

On Motion of Mr. Armon Secy by Mr. Sherson
Moved, that the Clerk be instructed to have the usual number
of copies of the Minutes of this Session printed and
ready for distribution at least by the first of December
next

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

On Motion of Mr. Murphy Secy by Mr. Eldor
Moved that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Parker Secy by Mr. Hamilton
Moved, that we the members of the County Council
at this our last session, cannot allow the opportunity
to pass without expressing our sense of the very able
manner in which our Warden discharged the duties
of his office, and to express our appreciation of his
disinterestedness, at the same time requesting him
to accept such sum as will cover the necessary
expenses connected with the duties of his office

The Warden in his usual polite and eloquent
manner thanked the Council for their high
appreciation of his services, but firmly carried
out the language of his address, by refusing any
remuneration for his services as Warden

The Council adjourned sine die

Minutes of first Meeting 1861

Council Hall Rome June 22^d 1861

The Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective
Townships ~~in the County of Seneca~~ in the County of Seneca
together with the Reeves of the Town and Villages therein
met this day pursuant to the provisions of the Act respecting
the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada, Amended
Statute of Upper Canada Chap 54, and having filed
their certificates of qualification with the Clerk, took
their seats in the Council

Present,

- 1 W. C. Little Esq. Reeve for Innisfil - p. o. Innisfil
- 2 J. W. Orchard Esq. Deputy Reeve for Innisfil p. o. Innisfil
- 3 John Craig Esq. Reeve for Medonte p. o. Craighurst
- 4 George Matthews Esq. Reeve for Mono, p. o. Mono Mills
- 5 Thomas Elder Esq. Deputy Reeve for Mono, p. o. North Asjola
- 6 James Russell Esq. Reeve for Northwasauga p. o. Roseman
- 7 Gideon Phillips Esq. Deputy Reeve for Northwasauga p. o. Northwasauga ^(Canaan)
- 8 Thomas D. McCortney Esq. Reeve of Parry p. o. Parry
- 9 Thomas Parker Esq. Reeve of West Gullinbury p. o. Bradford
- 10 William Armon Esq. Deputy Reeve of West Gullinbury p. o. Bradford
- 11 John Ross Esq. Reeve of Sunnyside p. o. Sunnyside Station
- 12 William McColvin Esq. Reeve of Essa p. o. Clover Hill
- 13 George Davis Esq. Deputy Reeve for Essa p. o. Long
- 14 John C. Steele Esq. Reeve for ~~Essa~~ p. o. Oro
- 15 Duncan McHindley Esq. Deputy Reeve for Oro p. o. Parry Corners
- 16 Thomas Saunders Esq. Reeve for Secumsett p. o. Clover Hill
- 17 George A. Nolan Esq. Deputy Reeve of Secumsett p. o. Littenham
- 18 Louis Columbus Esq. Reeve of Tully and Bay p. o. Westwindsor
- 19 Jonathan Sissons Esq. Reeve of Westpica p. o. Parry
- 20 John S. Connor Esq. Reeve of Asjola p. o. Athlone
- 21 W. B. Hamilton Esq. Reeve of Collingwood p. o. Collingwood
- 22 William Johnson Esq. Reeve of Hlos p. o. Craighurst
- 23 Lucius McMillan Esq. Reeve of Millia p. o. Millia
- 24 Thomas Ward Esq. Reeve of Mulmur p. o. Mulmur

The Clerk having called the Council to order
It was proposed by Mr. Swinson Sec^y by Mr. Johnson
That J. D. McCauley Esq be Warden of the County
of Simcoe for the current year,

It was Proposed by Mr. Davis, Sec^y by Mr. Parker
That Wm McClain Esq, be Warden for the current
year,

It was proposed by Mr. O'Brien Sec^y by Mr. Connor
That George McManus Esq be Warden for the current
year,

The Clerk put the first motion in accordance
with the Standing Rules of the Council; Motion carried
yeas 14,

The Clerk thereupon declares J. D. McCauley Esq
duly elected Warden for the current year,

The Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

J. D. McCauley
Warden

Council Held Public
January 23rd 1861

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
His Honor the County Judge having taken his seat
on the Bench, administered the declaration of office
to the Warden Elect,

The Warden took his seat, and called the
Council to order,

The roll of members name called
Present Messrs. Armonson, Craig, Columbus, Connor,
Davis Elder, Hand, Johnson Little, McClain
McManus, McKinley, Nolan, Orchard, O'Brien
Parker, Phillips, Russell, Ross, Steele, Saunders
and Swinson

In allerton, Reeve of Bradford having filed his Certificate
of qualification according to Law with the Clerk took
his seat in the Council,

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted
The Warden laid the following Resolutions before the Council
Communications No. 1 from the Secy of the Board of Prison
Inspectors, Com. No. 2 from the Comm. from the Board
of Public Instruction, with a/c, communication
from Mr. Hensley Provincial Architect, and the Petition of
the Rev. Mr. Fitch and certain Clergymen residing in
the County,

It was moved by Mr. McManus Sec^y by Mr. Craig
That Allan Lloyd be appointed Auditor of this Council
for the present year,

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McClain
Seconded by Mr. Russell, That Daniel Bell be
appointed Auditor on behalf of the Council for the
current year, lost,

Yeas - Messrs Armonson, Davis, Elder, Hand, McClain
Nolan, Phillips, Russell, Ross, Saunders 10
Nays - Messrs Craig, Columbus, Connor,
Johnson, Little, Marten, McManus, McKinley
Orchard, O'Brien, Steele & Swinson 12,

Moved in amendment by Mr. Parker Sec^y by
Mr. Armonson, That the motion do not pass
but that Mr. J. M. Landford be appointed Auditor
for the current year, lost

Yeas Messrs - Armonson, Davis, McClain
Nolan, Parker, Phillips, Russell
Ross and Saunders 9

Nays
Messrs - Craig, Columbus, Connor, Elder, Hand
Johnson Little, Marten, McManus, McKinley
Orchard, O'Brien, Steele and Swinson 14

The original motion was then put and carried
Yeas
Messrs. Craig, Columbus, Connor, Elam, Morton
Johnson, Little, McManus, McKinley
Richard O'Brien Steele and Sisson 13

Nays
Messrs. Armon, Davis, Haas, McClain
Nolan, Parker, Phillips, Russell
Rose and Sisson 10

The Warden appointed Mr. William Graham
as Auditor for the County for the current year

On Motion of Mr. Armon, Sec^d by Mr. Sisson
Ordered, that a Special Committee of five
be appointed by Ballot for the purpose
of naming the Standing Committee for
the current year,

The Ballot being taken, resulted in the appointment
of the following, viz. Messrs. Parker, Little
McManus, Sisson and Craig -

The Council adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the following documents
before the Council, Communication from Mr. Shattler
with accompanying account, the account of J. D.
Tailor Lockup house keeper of Bradford and the
account of the Spirit of the Age office, for printing

Moved by Mr. McKinley Sec^d by Mr. Johnson
That Messrs. McClain, Little, Russell, Steele, Sisson,
Parker and McManus be appointed a
Special Committee for the equalization of the
Assessment Rolls for the current year, and
that they enter upon their duties, the first
day of the June Session

Moved in Amendment by Mr. McManus
Sec^d by Mr. Parker
That the Committee for equalizing the
assessment Rolls for the current year be
selected by ballot, lost

The original motion was then put and carried

The Report of Special Committee
to appoint the Standing Committees was
presented and read,

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec^d by Mr. Parker
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Armon Sec^d by Mr. Morton
Ordered, that the several documents now before
the Council be referred to their respective
Committees -

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec^d by Mr. Craig
Ordered that the communications from the Secretary of the
Boards of Prison Inspectors be referred to the Committee
appointed by this Council to confer with said
Prison Inspectors on the enlargement of the
County Jail

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec^d by Mr. Davis
Ordered that the Bill from the Spirit of the Age
office, be referred to the Committee on Finance
and assessment

The Council adjourned until tomorrow morning
at 10 o'clock

W. J. McManus
Warden

Council Hall, Rome

January 24th 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair,

Names called over,

Present Messrs Armon, Craig, Columbus
Leaman, Davis Elder, Hawk, Johnson, Little
McClain McManus, McKinley, Nolan, O'Quinn,
O'Dian, Parker, Phillips, ~~Reardon~~ Ross
Steele Saunders Sissons, O'Brien Hamilton 23

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted
The Warden laid the following documents
before the Council, viz - Communications from
John Leeper Esq. County Clerk of York and parcel
and the Clerk of this Council, the petition of
John O'Connell and the Reports of the
County Surveyor and County Treasurer
with the accounts and Balance sheet of the
latter,

On Motion of Mr. McManus Secy. by Mr. Craig
Ordered, that Messrs Little, Parker, Davis, Russell
and Saunders be a committee to examine
the county Treasurers Books and accounts,
with power to make a thorough investigation in
order to allay all doubts, and Report the
result of their investigation to this Council.

Mr. Davis tendered his resignation a member
of the Printing Committee

On Motion of Mr. Ross Secy. by Mr. Saunders
Ordered, that the resignation of Mr. Davis as
the Printing Committee be not accepted.

On Motion of Mr. Little Secy. by Mr. McManus,
That the Committee on Education be instructed to amend a
certain portion of By Law No. 106, in order that the
Municipal Corporation of the ^{Ward} Borough of Bradford inadvertently
omitted in said By Law may be included and constitute
part of the second Circuit of public instruction within this County.

On Motion of Mr. Armon Secy. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered that the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr. Armon Secy. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered that the Warden do appoint a special
Committee of three to take into consideration the
petition of the Rev. John Fletcher and others,
and Report to them on to this Council
The Warden appointed
Messrs. Armon, Steele and Ross to be said
Committee,

On Motion of Mr. Craig Secy. by Mr. McClain
Ordered, that the Standing Committee on Roads and
Bridges be requested to prepare a suitable form for
the Returns to be made to this Council by the Clerks of
the different Local Corporations of this County,
pursuant to By Laws No. 109 and 110 of this Council.
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 - the account of John McLeod,
petition of D. B. Gaston, account of William Swain,
Look up house keeper of Collingwood and Auditors
Report on Finance

The Report of the Special Committee
on petition by Rev. John Fletcher and others was
presented and read
On Motion of Mr. Armon Secy. by Mr. Ross
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McManus Secy. O'Brien
Ordered that the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

The Council adjourns until 9 o'clock
tomorrow morning

W. W. Warden

Warden

Council Hall, Paris

January 25th 1861

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
names called over

present Messrs. Armore, Craig, Columbus
Connor, Davis, Elder, Hamilton, Howard, Johnson
Little, McElain, McManus, M. Hilday, Nolan
O'Keefe, O'Brien, Parker, Phillips, Russell
Ross, Steele, Saunders, Sissons 23

The Minutes of yesterday (read) was adopted
The Warden laid before the Council, the
Auditors Report No. 2, on Finance, Communication
from Mr. Dallas Chairman of a Meeting held in
Orilia respecting certain Resolutions adopted at
such Meeting,

The Report of Standing Committee
on Printing presented and read

Moved by Mr. Craig Sec. by Mr. O'Brien
That the Report now read be adopted, ~~but~~

Moved in amendment by Mr. Davis
seconded by Mr. Parker

Ordered that the Report now read be not adopted
but that it be referred to a Committee of the
Whole for further consideration

The ^{Council} Committee resolved itself into a Committee
of the Whole, Mr. Hamilton in the Chair

The Committee of the Whole rose and reported
The Report of the printing Committee as amended.

On Motion of Mr. Hamilton Sec. by Mr. Russell
Ordered that the Report of the resolution of the Committee
of the Whole on the ^{printing} Committee Report be adopted.

The Warden presented to the Council a Communication
from His Honor Judge Goreau, and Communication
from the Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction
for the better education of the County.

On Motion of Mr. Armore Sec. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered that the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec. by Mr. O'Brien
Ordered that the Communication from His Honor
Judge Goreau, accompanied with so handsome a
gratitude to the County for the purpose of assisting
to educate the unfortunate deaf and dumb residing
within this County, be referred to a Special Committee
consisting of Messrs Parker, Craig and O'Brien

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

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Mr. Russell tendered his resignation as member
of the Special Committee to Investigate the Treasurers
Books, No. 1

The Report of the Standing Committee on Education
presented and read, with accompanying By-Law

On Motion of Mr. H. Craig Sec. by Mr. McManus Ross
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted, and
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 Sec^y by Mr. Ross
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. Craig Sec^y by Mr. Ross,
Ordered That the By Law now read a third time
do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, signed
and sealed by the Warden,

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on
Roads and Bridges, presented and read
with accompanying blank paper,

On Motion of Mr. McClain Sec^y by Mr. Steele
Ordered; That the Report now read be adopted

The Report^{on} of Standing Committee on
County property, presented and read,

On Motion of Mr. Orkard Sec^y by Mr. O'Brien
Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee
on Finance and Assessment, presented
and read with accompanying Memorial, and paid
in Debentures

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec^y by Mr. Hamilton
Ordered that the report now read be adopted, that the
Memorial attached be copied and engrossed by the
Clerk, signed and sealed by the Warden, and transmitted
to the several branches Members of this County
and to the Honorable the Member for the Saugeen
District, for presentation

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec^y by Mr. O'Brien
Ordered that the County Treasurer be requested to call on the Sheriff
to make a return of the money received by him from the proceeds
of the last Sale of Lands for Taxes, and that the Clerk furnish
the Treasurer with a Copy of this resolution for that purpose

Mr Saunders tendered his resignation as a Member of the
Committee to examine the County Treasurers Books

The Warden presented the account of Sh^r. Parker Esq^r

Report of Standing Committee on Printing
presented and read

Moved by Mr. Craig Sec^y by Mr. O'Brien
That the Report now read be adopted

Moved in amendment by Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Parker
Ordered; That the Report now read be not adopted, but that it be
referred back to the Committee with instructions to erase
the words "on giving a Guarantee", and insert the words
"provided" instead thereof

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec^y by Mr. Parker
Ordered That the Clerk of this Council be required to notify
the Secretary of the Board of public Instruction for the Second School
District of this County, that it is the request of this Council
that the Board, should hold all their meetings for the
examination of School Teachers at the village of Bond
Head, the place appointed by the By Law establishing
said Board of public Instruction

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec^y by Mr. Connor,
Ordered that the rules of this Council be suspended so far as
relates to rule No. 45 in order that the Communication from
the Chairman of the Senior Board of public Instruction in this
County be received, and also the account from Sh^r. Parker Esq^r

On Motion of Mr. Sizem Sec^y by Mr. Orkard
Ordered that the Warden do appoint a special Committee of
three to draft a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject
of the selection of Grand and petit Jurors, whereas the second
and last selection of Grand and petit Jurors has heretofore been
made by certain officers, and such Records of the County
as chose to be present, and as such selection would (if all the
Records chose to be present) be of considerable ~~importance~~^{importance} to
the County, it is considered that the same result may be
better obtained, and at less cost by another method
viz, by a Committee chosen by the County Council
acting during the sitting of Council

The Warden presented the account of Sh^r. Parker Esq^r

The Warden named Messrs Sisson Nelson
and Saunders to be such Committee

On Motion of Mr. McClain Sec. by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the Debentures now laid before the
Clerk's Table be destroyed, by taking the name of
the Warden and Treasurer, and Impression Seal
off the said Debentures, and that the Clerk tomorrow
do burn ⁱⁿ the presence of the Council, the remainder of
of them,

Report No. 2, of the
Standing Committee on Finance & Assessment
presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec. by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Saunders Sec. by Mr. Officer
Ordered: That the County Treasurer be instructed to show
in future in his Annual Report, in January, under
the usual statement of the Non Resident Land Fund
for each Municipality, the amount of County Rates
levied on each Municipality for the previous year
with the payments on account of such Rates, and the
rates thereof; Also showing the balance in favour of,
or against the said Municipality at the end of the
Year

Moved by Mr. McKinley Sec. by Mr. Stand
That inasmuch as the Medical Expenses of the
Medical attendance to the Jail has reached a very
considerable sum, and it being the opinion of this
Council that the same would be obtained for a much
less amount if the services of the present Medical
attendant would be dispensed with, and the requirements
for Medical attendance and Medicine be put up to public
competition, and that the Committee on County Property
be instructed to repeal the By Law appointing the present
incumbent

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Saunders Sec. by Mr. Nolan
and Ordered That the Committee on County Property be instructed
to make enquiry as to whether there has been any undue
extravagance in the charges made for Medical attendance
at the Jail during the past year, and report to this Council

Moved by Mr. Russell Sec. by Mr. Saunders
That the resignation of James Russell and Thomas Saunders
as members of the Special Committee to investigate, and
report upon the Treasurer's accounts be accepted,

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Armon Sec. by Mr. Parker
That the resignation of Messrs Russell and Saunders be
~~not accepted~~ as members of the Special Committee to
enquire into the state of the Treasurer's Books be
not accepted, lost

The original motion was then put and carried

On ^{motion} Motion by Mr. Ross Sec. by Mr. Davis
That the County Surveyor be instructed to examine the
several Bridges on the old Summerville Road, which road
passes through the Townships of Alespa, Essa, Cocorontis
and Kollawasaga, and report the same to this
Council at its first session - Motion lost

Mr. Davis tendered his resignation as member of the
Special Committee to investigate the Treasurer's Books

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec. by Mr. Saunders
Ordered: That the resignation of George Davis as member
of the Special Committee to investigate the Treasurer's
Books be accepted

On Motion of Mr. Armon Sec. by Mr. Stand
Ordered: That the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

Mr. Little tendered his resignation as member of
the Special Committee to investigate the Treasurers
Books

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Saunders
Ordered: That the resignation of Mr. Little as
Member of the Select Committee to investigate accounts
be forthwith accepted

On Motion of Mr. O'Brien Sec^y by Mr. Russell
Ordered: That so many members of the Committee
appointed to investigate the Treasurers books
having resigned as to render it impossible to
form a Quorum: Resolved that a new Committee
for the same purpose be formed to consist of
Messrs. Little Parker and the Warden, with power
to employ an accountant to assist them if necessary
and that they report the result of such investigation
to this Council at the June Session

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock
tomorrow morning

Wm. D. McKinley
Warden

Council Hall Paris

January 26th 1861

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

names called over

Present Messrs. Armon, Craig, Connor, Columbus, Davis,
Elder Hamilton, Hilda Johnson, Little, McBlain,
McManus, McKinley, Nolan, Orchard, O'Brien,
Parker, Phillips, Russell, Ross, Steele, Saunders
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Report of Standing Committee on printing as
amended presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Parker,
Ordered that the report now read be adopted,

Report of Special Committee on the Ammunition
from His Honor Judge Gowan, presented & read

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec^y by Mr. O'Brien
Ordered that the report now read be adopted, and
that the Warden be authorized to issue his warrant
for the sum of One hundred dollars for the purpose
named therein, when the Child to be sent to the Day
and Night Institution in Toronto shall have been
selected. The Warden named Messrs. Parker, Little to be a
Committee to make such selection

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

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec^y by Mr. Phillips
Ordered that the report now read be adopted

Report No. 3 of the Standing Committee
on Finance and Assessment presented & read
On Motion of Mr. Little Sec^y by Mr. Connor,
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Davis
Ordered that the Clerk be instructed to purchase
a map of the County of Simcoe for the use of his office

On Motion of Mr. McClain Sr. by Mr. Elder
Ordered: That the Recor of Oro and Ollie be
authorized to act in conjunction with the commis-
sioners of the County of Ottawa to carry on the
improvements recommended in Report No. 1
of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges
at the last June Session in 1860

On Motion of Mr. Russell Sr. by Mr. Phillips
Ordered: That as the Township of Nottawasaga
has gone to the expense of building a Lockup house
for the detention and safe keeping of prisoners;
That John M. Causland be appointed by this
Council as keeper for the same,

On Motion of Mr. Little Sr. by Mr. Parker
Ordered: That the salary of the Court house keeper
be slightly increased to the amount of \$4.00 in
consequence of the additional labor imposed on
that official, and in consequence of this session
being so far advanced, the Finance Committee be
requested to amend the By Law No. 102 respecting
the salaries of the County Officers, and make such
such amendment at the June Session

On Motion of Mr. Ormsby Sr. by Mr. Nolan
Ordered: That the Clerk be instructed to have the
usual number of Minutes of this Session printed
so as to be ready for distribution at least by the
first of March next

Report of Standing Committee on Contingencies
presented and read,

On Motion of Mr. Shaw Sr. by Mr. Ormsby
Ordered: That the report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Ormsby Sr. by Mr. Ormsby
Ordered: That the Clerk of this Council procure a
sufficient number of Assessment and Collectors
Bills for all the Municipalities in this County
and forward them to the Township Clerks
with as little delay as possible, and that
he procure the same at Messrs. McClear & Co,
Toronto

The Council adjourned until the third
Monday in June, and then to meet at 12 o'clock
noon

Thomas Ormsby
Warden