

M I N U T E S
OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION, 1948, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 22nd, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the June Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Turner.

The minutes of the June Session, having been printed and distributed, were taken as read.

The Warden welcomed the members to this the last Session of the County Council for 1948. Since the June Session two members, George Widde and Louie Truax, had been quite ill, but he was glad to see them in their seats at this session.

He referred to the death of John Kidd, who formerly represented Flos Township as Deputy-Reeve; he was sure the sympathy of this Council went out to the bereaved relatives.

During the year he had been invited to represent the County at different functions, and had attended as many as possible. He and the Special Agriculture Committee attended the International Plowing Match at Lindsay, where they met many men from other counties. The Plowing Match is to be held in Simcoe County in 1950, on a 600-acre farm south of Alliston, and he hoped that the representatives on the County Council for that year would co-operate and make it as much a success as the last one which was held at Minesing in 1938.

On Sept. 23rd, 1948, he attended the opening of the North River Bridge in Matchedash Township, at which the Hon. George Doucett, Minister of Highways for Ontario, officiated.

The Equalization Committee of Welland County visited Simcoe County recently, and a very pleasant day was spent discussing county affairs with them.

Since the June Session the County Health Unit had officially come into being, a report on which would be presented later in the Session, along with reports from a number of other Special Committees.

At the October meeting of the Board of Management of the Simcoe County Home L. E. Ludlow, Inspector of Refuges for the Province of Ontario, stressed the importance of building an addition to the present Home to alleviate overcrowding.

The Warden stated that Robt. Craig had completed 25 years service as Messenger

and Caretaker of the Court House, and on behalf of the Council he extended him heartiest congratulations and appreciation for his faithful and courteous service.

He had done considerable travelling through the County, and found the County Roads in good shape and that we were blessed with excellent crops.

He referred to the fact that George Patterson, Reeve of Port McNicoll, was retiring from municipal life this year after serving his municipality for the past 14 years; he leaves in January for a trip to his native land of Scotland. The Warden stated the Council would be losing a very valued member, but he was sure their best wishes went with Mr. Patterson.

Since the June Session, also, Mrs. Helen Newton and Mrs. Flora Downard, have resigned from the employ of the County; each had given faithful service to the County and he wished them much happiness in their married life.

In his closing remarks the Warden wished all who were seeking re-election every success.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts, and they were referred to their respective committees:

Letter from F. A. Lashley, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe, with reference to the County Council giving recognition to the Calf Club winners in the Provincial Competition at Guelph and the Dominion Competition at the Royal Winter Fair.

List of prize winners in the County Weed Essay Competition conducted by the two County Weed Inspectors.

Resolution from the Council of Orillia Town, re the destruction of weeds.

Letter from S. L. Page, Agricultural Representative for North Simcoe, in connection with the prize winners in the Inter-County Tractor Competition at the International Plowing Match.

Report from Miss Belle Warnica, Secretary, on the educational trip of the Chilliwit Club to the United States.

Resolutions from the following Townships, endorsing a Warble Fly Control policy for the County of Simcoe:- Sunnidale, Tecumseth and Orillia.

Resolution from the Council of Kent County, re freight rates on the shipping of livestock by the Pere Marquette and Michigan Central Railway Companies.

Resolution from Lanark County Council, re cutting of weeds on highways and railway right-of-ways.

Report of the Grand Jury at the September sitting of the Supreme Court.

Resolution from the Secretary of the Ontario Educational Association, re the establishing of a Mental Health Clinic in the County.

Account from the Secretary of the Midland District High School Board for the education of County pupils from the Townships of Tay and Medonte who attended Midland High School during 1947.

Communication from the Deputy Minister of Education, approving of part of Mulmur Township in Dufferin County being added to the Alliston High School District, approving of part of Sunnidale Township being added to the Barrie High School District and approving of Mara Township in Ontario County being added to the Orillia High School District.

Copy of the New Constitution of the County Library, from Miss Audrey Gray, County Librarian.

Resolution from Tecumseth Township Council, giving notice that they will adopt the new system of assessing property.

Statement from the Clerk of Orillia Town, showing the amount of taxes added to the Collector's Roll under Section 57 (a) of The Assessment Act.

Communication from D. S. F. Cameron, Business Manager of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, re the regulations governing the amount of pension to be applied to the hospital accounts of pensioners who are receiving hospital treatment.

Letter regarding liability for the hospital account of Miss Audrey Borrow, an indigent patient who had not established residence in any municipality.

Resolution from the Board of Management of the Simcoe County Home with regard to exemption from Unemployment Insurance for employees of the Home by having it classed as a Charitable Institution.

Appeal from St. John Ambulance for a grant to assist that organization in its work.

Communication from Thos. Gourlay, Inspector of Reform Institutions, re bonus for Civil Servants.

Letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Police Village of Elmvale, requesting that it be granted incorporation.

Resolution from the Council of Wentworth County, requesting the Dominion Government to assume the cost of social service to immigrants being brought to Canada.

Resolution from the Council of the Town of Collingwood, objecting to the County holding \$176,000 in Victory Bonds.

Accounts from the following Training Schools for the maintenance of wards:

St. Joseph's Training School, Alfred	\$295.50
St. John's Training School, 127 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto	334.75
St. Mary's Training School, Downsview	137.25
Ontario Training School for Boys, Bowmanville	537.50
Ontario Training School for Girls, Cobourg	189.00

Resignation of Mrs. Helen Newton, Clerical Assistant to E. W. Jones, County Engineer.

Certified list of County employees who are exempt from Unemployment Insurance deductions.

Resolution from Kent County Council, objecting to members being elected to County Boards of Health for more than one year.

Resolution from the Council of the Town of Collingwood, re the service of Miss E. M. Dawson, Board of Health nurse of that Town.

Communication from the Clerk of Collingwood, re Sanitary Inspector service for the Town.

Resolution from the Council of Welland County, re taking away the right of Mayors, Reeves and Deputy-Reeves as being ex-officio Justices of the Peace.

Letter from Lauder Hamilton, complaining of sand being piled along his fence adjoining the County Road.

Communication from C. H. Bushnell, Secretary of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, requesting that a deputation be heard on Monday, Nov. 22nd, re placing directional signs on County Roads.

Notices of accidents on the County Roads from the following:-

Wilfred J. Bagnell	Orangeville
Winston H. Blanchard	R.R.#2 Alliston

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H. T. Wright	80 Summit St., Toronto
Mrs. I. A. Reeve	255 Elizabeth St., Barrie
Eugene Cranney	R.R. #4 Orillia
J. A. Johnston	R.R. #5 Bolton
Agnes Boyce	49 Inwood Ave., Toronto
J. H. Kennedy	Balm Beach
D. Boyle	Balm Beach

Communication from J. A. P. Marshall, Chief Municipal Engineer, re County Road subsidy.

Communication from J. A. P. Marshall with suggested form of by-law to be used in making additions to or taking from the County Road System.

Statement of school taxes from the various townshipson reforestation lands owned by the County.

Complaint from the Village of Creemore on the condition of the road from Creemore to Dunedin.

Statement of costs on Engineer's Award for clearing the Swaley Creek Drain in Vespra Township, and the amounts assessed to the County of Simcoe.

Letter from J. A. Gibson, Public School Inspector, Orillia, giving a list of the prize winners in the 1948 County Historical and Geographical Examination.

Communication from the Ontario Municipal Board in the matter of an application from W. H. Taylor and Edith Odelle Taylor, to detach parts of Lots 17, 18 and 19 in the third Concession of Tay Township from the Town of Midland.

Petition from D. S. Pratt, Fuels, Midland, signed by a number of lumbermen, requesting Simcoe County Council to refrain from imposing any restrictions on the cutting of timber and trees in the County.

The Warden stated that a deputation from Elmvale wished to speak to the Council with regard to incorporating the Police Village of Elmvale into an Incorporated Village, and asked Councillor Maw to introduce the members of the deputation.

W. M. Thompson, Penetang, said he was looking after the legal work in connection with the matter and stated that all the requirements of The Municipal Act had been complied with with the exception of taking the census; he suggested that Mr. Fred Hardwicke could be engaged to do this work, and would probably have it finished by Thursday of this week when the required by-law could be prepared and presented to the Council.

Lawson Robinson, Elmvale, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Police Village, stated that the petition presented to the Council had been signed by 90% of the freeholders and that they were therefore eligible to make application for incorporation.

Wm. Campbell spoke briefly on the merits of Elmvale as a thriving little village; he said it had a fine business section with modern stores which were second to none in Ontario, to say nothing of its up-to-date water system and four churches which were quite active and well-attended. They had made enquiries into the advantages of becoming incorporated, and he hoped the Council would see fit to pass the necessary by-law.

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The Warden assured the deputation that the Council would give every consideration to their request.

Warden Middleton then asked Councillor MacIntosh to introduce Didace Grise, Deputy Chairman of the Eastern Georgian Bay Tourist Conference, and Norman Clarke, Chairman of the Huronia Association, who wished to address the Council in connection with erecting directional signs throughout the County. He stated that one of the men who were to have been here to-day had been killed in a motor accident, and the other was still in hospital.

Mr. Grise said they were going to ask the County Council erect and maintain signs similar to the Department of Highways signs. He described at some length the importance of attracting tourist trade to the County, and stated that good road signs were of great assistance in this respect. He further stated that his Association would be quite willing to co-operate with the County Road Committee in accomplishing this objective.

Mr. Clarke suggested that certain County Roads leading to beaches and historic sites be marked at intersections, and estimated that there would be approximately 35 such intersections. He also suggested that each road sign show the number of the County Road, the concession number, the name of the village or town, if any, and the direction to beaches or historic sites.

The Warden thanked Messrs. Grise and Clarke for their addresses, and stated that the Council would carefully consider their request.

Councillor Clark referred to the fact that during the November Session last year the Council had taken a half day off to go to the Royal Winter Fair, and he suggested that they go again this year.

Councillor Hunter asked the members for their co-operation in transporting the prize winners in the County Historical Examination as arrangements have been made to give them some recognition at the session to-morrow.

Councillor Benson pointed out that on the last day of the June Session a resolution was passed requesting the Warden to name a committee to investigate the hospitals' deficits and work out a fair and just way to reimburse them for their losses, and to report at this Session. Some deputations have asked to be heard this week in this connection, and he enquired as to what had been done about the matter.

There is no record in the minutes of such committee being named.

C. D. Raikes, County Weed Inspector for North Simcoe, stated that he and Mr. Dunn had arranged to bring the winners in the Weed Essay Competition to the session to-morrow morning to be presented with their prizes.

He referred to the resolution from the Town of Orillia with regard to weed control, and said it appeared that the Town was opposed to County Weed Inspectors. It was the only local municipality in North Simcoe which had not appointed a weed inspector, although it is not required to do so under The Weed Control Act. He had always received the best of co-operation, especially from the townships.

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A number of questions were asked, to which Mr. Raikes satisfactorily replied.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Patterson, and ordered,

That a special census of the inhabitants of the district comprising the proposed Village of Elmvale, as described in the petition before the Council, be taken by Fred Hardwicke of Elmvale, and that he be requested to report on the same as quickly as possible.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That this Council go as a body to the Royal Winter Fair to-morrow after the conclusion of the morning session.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That Councillor Turner be granted leave of absence from to-day's session.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 9:30 A.M. Tuesday.

J. McKeown
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

S. Walter Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 23rd, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from Geo. H. Dunbar, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Resolution from the Council of York County, recommending that legislation be enacted to permit wardens and other appointments under county jurisdiction to be elected by secret ballot.

Communication from Edward C. Johns, member of the Barrie District Board of Education.

Letter from the Secretary of the West Simcoe Women Teachers' Federation, recommending the appointment of a Mental Health Clinic.

Letter from O. Garnet Smith, Secretary-Manager of the Orillia Board of Trade, with regard to the separation of the Town of Orillia from the County of Simcoe.

The Warden announced that the prize winners in the County Historical and Geographical Examination and the County Weed Essay Competition were here this morning and would be presented to the Council. He asked J. A. Gibson, Public School Inspector, Orillia, to introduce the winners in the Historical Examination.

Mr. Gibson stated that the examination papers were prepared by the four Public School Inspectors in the County, and in examining these papers, along with the Entrance Examination papers, they found some very interesting information. There was only one mark difference among four of the winners in the Entrance Examination -- they received 351, 352 and 353 marks respectively. He also said they found that the Historical Examination was creating more interest in the schools and the homes each succeeding year. He then asked the following to come up to the front of the Council Chamber:-

Donald Lilly, Beeton
Marie Woodrow, Coulson
Shirley Fyfe, Alliston
Glyn Evans, Cookstown

Jean Lockhart, Collingwood
Ross Morrow, Barrie
Elizabeth Wildman, Barrie
Marcia Dick, Orillia

The Warden thanked Mr. Gibson for introducing these pupils; he congratulated them on winning prizes and wished them every success in their future studies

The Warden asked Councillor Reed, Chairman of the Special Agriculture Committee, County to introduce the Weed Inspectors, C. D. Raikes and J. H. Dunn, who were responsible for arranging the Weed Essay Competition, and they presented the following to the Council:-

Patricia Ratcliffe, Tecumseth Twp.
Percy Camick, Orillia Twp.
Joan Lynch, Adjala Twp.
Joan Crocker, Beeton,
Jeanette Murphy, Essa Twp.
Jean Cooke, Medonte Twp.
Nora Dwinell, Flos Twp.
Francis Perrault, Midland

Gail Carruthers, Barrie
Marilyn Harling, Collingwood
Roxanne Beard, Oro Twp.
Jas. Petchett, W. Gwillimbury Twp.
Wm. Hebgin, Alliston
Leland Murray, Nottawasaga Twp.
Jean Brunskill, Vespra Twp.

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Mr. Dunn stated that in one school in Collingwood each of the pupils in Grade VII wrote an essay, and Mr. Raikes said the same thing happened in Victoria School, Barrie. They both found that the study required to write the essay made the teachers and parents more interested in weed control; they were satisfied that the competition was well worth while.

The Warden then congratulated the winners and presented them with their prizes.

The Warden appointed the following Committee to enquire into and report on some method of assistance to the Public Hospitals in the County for the care of indigent patients over and above that which is required to be paid under The Public Hospitals Act:-
Councillors Benson, Hart, Turner, Shepherd and Reed.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Road and Bridge Committee consider the request of the deputation from the Eastern Georgian Bay Conference who appeared before the Council at yesterday's session, requesting that signs be placed along County Roads at the intersections that lead to tourist or historical places of interest.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Wednesday.

J. Simpson
Clerk, County of Simcoe

S. Walter Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 24th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Tuesday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden announced that there was a deputation present representing the various hospitals in the County, and he requested Councillor Clark to introduce the members of the deputation.

Councillor Clark introduced Rev. Jas. Ferguson, President of the Barrie Hospital Board, who in turn introduced John Smart, Chairman of the Collingwood Hospital Board, and D. S. F. Cameron, Business Manager of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, and Secretary of the County of Simcoe Hospital Association. Other members of the deputation were from Penetang, Midland and Orillia Hospitals.

Mr. Cameron stated that this was the third time he had appeared before the Council this year, and he always received very courteous consideration. The hospitals were still facing higher costs of service, but they were endeavouring to give the best service possible, a service on which no profit was made, and consequently they were going behind more and more in their service to indigent patients, which was leaving them without funds for repairs and new equipment; on account of improved inventions this new equipment was more necessary than at any previous period. In speaking for the Barrie Hospital he stated that they were trying to keep the expenses down as much as possible, but their costs up to the end of October this year were 12% higher than in 1947. The loss per indigent patient day, before deducting anything for depreciation, was \$1.78, and after the deduction it was \$1.98. The loss on indigent patient ward rates amounted to \$5,765.00 from Jan. 1st to Oct. 31st, 1948. He mentioned the case of indigent patients from several municipalities where the amount received through the per diem rate amounted to little more than half of what they actually cost the Hospital. It had been suggested at the January Session that the rate for municipal patients might be increased from \$2.25 to \$4.00 per day, and if this were done it would solve the indigent patient problem. He said he had left a statement on the desk of each member of the Council, which showed the amount of extra grants which had been paid to other hospitals in the Province by their county councils.

John Smart of Collingwood stated that Public Hospitals were operated by boards who gave their service gratis, and if a record were kept of the time spent by such boards in the administration of the hospitals over a period of a year, it would amount to a great many days. The suggested proposition would solve the problem and meet the needs of the hospitals for some time to come. New equipment was necessary, but with the increased cost

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the hospitals could not earn enough to secure it without extra municipal assistance.

The members of the Council asked a number of questions which were satisfactorily answered by Mr. Cameron, and the Warden assured him that the deputation's request would be given careful consideration.

The Warden announced that the County Assessor would report on his work since the June Session.

The Assessor, in addressing the Council, stated that 16 of the 31 municipalities in the County had either completed or were working on their new assessments; others would soon be commencing and he hoped that all would start in the near future. Sunnidale completed its assessment this year, and was the first township to do so; Flos would be completed this month, and W. Gwillimbury and Innisfil next year; Tiny and Orillia Township were each working on theirs. He had spent a great deal of time with assessors of municipalities which had not yet adopted the new system, but he was satisfied that the exchange of views with them was time well spent.

A number of questions were asked and replied to by the Assessor

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of bonding certain employees of the County Gaol.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Patterson, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider appointing members to the several High School District Boards for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Reforestation Committee bring in a report as to what extent they will assist the municipality of Creemore in financing their proposed reforestation project for the preservation of water supply, in accordance with the plans explained to the said Committee on their visit to Creemore.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of recommending to the Department of Agriculture that the Livestock Protection Act be revised to include further provision for the disposal of a killer dog suspected to have been killing sheep in that he be confined so that he can do no further damage until he is disposed of permanently.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Eldridge, and ordered,

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That the report from the hospital deputation be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society be requested at this Session to give the County Council the names of those employed by the Society, showing the amount paid yearly to each in salary, mileage and expenses.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Thursday.

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

S. Walter Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 25th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Wednesday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Invitation from the Council of the Town of Barrie to the County Council to visit their municipal building some time during the Session.

Letter from the Simcoe County Board of Health, requesting that application be made to have the staff of the County Health Unit relieved from contributing to Unemployment Insurance.

Letter from the Board of Management of the Simcoe County Home, requesting that application be made to have the Simcoe County Home classified as a charitable institution for Unemployment Insurance purposes.

Draft of by-law from the Department of Highways, to be used when a request is made to have additions made to the County Road System or to remove a road from the System.

Copy of Engineer's Award for clearing out the Swaley Creek in the Township of Vespra, and a copy of the proposed by-law to provide the necessary funds to pay for the work.

Notice from the Unemployment Insurance Commission that the Simcoe County Home may be considered a charitable institution within the meaning of paragraph (g) of Part II of the first schedule of the Act, and as such it will not be necessary for the staff to contribute to Unemployment Insurance.

The Warden informed the Council that Mrs. Jean Blackstock of Victoria School, Barrie, had asked to bring her class to the Council Chamber to see the County Council in session, and he introduced Mrs. Blackstock and class to the members.

The Warden said the County Weed Inspectors, Messrs. Raikes and Dunn, would like to report on their work during the past summer.

Mr. Raikes said that on the whole the past season had been very satisfactory for the destruction of weeds; he had had more than 1,000 barberry shrubs destroyed, but recently he had been advised of other plants which he did not know of before, and it would be necessary to continue the campaign next year. He had held 15 weed spraying demonstrations, and had sprayed over 500 acres of grain crops which, almost without exception, was satisfactory; the work had kept him busy during the growing months, and he had worked six days per week and attended many meetings during this time. He thanked the members for their co-operation and expressed the wish that all who cared to offer themselves for service next year would be returned.

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Mr. Dunn stated that in some his townships the complaint was that the Councils had spent so much money on snow-plowing that they did not have any left for killing weeds; he had been told that the Highway Department would not have any weeds sprayed along the Provincial Highways, but in some parts of Nottawasaga, at his request, the Department had sprayed a considerable number of miles. He had about 150 acres of fall wheat sprayed with good results. He thanked the Council for their kindness and co-operation.

Councillor Hickling endorsed the work done by the County Weed Inspectors in attending meetings and giving out information.

The Warden thanked the Weed Inspectors for their reports.

Chas. Seagram, representing the Copeland Milling Company, addressed the Council on their proposed by-law to restrict the cutting of timber. He stated that it was a common-law right for persons to cut their own trees, and if the County did pass the proposed by-law they might find the inspection rather costly and, besides, it might create hard feelings. He had been informed on what ^{he considered} authority that there was ~~more~~ ^{more} merchantable timber in North Simcoe now than there were 20 years ago, and that the growth from year to year had equalled the amount cut. He suggested that each township be requested to make a proper survey of its timber holdings and report on same. If a restricting by-law were passed he suggested that for hardwoods the size be 8" ^{diameter} and 18" above the ground, and that a new clause be added to respect all contractual rights entered into before the final passing of the by-law.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lovering,

Seconded by Councillor Lilly, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Lilly, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

C. D. Stewart addressed the Council in support of a resolution passed at yesterday's session recommending that the Livestock Protection Act be amended to make it permissible that when dogs are found worrying sheep or other livestock, or are suspected of doing so, they may be detained in safe-keeping until such time as their guilt is finally determined.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn to pay a visit to the new municipal building in Barrie and meet at 1:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden presented a statement from C. H. Naphtali, Superintendent, on the salaries and mileage of the officers and staff of the Children's Aid Society.

A number of the members asked questions which Mr. Naphtali answered.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on SOIL CONSERVATION AND LAND USE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Parker,

Seconded by Councillor Widdes, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller,

That the Report now read be tabled until Friday's session of the Council.

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REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HEALTH UNIT was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Special Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HEALTH UNIT was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Clark informed the Council that at midnight the Warden would reach his 58th birthday, and on behalf of the members of the Council he wished him hearty congratulations with the hope that he live to celebrate many more birthdays.

The Warden warmly thanked the Council for their congratulations and good wishes, and said he enjoyed his association with them very much.

At this juncture Councillor Patterson requested the Warden to leave the dais, and he read a letter of appreciation for his valuable services to the County during his year as Warden and his kind treatment of the members of the County Council at all times.

Councillor E. Miller presented the Warden with a watch, the gift of the Council and officers.

The Warden thanked the members for the splendid gift and said it would always be appreciated by him and would be a constant reminder of the many happy days he spent in County Council.

Councillor Patterson then presented Robt. Craig, Messenger and Caretaker of the Council, with a complimentary address, and Councillor E. Miller presented him with a wrist watch, a gift of the members of the Council and officers, in recognition of his 25 years service with the County.

Mr. Craig graciously thanked the Council for their kindness to him, and said he always enjoyed their association.

Councillor E. Miller then read an address to Councillor Patterson who has intimated that he will be retiring from municipal life at the end of 1948. On his retirement he intends to take a three month's rest and visit his native land of Scotland, and the Council, in the address, appointed him ambassador at large to represent the County of Simcoe and the Council at all municipal organizations which he might attend while on his visit.

Councillor Patterson expressed his appreciation of the appointment, and said he was taking the trip on account of his health and that after the holiday he hoped to be

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fully restored and might come back to the County Council at some future date.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2204 of the County of Simcoe, which provides for the superannuation of full-time County employees, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Evans, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint D. K. Harvey, Cookstown, I. H. Luck, R.R. #1 Barrie, and Cecil Coates, Creemore, as fence viewers to assess damages to crops and fences caused by snow clearing operations, in accordance with The Snow Roads and Fences Act, R.S.O. 1937, Chapter 291, and The Line Fences Act, R.S.O. 1937, Chapter 349, and amendments thereto, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Parker,

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That the by-law be amended to read that "the fence viewers be paid the sum of \$6.00 per day and 6¢ per mile for the distance necessarily travelled in their work", and that the By-Law as amended be read a third time.

The amendment was put and declared lost, and the original motion was declared carried.

The original motion was then put and declared carried.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Brokenshire,

Seconded by Councillor Buie, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to confirm By-Law No. 54 of the Improvement District of Wasaga Beach which provides for the closing of part of Moseley Street in Wasaga Beach, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Widde, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor H. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider the advisability of widening the present bridge between Concessions 1 and 2, on County Road No. 6, Tiny Township.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the fire insurance on the Simcoe County Home and the Court House.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

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Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of improving County Road No. 10, from Provincial Highway No. 89 to the Village of Angus, with an asphalt prime coat.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of rebating to the Town of Orillia their share of the 1948 weed inspection levy.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That a Special Committee be appointed to deal with all salaries which are paid directly by the County of Simcoe.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of petitioning the Provincial Department of Health to introduce legislation whereby the cost of hospitalization of indigent patients would be shared equally by the county and the municipality of which such indigent patients may be residents.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Turner, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be tendered to Hon. Earl Rowe and Mr. Thos. Graham for their courtesy and hospitality to the members of the Council on the occasion of their visit to the Royal Winter Fair.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the petition from the Elmvalle Board of Trustees, that the Police Village be erected into a Village, be granted.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the incorporation of the Village of Elmvalle, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Morris, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

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Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That in view of the fact some industrial companies, which have manufacturing plants in other municipalities as well as in Simcoe County, have already curtailed production in their Simcoe County plants and have signified their intention to proceed farther along this line if assessments of their properties is increased,

Be it hereby resolved that the Department of Municipal Affairs be requested to set up a Provincial Board of Assessors with power to supervise and advise County and Local Assessors and assessments, having particular reference to the supervision of the assessment of industrial plants over the entire Province,

And that copies of this resolution be sent to the three members of the Ontario Legislature who represent this County, all other County Councils in Ontario which have appointed County Assessors, and the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the representatives of the County Council on the Children's Aid Society be granted mileage and per diem for attending meetings of the Society.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lovering, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. on Friday.

J. Simpson
Clerk, County of Simcoe

E. Walter Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 26th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to Friday afternoon's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter of thanks from the teacher and pupils of Grade VII, Victoria School, Barrie.

Letters from the Clerk of Midland re the hospital accounts of Kenneth Newburn,
Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert and Mrs. Eloise Wright.

Communication from W. G. E. Cumberland, Secretary of the Alliston High School
District Board, recommending that J. J. E. McCague be appointed as the County representa-
tive on that Board.

Letter from James Marshall Young, accepting the offer of the Special Reforestation
Committee for his property, being the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 8, Con. 8, Oro Township.

Notice from the A. E. Wilson Company, disputing liability for the accident to the
truck of Wilfred J. Bagnell, Orangeville, on the County Road three miles east of Beeton.

Miss Louise Colley, Recreation Director of the County of Simcoe, presented a
report of her work during the past season, and said she was sure it was very satisfactory
and successful; she outlined the various activities of the Department, and thanked the
Council for the extra grant given at the June Session which enabled them to carry on for
the season.

The Warden thanked Miss Colley for her very splendid report.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Johnston asked why the reports of the various com-
mittees were not mimeographed before being presented to the Council as had been agreed on
at the January Session. He was informed that any report was mimeographed if the Chairman,
Committee or Council suggested that it should be; the committee reports presented this
morning, however, were dealt with at a late hour last night, and although there was time
to have them typed for this morning's session there wasn't sufficient time to have them
mimeographed, but the stenographers in the different offices were always willing to work
over-time for the convenience of the Council.

Councillor Downer referred to the by-law passed at yesterday's session to appoint
fence viewers, and stated that a fence viewer's work was to decide on questions relating
to fences but that he had no power to act as a valuator to value damage to crops, and that
special valutors should be appointed for that purpose.

The County Engineer read and explained the provisions of The Snow Fences Act,
which requires councils to appoint fence viewers and states that they have authority to
determine damages to crops which were damaged by reason of snow fences having been erected.

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The Warden thanked the Engineer for his explanation.

The Warden informed the Council that E. C. Drury, Sheriff of the County, wished
to speak on the question of superannuation for governors, turnkeys and guards of county
gaols; he presented the correspondence which he had received in this connection, and it
was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Kinneer,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Turner, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re HOSPITALS GRANT was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Allison,

That Report No. 1 of the Special Committee re JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT be
adopted, and that the Special Committee be appointed with authority to proceed with the
necessary steps to establish same.

The motion was put and declared lost on the following division:- Yeas - Councillors
Allison, Bush (2), Clark (2), Cunningham, Evans, Ganton, Hickling, Johnston (2), Lilly,
MacIntosh, Maw, E. Miller, Morris, Patterson, Reed, Richardson, Shepherd, Taylor (2),
Truax, C. Wood and W. Wood - 25. Nays - Councillors Benson, Brokenshire, Buie, Campbell,

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Downer (2), Eldridge (2), Eplett, Gowanlock (2), Hart (2), Hunter, Kinnear, Lawrence, Lockhart (2), Loree, Lovering, Maurice, B. Miller, McCurdy, Parker, Patton (2), Ranson, Tudhope (2), Turner, Vancise, Widdes and Woodrow - 33.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the sincere thanks of this Council be extended to Messrs. Page, Lashley, Whitesides and Grey for their co-operation in the activities of this County; their organized activities have been appreciated and are of great help to this Council and the County as a whole.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That this Council rescind the resolution passed by the 1946 Council that no more roads be added to the County Road System for at least four or five years.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the cost of hospitalization of indigent patients be taken care of by the Province as a whole, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health, the three members of the Legislature representing this County and to all other county councils.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of Misses Ann Middleton and Dorothy Miller to \$1,400 per year, retroactive to July 1st, 1948.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brokenshire,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on LEGISLATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Widdes, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McCurdy,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

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

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re OLD AFRICAN CHURCH was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Warden announced that at a previous session he had been asked to name five members to a Special Committee to investigate and report on salary adjustments of County employees, and he appointed the following as such Committee: Councillors Henson, E. Miller, Johnston, Hunter and the Warden.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Evans informed the Council that the County Assessor had been requested to go to Parry Sound for a few days to give some information on equalized assessment to the council there as there were a number of appeals on the decision

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of the Court of Revision; in his opinion, if the Assessor could give any information that would be useful he thought the Council should give him authority to go.

This suggestion was carried unanimously.

Councillor Shepherd stated that he had presented a resolution to the Council suggesting that assistance might be given to Creemore in reforesting the land where they get their water supply, which reaches the village by gravitation. He was informed by Councillor Lockhart, Chairman of the Reforestation Committee, that in his opinion this was the concern of the Village of Creemore, but if they purchased the land the Special Committee on Reforestation might suggest that assistance be given in having trees planted.

Councillor Allison enquired if the County Clerk could not send to the members of the Council sometime before the January Session an agenda of the business that would come before the Council at that time. He was informed that most of the resolutions from other counties and requests for grants or assistance in any way usually reached his office a few days before the Session, and it would be scarcely possible to prepare any report that would be worthwhile before the Session was called. It was suggested, however, that by referring to the minutes of the January Session of former years, copies of which were sent to every member, they would get a fair idea of the business that might come up.

Ex-Wardens Harvey and Barr being in the Council Chamber, the Warden invited them to seats on the dais.

Mr. Harvey, in addressing the Council, congratulated the Warden on a very successful year; during his term of office considerable history had been made, and one of the most important items was the establishing of a Public Health Unit in the County. He did not forget the many happy years he spent as a member of the Council, and was glad to return and renew acquaintances at every opportunity.

Mr. Barr said he had listened with interest to the discussion on increases in salary, and recalled that when he was a member of the Council the policy was to lower salaries and not to increase them. He referred to the years when he was in County Council, and especially to the years when he was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Reforestation, he mentioned the amount of land that had been purchased by the County and planted with trees, and stated that this was a matter in which he still had a great interest. He advised the Council to keep up an active interest in reforestry. It was always a pleasure to him to visit the County Council and meet his old friends again.

Moved by Councillor Morris,

Seconded by Councillor Patterson, and ordered,

That the County Home Committee consider the advisability of building an addition to the present Home, and that an estimate of the cost of making such addition be presented at the January Session of the Council.

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Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor MacIntosh, and ordered,

That the Children's Aid Society be requested to furnish the Council at the January Session with a break down of their costs of operation between the rural and urban municipalities for 1948.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson,

That a Juvenile and Family Court be established in the County on the first day of January, and that the Special Committee which has presented its report be instructed to proceed to set up same.

The motion was declared lost.

Councillor Evans moved that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Warden for the fine work he had done during the year, and for his fairness in presiding over the sessions of the Council. This vote of thanks was carried enthusiastically.

The Warden stated that he had enjoyed his year, and thanked the councillors for their splendid co-operation at all times; he had always received the best treatment. There were changes in the personnel of the Council from year to year, and Councillor Patterson was the only member of the present Council who was here when he became a member about ten years ago. He was glad to know that Councillor Patterson was taking a holiday to visit his native land of Scotland, and the Council would be glad to have a report of his trip on his return. He wished the members of the Council every success in the future.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn sine die.

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

A. MacIntosh
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Warden, County of Simcoe