

Council Chamber, Barrie,

August, 11th 1925.

The Council met in Special Session pursuant to the call of the Warden.

The Warden in the Chair.

All the Members present except Councillor, Brown, Knupp and Tom.

The Warden in addressing the Council explained that the Special Session had been called to consider the passing of the By-Law to confirm the Revised County Road Mileage.

He had a sad duty to perform in reporting to the Council that since the June Session, two Members of the Council had been called by death. In Mr. Williams Deputy-Reeve of Collingwood, the County had lost one of its oldest, best informed and most experienced members. Although Mr. Williams' Health did not permit him to attend the June Session it was hoped that it was but temporary, but Fate willed it otherwise.

At the June Session he had to report the death of Ex-Warden James Moore, the Reeve of Alliston and his successor, Mr. A. Baycroft had since died, making three deaths in the Membership during the year.

It had been his intention to call the Council together earlier, but the Treasurer, Mr. Coleman had been called to the bedside of his mother in Saskatchewan and arrived there shortly before her death.

He named a Committee composed of Councillors Begg, Coombs and the County Clerk to draft letters of condolence and send them on behalf of the Council to the bereaved families.

He asked for the Report of the Special Committee, who went to the Department re- the Revised County Road.

Councillor Coombs, the Chairman, reported that the Committee when at the Department had been well received and received a sympathetic hearing and the Road from Elmvale, North to Penetanguishene and the Road from Cookstown, East to the Provincial Highway had been added, and since, the Minesing Road from Midhurst to Sunnidale Corners had been added.

Moved by Councillor Davis and seconded by Councillor Coombs and ordered.

That the Report of the Special Committee be received and left for further consideration.

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The Warden expressed the appreciation of the Council at the presence of Mr. S.L. Squire, Deputy Minister of Highways and Mr. R.C. Muir, Chief Engineer of Municipal Roads, to assist in deciding on the revised mileage and asked Mr. Squires to address the Council on the question.

Mr. Squires expressed his sympathy with the Council in having lost three of its Members through death this year.

He referred to the fraternal friendship of the Members of the County Councils and stated that when there was a break in the Membership that break was severely felt.

He, with Mr. Muir, had been asked to attend this Session to assist in the settlement of the Revised County Road System.

A Board had been appointed a year ago to go through the Province and get information regarding road conditions. Twenty-two Meetings were held and at all but one the opinion was that the mileage might be decreased, and asked the Department to appoint an independent Committee to make a revision of the County Road System throughout the Province.

Roads had been added from time to time as a matter of compromise and in many cases they did not have a County Road System at all.

Mr. Muir's knowledge of traffic conditions enabled him to draft a County System of Roads in all the Counties in the Province which in most cases had given general satisfaction, and they were here to-day to go into the question with the Simcoe County Council and endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory Road System for the County.

He referred to the matter of making all roads 50% roads and not having Provincial County Roads, then all Counties would receive the same percentage of their expenditure.

About 15% of County Roads had never been improved and had never had any money expended on them and therefore could be cut off.

Mr. Muir in addressing the Council stated that he had been fair in apportioning the County Road System.

The mileage was first put at 16 which had been increased to 292 which should be sufficient for one County and one man to look after.

Moved by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Boyd and ordered.

That a Committee of three Members of this Council be appointed to meet with the Representatives of the Department of Highways and hear the individual complaints of the several members of this Council, or other persons, in connection with the reclassification of the County Roads within this County.

Moved by Councillor Spicher and seconded by Councillor Stephens and ordered.

In Amendment, That the Council go into a Committee of the Whole to consider the revised mileage of the County Roads, with the Warden in the Chair.

The Amendment was put and declared carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported the adoption of the revised County Road Mileage as shown on the revised map and as described on the schedule accompanying By-Law No. 1872.

Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Martin and ordered.

That the Report of the Committee of the whole Council be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Davis and seconded by Councillor Hambly and ordered.

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to confirm the revised County Road Mileage as shown on the map and as further described in the schedule accompanying the By-Law and that the By-Law be presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read the first time.

Moved by Councillor Jebb and seconded by Councillor Martin and ordered.

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read the second time.

Moved by Councillor McPhee and seconded by Councillor Webb and ordered.

That the By-Law now read the second time be read a third time.

By-Law read the Third time.

Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Gratrix and ordered.

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

Communications from Phelan and Richardson, Toronto and William Steves, Creemore, giving notice of accidents on the County Road were read.

Moved by Councillor Begg and seconded by Councillor Scott and ordered.

That the Council express its thanks and appreciation to S.L. Squires, the Deputy Minister of Public Highways and to R.C. Muir, Chief Engineer of Municipal Roads ways for their presence here to-day and for their expressions of good will towards this County, also for the able assistance they have given the Council in settling the Road question.

Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Davis and ordered.

That the Clerk be instructed to notify the parties concerned re- accident on the 9th Line of Flos. That this matter has been placed in the hands of the County Solicitor and the County Engineer for reference.

Moved by Councillor McKnight and seconded by Councillor Scott and ordered.

That the Council do now adjourn.

J. J. Simpson

County Clerk.

S. M. Kinlay

Warden.