

Minutes of the June Session 1861

Council Hall Room

June 17th 1861

The Council, ~~met~~ pursuant to adjournment met this day, the Warden in the Chair present Messrs. Armon, Craig, Columbus Connor, Davis, Elder, David Johnson Little, Martin, McClain, McManus, McKinley Nolan, O'Leary, O'Brien, Parker, Phillips, Russell, Ross, Steele, Saunders & Sisson. 22

The minutes of the last days meeting of the last session were read and confirmed.

The Warden addressed the Council at considerable length.

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council, viz. Communications 1 and 2 from the Secretary of the Board of Prison Inspectors; the Chief Supt. of Education; Messrs. McClain & Co. with account; The Warden of Huron & Bruce, with copy of Memorial to the Legislature; The accounts of the Board of Public Instruction on the second school circuit; and the spirit of the age for printing; The Bond of Mr. Boop, Treasurer was read; also the Treasurers Report with accompanying maps and diagrams, & Bill of Mr. Alexander Murphy presented and read.

On motion of Mr. Sisson, Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Armon, Ordered that the Warden do appoint a special Committee of ~~three~~ three to report to this Council on the communication from the Warden of Huron and Bruce.

The Warden named Messrs. Sisson, O'Brien and Russell to be such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Armon Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Sisson, Ordered that the several documents now before the Council be referred to their respective Committees.

On motion of Mr. Ross Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Saunders Ordered that a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the Warden's address and prepare a reply thereto, viz. Messrs. Little, Craig, Parker, Russell, and McClain.

On motion of Mr. Sisson ~~the~~ the Council adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock  
G. McManus  
Chairman

Council Hall Room

June 18th 1861

The Council met pursuant to adjournment in the absence of the Warden the Clerk called the Council to order in accordance with the standing Rule No. 9 of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Ross George McManus Esq. was appointed Chairman & Mr. McManus in the Chair called the Council to order. The roll of members names were called present Messrs. Armon, Craig, Columbus Connor, Davis, Elder, Bant, Johnson, Little, Martin, McClain, McManus, McKinley, Nolan, O'Leary, O'Brien, Parker, Phillips, Russell, Ross, Steele, Saunders & Sisson.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Chairman laid the following documents before the Council County Surveys Reports 1 and 2, ~~the~~ the Gt. and account, petitions of Richard Burr Esq. John Hicks, and John Deminger.

Mr. G. Patterson Esq. Reeve of Collinswood having  
filed his certificate according to Law to his seat  
in the Council as Reeve for Collinswood vice W.  
H. Hamilton Esq. resigned

On Motion of Mr. McClain Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Davis  
Ordered: That the following Gentlemen viz, Messrs  
Saunders, Sisson, and Hand be appointed  
a Special Committee to take into consideration  
the Memorial of Rowland Rice Esq. -

On Motion of Mr. McClain Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Davis  
Ordered: That a Special Committee of three be  
appointed by the Chairman to take into consideration  
the Report No. 2 of the County Surveyor -

The Chairman appointed Messrs Norton, Johnson  
and Nixon to be such Committee

On Motion of Mr. McClain Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Davis  
Ordered: That the several Documents now  
before the Council be referred to their respective  
Committees

On Motion of Mr. Ross Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Saunders  
Ordered: That the Treasurer be instructed to procure  
at the expense of the County a correct map of each  
Township similar to those of the Townships of Essa and  
Ting now before the Council, showing every lot that is  
not liable to assessment, defining also the various  
sub-divisions of lots which have been divided, and  
accompanying the same by a written description of  
all broken lots as sold by the Sheriff, such maps and  
descriptions to be forwarded to the several Township  
Clarks for the use of the several assessors, for the purpose  
of aiding them in making their assessment Rolls more  
full and correct than before heretofore

In Motion of Mr. Little the Council adjourned  
until 7 o'clock P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment  
Mr. McManus in the Chair  
The Chairman laid the following Documents before  
the Council, viz - The account of Mr. W. R. McCoy, and the  
account of the Spirit of the Age and Advance Offices for  
Bristol, Mr. Manns account, Messrs. Boutwell & M. C. Carter  
account, and the petition of John Jamieson

The Report of the Special Committee, appointed  
to attend the transfer of all effects held for this County  
by the late County Treasurer - presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Parker  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Orchard Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Hand  
Ordered: That the several Documents now before  
the Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr. Armon Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Sisson  
Ordered: That the County Treasurer be requested  
instructed to lay before this Council at its present  
Session, a statement showing what steps he has  
taken in order to secure to this County the arrears of  
Taxes due by the Corporation of the Town of Collinswood  
and that the Clerk do notify him of this resolution

On Motion of Mr. Ross, the Council adjourned  
until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning  
G. McManus  
Chairman



Council Held Public

June 19th 1861

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment  
Mr. McManus in the Chair

Roll of Members called over

Present, Moore, Armon, Crain, Columbus Connor,  
Harris, Eldor, Patterson, Padon, Johnson, Little,  
Murphy, McClain, McManus, M. Finley, Stone,  
Richard, O'Brien, Parker, Phillips, Russell,  
Ross, Steele, Saunders and Johnson 24

The Minutes of yesterday were read and  
Confirmed,

The Chairman laid the following documents  
before the Council, viz - Communication from the  
County Treasurer and the wife of the Sheriff  
re: Keeper of the Narrows Bridge, John McLean

Report of Special Committee

On Prohibitory Liquor Law, presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Sisson Sec. by Mr. O'Leary  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted, and  
that the accompanying draft of Memorial be  
expressed by the Clerk, signed and sealed by the  
Warden, and transmitted to the by him to the  
Several Members of the County for presentation  
to the two branches of the Legislature

Report of Special Committee

On Transfer of the Report No. 2 of the  
late County Treasurer. Presented & read

On Motion of Mr. Armon Sec. by Mr. O'Brien  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec. by Mr. Armon  
Ordered: That the County Treasurer be instructed forthwith  
to issue his Warrant to Sheriff to sell all wild Lands  
in arrears for Taxes according to Law, and that he be  
authorized to publish the same in all the Newspapers  
published within the County, and to procure a sufficient  
number, say six of each of said papers to be sent to each  
Reeve and deputy Reeve for circulation in their  
Municipalities for the information of the public

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

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

The Council met pursuant to adjournment  
Mr. McManus in the Chair

The Chairman laid release of Bonds from Mr. Tully  
late Treasurer and others to this Corporation in blank  
before the Council,

The Report of Special Committee  
on Equalization of the Assessment Rolls, presented  
and read. There was by the request of four  
Members of Council laid on the table, in accordance  
with Standing Rule No. 47-

On Motion of Mr. Sisson the Council adjourned  
until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

G. McManus  
Chairman

Council Hall Minutes  
June 20th 1861

The Council met pursuant to adjournment  
Mr. McManus in the chair

Roll of members names called over  
Present Messrs. Armon, Craig, Columbus, Connor  
Davis, Elder, Patterson, Hand, Johnson, Little  
Morton, Murphy, McColvin, McManus, McShirley  
Nolan, Orchard, O'Brien, Parker, Phillips  
Russell, Ross, Steele, Saunders & Sissons 4

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr. Little sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. McColvin  
That the Report on the Equalization of the  
Assessment Rolls introduced yesterday last evening  
and ordered to lie on the table for the perusal of  
Members be now adopted,

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Ross Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Johnson  
That the Report on Equalization now read be not  
adopted, but that it be sent back to the Committee  
for a more just and equitable bases for the Assessment  
As for example, taking Westra & Summidaale showing  
a disparity over Summidaale of one dollar the land  
being nearly alike and Kollawasasa Township only  
one dollar over the valuation of Summidaale, while  
the land of that Township is nearly of four times  
the value

Cost  
Yeas Messrs. Columbus, Connor, Johnson, O'Brien  
and Ross 5

Nays Messrs. Armon, Craig, Davis, Elder,  
Patterson, Hand, Little, Murphy, McColvin,  
McShirley, Nolan, Orchard, O'Brien, Parker,  
Phillips, Russell, Steele, Saunders & Sissons 18

Moved in Amendment by Mr. O'Brien Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Johnson  
That the Report now read be not adopted, but that it be  
referred back to the Committee with instructions to alter the  
scale adopted as a basis; it not being a manifest injustice  
to those Townships containing a large proportion of Non  
resident land, to value wild land at three times the its cash  
value, while in old settled Townships adjoining the Railway  
the resident land is valued at not more than one fifth  
of its average cash value, cost

Yeas Messrs. Columbus, Connor, Hand, Johnson  
Murphy, O'Brien and Ross 7  
Nays Messrs. Armon, Craig, Davis, Elder, Patterson  
Little, McColvin, McShirley, Nolan, Orchard, Parker,  
Phillips, Russell, Steele, Saunders & Sissons 10

Moved in Amendment by Mr. O'Brien Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Columbus  
That the Report of the Committee for the equalization of  
the Assessment Rolls be not adopted, as its effect will  
be to throw the great burden of the taxation of the County  
upon those Townships which are situated furthest from  
the County Town, amongst whom an expenditure from the  
County funds has been made, who derive title or no benefit  
from the Railway on account of which our Municipal Debt  
has been contracted, whose land is the poorest, and upon  
them who have the least facilities for access to market  
or means of paying the rates laid upon them - Cost

Yeas Messrs. Craig, Hand, Johnson, Columbus, Hand,  
Murphy, O'Brien and Ross 7  
Nays Messrs. Armon, Connor, Davis, Patterson,  
Little, McColvin, McShirley, Nolan, Orchard, Parker,  
Phillips, Russell, Steele, Saunders & Sissons 15

Moved in Amendment  
by Mr. Ross Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. O'Brien  
That the Report now read be not adopted, but that the  
Committee for the Equalization of the Assessment Rolls be  
amended by using the following scale as a basis for their  
valuation in the different Townships, in order to place  
the assessment of Resident and Non Resident lands  
upon an equitable footing, this Council  
being



of opinion, that Justice can only be arrived at by  
 Valuing the Lands in different Townships localities at  
 their actual selling Cash price.

	Resident Land per acre	Non-Resident Land per acre
West Guilford	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Secumseth	30.00	3.00
Samispi	30.00	4.00
Nottawasaga	26.00	4.00
Essa	26.00	4.00
Orp	10.00	3.00
Adjala	8.50	1.50
Orilia	8.00	1.25
Vespra	15.00	3.00
Secumdale	15.00	1.50
Tossonatic	7.00	1.50
Itlos	7.00	2.50
Troy and Day	6.00	1.50
Mulman	6.00	1.50
Olons	10.00	2.00
McAdams	7.00	1.50

Year - Messrs Columbus, O'Brien, <sup>Johnson</sup> and Ross, St  
 Nays - Messrs Armer, Craig, Connor, Davis Elder  
 Wattersen, Hants, Johnson, Little, Murphy, McBlain  
 McKeily, Nolan, Orchard, Parker, Phillips, Powell  
 Steele, Saunders and Sisson 79

The original motion was then put and carried

On motion of Mr. Sisson the Council adjourned  
 until 7 o'clock P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Memorin in the Chair  
 Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee  
 on Finance and Assessment, presented & read  
 with accompanying By-Law read a first time

On motion of Mr. Little sec'd by Mr. Parker  
 Order that the Report now read be adopted, and that  
 the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time forthwith  
 By-Law read a second time

On motion of Mr. Little sec'd by Mr. Russell  
 Order that the By-Law now read a second time be  
 read a third time,

By-Law read a third time  
 On motion of Mr. Little sec'd by Mr. Connor  
 Order that the By-Law now read a third time do  
 pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, signed and sealed by  
 the Mayor,

Moved by Mr. Ross sec'd by Mr. Saunders  
 That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chairman  
 to draft a Memorial to the Legislature praying that all  
 parties selling Land in less portions than the original  
 whole Lot, be required to file a description of each piece  
 or parcel of Land, with the Township, Town or Village Clerk  
 of the Municipality in which the Land is situated, for  
 the purpose of enabling the Assessor to discharge his  
 duty, which as the Law at present stands, it is not in  
 all cases in his power to perform, lost

Moved by Mr. Russell Phillips sec'd by Mr. Phillips  
 That a sum of Forty dollars be granted to Nottawasaga  
 Station, for the purpose of building a Lockup house, lost

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Parker sec'd by Armeson  
 Order that the motion do not pass, but be referred  
 to the Committee on County Property to report on the  
 same

The Chairman laid the Petition of Rowland Burr Esq  
 with accompanying Report, before the Council which was  
 read,

On Motion of Mr. Parker sec'd by Mr. Armeson  
 Order that Rowland Burr Esq be admitted within  
 the Bar of this Council for the purpose of addressing  
 the Council on matters relating to the Question of the Georgian  
 Bay Canal,

Rowland Burr Esq appeared within the Bar of the  
 Council and addressed the Council in an able and  
 eloquent manner, explaining the intended course of the

of the Georgian Bay and Great Canal, <sup>various</sup> ~~various~~ maps and diagrams showed the feasibility of the route, and the manifest importance it would be to this Province, but more especially to the counties of Simcoe and York, Availing which he was warmly applauded.

On Motion of Mr. Armon Secy by Mr. Parker,  
Ordered that the thanks of this Council be tendered to Rowland Durr Esq. for the very able and elaborate address now delivered, setting forth not only the practicability but also the advantage of the route of the Georgian Bay Canal,

On Motion of Mr. Martin Secy by Mr. Ross  
Ordered: That the petition of Rowland Durr Esq. be referred to a Committee of Five to be named by the Chairman,

The Chairman named Messrs. Martin, Armon, Ross, Elmer, and Hand, to be such Committee

By Motion of Mr. Tasson the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

G. McManus  
Chairman

Council Hall Room  
June 21st 1861  
The Council met pursuant to adjournment,  
Ch. McManus in the Chair,  
Roll of members names called over  
Present Messrs. Armon Craig, Columbus Connor  
Davis Elmer Patterson Hand Johnson Little Maton  
Murphy McLain McManus McKinley Nelson Osband  
Prien Parker Phillips Russell Ross, Steeles Saunders  
and Tasson  
The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted

The Chairman laid the communication of Mr. Boy's  
Manager of the "Spirit of the Age" before the Council,

The Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee  
on Roads and Bridges presented and read

On Motion of Mr. McLain Secy by Mr. Harte  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

Report of Special Committee with accompanying memorial  
on Rowland Durr's Petition presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Martin Secy by Mr. Ross  
Ordered that the Report and accompanying Memorial to  
the Legislature be received and adopted

On Motion of Mr. Russell Secy by Mr. Phillips  
Ordered that the communication from the Spirit of the Age  
Office, be referred to the Committee on Printing

The Chairman laid before the Council an Abstract  
of the Agricultural Census presented to the Council by David  
Morrow Esq. Census Commissioner for this County.



On Motion of Mr. O'Brien Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Morton  
Ordered that the thanks of this Council be due  
to the Census Commissioner for the Abstract of the  
Census now presented by him, and that 100 copies  
and ten copies sent to each <sup>of the</sup> Members of this Council  
and also that the Finance Committee should  
ascertain the expense incurred by the Commissioner  
in preparing said Abstract in order that the amount  
may be reimbursed to him.

Report of Standing Committee  
on Education presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Morton  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted.

On Motion of Mr. Ross the Council adjourns until  
4 o'clock p.m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment  
Mr. DeMarrais in the Chair

Report of <sup>Standing</sup> Special Committee on Printing  
presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Johnson  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

Report of Special Committee  
on Deaf and Mute presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Little Parker Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Little  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 2 Standing Committee  
on Finance and Assessment presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Russell  
Ordered that the report now read be adopted

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

On Motion of Mr. O'Brien Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Orchard  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted.

Report No. 4 of the Standing Committee  
on Finance and Assessment presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Connor  
Ordered that the report now read be adopted.

Report No. 5 of the Standing Committee  
on Finance and Assessment presented and read  
with accompanying By-Law read a first time

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Parker  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted, and  
that the By-Law now read a first time, be read a  
second time forthwith,

By-Law read a second time

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Russell  
Ordered that the By-Law now read a second time, be read  
a third time forthwith

By-Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Parker  
Ordered that the By-Law now read a third time, do pass  
be engrossed by the Clerk, signed and sealed by the  
Warden

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Armore  
Ordered that rule 45 be suspended for the purpose  
of receiving the communication of William Graham

The Chairman laid the communication of Mr. Graham  
before the Council which was read

Report No. 3 of the Standing Committee  
on Finance and Assessment presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Connor Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Parker  
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Richard Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Hand  
Ordered that the communication of William Graham  
be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Parker  
Ordered: That the County Treasurer be required  
to demand from the Corporation of the Town of  
Collingwood, the amount of Taxes due by that  
Corporation to this County in cash or other Securities  
as the Treasurer may arrange with that Corporation  
but in default of payment or other arrangement  
the Treasurer to take such steps (measures as the  
Law directs

On Motion of Mr. Arnsom the Council  
adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

G. McManus  
Chairman

Council Hall Room

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861

The Council met pursuant to adjournment  
Mr. McManus in the Chair

Names of Members called over

Present Messrs Arnsom, Craig, Davis, Columbus  
Elder, Hand, Johnson, Little, Murphy, McClain,  
M. Kinley, Nolan, Richard, O'Brien, Parker,  
Patterson, Phillips, Russell, Ross, Steele, Saunders  
Lassons 2, 3

The Minutes of yesterday were read  
and confirmed

The Chairman laid a Communication  
from the County Treasurer before the  
Council which was read

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

On Motion of Mr. O'Brien Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Russell  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Ross Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Saunders  
Ordered: That the County Treasurer be instructed to carry  
out the suggestions contained in his Communication of  
this day relative to obtaining a proper description of  
all Lands to be sold this fall for Taxes in the various  
Municipalities of this County

On Motion of Mr. Craig Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. O'Brien  
Ordered: That the clerk be instructed to procure the usual  
number of copies of the Minutes of this Session from the parties  
having the contract for the County Printing, or in case the said  
Contractor should refuse or neglect to execute the work  
according to their contract, that the same be procured from  
some other Printer at as cheap a rate as possible, and any  
costs or thereby incurred charged to the said contractor.  
Costs have the same ready for delivery by the first day of  
August next

Report No. 6 of the Standing Committee

on Finance and Assessment presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. O'Brien  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report of Standing Committee on Contingencies

Presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Murphy Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. M. Kinley  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

This Worship the Warden made his appearance  
and took his seat in the Chair

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. McClain  
Ordered: That the special Committee appointed by this  
Council to confer with the Government Inspectors of Prisons  
&c, be instructed to take no further action in respect of the  
contemplated improvements to the County Jail until after  
the next meeting of this Council in October next



Report of Special Committee on Warden's address  
presented and read

On motion of Mr. Little Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Russell  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. M. Manus  
The Council adjourned until the third  
Monday in October next at the hour of 12 o'clock  
noon

W. J. McManus  
Warden

Council Hall Barrie  
October 21st, 1861

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment  
from the June session, The Warden in the Chair  
present Messrs. Armon Craig Columbus Connor  
Davis Elder Hand Johnson Little Norton M. Cain  
McManus M. Kinley Nolan Orchard ~~Phillips~~ Packer  
Phillips Russell Ross Steele Saunders & ~~Ward~~

The Minutes of the last day of the June session  
were read and confirmed

The Warden laid the following documents before  
the Council. Communications from the Provincial Secretary  
Rules for the Government of Common Gaols. the County Clerk  
of York & Peel, the Clerk of the Peace with copy of the  
presentment of the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions  
and Report of the County Treasurer.

On Motion of Mr. Armon Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Packer  
Ordered: That the several documents now before the  
Council be referred to their respective Committees.

On Motion of Mr. M. Manus Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Norton  
Ordered: That the Warden do appoint a Special  
Committee for to take into consideration all documents  
that may be presented to this Council that do not  
properly belong to any of the Standing Committees.

The Warden named ~~Messrs~~ Messrs  
McManus, Little, Russell, Craig & Saunders to be such  
Committee.

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock  
tomorrow morning

W. J. McManus  
Warden