

Minutes of the January Session of the County Council of the County of Simcoe for 1897

Council Hall Barrie 26th January.

Owing to the severe snow storm now raging blocking up many of the County Roads several of the County Councillors elect were unable to attend. The Clerk called those present to order and for want of a quorum adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock

Council Hall Barrie 27th Jan

The several County Councillors of the County of Simcoe met today and filed their Certificates of Qualification and Office with the Clerk and took their seats in Council in conformity with the County Council Act of Ontario, as follows

County Council Division No.	Name	Residence
No. 1.	James Ross Esq.	Geithrie
	C. E. Newson "	Barrie
No. 2	John Ross "	Crookston
	R. J. Hooper "	Deerhurst
No. 3.	William Kearns "	Beeton
	Patrick Ronan "	Loretto
No. 4	James Brett "	Alliston
	Joseph Whiteside "	Elm Grove
No. 5	W. H. Hamilton "	Kenilworth
	John Kettleton "	Collingwood
No. 6.	Daniel Dunlop "	Barrie
	James Martin "	Newfoull
No. 7	W. A. Sneath "	Elmvale
	L. E. Wright "	Ponchartraine
No. 8	Thomas Dooill "	St. Lake
	Walter Lawson "	Lawson
No. 9	R. H. Jupp "	Ottawa
	D. M. Harvie "	"

and were called to order by the Clerk and requested to nominate their Warden. Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Lawson second by Mr. Whiteside that James Martin ^{of Simondale} be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year. Moved by Mr. Jupp second by Mr. Hamilton

That Mr John Kettleton of Collingwood be the Warden for the current year. Moved by Mr Wright second by Mr Harvie

That Mr. W. A. Sneath of Elmvale be the Warden for the current year. The Clerk in conformity with the Rules of the Council called Messrs. W. H. Hamilton and Mr. Ronan to assist him in taking the Ballot.

The first Ballot being taken resulted as follows. Mr. Martin 8. Mr. Kettleton 4 Mr. Sneath 6. No. Election Second Ballot. Mr. Martin 9 Mr. Sneath 9. No Election

The Clerk called for fresh nominations, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Wright second by Mr. Harvie that Mr. W. A. Sneath be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year

Moved by Mr. Lawson second by Mr. Whiteside that Mr James Martin of Simondale be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

Moved by Mr Jupp second by Mr Hamilton that Mr Kettleton be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

The Ballot was again taken and resulted as follows: Mr. Martin 8. Mr. Kettleton 5 and Mr. Sneath 7. Mr. Kettleton the highest. Second Ballot. Mr. Martin 9 Mr. Sneath 9

The Clerk again called for nominations whereupon it was moved by Mr Wright second by Mr Harvie that Mr. W. A. Sneath of Elmvale be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year

Moved by Mr. Lawson second by Mr. Whiteside that Mr. James Martin of Simondale be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

The Ballot resulted this time again in a tie for Messrs Martin and Sneath. At this stage of proceedings it was moved by Mr Jupp second by Mr John Ross: that the Council do now adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, carried

W. A. Sneath
Warden

Council Hall Barrie 28 Jan 1897

The Council met this morning pursuant to adjournment all members present.

The Clerk called the Council to order and requested them to elect their Warden, whereupon it was moved by Mr Wright Secd. by Mr D. M Harrie

That Mr W. A. Sneath be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year

Moved by Mr Lawson Secd. by Mr Whiteside

That Mr James Martin be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

The Ballot being taken resulted in a tie.

Mr Martin 9 and Mr Sneath 9 as election

The Clerk called for fresh nominations whereupon Mr Wright Secd. by Mr Harrie

Moved that Mr W. A. Sneath be Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year

Moved by Mr Lawson Secd. by Mr Whiteside

That Mr James Martin be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year

The Ballot was taken with the result of 10 for Mr Sneath and 8 for Mr Martin.

The Clerk therefore declared Mr W. A. Sneath duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year on motion of Mr Whiteside Secd. by Mr Kearns

The Council adjourned for one hour in order to allow His Honor Judge Ardagh to administer the declaration of office to the Warden Elect.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment His Honor Judge Ardagh held a special session and administered the declaration of office to the Warden and addressed the Council congratulating them upon their choice and referred to the new County Council Act which had reduced their numbers from 24 to only 18 members. His Honor said it reminded him of Simcoe's first County Council over 40 years ago when only 14 members composed the Council and congratulated the Council on the clear records they had kept of the early history of the County. ^{and recommended a national third}

of the new County Council Act.

The Warden took his seat, called the Council to order, and instructed the Clerk to read the last minutes of the Council, the minutes of last ^{days} meeting of last ^{session of last} year and the minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

On motion of Mr Jno Ross Secd. by Mr Lawson Ordered: That the Council do not adjourn and stand adjourned until 2 o'clock this evening.

Evening Session 2 P.M.

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

The Warden addressed the Council in his usual lucid and eloquent manner thanking them for the honor conferred upon him, and assured the Council that ^{they will} ^{discharge his} ^{duties} ^{with the best of his ability} ^{and} ^{that} ^{if} ^{he} ^{erred} ^{it} ^{would} ^{be} ^{only} ^{an} ^{error} ^{of} ^{the} ^{head} ^{and} ^{not} ^{of} ^{the} ^{heart}, and expressed the hope that the Council would aid him in the discharge of his duties, and ^{expressed his} ^{hope} ^{that} ^{all} ^{would} ^{work} ^{unitedly} ^{for} ^{the} ^{best} ^{interests} ^{of} ^{the} ^{County}.

The Warden presented the applications of Mr H. A. Cairie and Mr A. J. Waters for the position of Auditors.

On motion of Mr Kearns Secd. by Mr Mosher Ordered: That the several accounts now before the Council be referred to their respective Committees when appointed.

On motion of Mr Jupp Secd. by Mr Wright Ordered: That the Warden do appoint a special Committee to strike the standing Committees for the current year. The Warden appointed Messrs Wright, Jno Ross, James Ross, Kearns Whiteside Hamilton Martin Dewitt & Jupp to be such Committee.

On motion of Mr Jas Ross Secd. by Mr Jno Ross Ordered: That the appointment of County Auditor for the current year be by Ballot.

On motion of Mr Martin Secd. by Mr Hamilton Ordered: That Messrs. Kearns, Jupp and the mover be a special Committee to investigate the accounts passed by the standing Committee on out-fines since its inception and report at the June session.

On motion of Mr Whiteside Secd. by Mr Jas. Ross Ordered: That the following Committee be appointed

to enquire into the duties and salaries of all officials of appointment by the Council and Report June session
said Committee to be composed of John Ross, Messrs
Lawson, Roman, Deert and Whiteside

On motion of Mr Hewson read by Mr Dunlan
Ordered: That leave be granted to introduce a By Law
to amend By Law N^o 531 of the County of Simcoe, entitled
a By Law to regulate the proceedings of the Municipal
Council of the Corporation of the County of Simcoe
and that the By Law be read a first time

By Law read a first time
On motion of Mr Hewson read by Mr Dunlan
Ordered: That the By Law now read a first time be
read a second time, By Law read a second time
Moved by Mr Hewson read by Mr Dunlan

That the By Law read a second time to read a third time
List. Gars Messrs Hewson, Dunlan & Jas Ross 3
Mayr Messrs Brett, Hamilton Harvie, Jupp
Keams, Lawson, Martin, Nettleton, Ross John
Roman, Thorpe, Wright & Whiteside 13

On motion of Mr Hamilton read by Mr John Ross
Ordered: That ^{the following names} a Special Committee be named to
By Laws of the County Council to bring them into unison
with the New County Council Act and to Report
at the next session.

The Warden named Messrs Keams, Hamilton & John Ross
and Jupp to be such Committee

On motion of Mr Lawson read by Mr Harvie
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Budget take
into consideration the advisability of obtaining legal
advice with regard to the liability of the County of
Simcoe for damages in the event of an accident
occurring on the Bridge across the Severn River
at the village of Port Severn, said Bridge being
in a dangerous condition

On motion of Mr John Ross read by Mr Hamilton
Ordered: That the Deputation from the Township of ~~Adolphus~~
consisting of P. Smith Esq Reeve, James Fraser Esq. Secy

C. J. Simcoe Esq. John Ross Esq. John Rose Esq. and Major Harvie
be heard at the Bar of the Council Re. Separation of Adyala
from the County - The said Deputation came inside the Bar
and addressed the Council in a very eloquent manner each
of the said Gentlemen expressing in a most loyal and patriotic
manner their love and firm ^{attachment} ~~affection~~ to old Simcoe the
Banner County of Ontario

On motion of Mr John Ross read by Mr Nettleton
Ordered: That having heard the Deputation of the Townships of
Adyala in respect to the matter of that Township being seeking to
be separated from Simcoe and united to Defferon, and are pleased
to hear the loyal expressions of the worthy Deputation, and that
the matter be referred to the Committee on Deputation, and
that nothing be left undone that can be done by the Council to
back up the said Deputation to the utmost of its ability

On motion of Mr John Ross read by Mr Jas Ross
Ordered: That Messrs Jupp and Marr be appointed Auditors
to audit the accounts of the ^{advising by a committee of 5 persons} general Sessions of the Peace
for the current year and all other years coming under their jurisdiction
Moved by Mr Whiteside read by Mr Thorpe

That John Morrey be appointed Auditor for the current year
Moved by Mr Hewson read by Mr Dunlan
That Thomas Beacroft of the Town of Barrie be appointed Auditor
for the current year

Moved by Mr Roman read by Mr Keams
That Joseph Wright be appointed Auditor for the current year
Moved by Mr John Ross read by Mr Brett

That C. Cooke be Auditor for the current year
Moved by Mr Jupp read by Mr Lawson

That Arthur Cray be appointed Auditor for the current year
Moved by Mr Hamilton read by Mr Martin

That H. A. Currier of Collingwood be the Auditor for the current
year, The Ballot having been taken on the above applications
resulted in the election of Mr. Arthur Cray

On motion of Mr John Ross read by Mr Jas Ross
Ordered: That Arthur Cray be appointed Auditor by the
Council confirming said election by Ballot. The Warden
appointed Mr. John Morrey of Simcoe to be the Auditor

On motion of Mr Keams read by Mr Whiteside

Ordered: That the Finance Committee take into consideration the advisability of appointing W. J. Anderson a farmer son as student to attend Guelph Agricultural College for the current year

On motion of Mr Martin read by Mr Hamilton

Ordered: That the Finance Committee take into consideration the advisability of recommending John A. Calkin of the Township of Kettlewasaga as a student to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph for the year 1897

On motion of Mr John Ross read by Mr Whiteside

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: Treasurer's Report & Abstract Statement, Resignation of J. Abbott Caretaker of Kettlewasaga Bridge, Com. from Trustees of School Section No. 12, Com. from D. J. Walker Co. Clerk, Dominion Act. of Angus Bell, Act. of Examiners Office, Com. from Secretary of Collingwood Marine and General Hospital, Act. of Rev. D. M. Cairns, Com. from Charles McNeill's Christian Industrial School, Com. from Canada Law Journal Re Assessment of Street Railways

On motion of Mr Whiteside read by Mr Kearns

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

On motion of Mr Hewson read by Mr Duinlaw

Ordered that the several accounts from the last County Council Elections be referred to the Finance Committee
Report No. 1 of special Committee on striking standing Committees presented and read

On motion of Mr Wright read by Mr Hamilton

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On motion of Mr Whiteside read by Mr Brett

Ordered: That the Committee on County Property consider the advisability of making a grant of \$200 in addition to a grant of \$400 already made to repair Lockup House

in the Town of Callan

On motion of Mr Ronan read by Mr Brett

Ordered: That the Committee on Finance consider the advisability of recommending that W. C. Simple of the Township of Tecumseth be a student at the Agricultural College Guelph for the ensuing year

On motion of Mr Wright read by Mr Martin

Ordered that the Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of refunding to the Township of Otonabee the sum of \$500 paid for recovering Bridges over Kettlewasaga River at Van Black

On motion of Mr Jupp read by Mr Lawson

Ordered: That the Finance Committee be instructed to introduce a By-Law repealing By-Law No. 480

read Messrs Brett, Davitt, Hamilton, Harvie, ^{Kearns} Jupp, ^{Martin} Lawson, ^{Whiteside} Ross, John, ^{Wright} ^{Whiteside} 14

And Messrs Hewson, Duinlaw & John Ross

On motion of Mr Lawson read by Mr Jupp

Ordered that the Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of making a grant of \$10 to repair the swing Bridge at North River on the Cornline of Ingham & Watachedash

On motion of Mr Martin read by Mr Duinlaw

Ordered: That the Road & Bridge Committee consider the advisability of granting the sum of \$200 to build one New Bridge and Approaches to the same on Cornwallia Kettlewasaga & Greenmead

On motion of Mr Hamilton read by Mr Jupp

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

W. A. Smith
Warden

Council Hall Barrie 29th Jan 1897

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

present all members. The minutes of yesterday were read & confirmed
The Warden presented the following documents which were read
Act, Co. Eston Report. Application of P. J. Fitzgerald, Com. from
Provincial Constabulary Association, Com. Ontario Rifle Association
Com. R. Moodie Re. House of Refuge. Memorial Women's I. W. Ass. Com
J. J. Smith Secy. Barrie Coll. Institute, Resignation of Mr. J. Roddy
Bradford H. School, Act. St. John's Industrial School Re. Roy Kerallie
and J. Westfurlenbury Re. Boundary Bridge, Financial Statement
North Simcoe Teachers Assn. Resignation of Thomas Newson Trustee of
Bradford H. School, Com. Co. Clerk of Lambton Re. Reg. Act, Com. from
Mr. Susins Co. Jailor, Com. Co. Clerk of Kentworth, Re. Registry act, r. R.R.
Act. Com. Lt. Col. W. O'Brien Re 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty, Reign
Application of Chas. R. Lawson for Caretaker of North River Bridge
Act. Commissioners of Severn River Bridge

On motion of Mr. Jupp Secd. by Mr. Wright
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be
referred to their respective Committees.

The Honorable Senator ^{Gowan} entered the Council Chamber and paid his
respects to the Warden and members of the Council, and addressed ^{them} the Council
in a most kind learned and instructed manner on the Municipal Institutions
of the County since 1843 and the great blessings we enjoy under the
benign influence of British Laws and British Rule

On motion of Mr. J. Ross Secd. by Mr. J. Ross
Ordered: That the thanks of this Council be most respectfully tendered
to the Honorable J. P. Gowan M.P. Senator, for his kind and eloquent
address just delivered to this Council on the subject of the Municipal
Institutions of our Country, and our sincere hope that he may be long
shared to enjoy the exalted position he now holds, and to assure
him of the pleasure it affords us to claim him as one of our
most patriotic and loyal sons.

Mr. Brett Secd. by Mr. Roman Applied for a grant of \$150 to build a
bridge on the townline of Gosport and Adolph

On motion of Mr. Kelliston Secd. by Mr. Hamilton.
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges take into their
consideration the advisability of granting aid to leading Roads in
the interior of Townships where such Roads are used instead of

town or county lines; also to ascertain if the County has the power
to purchase one or more stone crushers and rollers, the same to be
rented out to the different Municipalities in the County, said
Committee to Report at next June session of this Council

On motion of Mr. James Ross Secd. by Mr. Roman
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads & Bridges be requested to
consider the advisability of introducing a Bylaw to lessen the
liability of the County in regard to Bridges on boundary lines
and Report not later than the second day of June session
Mr. Keams Secd. by Mr. Whitehead Applied for a refund of \$25 to the
Treasurer of Decemesto for repairing Bridge and building ^{grading} on townline between
Gosport and Simcoe

On motion of Mr. Hamilton Secd. by Mr. J. Ross
Ordered: That the Clerk be instructed to publish in sheet form a
list of pedlars taking out Licenses in this County, and mail one
more of such lists to each postmaster to be conspicuously posted in their
offices, also to all the Constables in the County

On motion of Mr. Jupp Secd. by Mr. Newson
Ordered: That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of instructing
the County Treasurer to notify all the Municipalities that this Council
will require all arrears including the levy for 1896 to be paid over to
the County Treasurer on or immediately after the 15th day of February
next and that the County Treasurer after said date collect and
get in said arrears

Mr. Wright Secd. by Mr. Harvie Applied for a refund of \$20 to the
Township of Adolph, amount paid for repairing Bridge over Longmans Creek
on the western boundary line

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

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

The Warden presented the following documents which were read
Com. from Bulletin Office Re advertisement Certain Meetings, Collingwood
College Institute statement, act. of L. C. Hughes Co. printing
Statement of Orilla High School

On motion of Mr. Martin Secd. by Mr. Roman
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be referred
to their respective Committees

On motion of Mr Nettleton read by Mr Knight
 Ordered: That the Committee on Education consider the advisability of appointing Robert Burdett Esq a Trustee for the Collingwood Collegiate Institute

On motion of Mr Roman read by Mr Martin
 Ordered: That the Committee on Education take into consideration the advisability of setting apart as a District for High School purposes the following Districts from Lots 1 to 24 inclusive on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Concessions of the Township of Secumseth and from Lots 1 to 5 inclusive on the 7th and 8th Concessions of the said Township, and from lots 1 to 30 inclusive on 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8th Concessions of the Township of Adjalo and the Village of Tottenham with school-house to be built in Tottenham

On motion of Mr Kearns read by Mr Roman
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges take into consideration the advisability of refunding to the Treasurer of Adjalo for rebuilding Bridge on Downline between Simeas and Peed

On motion of Mr Nettleton read by Mr Martin
 Ordered That the Finance Committee take into consideration the advisability of furnishing one copy of the Municipal World for each member of the Council for the current year

On motion of Mr Ross read by Mr Thorpe
 Ordered: That the Education Committee be requested to appoint Charles Elliott, Robert Stewart, & J. W. M. Evans Trustees for the High School Board of Bradford Village

On motion of Mr John Ross read by Mr Sinclair
 Ordered: That the Finance Committee be requested to grant the sum of \$25⁰⁰ to the South Simeas Farmer Institute

On motion of Mr James Ross read by Mr Kearns
 Ordered: That the Finance Committee be instructed to introduce a By-Law to amend By-Law ^{No. 531} of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Simeas

On motion of Mr Jupp read by Mr Harvie
 Ordered That the Committee on Education consider

the advisability of appointing Dr. Slaven a Trustee for Orlin High School

On motion of Mr Kearns read by Mr Jupp
 Ordered That the Council do now adjourn until
 9 O'clock tomorrow morning

W. A. Stewart
 Warden

Council Hall Barrie 31st Jan'y 1897

The Council met today according to adjournment
 The Warden in the Chair - All members present
 The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
 Report N^o 1 of standing Committee on printing presented and read
 On motion of Mr. Wright sec'd. by Mr. Jupp
 Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted
 Report N^o 1 of standing Committee on Finance with Bylaw
 presented and read
 On motion of Mr. Hamilton sec'd. by Mr. Ronan
 Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted and that the
 Bylaw presented herewith be read a first time
 Bylaw read a first time
 On motion of Mr. Jupp sec'd. by Mr. Jas. Ross
 Ordered: That the Bylaw read a first time be read a second
 time. Bylaw read a second time
 On motion of Mr. Ronan sec'd. by Mr. Keltleton
 Ordered: That the Bylaw read a second time be read a third
 time. Bylaw read a third time
 On motion of Mr. John Ross sec'd. by Mr. Quinlan
 Ordered: That the Bylaw now read a third time do pass
 be enforced by the Clerk signed and sealed by the Warden
 Report N^o 2 of standing Committee on Finance with Bylaw
 presented and read
 On motion of Mr. Hamilton sec'd. by Mr. Jas. Ross
 Ordered: That the ~~Report~~ Report now read be adopted and
 that the accompanying Bylaw be read a first time
 Bylaw read a first time
 On motion of Mr. Jupp sec'd. by Mr. Harvie
 Ordered: That the Bylaw read a first time be read a second
 time. Bylaw read a second time
 On motion of Mr. Kearns sec'd. by Mr. Whiteside
 Ordered: That the Bylaw read a second time be read a
 third time. Bylaw read a third time
 On motion of Mr. Jas. Ross sec'd. by Mr. Jupp
 Ordered: That the Bylaw now read a third time do pass
 be enforced by the Clerk signed and sealed by the Warden
 On motion of Mr. Kearns sec'd. by Mr. Whiteside

Ordered That the Committee on printing be requested to consider
 the advisability of procuring suitable blotting pads for the use
 of each member while in session
 On motion of Mr. Hamilton sec'd. by Mr. John Ross
 Ordered: That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of
 granting the sum of twenty five dollars to the West Simcoe
 Farmers Institute
 On motion of Mr. Leeson sec'd. by Mr. Harvie
 Ordered: That the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the
 Attorney General to ascertain whether County Councillors who are
 not Justices of the Peace, are eligible to act as Magistrates same
 as Reeves by virtue of Office
 On motion of Mr. Quinlan sec'd. by Mr. Wright
 Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be requested
 to consider the advisability of refunding to the Treasurer of the
 Township of Hlas the sum of \$30 paid for lumber to rebuild bridge
 over Kollawasaga River on Line between the Townships of
 Hlas and Vespra
 On motion of Mr. Quinlan sec'd. by Mr. Wright
 Ordered: That the Roads and Bridges Committee be requested to
 take into consideration the advisability of making the
 usual grant of \$40 to the Treasurer of Vespra to pay the
 care taken of Kollawasaga River Bridge on Line Vespra
 and Hlas
 On motion of Mr. James Ross sec'd. by Mr. John Ross
 Ordered: That in answer to the communication from the presbytery
 of Barrie. the Clerk be instructed to notify the Clerk of the presbytery
 that the Council will be pleased to hear a Report from that Body
 on Feb'y 10th at 8 o'clock P. M.
 On motion of Mr. Newson sec'd. by Mr. Pretts
 Ordered: That the Education Committee consider the advisability
 of detaching 4 school sections from Mr. Morgan's Inspectorate
 and attaching 2 of same to that of Mr. McKee and 2 of same to Mr. Day's
 Inspectorate
 On motion of Mr. Hamilton sec'd. by Mr. Kearns
 That this Council do now adjourn and stand adjourned until Tuesday 9th day of
 Feb'y next then to meet in this Chamber at 2 o'clock P.M.
 W. A. Smith
 Warden