

Minutes of First Session
for 1862

Council Hall Room
January 28th 1862

The Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective Townships in the County of Simcoe, together with the Reeves of the Towns and Villages therein, met this day pursuant to the act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada, Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada Cap. 54 - and having filed their certificates of qualification with the Clerk, took their seats in the Council

Present

1. George Merriam Esq Reeve of Mono, Mono Mills p.p.
2. Thomas Elmer Esq Deputy Reeve of Mono, Northfield p.p.
3. John Ross Esq Reeve of Simcoe, Simcoe Station
4. James Russell Esq " of Nottawasaga, Brownie "
5. John Keane Esq " of Millia Millia "
6. Thomas Langley Esq " of Arjula Arlington "
7. William McBlain Esq " of Cassa Clover Hill "
8. George Davis Esq Dep. Reeve of Essex Iona "
9. George Clark Esq Reeve of Grey & Log Waverly "
10. Bonathau Sissons Esq Reeve of Deserpa Barrie "
11. John Little Esq " of Mulmur Mulmur "
12. Robert Murphy Esq " of Sherbrooke, Arlington "
13. Thomas Parker Esq " of Westfielding Bradford "
14. Andrew Stoddars Esq Dep. Reeve of do. Bond Head "
15. John Craig Esq Reeve of Meantone Craighurst "
16. James Telfer Esq " Collingwood Collingwood "
17. James Saunders Esq " Leedsmeth Clover Hill "
18. L. James Genge Esq " Bradford Bradford "
19. Guidion J. Phillips Esq Dep. Reeve of Nottawasaga, Nottawasaga Station
20. John C. Steele Esq Reeve of Oro Oro "
21. James Rowatt Esq " of Hos Craighurst "
22. J. R. Ferguson Esq " Innisfil Cookstown "
23. Mr. W. M. Conkey Esq " Barrie Barrie "
24. James Black Esq Dep. Reeve Innisfil Innisfil "
25. Michael Scott Esq " " Oro, East Oro "
26. Geo. A. Nolan Esq " " Leedsmeth, Leedsmeth "

The clerk having called the council to order
It was proposed by Mr. McClain Sec^y by Mr. Craig
That Thomas R. Ferguson Esq^r Rec^d at Ipswich be
Warden of the County of Lincoln for the current year
The clerk thereupon declared Mr. R. Ferguson
Esq^r duly elected Warden for the current year

On Motion of Mr. Russell
The council adjourned until 10 o'clock
tomorrow morning

Thos R. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Room
Jan^y 29th 1862

The council met pursuant to adjournment
His Honor, the County Judge, having taken his
seat on the Bench, administered the oath of
office to the Warden elect

The Warden took his seat and called the council
to order. All members present.

The Warden addressed the council
at considerable length.
The Minutes of the last days Meeting of the Special
Meeting in November, and the Minutes of yesterday
were read and confirmed

The Warden laid the following documents before
the council which were read (viz) - County Treasurers
Annual Report, Communication from do. with Councils advice
Auditors Report No. 1 Accounts of the Board of Public
instruction for the first and second school circuits, Advance
office for printing, M. Lead and Taylor Lockuphouse keeper
at Orlin and Bradford, and Auditors Report No. 1

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec^y by Mr. McClain
Ordered: That the Warden do appoint the Standing
Committees of this Council for the current year

The Warden named the following gentlemen to form
the following respective Committees

Finance and Assessment
Messrs. Parker, Saunders, Genge, Russell and Clark

Education
Messrs. Craig, McConkey, Ross, Little and Stoddard

County Property
Messrs. McManus, Selzer, Keam, Phillips and Nolan

Roads and Bridges
Messrs. McClain, Steele, Elder, Sissons and Black

Printing
Messrs. Davis, Craig, McManus, Black and Rowatt

Contingencies
Messrs. Murphy, Scott and Langly

On Motion of Mr. Ross Sec^y by Mr. Saunders
Ordered: That S. M. Sandford Esq^r be appointed
Auditor for the current year

The Warden named Allen Lloyd Esq^r to be Auditor for
the current year.

On Motion of Mr. Genge Sec^y by Mr. Saunders
Ordered: That the Social Accounts now before the
Council be referred to the proper Committees

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec^y by Mr. McManus
Ordered: That the Treasurer be requested to forward to the Clerk
of each Municipality for the use of the Assessors on or before
the first day of March next a list of all lands the fee of
which remains in the crown

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec^y by Mr. McManus
Ordered: That the names of such Gentlemen as may be recommended to the
office of Local Superintendents of Common Schools for the current year be handed
to the Clerk, in order that the same may be submitted to the Standing Committee
on Education

The Warden laid before the Council, the Legal Opinions of Messrs Patton, Gault, and Cameron, on certain ~~important~~ matters submitted to them by the County Messrs also Circulars from the late Warden and from the Warden of Kilm and Bines, and Circular on Municipal indebtedness, &c

On Motion of Mr McClain Sec^y by Mr Davis
Ordered: That the Opinions of Messrs Patton Galt and Cameron, with all documents connected therewith be referred to a Special Committee composed of the following Gentlemen viz. Messrs McCorkay McManus, George, Selfer and the Mayor

On Motion of Mr McManus

The Council adjourned until 7 o'clock p.m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council viz. County Surveyors Report No. 1, accounts of W. Man and Sons, R. C. Hoagson, J. M. Geyser and Messrs Patton and Adagh, which were read

On Motion of Mr McManus Sec^y by Mr Selfer
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr Saunders Sec^y by Mr Russell
Ordered: That the Warden be requested to prepare a Synopsis of the eloquent address delivered by him on assuming the duties of the Chair, embodying the various matters of practical interest to the rate payers of the County with a view to the publication of the same in the printed Minutes of the Council

On Motion of Mr Sisson Sec^y by Mr Steele
Ordered: That the Rule for Equalization of the Assessment Rolls of the various Municipalities of the County of Inverclyde passed at the last October Session be rescinded

On Motion of Mr McClain Sec^y by Mr McManus
Ordered that the Council do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

J. H. Hoagson
Warden

Council Hall Barris
January 30th, 1862.

The Council met this morning pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair

Roll of members called

Present. Messrs Black, Black Craig, Davis, Elan, George, Kean, Langley, Little, McCorkay, McClain, McManus, Murphy, Rowatt, Nolan, Parker, Ross, Russell, Saunders, Scott, Sissons, Steele, Stodders and Selfer 24.

The Minutes of Yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council viz. Petition of the Inhabitants of Collingwood & account of John McCauland

On motion of Mr Selfer Sec^y by Mr Kean
Ordered: That a special Committee of five be appointed composed of the following Gentlemen viz. Messrs McCorkay, Kean, Black, Ross and the Mayor, to take into consideration the petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Collingwood in reference to the Fishery Act.

On Motion of Mr Sissons Sec^y by Mr Steele
Ordered: That the following Gentlemen, namely Messrs Parker, Saunders, McClain, McManus, Little, Russell, Steele, Craig, Kean, McCorkay, George, Selfer and the Mayor, be a Committee to equalize the Assessment Rolls, and that they enter on their duties as such Committee on the first day of the June Session.

On Motion of Mr. Cassey Sec^y by Mr. M. M. Williams
Ordered: That the Standing Committee on Roads
and Bridges be instructed to examine the returns
made by the several Towns, and Township Clerks relative
to the Statute Labour, and commutation money
expended on Town lines according to Bylaw of this
Council No. 90, together with the amount of commutation
money unexpended by each Municipality as well
as those Municipalities from which no returns
have been received, in order that measures may
be taken to enforce the Law against all defaulters

It was moved by Mr. Langly Sec^y by Mr. Murphy
That the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges
be instructed to recommend that the sum of six
hundred dollars be granted to improve the Bridges
that are now in a dilapidated state on the Town
line between the Townships of Accumbeth and Essex

Moved in amendment by Mr. Saunders Sec^y by Mr. M. M. O'Brien
Ordered: That the motion be not passed but that a Special
Committee of five ~~men~~ be appointed by the Warden
to consider and report on the legality of Bylaw No. 110
of the Council by which the charge of said Townlines
are thrown on the adjoining Municipalities, and
that they be empowered to obtain legal advice if
necessary
The Warden named Messrs M. Conkey, Saunders, Craig,
M. O'Brien and Stoddard

On Motion of Mr. Ross Sec^y by Mr. Clark
Ordered: That the Warden do appoint a Special Committee
of five to draw up an address of Condolence to Her most
Gracious Majesty our beloved Queen, now bereaved of her
Illustrious Husband the Prince Consort

The Warden named Messrs M. M. Williams, George Ross, Parker & Saunders
On Motion of Mr. Russell Sec^y by Mr. Kean
Ordered: That that the several Documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr. M. M. Williams the Council adjourned until
Seven O'clock this Evening

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
The Warden laid the following documents before the
Council which were read viz The Petition of the County
Auditors and Auditors Report No. 2,

Report of Special Committee on Fishery Laws
Presented and read with accompanying Memorial

On Motion of Mr. M. Conkey Sec^y by Mr. Clark
Ordered: That the Report and Draft of Memorial now read
be adopted, that the Memorial be engrossed by the Clerk
Signed and sealed by the Warden, and by him transmitted
to the members for the County and the Honble James Patton
Member for the Saugeen Division for presentation

Report No. 1, of the Standing Committee on
Roads and Bridges, presented and read
On Motion of Mr. M. O'Brien Sec^y by Mr. Steele
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

The Report of Standing Committee
on Printing presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Black
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 1, of Standing Committee
on Finance and Assessment presented and read

It was moved by Mr. Parker Sec^y by Mr. Genge
That the Report now be adopted

Moved in amendment by Mr. M. M. Williams Sec^y by Mr. Steele
That the Report be not adopted but that it be referred
back to the Committee with instructions to strike out all
that part of the Report which recommends an increase
of Salary to the Treasurer x

It was moved in amendment to the Amendment
by Mr. Saunders Sec^y by Mr. Genge
Ordered: That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole to take into
consideration the Report of the Finance Committee now read

The council then went into committee of the whole
Mr. Craig in the chair.

The committee of the whole rose and reported.
Report No. 1 of the Committee on Finance and
assessment amended.

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec. by Mr. Stodders
Ordered: That the Report No. 11 of the Standing Committee
on Finance and Assessment as amended in
committee of the whole be now adopted

Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee
on Education presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec. by Mr. McManus
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McBlain Sec. by Mr. Stodders
Ordered: That the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective committees

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec. by Mr. McConkey
Ordered: That as grave reasons are entertained that
application will be made by those Municipalities who
have borrowed money from the Municipalities Loan
Fund, to obtain the passing of a Bill at the next
session of the Legislature to have said liabilities charged
on the Province, that it is necessary to Memorialize the
Legislature praying ^{against} any enactment by which the
debts of the defaulting Municipalities should be made
a public charge, or assumed by the Government, and
that a Committee of three be appointed by the Warden
to draft such Memorial, and Report to this Council
at its present sitting of the same

The Warden named Messrs Parker, McConkey, & Little to be such Committee
On Motion of Mr. McConkey Sec. by Mr. Nolan
Ordered: That Messrs Saunders, Steele, and the mover
be a Special Committee to enquire into, and report to this Council
whether it is competent for the County Treasurer to impose and collect
a large accumulation of back taxes morally due upon lands liable to
taxation throughout many of the Townships, Town and Villages in this County

but which have for years, through a defective assessment
escaped taxation,

On Motion of Mr. Ross Sec. by Mr. Clark
Ordered: That the Clerk of this Council be instructed to
inform Mr. Joshua Walker, Clerk to the Treasurer of the
decision of this Council, respecting the discontinuance
of his office.

On Motion of Mr. Sisson
The Council adjourned until 10 o'clock A.M.
The Warden
The Warden

Council Hall January 31st 1862

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Names of Members called
Present Messrs: Black, Clark, Craig, Davis, Elser,
Gene, Hean, Langly, Little, McConkey, McBlain,
McManus, Murphy, Nolan, Parker, Ross, Rowatt, Russell,
Stodders, Scott, Sissons, Steele, Stodders and Telfer. 24
The Warden laid the following documents before the Council
which were

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council
which were read, viz: - Communications from the Warden of Carlton
The County Clerk of York & Peel and from the Secretary of the
Committee of the Georgian Bay Canal.

On Motion of Mr. Murphy Sec. by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective committees

Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee
on County property with accompanying By Law presented
and read,

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec. by Mr. Celler
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted, and
that the By Law now read a first time, be read
a second. "By Law read a second time"

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec. by Mr. Kean
Ordered: That the By Law now read a second
time be read a third time

By Law read a third time
On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec. by Mr. Nolan
Ordered: That the By Law now read a third time
As passed, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and
sealed by the Warden

Report of Special Committee

Appointed to enquire into the power of Co. Treasurer
as to the collection of back taxes.

On Motion of Mr. McCoukey Sec. by Mr. Saunders
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted
and that the Clerk certify the Treasurer of its purport

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec. by Mr. Russell
Ordered: That, for the purpose of presenting the
Petition of Sarah Beardsley Court House Keeper
Rule No. 48 of this Council be suspended

The Warden laid the petition of Sarah
Beardsley before the Council which was read

It was moved by Mr. McCoukey Sec. by Mr. Craig
That the Special Committee on the Jail extension be instructed
to take the necessary steps to go on with the work forthwith, in order
to afford intending contractors the residue of the winter to procure
such materials as can be had, such as brick, timber, lumber &c

Moved in Amendment by Mr. McManus Sec. by Mr. Parker
Ordered that the motion ^{now before the Council} do not pass, as it would be unwise to impose so
heavy a tax on the ratepayers of this County at the present time
as would be required to carry out the contemplated enlargement
of the County Jail to the extent required by the Prison
Inspectors

Pres. Messrs. Black, Davis Elder, George Kean
Langly, Little, M. Clain, McManus, Murphy Nolan
Parker Saunders Stodders Selfer 15

Keys - Messrs. Clark, McCoukey Ross, Rowatt
Craig Russell, Scott, Sissom Steele - 19

On Motion of Mr. M. Clain the Council adjourned
until 7 o'clock P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the Report County Surveyors Report No. 2
before the Council, which was read.

The Report No. 2 of the Standing Committee
On Finance and Assessment was presented and read

It was moved by Mr. Russell Sec. by Mr. Saunders
That the Report now read be adopted

Moved in amendment by Mr. M. Clain Sec. by Mr. Stodders
That the Report now read be not adopted, but be
referred back to the committee for the purpose of striking
out all that portion of the Report which recommends
an increase of salary to the County officers therein
named

Moved by Mr. McCoukey Sec. by Mr. Nolan, and
Ordered: That in amendment to the Amendment
that the Report be not referred back to the Committee
but that the Council resolve itself into Committee of the
whole on the same

Yes The Council then resolved itself into Committee of
the whole Mr. McCoukey in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the
Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance and Assessment
not amended

Moved by Mr. Russell Sec. by Mr. Saunders
That the Report now read be adopted

^{in amendment}
It was moved by Mr. M. Claim Sec^y by Mr. Stoddes
that the Report now read be not adopted, but be
referred back to the Committee for recommendation
with instructions to strike out all that portions
of the Report which recommends an increase
of salary to the County Treasurer Officers therein
named - lost.

Yeas Messrs Black, Davis, Elder, Langley
M. Claim, M. Manns and Stoddes 7
Nays Messrs Clark, George Kean, Little Murphy
Nolan, Parker, Ross, Rowatt, Russell Scott
Saunders, Sissins Steele Selfer 16

The original motion was ~~then~~ put and carried
Yeas Messrs Clark, George, Kean, Little, M. Conkey
Murphy, Parker, Ross, Rowatt, Russell, Saunders,
Scott, Sissins Steele and Selfer & Nolan 16
Nays Messrs Black, Davis, Elder, Langley M. Claim
M. Manns, and Stoddes 7 -

Report of Special Committee
on Address of Amalence to the Queen, presented and
read, with accompanying draft of address

The report was laid on the table until next meeting
of the Council in accordance with a standing rule of
the Council.

Report of Special Committee
on Legal opinions, presented and read

On Motion of Mr. M. Conkey Sec^y by Mr. Selfer
Ordered: That the report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. M. Manns Sec^y by Mr. Selfer
Ordered: That the Clerk of this Council do procure a
sufficient number of Assessment and Collectors Rolls and
notices, for the different Corporations in this County and
forward the same to the Township Town and Village Clerks
with as little delay as possible, and that he get the same
from St. Crew - provided that he will furnish them for
the same amount that was paid last year in Toronto
and if not, then, that he procure the same in Toronto
as last year

On Motion of Mr. Saunders Sec^y by Mr. George
Ordered: That this Council do hereby heartily endorse the action
of the late Warden J. D. M. Conkey Esq in issuing a Circular
to the Wardens of the several Counties throughout the
Province, soliciting their Co-operation in bringing the
difficulties respecting the sale of unpatented Lands, before
the Legislature for the purpose of obtaining redress - and for
which action the thanks of the Council are due to Mr. M. Conkey
and are hereby most respectfully tendered

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec^y by Mr. Rowatt
The Council adjourns until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

J. D. Ferguson
Warden

Parrie
Council Hall, July 1st 1862

The Council met this morning pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
Members called.

Present Messrs Black Clark Gray Davis Elder George
Kean Langley Little M. Conkey M. Claim, M. Manns Murphy
Nolan, Parker, Ross Rowatt Russell Saunders Scott
Sissins Steele Stoddes and Selfer 24

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

Report No. 3 of the Standing Committee
on Finance and Assessment presented and read
and was with consent of the Council withdrawn

Report of Standing Committee Contingencies
presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Murphy Sec^y by Mr. Langley
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. M. Conkey Sec^y by Mr. Selfer
Ordered: That where cases present themselves to the County
Treasurer in which parties having conflicting interests
in Lands purchased at our Tax Land Sales, are willing
to arrange

to arrange for the reconveyance of such lands to the rightful owner, that the Treasurer be authorized to carry out such arrangements on the part of this County, as he in the exercise of a sound discretion, or under professional advice may deem advantageous

It was moved by Mr. George Sec^y by Mr. Saunders that Delegate be nominated by this Council to proceed to Quebec while the parliament is in session - for the purpose of carrying out the suggestion contained in the circular addressed by the Warden to the Wardens of the several Counties throughout the Province

Moved in Amendment by Mr. McClain Sec^y by Mr. Saunders that in case other Corporations send a delegation to parliament, that the Warden Thos. C. Jarvis Esq. M.P. Angus Morrison Esq. M.P. and the Honorable James Patton, M.L.C. be appointed, and respectfully requested to act as such delegation for and in behalf of this County to meet and confer with any and every delegation that may be appointed by other Corporate Bodies, to go to the seat of Government during the forthcoming session of Parliament, for the purpose of obtaining some just and reasonable measure of relief in the matter of the sales of unpatented lands for taxes in this Province, and for a declaratory act so that the true intent and meaning of certain clauses or sections of the Assessment Law may be better and more clearly defined

The Report of Special Committee on address to the Queen
On Motion of Mr. Ross Sec^y by Mr. George
Ordered: That the report on the address of the Countess to the Queen be adopted, be engrossed by the Clerk signed and sealed by the Warden, and transmitted by the latter to His Excellency the Governor General for presentation to Her Majesty's Majesty -

No. 3, Report of Standing Committee on Finance and Act. Presented and read

On Motion of Mr. George Sec^y by Mr. Clark
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McCorkley Sec^y by Mr. Jissens
Ordered: That the Warden be requested to confer with the Board of Prison Inspectors with a view to a reduction in the contemplated expenditure of the Jail, and that he advise that Body of the action taken by this Council at its present session, in reference to a postponement of the work for the present

On Motion of Mr. McCorkley Sec^y by Mr. Clark
Ordered: That the County Surveyor be instructed to open one or more apertures in the ceiling of the Court room of the County Court house, the present one not being sufficient to carry off the foul gasses arising from a crowded room during the sitting of the Courts

On Motion of Mr. Hodder Sec^y by Mr. Parker
Ordered that the Clerk be instructed to have the usual number of copies of the minutes of this session printed and circulated with the least possible delay

On Motion of Mr. McCorkley Sec^y by Mr. Parker
Ordered: That the Special Committee on Municipal indebtedness be instructed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature protesting against the assumption by the Government of the indebtedness of several Corporations who have borrowed from the Municipal Loan Fund, and that the Warden append his signature and seal of the County to such Memorial and that such action be reported to this Council at the next session

The Warden laid the Legal opinion of Messrs Patton & Ardagh respecting By Law No. 110 before the Council.

On Motion of Mr. Hodder Sec^y by Mr. McClain
Ordered that the Legal advice of Messrs Patton and Ardagh on By Law No. 110 be referred to the Special Committee appointed to take the said By Law into consideration

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec. by Mr. Saunders
Ordered: That the sum of Seventy five dollars
be allowed to R. J. Panting Esq County Clerk in
consideration of extra services performed by
him in preparing from the several assessment
Rolls the tabular sheets furnished to the Members
of this Council, showing the average value per acre
and other statistics of the several Municipalities

On Motion of Mr. Stodder
Seconded by Mr. Sissons
Ordered that the Council adjourn, and stand adjourned
until the fourth Monday in June next at 2 o'clock
P.M.

J. A. Ferguson
Warden

Minutes of the June Session

Council Hall

Passed June 25th 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to
adjournment. The Warden in the Chair
Roll of Members called
Present Messrs:- Black, Clark, Craig, Davis,
Elder, Gage, Keen, Langly, Little, McConkey,
McClain, McManis, Murphy, Nolan, Parker,
Phillip, Ross, Rowatt, Russell, Saunders, Scott,
Sissons, Steele & Stodder 24.

The Warden addressed the Council at
considerable length.
The Minutes of the last day of last
session were read and confirmed.

The Warden laid the following documents before
the Council viz:- Warden's communication with the
Prison Inspectors, presentment of the Grand Jurors
of the Quarter Session, communication of Mr. Pope
Reeve of Bradford, Alexander Lang, William Moor
Reeve of West Guilford, Chief Supt. of Education
and Rev. Mr. Stewart, County Treasurer Report
and estimate, Law Opinions of Messrs. Eeles
and Wilson and communication of Rowland
Burr Esq. of the City of Toronto

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock
tomorrow morning -

J. A. Ferguson
Warden