

Minutes of the January Session of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe for 1879

Council Hall, Barrie 28 Jan'y 1879

The following Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the several Municipalities in the County of Simcoe having filed their Certificates of Qualification and Office with the Clerk in accordance with the Municipal Institutions Act of Ontario took their seats in Council

Place,	name	Post office
Ajax	Matthew Roman Esq	Reeve, Ashland
"	A. M. Burt	" Dep. Reeve, Kenawanda
Alliston	John Stewart	" Reeve, Alliston
Carleton Place	Charles Robertson	" Reeve, Rossau
Essa	Ward Dunn	" Reeve, Essa
"	Thomas Parker	" Dep. Reeve, Joy
Flores	O. J. Phelps	" Reeve, Phelpsston
"	Demmett Loftis	" Dep. Reeve
Guillemburg West	Joseph Fannell	" Reeve, Bradford
...	Geo. M. Evans	" Dep. Reeve, "
Ormsville	McBittle	" Reeve, Ormsville
...	Genl P. M. Kay	" 1 Dep. Reeve, Leppin
...	M. Mordew	" 2 Dep. Reeve, Craigsdale
Medont	Arthur Craig	" Reeve, Craigsdale
"	Andrew Patterson	" Dep. Reeve, Coldwater
Nims	Robert Wilson	" Reeve, Halesburg
"	Samuel Ewins	" Deputy Reeve, Rosemont
Nimick	Gran M. Irving	" Reeve, Giskaw
Morris	J. H. Jackson	" Reeve, Swanwick
Muskoka	Roderick Stewart	" Reeve, Muskoka Falls
Nottawasaga	Arch. Smelein Kirkland	" M.D. Reeve, Dunton
"	John McColman	" 1 Dep. Reeve, Stayner
"	Arch. Ferguson	" 2 Dep. Reeve, Dunton
Ontario & Matheval	Arch. Johnson	" Reeve, Ardrea
"	Charles Harvie	" Deputy Reeve, Orlia
No.	Charles Drury	" Reeve, Ormsville

St. Catharines	John M. Cott Esq	Deputy Reeve, Essex
Summerville	Robert Paton	" Reeve, Newmarket
"	Wm. Surtzger	" Deputy Reeve, "
Thornhill	John Bay Howell	" Reeve, Thornhill
"	William Vail	" Deputy Reeve, Pennington
Thornhill	Walter Gazon	" Reeve, Coldwater
Thornhill	Colwell Graham	" Reeve, Pimrose
Thornhill	W. S. Campbell	" Deputy Reeve, Mansfield
Thornhill	Wm. P. McDonough	" Reeve, Everett
Thornhill	Wm. M. Dennis	" Reeve, Beeton
"	C. Cooke	" 1 Deputy Reeve, Cortroyton
"	Robert Cuthbert	" 2 Deputy Reeve, Swan
Uxbridge	Robert Leadley	" Reeve, Midhurst
"	John M. Gowen	" Deputy Reeve, Midhurst
Humphrey	James Ashdown	" Reeve, Ashdown
Medara Wood	Thomas Rugges	" Reeve, Bala
Watt	Anthony Sufferin	" Reeve, Raymond
Barrie	Charles H. Ross	" Reeve, Barrie
"	Matthew H. Harvill	" 1 Dep. Reeve, "
"	A. D. Macnab	" 2 Dep. Reeve, "
Collingwood	Charles Cameron	" Reeve, Collingwood
"	Charles Gann	" Deputy Reeve, "
Orlia	Malville Miller	" Reeve, Orlia
Bradford	George D. Minton	" M.D. Reeve, Bradford
Stayner	William Henry	" Reeve, Stayner
Gravenhurst	Joseph W. Taylor	" Reeve, Gravenhurst

Each of the above named gentlemen having answered to their names, was called to order by the Clerk and requested to elect their Warden, whereupon, It was moved by Mr. Dunn Reeve of Essa and seconded by Mr. Rugges Reeve of Medara Wood, that Charles Cameron Esq Reeve of Collingwood be elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year, and carried unanimously. The Clerk therefore declared Mr. Cameron duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year on motion of Mr. Graham Secd. by Mr. Roman

Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
10 o'clock tomorrow morning

Chas. Cameron
Warden

Council Hall Barrie 29th January 1879

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
His Honor Judge Gowan, senior judge of the County Courts
of the County of Lunenburg held a special Court for the purpose
of administering the necessary declaration of office to the
Wardens Elect.

The Warden Elect having made oath, subscribed the usual
oath of office, took his seat and called the Council to order
present all members except Mr Loftis
Samuel Frazer Esq Recd. of Maland filed his certificate
of qualification and office and took his seat in the Council
The minutes of last day of last session and of yesterday
were read and confirmed.

The Warden addressed the considerable length in
his usual eloquent and brilliant style, advertising to the
poor financial position of the County, and briefly
touching on the stock held by the County in the Northern
Railway.

The Warden in accordance with standing Rules
named the following gentlemen as a special Committee
to strike the standing Committees for the current year
viz: Messrs Dunn, McDemott, Phelps, Little, Harrison,
Walters and Burgess.

On motion of Mr Frazer sec. by Mr. Ross
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn for
one hour to afford the special Committee to report
names of standing Committees for the current year.

The Council met according to adjournment.
The Warden in the Chair.

The Report of special Committee on striking the
standing Committees presented and read.

On motion of Mr Dunn sec. by Mr. Phelps
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr Harrison sec. by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the Warden Charles Cameron Esq
be appointed Director on the Northern Railway Bond
on behalf of this County during his term of office in
accordance with By-law governing the same.

Moved by Mr McDemott sec. by Mr. Henry

That John Hoff Esq one of the present County Auditors be reappointed for the current year

Moved in amendment by Mr. Craig read by Mr. Harrison

That John P. DeJames Esq be appointed County Auditor on behalf of this Council for the current year, lost.

The original motion was then put and carried
The reason appointed Henry Foster Esq. as Auditor,
on motion of Mr. Little read by Mr. McCombe

Ordered: That since the Local Legislation of the Province of Ontario is now in session, that the Clerk be instructed to request Mr. Joseph Hill M.P. of the South Riding of this County to obtain by an order of the House a return of the number of Tavern and Shop Licenses in each of the several Municipalities of this County, also the amount received by the several Boards of Commissioners in each Riding of this County, including Cardwell and Dufferin and the amount of money handed over to each of the said Municipalities in every year since the present system was established, and to furnish your Council with such particulars at his earliest convenience

Moved by Mr. Paton read by Mr. Harrison

That a Committee of nine consisting of Messrs McCombe Phelps Evans Harrison McKay Milson Craig Burgess and the mover be appointed to Equalize the Assessment Rolls for the current year

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Thomson read by Mr. Millar

That a Committee of nine be appointed to Equalize the assessment rolls of this County for the current year namely Messrs, McCombe Milson Graham Kirkland Phelps Millar Taylor Craig and Evans, lost

The original motion was then put and carried

On motion of Mr. Graham read by Mr. Cook

Ordered: That the Treasurer be instructed to lay before this Council at the present session a return of the amount of all fees and emoluments of whatsoever kind received by him during the past year in the capacity of Treasurer of this County with the nature of the services furnished

fees were received, and that Clerk read that gentleman a copy of this Resolution

On motion of Mr. Deane read by Mr. McCombe

Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
of October this Evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment

The Chairman in the Chair

The Chairman presented the following documents which were read

By:—petition of Horace Wade & others by Mr. J. Stewart Communications from Mr. Ross Esq. John Howard Esq. West. W. W. Ryker, Mr. Lawson and County Treasurer, County Surveyor Report 1872, petition of J. C. Caspell Esq. pres. of the Huron C. Ship Canal, by Mr. Deane and County Auditor Report on Treasurer's account,

On motion of Mr. Evans read by Mr. Craig

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

On motion of Mr. Phelps read by Mr. Burgess

Ordered: That the following members of this Council be a special Committee for the purpose of considering the best means of removing the bars and obstructions in the Ottawa river with the view of preventing the said river from overflowing its banks By:—Messrs Leadley, Burgess, Craig, Deane and the mover,

On motion of Mr. McCombe read by Mr. Graham

Ordered: That the standing Committee on Railways be requested to consider the propriety of memorializing the Local Legislatures to grant the amendments to their Charter by the H. & N. W. Ry. Co. at the present session

On motion of Mr. Kirkland read by Mr. Graham

Ordered: That the Committee on County Property do take into consideration the propriety of recommending a grant of \$500 for building a Lock at House in the Village of Greenore, provided the Township of Tottawasago give an equal amount

On motion of Mr. Craig read by Mr. Phelps

Ordered: That Samuel Foster Esq. Secy of the Village of Midland be placed on the Finance Committee instead of C. J. Phelps Esq. Secy of Alton—

On motion of Mr. Wilson second by Mr. Deane
 Ordered: That the name of Mr. McDonough be placed on
 the printing Committee in the place of Mr. Frazer who
 of Midland who is now appointed to the Finance
 Committee

On motion of Mr. Craig second by Mr. Ferguson
 Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn
 until tomorrow morning

What to answer
 Warden

Council Hall Barrie January 30th 1899

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
 The Warden in the Chair

Present all members except Mr. Loftus

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

The Warden presented the following documents which
 were read viz: Repats 3, 4 & 5 of County Surveyor

On motion of Mr. Thomson second by Mr. Starrie
 Ordered: That the several accounts now before the Council
 be referred to their respective Committees

Report of Standing Committee on Railway with
 accompanying memorial presented and read

On motion of Dr. Spohr second by Mr. Burgess

Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On motion of Mr. McKay second by Mr. Phelps

Ordered: That as it is advisable to keep the expenditures
 in connection with the sitting of this Council as low as
 possible, a special Committee composed of Messrs. Phelps, Patton
 Wilson Stewart & Allister, and the same do take into consider-
 ation and advise if possible some means whereby said
 expenditures may be decreased, and that such
 Committee report at the present session

On motion of Mr. Patton second by Dr. Kullback

Ordered: That the names of Mr. M. Colman first deputy
 Meas. of Northwasa and Mr. Taylor Meas. of Greenhorn
 be added to the Committee on Equalization

On motion of Mr. Graham second by Mr. Wilson

Ordered: That the Clerk be instructed to enquire if the
 Government will furnish a copy of the Revised Statutes
 and a copy of the last Ontario Statute to the Village
 of Midland, and if not to procure said Statute
 at the expense of the County as soon as possible

On Motion by Mr. Murdoch second by Mr. Evans

That the several representatives of the grouped Municipalities
 granting aid to the A. O. N. W. Railway Company together
 with the Representatives of the Township of Simonsville be a
 Special Committee to nominate a Director to act on
 behalf of this County on said Railway Board and to

Report at this Session of the Council as quickly as possible

On motion of Mr. Cummings

By Mr. Phelps Secd. by Mr. Scitzo

Ordered: That the standing Committee on Railways, Consider the advisability of reporting to this Council and recommending a member of this Council as Director to the N. & W. Railway Board.

New Messrs, Briggs Drury Frazar, Harvie Henry
Harrison Kemell Jackson, Lott Lawson, William
McColman, Monah Phelps, Paton Patterson, Robertson
Ross Stewart R. Scitzo Saffern Spoken Thomas and
Britt and Taylor 25

Corp. Messrs - Ashmun Bank Campbell Callahan
Dunn Evans Egan Eving Gennell Ferguson Kirkland
Little Leadley Menden McKay McKenney McDemott
McGowan Penker Rowan Stewart J. and Wilson 22

On motion of Mr. Wilson Secd. by Mr. Stewart

Ordered: That the names of Messrs Graham and
Dunn be added to the Special Committee on
Equalization of the Assessment Rolls of this
County for the Current year

On motion of Mr. Phelps Secd. by Mr. Madden
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn
until 7 o'clock this evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden presented the following
documents which were read by:

County Treasurer's Report on the Emoluments
of his Office, Auditor's Report and abstract
of the Treasurer's account current, and
account of Samuel Grant Esq

On motion of Mr. Madden Secd. by Dr. Kirkland

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

Report of Special Committee on devising means to
curtail the expenditure of the County Council
presented and read

On motion of Mr. Stewart Secd. by Mr. McKay
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On motion of Mr. Drury Secd. by Mr. Scitzo
Ordered: That the Treasurer's Statement of the fees and
Emoluments of his Office, be printed in the minutes of
this Session.

On motion of Mr. McKay Secd. by Mr. Bent
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
tomorrow morning

W. H. Cameron
Warden

Council Hall Barrie 31st January 1879

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present all members, except Mr. Loftus

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

The Warden presented the petition of Thomas Bevan and others by Mr. Paton which was read

On motion of Mr. Paton read by Dr. Hukland
Ordered: That the petition of Thomas Bevan and others be referred to a Special Committee of five to be named by the Warden, and that they report at the present session.

The Warden named Messrs Scitger Phelps Ross Kirkland and Parker to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Phelps read by Mr. Cameron
Ordered: That Messrs Frazer, Burgess Cameron Mendon and the mover be a Committee to consider the propriety of memorializing the ^{Legislature} Government to amend the Municipal Law so that nominations for Reeves and Councillors may be held on the 11th instead of the last Monday in December

On motion of Mr. Thomson read by Mr. Barrie
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads & Bridges do consider the propriety of granting the sum of \$20 to repair the swing Bridge over the River on the Famine between Jay and Matkotasto, and that Walter Cameron Jr. be appointed caretaker of said Bridge at a salary of \$50. per annum

On motion of Dr. Maton read by Mr. Ormy
Ordered: That two Commissioners be appointed by this Council to confer and take action with other Counties interested with, and affected by, the periodical overflow of the lands adjoining Lake Simcoe and its tributaries, caused by damming up and obstructing the outlet to the Severn River, and that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Counties interested of the action of this Council, and that said Commissioners report to this Council at its June session

On motion of Mr. McComit read by Dr. Hukland
Ordered: That Charles Dury Esq. and Dr. Morton be appointed Commissioners on behalf of this County to carry out the purpose of Dr. Maton's resolution

On motion of Mr. Fennell read by Mr. McComit
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take into consideration the advisability of granting recommending the sum of \$50 to build a Bridge on the Famine between West Southbury and Secomsith, opposite Lot No. 1, in the 9th Con. of Westfield Township

On motion of Mr. Taylor read by Mr. Stewart
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take into consideration the advisability of granting the sum of \$50 to repair the boundary line between the Township of Muskoka and the Village of Gravenhurst on what is known as the Muskoka road, on condition that the Village of Gravenhurst grant a like sum

On motion of Dr. Hukland read by Mr. Graham
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take into consideration the propriety of granting the sum of \$100 for repairing the Famine between Seivac and Grey, from Lot 20 to 26 in the Township of Nottawasaga provided the County of Grey give an Equal Amount

On motion of Mr. Calhoun read by Mr. Clarke
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take into consideration the propriety of recommending a grant of \$150 for the purpose of building a Bridge across the Holland river on the County line between the Townships of Secomsith and King opposite Lot 2 in the said Township of Secomsith, on condition that the County of York grant an Equal Amount, as the Bridge at present is a very unsafe condition

On motion of Mr. Burgess read by Mr. Macnab
Ordered: That Henry Lewis and Robert Wilson Esqrs. be appointed Auditors to audit the accounts of the General Sessions of the Peace for the current year

On motion of Mr. Veit read by Mr. Horrell
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take into consideration the propriety of granting the sum of \$200 for the purpose of repairing the penitentiary Road between Manly and the Village of Penitentiary (sic), said road being the mail line and only road leading there to

On motion of Mr Ewing read by Mr. Sufferer
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed
to take into consideration the advisability of granting the sum of \$500
to assist in repairing the Coimline between the municipalities of
Merrill and Macaulay and Brackleygo, the same being also
the County line between Inman and Victoria, inasmuch as
that the County of Victoria grant a like sum

On motion of Mr Horrell read by Mr. Vint
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads & Bridges be instructed
to consider the propriety of granting the sum of \$1000 to assist
in building a Bridge over Beaver River on the Penatanguishene
Road, in Township of King, The Townships of Day and
King to grant a like amount, the said Bridge requiring
immediate attention

On motion of Mr Owen read by Mr. Stewart
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be
instructed to take into consideration the advisability of granting the
sum of \$200 for the purpose of building a Bridge in the
Township of Essex, which will cost about \$400

On motion of Mr Lawson read by Mr. Frazer
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do
consider the propriety of granting the sum of \$50, to aid in
the construction of a Bridge over Bear Creek in Township of
Day and Matilda, provided said Townships supply
one-half the same by an equal amount

On motion of Mr Patterson read by Mr. Lawson
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be
instructed to consider the propriety of granting the sum of \$150
for the purpose of opening and repairing the Fairline
between the Townships of Day and Madoc from
Km. 7 to the village of Coldwater provided the Townships
interested grant a like sum

On motion of Mr. Owen read by Mr. Burgess
Ordered: That the Council do vote a day
meeting of October 11th evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

The Warden presented the petition of Melaid McConnee
by Mr Seitzler which was read

On motion of Mr Seitzler read by Mr. Taylor
Ordered: That the document now before the Council be
referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges
Report No. 1 of Planning Committee on Roads and
Bridges presented and read

On motion of Mr Phelps read by Mr. Ewing
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted
Report of Special Committee on Amendments to
the Municipal Law, with accompanying By-Law
Memorial presented and read

On motion of Mr Frazer read by Mr. Burgess
Ordered: That the Report and Memorial now read be
adopted, and that the Memorial be expressed by
the Clerk signed and sealed by the Warden and
transmitted to John Kean Esq MPP for East Simcoe

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on County
property presented and read

On motion of Mr Patm read by Mr. Ewing
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on County
property presented and read

On motion of Mr Patm read by Mr. Madoc
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On motion of Mr Little read by Mr. Frazer
Ordered: That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law
having for its object the establishing of certain Rules for the
future guidance of this Council, in order to accelerate the
dispatch of business

By-Law introduced and read a first time
On motion of Mr Ross read by Mr. Harrison
Ordered: That the By-Law now read a first time
be read a second time, By-Law read a second time

On motion of Mr Craig read by Mr. Phelps
Ordered: That the By-Law now read a second time be

read a third time *fortuito* - By Law read a third time

On motion of Mr. Deane read by Mr. McLeod
 Ordered: That the By Law was read a third time do pass
 be expressed by the Clerk signed and sealed by the
 Warden

On motion of Mr. Phelps read by Mr. Craig
 Ordered: That the Committee in County properly be
 requested to report to this Council at its present session
 the amount that the Court House and Jail are insured
 for and at what rate per centum

On motion of Mr. Hume read by Mr. Miller
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges
 be instructed to take into consideration the advisability
 of making a grant of \$100 towards improving the road
 leading from the Town of Orlia to the narrow Bridge
 provided the Council of the said Town of Orlia
 Supplement the grant by a like sum

On motion of Mr. Craig read by Mr. Drury
 Ordered: That the County Treasurer be and is
 hereby instructed not to pay any moneys granted by
 this Council to Municipal Township Boundary Lines
 without receiving a certified copy of resolution from
 the Clerk of the Township or Township interested
 Supplementing the same as required by By Law
 No 306, and that the Clerk be requested to send
 the Co. Treasurer a copy of this resolution

On motion of Dr. Kitchland read by Mr. Ferguson
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads & Bridges
 do take into consideration the propriety of granting
 the sum of \$50 for assisting in building a Bridge
 over said River at Glen Stum, Township of Ottawa
 - pay in addition to the grant made last June
 as much as the said grant is inadequate
 to meet said expenditure, and that said
 Bridge will require to over one hundred feet
 in length

On motion of Mr. M. Colman read by Mr. Henry

Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take
 into consideration the propriety of granting the sum of \$100 for
 improving the Downline between Hothawasaga and Semisale
 provided that Stagner, Semisale and Hothawasaga make
 up an equal amount in all

On motion of Mr. Thomson read by Mr. Harvie
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges take
 into their serious consideration the advisability of granting
 the sum of \$300 to assist in repairing the Muskoka road
 on condition that the municipality of Orlia make
 grant a like sum

On motion of Mr. Graham read by Mr. Ewins
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do
 consider the advisability of granting the sum of \$150
 to assist in cutting a back Hill on the Downline
 between Mono and Mulmur opposite the first
 Amnesiac West, provided the Townships interested
 grant an equal amount sum

On motion of Mr. Burgess read by Mr. Ashdown
 Ordered: That the Memorial to His Honor the Lieutenant
 Governor of Ontario adopted at the last January session
 on the report of the Special Committee on matters referred
 to in Mr. Burgess Resolution was forwarded too late
 for any action to be taken by the Government, and it
 is desirable that the attention of the Executive be again
 invited to the subject, Be it resolved: That a copy
 of said Memorial signed and sealed by the Warden
 and duly certified to by the Clerk of this Council
 be forwarded forthwith to the Attorney General of
 Ontario

On motion of Mr. Harvie read by Mr. Ross
 Ordered: That Archd. Thomson be a commissioner to
 examine obstructions in the outlet of Lake Conelidung
 in connection with Dr. Martin and Mr. Drury

On motion of Mr. ^{Drury} Colman read by Mr. Calhoun
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges
 consider the advisability of granting the sum

of \$200 to open and otherwise improve the boundary line between Ayala and Jaramilla on condition that the said Townships grant a like sum

On motion of Mr Ashdown Secd. by Mr. Robertson
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges take into consideration the advisability of granting the sum of \$50 to assist in the repairs of a Bridge on the boundary line between Humphrey and Christa provided the grant be supplemented by the Municipalities of Humphrey

On motion of Mr. Campbell Secd. by Mr. Graham
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do consider the advisability of granting the sum of \$150 to open up and improve the County boundary line between Mulman and Melanethon opposite Lots 13 & 14. The County of Gray having expended during last year the sum of \$200

On motion of Mr. Ross Secd. by Dr. Kirkland
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

John B. Amerson
Warden

Council Hall Barile 9th February 1879

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The warden in the Chair

Present same members as yesterday
The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

On motion of Mr. Morcia Secd. by Mr. McKay
Ordered: That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges do take into consideration the advisability of recommending a grant of \$100 to repair the Bridges and improve that Road portion of the Rio Grande between the Municipalities of Esca and Jimisfil extending from the 12th Emission of Jimisfil to the Junction with the Rio Grande between Jimisfil and Despa, on condition that the Townships of Esca and Jimisfil supplement the same

On motion of Mr. Craig Secd. by Mr. Patterson
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 8 o'clock on next Monday Evening

John B. Amerson
Warden