

**SPECIAL MEETING.**

**Council Chamber, Barrie  
September 29th, 1930.**

The Council met in special Session to elect a Warden for the remainder of the year 1930. The vacancy being caused by the accidental death of Warden H.H.Creswicke.

All the Members present but Councillors Currie and Caswell.

The Clerk called the Members to order and requested them to elect one of their number to be Warden for the remainder of the year 1930.

He stated that it was the first time in his recollection that a Special Session had to be called for this purpose in the County of Simcoe. The necessity for calling this Special Meeting was particularly sad, owing to the distressing accident which caused the death of the late Warden, H.H.Creswicke. His death was a sad blow to the County of Simcoe and the Members all felt the deepest sympathy for his Mother and Family.

Moved by Councillor Spicher, and seconded by Councillor Bates,

That George W.Glover, Reeve of Nottawasaga Township be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the remainder of the year 1930.

Moved by Councillor Smith, and seconded by Councillor Stephens,

That W.A.Tom, Reeve of the Town of Collingwood, be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the remainder of the year 1930.

Moved by Councillor McLeod, and seconded by Councillor Vanceise,

That J.R.Rogers, Deputy Reeve of the Town of Barrie, be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the remainder of the year 1930.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, and seconded by Councillor Drinkwater,

That Philip McLeod, Deputy Reeve of the Town of Orillia, be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the remainder of the year 1930,

Moved by Councillor Glover, and seconded by Councillor Carlton,

That Joseph Spicher, Reeve of the Township of Sunnidale, be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the remainder of the year 1930.

All those nominated having, with the consent of their mover and seconder, withdrawn excepting Councillors Tom and McLeod, the Clerk proceeded to take the vote which was as follows

For Councillor W.A. Tom:- Councillors Asselin, Bates, Beath, Bradley, Buchanan, Carlton, Coxworth, Crawford, Cunningham, Denney, Downey, Drennan, Fenton, Ford, Glover, Hawkins, Lacroix, Lovering, McKnight, Nolan, Peacock, Potter, Robins, Ronan, Ruby, Scott, Smith, Stephens, Tessier, Tom, Toner, Vanceise, Webb, and Wilcox. (34)

For Councillor Philip McLeod:- Councillors Doran, Doyle, Drinkwater, Dutton, Evans, Hanley, Johnston, Kiernan, Larose, Lowe, McLeod, and Spicher, (12)

Councillor W.A.Tom, Reeve of Collingwood, having obtained a majority of the votes of the Members present, the Clerk declared him elected Warden for the remainder of the year.

His Honour, Judge Wismer, held special Court and administered the oath of office to the Warden elect.

His Honour then addressed the Members and said:

Mr. Warden and Gentlemen: I wish to detain you for a moment to say a few words regarding the cause of your being called together in special session on this occasion.

Little did we think a few short months ago when I had the privilege of swearing in your late Warden that he would be taken away from us so soon. It was a terrible shock to us all and to the community last week when we learned of the awful tragedy that befell our friend and Warden, the late Mr. Creswicke.

Hal, as most of us called him, was a fine genial, good-hearted and courteous young man, and endeared himself to all his acquaintances and friends by his kindly and charming manner and it was always a pleasure to meet him.

He was a capable and efficient municipal official and I know you found him to be an excellent presiding officer. He showed promises of becoming one of our most influential citizens in municipal affairs as well as in the wider field of politics.

In the courts he was a reliable, keen, capable and courteous counsel who seemed to always bring out the best points and arguments on behalf of his client, and was always of great assistance to me in the courts in which I presided.

We shall all miss him very much and I am sure you join me in expressing to his mother, Mrs Creswicke and to the other members of his family, our sincere regrets and deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

The Warden then took the Chair.

He addressed the Council, thanking the Members for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed the hope that with their assistance he would be enabled to successfully perform his duties. He spoke feelingly of the untimely death of the late Warden, Hal Creswicke, who by his amiability had endeared himself to them all.

He named a Committee, composed of Councillors Glover, Carlton McKnight, and Nolan to draft a resolution of condolence to the Mother and the Family of the late Warden.

D.H.Coleman, County Treasurer, addressed the Council and stated that in the death of H.H.Creswicke, he had lost a close friend and his frequent visits to his office would be sadly missed.

He referred to the approaching Land Tax Sale for arrears of taxes, and advised the Members to purchase for their Municipalities any lands that did not bring costs of the sale.

The Report of the Special Committee regarding the letter of condolence to the

Family of the late Warden Creswicke was presented and read as follows:-

Your Special Committee re- Letter of Condolence, beg to report:

Your Special Committee appointed by the Warden to draft a letter of condolence to the Mother and Family of the late Warden H.H.Creswicke, beg to present the attached for the approval of the Council and that the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of the letter to Mrs Creswicke.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, Barrie.

September 29th. 1930.

sd. Geo. W. Glover,  
Chairman.

To Mrs Creswicke and Family.

In the depth of your grief the Members of the Council of the County of Simcoe desire to express, with their sincerest sympathy, their warmest and tenderest feeling of condolence in the sore affliction that has fallen on you in the untimely death of your son and brother Hal.

This was the fourth year that he represented his Town in the County Council and by his genial and kindly manner he made a close friend of each Member.

By his natural ability and attention to matters pertaining to the County he so familiarized himself with it's problems and needs that after serving only three years his Associates this year elected him Warden, the highest office in their gift. An attainment that few members reach in the same period of time.

In the Warden's chair he was an efficient presiding officer. Being very fair with his decisions and at the same time having the business of the Council conducted with dignity and dispatch.

As a young lawyer he was making a name for himself and there appeared a bright future before him and his name was mentioned in political conventions where there is no doubt he would shortly have been chosen by his party as it's representative.

While we extol his many virtues and noble acts we realize that it is in his own household and in the bosom of his family that he will be most sadly missed. There the vacant chair never can be filled, and the aching heart refuses to be comforted for the loss is irreparable.

In this your hour of sadness we tender you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the bitter grief that has befallen you, and earnestly hope that the mysterious dealings of Providence, which for the moment we cannot understand, may become beacons to guide you to a blessed re- union where there are no sad separations.

Signed on behalf of the County.

sd. J. T. Simpson,  
Clerk, County of Simcoe.

Family of the late Warden Creswicke was presented and read as follows:-

Moved by Councillor McKnight, and seconded by Councillor Carlton, and ordered.

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Rogers, and seconded by Councillor Hawkins, and ordered.

That the Special Committee on the letter of condolence be appointed to have a photograph of the late Warden H.H.Creswicke placed in the Council Chamber, and also, have one presented to his family and make such other necessary arrangements as regards the Warden's salary that they deem advisable.

Moved by Councillor McKnight, and seconded by Councillor Carlton, and ordered.

That the Council do now adjourn.

*J. T. Simpson*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe.

*H. A. Tom*  
Warden, County of Simcoe.