	do
David Morrow	Deputy	Barrie
William G. Little	Deputy	Immisfil
James Black	Deputy	do
Robert Leadley	Deputy	Wespan & Simondale
Gavin Turub	Deputy	Flos

The Clerk called the Meeting to order and requested the members present to proceed to elect their Warden.

On Motion of Mr. McManus seconded by Mr. Ferguson, it was unanimously carried that James Sanson Esquire be the Warden for the present year.

The Warden briefly acknowledged the honor which had just been conferred upon him.

The Meeting then adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening that the Warden might in the interim have the oath of Office administered to him by Judge Goran.

The Council met at 7 o'clock P.M. pursuant to Adjournment when His Honor Judge Goran attended and administered the oath of Office in presence of the Council.

Robert Menan Esq^r Reeve for Adjala and Samuel Frazer Esq^r Reeve for Tay & May having arrived took their seats in the Council.

The Warden addressed the Council.

On Motion of Mr. Macouchey seconded by Mr. Morrow Ordered that Mr. Allen Lloyd be Auditor for this Council for the present year.

The Warden named Mr. William Graham as the other Auditor.

On Motion of Mr. Gaviller seconded by Mr. Manning Ordered that the Warden do appoint the standing Committees for the year.

The Warden appointed said Committees as follow namely

Finance and Assessment
Messrs. Frazer Hamilton Gaviller Sanson and Black

Education
Messrs. Aronson Craig Gaviller Manning and Leadley

Roads and Bridges
M^{rs} Drury Morrow M^r Mannus M^r Scan
and Cooper

County Property
M^{rs} Macouchy, Ferguson, Little, Turner
and Keenan

On Motion of M^r Armon seconded by M^r Macouchy

Ordered that the Warden do appoint a Special
Committee to receive tenders for and Superintend
the Printing required by the Council for the
present year

The Warden appointed the following Members
namely M^{rs} Armon Gaviller & Frazer

The Council adjourned until 10 O'clock tomorrow
morning

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W^m D^r Armon

Court House Barric
29th January 1856

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

Present

M^{rs} Armon, Armon, Craig, Frazer, M^r Mannus, Hamilton,
M^r Scan, Gaviller, Macouchy, Drury, Morrow, Manning,
Ferguson, Black, Cooper, Little, Murphy, Ludley, Keenan,
Turner 20

The Warden called the meeting to order,

The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

William M^r Clew Esquire handed his Certificate
to the Clerk & took his seat in the Council.

Letter from Lord Burg Civil Secretary to the Warden
enclosing a ^{copy of} dispatch which the Governor had received
from the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating
that he had laid the Address from the Municipality of
Simons at the foot of the Throne - read

Letter from J. George Hodgins Esq^r Deputy Superintendent
of Schools intimating that the balance of the Legislative
School Grant to West Gillinbury was paid to the County
Treasurer on the 9th instant - read

Letters from the Rev^d M^r Frazer & M^r West Gillinbury
to the Warden accompanied by copy of Correspondence
in relation to a deduction of £.15 made by the Depart-
ment of Public Instruction from Legislative Grant to West
Gillinbury for 1855 - read

The Municipal Council of
Petition from West Gillinbury on same subject - read

Petitions Presented

of Messrs Banks and Gardner and other inhabitants of the Township of Orpington praying for a grant of £400 to be laid out in improving the road from Whites Corner on the Penstonsquishine road to Ollien presented by W. Drury - read.

Of the Municipal Council of and other inhabitants of the Town of Ollien on the same subject - presented by W. Dawson - read.

Of Mr. Joseph Sellic for the situation of Constable Keeper - presented by Mr. Gardner - read.

Account of Board of Public Instruction for the Second School Circuit accompanied by Vouchers handed in to the Clerk and laid before the Council - read.

Communication from William Hutton Esq. Secretary of Blue Hook Department respecting certain returns to be made to the Bureau of Agriculture & Statistics by the Clerk - read.

Communication from the Secretary's Office requiring a certified return showing the number of rate payers on the Assessment Rolls for each Township Town & Village in the County for 1855 - read.

Communication from George El. Carter Esq. Secretary intimating that returns under 16 Vic. ch. 163 are required in duplicate in accordance with the forms furnished in the years 1853 & 1854 and that hereafter no such forms will be supplied to Clerks of County Councils - read.

Communication from E. H. Oliver respecting the County Printing - read.

Messrs. Mear & Co's list of prices & Letter laid before the Council -

Messrs. Thompson & Co's Communication respecting Assessed Rolls & read & List of prices laid before the Council.

Petition of numerous inhabitants of Marrie & Co. respecting the improvement of the High Road - presented by W. Morrow - read.

Communication from the Secretary of the General Drainage and Land Improvement Company to the Clerk and accompanied by Communication and prospectus of said Company addressed to the Warden & other County Council - read.

On Motion of Mr. McManus seconded by Mr. Frazer

Ordered That the several Reeves do hand to the Clerk the names of those Gentlemen whom they would recommend as Local Superintendents of Common Schools for the current year.

On Motion of Mr. McManus seconded by Mr. Frazer

Ordered That the several Reeves do hand to the Clerk for the Committee on Roads and Bridges a list of the names of persons whom they would desire to have appointed Overseers of Highways for the several Town lines of this County with their several divisions.

On Motion of Mr. Gardner seconded by Mr. Macouckey

Ordered That the pay allowed to Members of this Council be increased to Ten Shillings per day and that the By Law relating thereto be amended accordingly.

On which the Yeas and Nays were called per

Yeas for the Motion

Messrs Aronson, Macouchy, Gandler, ~~Stewart~~,
Craig, McManus, Hamilton, Morrow,
Laudley, Purser, Keenan, Fraser, McLean,
Ferguson, — 13

Mays against Motion

Messrs Manning, Drury, Cooper, Murphy, Little,
Black — 6.

Motion carried by a Majority of seven

On Motion of Mr Hamilton seconded by Mr
McManus.

Ordered That the Treasurer furnish this
Council with the amount of all arrears due
to the several townships for Wild Land tax
up to the 31st December last.

On Motion of Mr Morrow seconded by Mr Ma-
couchy

Ordered That the Finance Committee be instructed
to report on the salaries of the County Officers for
the current year.

On Motion of Mr Little seconded by Mr Black

Ordered That this Council at its earliest convenience
do take steps in order to amend certain portions of
the Charter held by the Ontario, Simcoe and Lake
Huron Railroad, in order that the said line
may be fenced and gates erected at the several
crossings on the different public roads and that
the Warden name a Special Committee for the
said purpose.

The Warden named

Messrs Little, Macouchy & McManus.

On Motion of Mr Craig seconded by Mr Fraser

Ordered That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges
do take into consideration the propriety of amending
the 12th and 13th clause of By Law No 21.

On Motion of Mr Gandler seconded by Mr Macouchy.

Ordered That the Standing Committee on Education
do particularly report on the Separate School Act passed
last Session.

On Motion of Mr Hamilton seconded by Mr Ferguson

Ordered That the Warden do appoint a Special Committee
to memorialize the House of Assembly, to pass a law,
or to amend the Railroad Act, to prevent the
running of Trains or any other work being done,
on the Railroads of Canada on the Sabbath.

The Warden named Messrs Hamilton, Manning
and Murphy.

On Motion of Mr Macouchy seconded by Mr Gandler

Ordered That the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

The Council adjourned until 10 O'clock tomorrow
morning.

J. W. Aronson
W. C. D. M.

Messrs Aronson, Macouchy, Gaultier, Atkinson,
Craig, McManus, Hamilton, Morrow,
Leadley, Turner, Keenan, Fraser, McLean,
Ferguson. — 13

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On Motion of Mr Hamilton seconded by Mr
McManus.

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crossings on the different public roads and that
the Warden name a Special Committee for the
said purpose.

The Warden named

Messrs Little Macouchy & McManus.

On Motion of Mr Craig seconded by Mr Fraser

Ordered That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges
do take into consideration the propriety of amending
the 12th and 13th clause of By Law No 211.

On Motion of Mr Gaultier seconded by Mr Macouchy.

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last Session.

On Motion of Mr Hamilton seconded by Mr Ferguson

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running of Trains or any other work being done,
on the Railroads of Canada on the Sabbath.

The Warden named Messrs Hamilton Manning
and Murphy.

On Motion of Mr Macouchy seconded by Mr Gaultier

Ordered That the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

The Council adjourned until 10 O'clock tomorrow
morning.

Jas J. Parker
McLeod

Count House Barrie
30th January 1854.

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment

The Warden in the Chair,

Present

Messrs. Sanson, Aronson, Craig, Frazer, McManus,
Hamilton, McKean, Gaviller, Macconchy, Drury,
Morrow, Manning, Ferguson, Black, Cooper,
Little, Murphy, Scudley, Keenan, Palmer, 20

The Warden called the Meeting to Order

The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

The County Surveyor's Reports Nos 1 & 2 read

Ordered That the documents now before the Council
be referred to their respective Committees.

Report of Special Committee appointed to consider
& report on the best means of getting the Railroad by
to force the line of Railroad accompanied by a
draft of a Petition to the Legislative Assembly on the
subject - read

On Motion of Mr. Macconchy seconded by Mr. Drury

Ordered That this Council do now go into Committee
of the whole on draft of Memorial now read

The Council went into Committee of the whole
Mr. McManus in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported

Memorial adopted as amended.

On Motion of Mr. Little seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered That the Report and Memorial be adopted that
the latter be engrossed by the Clerk and be signed and
sealed by the Warden the same to be transmitted to the
Members of the County for their presentation.

The County Treasurer's Report read accompanied by
Non-Resident Land Funds Account prepared in
accordance with the Provincial Statute 16th Vic cap 182
sec 74

The County Auditor's Report No 1 read

The County Treasurer's Account

On Motion of Mr. Aronson seconded by Mr. Frazer

Ordered That whereas in consequence of the great increase
of population and wealth in this County and also of the
attendant evil viz^t increase of crime renders it the
duty of this Council to provide the means for the
erection of Lock up Houses in the remote or densely
inhabited parts of the County and that in order to carry
out so necessary a measure the Warden do appoint
a Special Committee to take the subject into considera-
tion and report to this Council what in their opinion
may be advisable to be done in the premises.

The Warden named Messrs. Aronson, Frazer
and Manning

The Report of the Surveyors of the County
Plain Road read

On Motion of Mr. McClain seconded by Mr. Cooper.

Ordered that the several documents now laid before the Council be referred to their respective Committees.

County Surveyor's Report No 3 read.

Ordered that the Report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on County Property.

The Treasurer's account current laid before the Council.

Report of the Special Committee on the violation of the Sabbath by the Railroad Companies of the Province read accompanied by Draft of Petition to the Legislative Assembly on the Subject also read.

On Motion of Mr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. Frazer.

Ordered that the Report and Draft of Memorial now read be adopted that the latter be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden and transmitted to the County Member for the North Riding for presentation.

Memorial from the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Tottenham requesting a Grant or assistance from the County Council for the improvement of Hurontario Street - presented by Mr. Hamilton - read.

On Motion of Mr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. Frazer.

Ordered that the Memorial of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Tottenham for a Grant to improve Hurontario Street be referred to the Committee on roads and bridges.

Report No 1 of Standing Committee on Finance & expenditure read accompanied by Draft of By Law

which was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered that the By Law now read be read a second time forthwith.

By Law read a second time.

On Motion of Mr. Macnechy seconded by Mr. Armeson.

Ordered that as the Warden is required if possible to attend a Meeting of the Railroad in Toronto tomorrow that he shall have the permission of this Council to attend such Meeting.

Report No 2 of Standing Committee on Finance and expenditure read accompanied by Draft of By Law which was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered that the By Law now read be read a second time forthwith.

On Motion of Mr. Gaultier seconded by Mr. Macnechy.

Ordered that the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the By Law now read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole Mr. Armeson in the Chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported by Law adopted with amendments.

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Hamilton

Ordered That the By Law now read be read a third time forthwith

By Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Hamilton

Ordered That the By Law now read a third time do pass be engrossed & signed and sealed by the Warden

On Motion of Mr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. McManus

Ordered That whereas by the 70th clause of the "Municipal Law Consolidation Act" County Councils may authorize their Wardens to give debentures upon the credit of the Non-Resident Land Fund for the use of those townships that desire to avail themselves of this clause, therefore be it resolved that the Standing Committee of Finance & Improvement do take the subject into their consideration and recommend such measures as they shall see fit for carrying the enactments into effect

The Council adjourned until 9 O'clock tomorrow morning

Wm. Aronson Chairman

Court House Harris
31 January 1856

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

Present

Mrs. ~~Smith~~, Aronson, Craig, Frazer, McManus, Hamilton,
McLain, Gault, Macounchy, Drury, Morrow, Manning,
Ferguson, Black, Cooper, Little, Murphy, Seadley, Keenan,
& Turner 19

In the Warden's absence the Clerk called the meeting to order and requested the Members to choose a Chairman to officiate until the Warden's return from the Railroad meeting at Toronto

It was moved by Mr. McManus and seconded by Mr. Macounchy that Mr. Aronson should be Chairman pro tem & carried unanimously

Mr. Aronson accordingly took the Chair

The Minutes of yesterday were then read and signed by the Chairman
Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on Education read

On Motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. McManus

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on Education

read

On Motion of Mr. Gault seconded by Mr. Macounchy

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted and that the portion relating to the change of name of County in regard to correspondence of the Local Superintendent with the Educational Department be transmitted to that Department.

Report No 3 of Standing Committee on Education accompanied by draft of Memorial to Legislative Assembly read - praying for a repeal of Amendment of Common School Act 18 Vic Cap 131. Granting Roman Catholics power to establish separate schools read.

Moved by Mr. Gailler seconded by Mr. Macomber

x That the Report now read be adopted and the Memorial thereto be engrossed signed and sealed by the Warden and transmitted to the Representatives of this County for presentation.

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Morrow seconded by Mr. Keenan

Ordered that the Report now read be not adopted but that it lie on the Table until Evening and then be taken up as the first business.

Report No 3 of Standing Committee on Finance and Expenditure read

+ On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Hamilton

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted.

On Motion of Mr. McManis seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered that the Committee on Finance & Expenditure be instructed to prepare a By Law in accordance with

the Report now adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Printing read

On Motion of Mr. Gailler seconded by Mr. Macomber

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted.

On Motion by Mr. Gray seconded by Mr. Macomber

Ordered that the Finance & Expenditure Committee do take into consideration the propriety of the purchase of the West half of Lot No 2 in the first Concession of 1800 as offered to this Council by the Government at 20¢ per acre for an industrial farm.

The County Auditor's Report No 2 on Finance and Expenditure read.

On Motion of Mr. McAlain seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered that the Auditor's Report on the County Treasury Account now read be referred to the Committee on Finance & Expenditure.

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Gray

Ordered that a Committee of Three be named by the Warden Chairman to consider the Bill introduced at the late Session by the Honble J. H. Cameron to Amend and Consolidate the Municipal Corporations Act.

On Motion of Mr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. Manning

Ordered that whereas the evils of Intemperance are still fearfully prevalent and the opportunity of procuring intoxicating drinks greatly facilitated both by the increase of Taverns and the high rate of wages paid to laborers.

Mechanics &c. therefore that a Special Committee of five be appointed by the Chairman to make a report on the Subject and to draft a Memorial to the Legislature for the approval of this Council praying that steps may be taken in their wisdom for the better prevention of the above evil.

The Chairman named Messrs Hamilton, Manning, Gray, Morrow and Macomber.

On Motion of Mr. Gaviller seconded by Mr. Macomber

Ordered That the names of Messrs. Arnsen and Manning be added to the Committee to consider the proposed Municipal Bill introduced by the Honorable J. H. Cameron.

On Motion of Mr. Morrow seconded by Mr. Macomber

Ordered That the consideration of the Memorial on Education be deferred until tomorrow morning

Report No 1 of Standing Committee on County property read.

On Motion of Mr. Macomber seconded by Mr. Lette

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

Report of Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges No 1 read accompanied by draft of By Law which was read a first time

On Motion of Mr. Morrow seconded by Mr. M. Mann

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

Ordered that the Report now read a first time be read a second time forthwith

By Law read a second time.

On Motion of Mr. M. Mann seconded by Mr. Frazer

Ordered That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of By Law now read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole Mr. Gaviller in the Chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported that By Law do pass without amendment.

On Motion of Mr. Morrow seconded by Mr. M. Mann

Ordered That the By Law now read a second time be read a third time forthwith

By Law read a third time.

On Motion of Mr. Morrow seconded by Mr. M. Mann

Ordered That the By Law now read a third time do pass be engrossed by the Clerk and signed and sealed by the Warden

The Council adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

Wm. Arnsen
Chairman