

M I N U T E S

of the 1944 January Session of the Municipal  
Council of the County of Simcoe

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 18th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to statute.

The following Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of whom the 1944 Council is composed, having filed their Certificates of Election and Declarations of Office with the County Clerk, took their seats at the Council Board:

ADJALA Twp. - George E. Moon, Reeve, Caledon East.

ALLISTON Town - Mackenzie Beattie, Reeve, Alliston.

BARRIE Town - Harry J. Buchanan, Reeve, Barrie; George W. Clark, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.

BEETON Village - John Carlton, Reeve, Beeton.

BRADFORD Village - Chas. T. S. Evans, Reeve, Bradford.

COLDWATER Village - Ernest Miller, Reeve, Coldwater.

COLLINGWOOD Town - Frank S. Patterson, Reeve, Collingwood; Malcolm McLean, Deputy-Reeve, Collingwood.

CREEMORE Village - D. Grant MacDonald, Reeve, Creemore.

ESSA Twp. - George D. Banting, Reeve, R.R.#3 Thornton; Wm. J. McMaster, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Cookstown.

FLOS Twp. - Walter Middleton, Reeve, R.R.#2 Elmvale; John Kidd, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Elmvale

INNISFIL Twp. - Thos. Cook, Reeve, Stroud; Dalton Banting, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Cookstown.

MATCHEDASH Twp. - Leslie Borrow, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.

MEDONTE Twp. - Fred Wood, Reeve, R.R.#3 Elmvale; Wm. Arnold, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Coldwater.

MIDLAND Town - Wm. A. Robinson, Reeve, Midland; Wm. Offord, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.

NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - James Brack, Reeve, Duntroon; Donald Brown, Deputy-Reeve, Glen Huron.

ORILLIA Town - Robt. W. McIntosh, Reeve, Orillia; J. Austin Cook, Deputy-Reeve, Orillia.

ORILLIA Twp. - Manford Horne, Reeve, R.R.#1 Orillia; Wm. Gowanlock, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Orillia.

ORO Twp. - A. Mowat Tudhope, Reeve, R.R.#2 Hawkestone; John A. Woodrow, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Oro Station.

PENETANGUISHENE Town - Wm. R. Benson, Reeve, Penetang; John Gropp, Deputy-Reeve, Penetang.

PORT McNICOLL Village - George Patterson, Reeve, Port McNicoll.

SUNNIDALE Twp. - Herb. M. Barker, Reeve, R.R.#1 New Lowell; Jos. E. Pottage, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Stayner.

STAYNER Town - James Grant, Reeve, Stayner.

TAY Twp. - David W. Curry, Reeve, R.R.#1 Penetang; George Widdis, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Midland.

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TECUMSETH Twp. - W. A. Apperley, Reeve, Cookstown; D. K. Harvey, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Cookstown.

TINY Twp. - Michael Asselin, Reeve, Perkinsfield; H. Eric Simpson, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Elmvale.

TOSSORONTIO Twp. - Dalton McCracken, Reeve, R.R.#3 Everett.

TOTTENHAM Village - Garfield Hall, Reeve, Tottenham.

VESPRA Twp. - Andrew Cumming, Reeve, R. R.#3 Barrie; Earl Richardson, Deputy-Reeve, Edenvale.

VICTORIA HARBOUR Village - Bruce Eplett, Reeve, Victoria Harbour.

W. GWILLIMBURY Twp. - Edgar J. Evans, Reeve, R.R.#3 Bradford.

The Clerk called the Council to order and welcomed the members, all of whom were present, to the January Session.

He referred to the fact that out of a membership of 47 there were only eight changes, and that there were only three of last year's members who had offered themselves for re-election who were not returned. This was proof that the work of the 1943 Council as a whole was satisfactory.

The Clerk informed the Council that certificates from the Clerks of Barrie, Orillia Town and Innisfil Township, regarding the number of municipal voters, showed that both the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of these municipalities were entitled to two votes each for Warden and all votes on division in the Council, and that certificates from the Clerks of Collingwood, Midland and Nottawasaga Township showed that the Reeves only of these municipalities were entitled to two votes. In case of a tie vote <sup>for Warden</sup> the ~~clerk~~ of the local municipality with the largest equalized assessment had the casting vote. Orillia Town had the largest assessment in the County.

The Clerk then stated that the Rules and Regulations of the Council provided that ten minutes be allowed for nominations. He appointed Ex-Wardens Carlton and G. Patterson to act as scrutineers and declared the nominations open for the position of Warden for the year 1944.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,  
Seconded by Councillor Pottage,

That Councillor Barker, Reeve of Sunnidale Township, be Warden for 1944.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Evans,

That Councillor Benson, Reeve of Penetanguishene, be Warden for 1944.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Carlton,

That Councillor G. Banting, Reeve of Essa Township, be Warden for 1944.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Brown,

That Councillor Miller, Reeve of Coldwater, be Warden for 1944.

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Moved by Councillor Horne,  
Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock,

That Councillor Borrow, Reeve of Matchedash Township, be Warden for 1944.

After waiting ten minutes the Clerk declared the nominations closed, and all the nominees, with the consent of their movers and seconders, having withdrawn, with the exception of Councillor G. Banting, the Clerk declared him duly elected Warden of the County for the year 1944.

His Honour Judge Harvie held special court to administer the Declaration of Office to the Warden elect. The Warden was escorted to the dais and introduced to His Honour by his mover and seconder.

After administering the Declaration of Office Judge Harvie addressed the Warden and Council and congratulated Warden Banting on his election. He stated that the name of "Banting" was well known in Simcoe County, and that persons of that name had brought honour to the County and relief to persons afflicted with disease, and that he was sure Warden Banting would make good and prove himself worthy of the name he bears.

He congratulated the members of the Council on their election, and also congratulated the Council on their decision to erect a Memorial Entrance to the Court House to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the County Council. He stated it was a very worthy objective to beautify the building which housed the offices where the County business was transacted.

He suggested that the County Property Committee make a close scrutiny of the heating and ventilation system in the vault used by the Surrogate Court Clerk and the Sheriff. This vault is much too warm in winter and too damp in summer, and many valuable papers are deteriorating as a result.

The Warden then donned his robes of office and took the chair.

He addressed the Council and others who were present and stated that he felt greatly honoured at being elected Warden of the County. He said it would be his earnest endeavour to uphold the dignity and traditions of the position, and requested the assistance and co-operation of all the members and officials. Although he had been a member of the County Council for twelve years he felt that other members of the Council could have filled the position equally as well. He further stated that there had been many changes in the personnel of the Council during these years, and many valued members had passed on.

In these strenuous times every citizen was expected to do his best. The war situation was better than a year ago but many Simcoe boys had paid the supreme sacrifice and we at home should be thankful that our country was not overrun as were other

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countries in the actual theatre of war, and all civilians should do more than ever before. Canada was an agricultural country and where farm help was scarce the residents of the towns had rendered valuable assistance. He urged all to keep on and produce to the utmost.

The Warden then called on the representatives of the Barrie Ministerial Association to open the proceedings.

Rev. James Ferguson addressed the Council and congratulated the Warden on his election, and also extended the congratulations of the Barrie Ministerial Association. He referred to the present world situation and the critical situations that are facing all governing bodies this year. He stated we were in a definitely better position now than in 1939; General Eisenhower predicted the war would be won in 1944, but although the war might be won the fighting might not be over. When the war was won and the fighting ceased he trusted the world would enter an era of peace. Men in office would be expected to give leadership and not put individual interests before that of the multitudes which, to a great extent, was the cause of the war in 1939. The diplomacy of the finest minds would be required to make a better world. Leaders are facing an era of golden opportunity and this Council of 1944 could develop and transform old institutions based on Christian freedom and void of individual greed and selfishness, and he trusted that this Council would face this opportunity with lofty ideals.

Rev. A. G. Sinclair offered prayer.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker,

That the thanks of this Council be extended to His Honour Judge Harvie for administering the Declaration of Office to the Warden elect, and to the Ministerial Association of the Town of Barrie, represented by Rev. A. G. Sinclair and Rev. James Ferguson, for their attendance here in opening the proceedings of this Session of the County Council.

The minutes of the November Session, having been printed and distributed, were taken as read.

The Warden appointed Councillor E. Evans and the Reeves of all the other municipalities as a Striking Committee to name the Standing Committees for the current year.

The Council adjourned for thirty minutes to enable the Striking Committee to bring in its report.

REPORT NO. 1 - of the STRIKING Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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Councillor Simpson referred to the fact that the large towns in the County were not represented on the Equalization Committee although they paid about one-third of all the County taxes.

After considerable discussion the Report was declared adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts and they were referred to their respective committees:

Replies from the Special Products Board of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and many counties, with reference to the producer and consumer prices of Timothy, Alsike and Red Clover seed.

Notice of the date of the annual convention of the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities, requesting the annual membership fee and the appointment of delegates to the convention.

Notice of the date of the annual convention of the Ontario Agricultural Council, requesting the annual grant and that delegates be appointed.

Resolutions from the Council of Oxford County with reference to the municipal purchase of Victory Bonds, and the method of paying farmers hog subsidy, and that the Dominion Government be requested to revert to Standard Time.

Certain resolutions from Kent County Council, one opposing Daylight Saving Time and the other approving of all movements designed to improve the conditions of farmers in the County.

Communication from Messrs. Mogg & Quinlan, Evaluators, with reference to a new equalization of the County.

Communication from the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario, requesting the annual membership fee.

Notice from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Orillia Board of Education of the resignation of Eric Bacon, a County appointee on the Board.

Communication from Dr. J. T. Phair, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province, advising that Miss Edna Moore, Chief of the Nursing Staff of the Department, would attend the Session on Wednesday, Jan. 19th, with reference to establishing a Public Health Service in the County.

Application for a grant from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Application for a County grant from the Navy League of Canada.

Application for a grant for the Salvation Army Welfare work.

Notice of the publication of the revised edition of the Canadian Almanac for 1944.

Communication from the Ontario Municipal Association, requesting membership for 1944.

Financial Statements and requests for annual grants from the County Women's

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Institutes and the various branch Institutes.

Accounts for the maintenance of wards at the following training schools:

The Good Shepherd Industrial Refuge, Toronto

St. John's Training School for Boys, Toronto

St. Mary's Training School for Girls, Toronto

Ontario Training Schools for Girls, Cobourg

Ontario Training School for Boys, Bowmanville.

Return from G. O. Cameron, County Registrar, showing that the amount paid to the County from the earnings of the Registry Office in 1943 was \$3791.22.

Communication from W. F. Smith, Architect, Midland, giving an estimate of the cost of the memorial entrance to the Court House.

Resolution from Perth County Council re the price ceiling on field tile.

Communication from the Chinese War Relief Fund Committee appealing for funds for countries which have been overrun and oppressed during the war.

Application for membership fee in the Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for Aged and Infirm.

Resolution from the Council of Essex County re free transportation for men and women in the Armed Forces once every six months.

Resolution from Lincoln County Council re a bonus for killing foxes.

Resolution from the Council of the County of Lambton re responsibility for the hospital care of persons with no fixed home.

Communication from the Ontario Bridge Company re their ability to supply steel for bridges.

Resolution from the Council of Nottawasaga Township re the assumption of a certain road in that municipality as part of the County Road System.

Communication from T. J. Mahoney, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ontario Good Roads Association, giving notice of the date of the annual convention and requesting the membership fee.

Communication from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs re a course of lectures on municipal problems.

Communications from Councillor W. R. Benson regarding the timetable for the trains on the Penetang Branch of the Canadian National Railways.

Communication from Flight Lieutenant S. T. Bigelow re an accident at the junction of County Roads No 9 and 7.

Copies of by-laws from the Chief Engineer of Municipal Roads re the total expenditure on the County Road System in 1944.

Account of C. W. Duckworth, Forestry Branch, Angus.

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Account of Joseph Lea, Caretaker Orr Lake Forest, Hillsdale.

Communication from W. H. Porter, Secretary of the Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association requesting the annual membership fee.

Communication from the Simcoe County Law Association regarding the lighting of the Judge's dais in the Court Room.

Options for the purchase of the following lands for reforestation purposes:

S $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 7 Con. 13, W. Gwillimbury Twp.

Lot 4 Con. 3 Oro Twp.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot 7 Con. 4 Oro Twp.

Criminal Calendar of the County Gaol showing that at the present time there are twenty-five persons confined therein for various offences.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Wednesday at 10 A.M.

*J. D. Simpson*  
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Clerk, Simcoe County

*G. W. Banting*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 19th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following accounts:

Account from the Barrie Press.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re a **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE** was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Miss Edna Moore, Chief of the Nursing Staff of the Department of Health, addressed the Council on Public Health Service.

She stated that a service had been established in Oxford County in 1940 which was giving satisfaction and receiving increased support as time went on. Elgin County was establishing a service the first of February and Perth County would have established one by mid-summer. She further stated that one-sixth of the population of most counties was in the school-age group, which group came under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Service. For Simcoe County, outside of the towns which already had a Health Service, Miss Moore recommended a staff of six public nurses, one of whom would be a Chief or Supervising Nurse. It would cost the County about \$8,600 in salaries. She stated that in Oxford County each nurse provided her own car and was allowed \$600 per year for travelling expenses, while in Elgin County \$500 was suggested for the use of the car. In addition to the salaries approximately \$700 would be required for supplies. At the present time the Department pays 33 1/3% and \$4,300 would be recoverable by the County.

Miss Moore said she did not feel free to discuss the plan suggested by Dr. Vivian when in Collingwood last week, but that the new plan was intended to work in with the regulations of the present established services. In answer to a question as to what extent the Department might contribute towards the new plan, she stated that nothing definite had been decided but that in such cases it was customary for them to pay on a 50% basis. It was asked if municipalities which already have a Health Service would be exempt from the County plan, and Miss Moore replied that in her opinion it could be so arranged.

Miss Moore further stated that if a Service were established there should be perfect co-operation between the teaching staffs of the schools and the nurses; the



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nurses would let the teachers know ahead of time when they were coming. In closing, Miss Moore said she was satisfied that by establishing such a service the health of the children in this County would be greatly improved.

The Warden thanked Miss Moore for the very valuable information with which she supplied the Council with regard to the inauguration and operation of a Public Health Service.

Brigadier Robt. Foster, Public Relations representative of the Salvation Army, addressed the Council. He outlined their rescue work and accomplishments and informed the Council that a number of persons from this County had been assisted by the Army rescue workers. Mr. Foster requested a substantial grant from the County to assist in their work, and the Warden assured him that his request would have the serious consideration of the Council.

A deputation, composed of J. A. Gibson, Public School Inspector for East Simcoe, Miss Alberta Letts, County Librarian, S. L. Page, Mrs. Montagu-Leeds, Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, Wm. Hawkins and David Smith, appeared before the Council on behalf of the County Library Association.

Mr. Gibson addressed the Council on the work of the County Library and its accomplishments. He reported that the service of a full-time librarian had been secured and that more districts were being served by the Library. Mr. Gibson further requested that the County increase its appropriation to \$1,000 for 1944.

S. L. Page, in introducing Miss Letts, stated that through the Carnegie Foundation many towns had secured more facilities than country places. He further stated that the Association had given excellent service up to the present time. He referred to Miss Letts' wide experience in library work and the good work she was doing, and assured the Council of his continued interest in all movements in this connection.

Miss Letts reported that during 1943 there had been four exchanges of books instead of three as in former years; there were 1881 books in circulation and these had been read by more than 15,000 people. She further stated that there are 15 libraries in the Association which pay an annual fee of \$25.00, and two or three smaller ones which pay a \$10.00 fee. Three new places have applied for membership -- Wyevale, Singhampton and Waubaushene. The County Library provides a constant supply of good books to all sections of the County.

The Warden thanked the deputation for bringing this matter before the Council and assured them that their request would receive careful consideration.

Judge Harvie appeared before the Council and stated that to-day was the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir William Mulock who was born in the County of Simcoe; he suggested that a telegram of felicitations and congratulations be sent to Sir William, followed by a letter from the County Council.

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Ex-Warden Todd being in the Council Chamber the Warden invited him to take a seat on the dais.

Mr. Todd congratulated Warden Banting on his election by acclamation and stated that from his long acquaintance with him he felt quite sure he would uphold the splendid traditions of the County. He said he approved of the establishment of a Public Health Service in the County and wished to give his support to the County Library Association. He said he enjoyed his term of office and his association with the members, and that his instincts might bring him back to the Council Chamber during the Sessions. Mr. Todd also referred to the erection of a new entrance to the Court House to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the first Simcoe County Council, the plans for which were suggested by him last year, and said he was satisfied they would be carried out to completion. In closing, Mr. Todd wished the Warden and members every success.

The County Clerk asked permission to make a suggestion; he stated it was Ex-Warden Todd's idea that the County construct a suitable memorial to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Council, and that although he didn't usually approve of persons outside of the elected members of the Council being placed on committees he would suggest that in this case Mr. Todd be retained as a member of the Memorial Committee until the work, approved by the Council, had been completed.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to confirm the appointment of a Board of Management for the Simcoe County Home for the year 1944, and that the by-law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor D. Banting,  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, 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.

Moved by Councillor Brown,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

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That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of making the usual grant to the Nottawasaga School Fairs, as well as <sup>a grant</sup> to the Essa School Fairs and any other School Fair in the County.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That the Agricultural Committee consider the advisability of recommending to the County Council that a grant of \$100 be given to the several Agricultural Societies in Simcoe County who hold a Fair during 1944.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,  
Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of making the usual grant of \$50.00 to the Creemore Christmas Fair.

Moved by Councillor Miller,  
Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$1,000 to the Simcoe County Library Association.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,  
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider making a grant to the Salvation Army.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying each member of this Council a sum for stamps, stationery and telephone expenses for 1944, and that each new member be furnished with a map of the County of Simcoe.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of recommending that a grant be paid to each of the North and South Simcoe Crop Improvement Associations.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Agricultural Committee consider the advisability of taking the necessary steps to increase the wolf bounty.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Committee on Finance consider the advisability of passing a by-law authorizing the Warden and Treasurer to borrow from the Bank of Toronto such sums of money as may be required to meet the expenditure of the County from time to time.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

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That the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the membership fee of \$10.00 to the Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm, and that the Governor and Matron of the Simcoe County Home and the County Home Committee be appointed to attend the annual convention of the Association.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

That the Simcoe County Home Committee be permitted to invite the Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm to hold their annual convention in Simcoe County this year (1944), and that the Committee be permitted to provide such entertainment as may be necessary for the successful carrying on of said convention.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

WHEREAS it is noted that the work of the Children's Aid Societies is showing considerable increase each year,

AND WHEREAS conditions caused by the war have placed further burdens on these Societies,

AND WHEREAS the cost of operation of these Societies has greatly increased, which cost is being borne mainly by the municipalities,

BE IT RESOLVED that this matter be brought to the attention of the Minister of Public Welfare for Ontario, with the request that the Province assume the greater portion of these costs.

And it is recommended that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the clerks of the counties of the Province of Ontario for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That Ex-Warden Todd be continued as a member of the Centennial Committee for 1944.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

That the following telegram be forwarded to Sir William Mulock on this his hundredth birthday: "Heartiest congratulations and felicitations to you, one of Canada's greatest and most outstanding citizens, on this the occasion of your one hundredth birthday, and may you be blessed with continued good health and indefinite prolongation of your great and useful life." From the members of Simcoe County

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Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

WHEREAS it is provided by The Municipal Act, R.S.O. Chap. 266, as amended by the 1943 Statutes of Ontario, Chap. 16, Section 4 sub. sec. 2, that the first meeting

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of the Council of a County shall be held not later than the third Tuesday in January and that the day and hour for holding such meeting shall be fixed by by-law.

IT IS THEREFORE moved that this Council pass a by-law fixing the third Monday ~~PRECEDING THE THIRD TUESDAY~~ in January of each year, at 2 P.M., as the day and hour for holding the first meeting and validating all business transacted at the present session.

Moved by Councillor Benson,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a committee of three to consolidate the By-Laws of Simcoe County, and that the County Clerk be chairman of this committee.

The Inspector's Report on the Simcoe County Home was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Apperley,  
Seconded by Councillor Garlton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Apperley,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Patterson, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2 P.M. this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

Warden Banting informed the Council that a deputation from the County Federation of Agriculture wished to address the Council and that the deputation would be heard now.

W. J. Wood, Alliston, President of the County branch, appeared before the Council and stated that it was four years since the Federation first started in this County; O. E. Todd, last year's Warden, was president for two years, Andrew Cumming, Reeve of Vespra, was president for one year, and he was endeavouring to fill the position at the present time.

Mr. Wood stated that the Federation was endeavouring to raise the status of all branches of agriculture, and if assisted he believed it would be successful. One of the policies of the Federation was to have modern conveniences placed in as many farm homes as possible. In his opinion the woman on the farm should be able to turn a switch for electric light or turn a tap for hot or cold water, the same as her sister in the town. He further stated that the Federation was very grateful for the support and leadership given by Messrs. S. L. Page, F. A. Lashley and David Smith who had always worked untiringly in the interest of the association. Mr. Wood thanked the Council for its financial support and asked for a continuance of the same.

The Warden thanked Mr. Wood for his very valuable address and assured him of

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the County's earnest consideration.

Moved by Councillor Buchanan,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Thursday.

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

*G. H. Banting*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 20th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday afternoon's Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor F. Patterson.

The minutes of the previous Session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Reply from the Attorney-General of Ontario to the County's request to have resident Magistrates established at Midland and Collingwood.

Communication from the Regional Wood Fuel Officer for Ontario (of the Department of Munitions & Supply, Ottawa) enquiring if there was any shortage of fuelwood for home consumption in this County.

Notice from the Canadian Automobile Service Association Limited advising that liability was disputed in the case of Frank Gleadall who met with an accident on the County Road System.

Councillor Benson informed the Council that James Ludgate, District Engineer of the Department of Highways, wished to address them on post war highway construction of highways with reserve bonds and funds that had accumulated during recent years. He said he did not wish to enter into the question of the legality of these reserves, but stated that the expenditure of any such funds would have to have the approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

E. C. Drury, Sheriff of the County, appeared before the Council and stated that the Inspector of Prisons was insisting that fire-proof ceilings be erected over the administration offices, the kitchen, the common living-room and at the west end of the Gaol. He further stated that owing to the construction of the Gaol, if a fire broke out and got any start, the prisoners might be trapped, or at any rate it would be difficult to remove them from the cell quarters. Mr. Drury recommended that the County Property consider the matter of installing fire-proof ceilings as requested by the Inspector.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Offord, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,  
Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the HOUSE of REFUGE Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Clark,  
Seconded by Councillor Carlton, and ordered,

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That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re The Collingwood Terminals Limited was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Report of the Local Board re Mothers' Allowances was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McIntosh,  
Seconded by Councillor J. A. Cook, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Report of the Local Board re Old Age Pensions was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,  
Seconded by Councillor McCracken, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to provide for making a grant of \$1,500 to the Navy League of Canada, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Arnold, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Horne,  
Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan, 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.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to provide for the date of the first meeting of the Council of the County of Simcoe in each year, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Arnold, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.



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Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor D. Banting, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Widdis,  
Seconded by Councillor Cumming, 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.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making a grant of \$75.00 to each of  
the four Plowmen's Associations in Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor J. A. Cook,  
Seconded by Councillor McIntosh, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of renewing  
the annual grant of \$200.00 to the Victorian Order of Nurses of the Town of Orillia.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of bringing in the  
estimates for the year 1944.

Moved by Councillor McLean,  
Seconded by Councillor Grant, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance be requested to consider the appoint-  
ment of a County representative to the Board of Directors of the Collingwood Terminals  
Limited in place of Ex-Reeve J. R. Lawrence of Creemore who is very ill.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges be requested to report to  
the Council the estimated amount required for the expenditure on the County Road  
System during 1944.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Carlton, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of  
giving a grant to the Simcoe Federation of Agriculture, the grant to be taken from  
the monies appropriated for agricultural purposes.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of a special levy for  
post war projects as provided for in the amendment to The Municipal Act in 1943.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,  
Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

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That the Equalization Committee consider the advisability of making a general  
equalization of the County assessment this year.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,  
Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Government of the Province of Ontario be and is herewith requested  
to amend The Game & Fisheries Act, Section 34 sub-section (3), to permit each holder  
of a license to hunt deer to kill one deer of any sex or age during the hunting season,  
since it is a well established fact that many deer are left in the bush when shot  
because of existing regulations which prohibit the bringing out of a female deer or a  
deer under one year of age unless accompanied by two licenses.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of  
placing Liability Insurance on the County Road System.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of making  
an appropriation of \$4,000 in 1944 towards the cost of a County Public Health Service.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee give consideration to the matter of the salaries  
of the officials and if desirable recommend any proper revisions.

Moved by Councillor McIntosh,  
Seconded by Councillor J. A. Cook, and ordered,

That the Committee on Education consider the matter of appointing members  
to the several High School Boards and Boards of Education in Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That E. W. Jones, County Road Superintendent, be authorized to make appli-  
cation to the Department of Highways for the subsidy on the expenditure on the County  
Road System in the County during the year 1943.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the thanks of the Council be tendered to His Worship George D. Banting  
for the banquet given by him to the Council and friends last evening, and also to  
Ex-Warden Carlton who so ably performed his duties as chairman.

Moved by Councillor Buchanan,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That Councillor F. Patterson, Reeve of Collingwood, be granted leave of  
absence for the balance of this Session on account of sickness and that he be paid  
for same.

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Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That pursuant to the report of the Special Health Committee adopted by this Council a Standing Committee on Health, composed of five members of the Council, be appointed.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That the Treasurer, D. H; Coleman, be authorized to pay the Township of Tiny the sum of \$3.00 per wk. towards the maintenance of Victoire Chretien.

Councillor Miller stated that he wished to have a member appointed to the County Road Committee but that he would hold the matter over until another session.

Councillor Simpson referred to the presentation of the Report of the Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Committee, but stated that it required some time for consideration he would hold it over until the afternoon session.

Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden informed the Council that the report of the Special Committee re Post War Soil Conservation and Land Utilization, which was left over from the morning session, would now be considered. He suggested that as this was a lengthy report and the subject of the greatest importance that the Council go into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Simpson, Chairman of the Special Committee, in the chair.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Simpson in the chair.

The Chairman explained that this question affected all parts of the County and that a better understanding of the Report would be secured if it were taken up clause by clause. He stated that Messrs. Page and Lashley, agricultural representatives, were present and would explain the various representations in the Report. It was hoped that J. F. Simmons, District Forester, would be present, but he was unavoidably detained in Toronto.

There was considerable discussion on the reasons for the prevalence of certain conditions and the recommendations re improving such conditions.

The Committee arose and reported that after having carefully considered the report of the Special Committee on Post War Soil Conservation and Land Utilization they would recommend that it be adopted.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Borrow, and ordered,

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That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

S. L. Page, Agricultural Representative for North Simcoe, presented his report on the work in his district for 1943.

F. A. Lashley, South Simcoe Agricultural Representative, reported on the work in his district during 1943.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,  
Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the thanks of the Council be extended to Messrs. Page and Lashley for the very comprehensive reports they have presented on the work accomplished in their respective districts during 1943 and for their untiring efforts to improve agricultural conditions.

The Warden assured these men that their splendid work was greatly appreciated by the Council.

The County Clerk's Report re Licenses was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of making available the sum of \$1,000 for the Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Programme.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Committee on Agriculture consider taking some action with regard to livestock being allowed to pasture along the highways in the rural municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Brack,  
Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Road & Bridge Committee consider the advisability of having the Engineer and the three members of the County Road Committee examine sideroad No. 33 and 34 from Highway No. 24 to the Nottawasaga townline, and report at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Miller,  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint a member to the County Road Committee.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Miller in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend

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that Councillor McCracken, Reeve of Tossorontio, be appointed a member of the County Road Committee for a term of three years.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Mayor MacLaren being in the Chamber the Warden invited him to take a seat on the dais.

The Mayor addressed the Council and complimented Warden Banting on his election. He stated that during his municipal acquaintance with him, which covered a number of years, he had never known him to hesitate to express his opinion on any subject, whether such opinion was popular or not, and that as a result of having convictions of his own he was elected Warden of the County for 1944 by acclamation.

He referred to the indemnity paid the Warden which, in his opinion, was inadequate as it was the same to-day as it was forty-seven years ago.

Mayor MacLaren said he was pleased to note that cordial feelings still prevailed between the town and township representatives, and stated that this was as it should be.

He wished the Warden and Council every success during the year.

Moved by Councillor Benson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider placing Accident Insurance on all County employees under the same policy covering the County Road employees, and in lieu of Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of adjusting the honorarium of the Warden.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Friday.

*J. D. Simpson*  
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Clerk, Simcoe County

*G. H. Banting*  
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Warden, Simcoe County

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 21st, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor F. Patterson.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts:

Communication from H. M. Barker tendering his resignation as a member of the Local Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances Board.

Letter of appreciation and thanks for County grant from Brigadier Foster of the Salvation Army.

Resolution from the Council of Grey County with reference to the freight charges on feed grain from Western Canada, and the price of hogs.

Communication from Glendinning, Gray & Roberts, County Auditors, requesting an increase in the amount paid them by the County for auditing the Treasurer's accounts.

The Warden stated that he was appointing the same Committee for the Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Programme for this year. He said that in his opinion they presented a splendid report, which showed that they had given a great deal of thought and study to the subject. The Committee is composed of Councillor Simpson, representing the Crop Improvement Association, Councillor C. Evans, representing the towns, Councillor Borrow, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, Councillor Barker, Chairman of the Reforestation Committee, and Councillor Cumming, representing the Federation of Agriculture, together with S. L. Page, F. A. Lashley, J. F. Simmons, E. W. Jones and J. T. Simpson.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Finance consider the advisability of increasing the salary of the County Auditors.

Moved by Councillor Buchanan,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider increasing the Warden's honorarium on account of the increased demand on his services.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,  
Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment from the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McIntosh,  
Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying

By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith  
be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Brown,  
Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Hall, and ordered,

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

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying

By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor C. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be  
read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hall,  
Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Arnold,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

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Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor McLean, 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.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION, and the accompanying

By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor E. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be  
read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Kidd,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor J. A. Cook,  
Seconded by Councillor McIntosh, 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.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Offord, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on PRINTING was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,  
Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,  
Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.



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REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Asselin,  
Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor E. J. Evans,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That this Council recommends that Chapter 56 Section 75 sub-section 2 (a) of The Highway Improvement Act be amended to apply to all highways within the Province, regardless of their onus of jurisdiction, if it does not already do so, and that the Clerk and the Engineer take the proper action to transmit this recommendation to the proper Provincial authorities.

Moved by Councillor McCracken,  
Seconded by Councillor Moon, and ordered,

That I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Equalization Committee.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,  
Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

That the Agricultural Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$200.00 each to North and South Simcoe for Junior Farmer activities.

Moved by Councillor Hall,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Patterson, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Tuesday, Jan. 25th, at 10 A.M.

*J. D. Simpson*  
Clerk, Simcoe County

*G. H. Banting*  
Warden, Simcoe County

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
Jan. 25th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment from Friday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors F. Patterson, C. Evans, E. J. Evans, Gropp, McLean, Offord.

The minutes of the last session of the Council were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communication:

From Boys & Boys, County Solicitors, advising that Miss Agnes Fitzgerald has a clear title to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Lot 10 in the Township of Flos, on which property the County has an option to purchase for reforestation purposes.

The Warden informed the Council that G. R. Foster, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, wished to give a report on the work of their organization during the past year.

Mr. Foster addressed the Council and gave a brief report on the organization of The Children's Protection Act; he stated that in Simcoe County the Children's Aid Society is administered by a Board, the members of which are appointed from different parts of the County, and this Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The Society also holds an annual meeting.

He stated that the work has been growing, and especially since the outbreak of the war it has grown very rapidly.

In 1941 the Town of Midland asked that a Social Worker be appointed for that section of the County, and Mr. Foster informed the Council that one had been appointed and that she is doing splendid work with good results. Last year the Town of Orillia requested that a Social Worker be appointed there, and one was appointed. There are four Social Workers in the County at the present time.

Mr. Foster further stated that since the commencement of the war the Dependents' Allowance Board has requested all Children's Aid organizations to investigate, report on and make a recommendation in connection with all applications for assistance from soldiers' dependents. This entailed a great deal of work, but the Society has accomplished much in improving home conditions; Mr. Foster instanced a number of cases where the Society was able to correct conditions in the home.

He stated that the scarcity of proper Training School facilities for wayward boys and girls made the problem of managing them much more difficult.

In closing the Superintendent said he found it necessary to ask the Council for an appropriation of \$4,000.00 per month for 1944, and he assured them that no more of this amount would be used than was absolutely necessary.

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Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of appointing auditors for the Administration of Justice Accounts for the year 1944.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson, and ordered,

That the Equalization Committee consider the advisability of recommending the appointment of a Special Committee on Equalization and that such committee be empowered to carry out the general equalization of assessment to be made this year.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,  
Seconded by Councillor Cumming, and ordered,

That the Warden name a Nominating Committee to appoint members for various committees.

Moved by Councillor Barker,  
Seconded by Councillor Richardson,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint a member to the Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances Board to represent the County Council.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Barker in the chair.

of the Whole  
The Committee arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor A. Reeve of Oro Twp., M. Tudhope, be appointed a member of the Simcoe County Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances Board.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor Harvey,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint a member to the Standing Committee on Equalization.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Simpson in the chair.

The Committee arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor Robinson, Reeve of Midland, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Equalization in the place of Councillor McCracken who has resigned.

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Moved by Councillor Benson,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Patterson, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,  
Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,  
Seconded by Councillor Horne, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor J. A. Cook,  
Seconded by Councillor Horne, 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.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brown,  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor D. Banting,  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,  
Seconded by Councillor Brack, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Moon,  
Seconded by Councillor Middleton, 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.

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REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Widdis,  
Seconded by Councillor T. Cook, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wood,  
Seconded by Councillor Pottage, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Hall,  
Seconded by Councillor Grant, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Curry,  
Seconded by Councillor Benson, 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.

REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Arnold,  
Seconded by Councillor Asselin, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Apperley, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor Borrow, 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.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture consider the advisability of recommending that a grant be made available for Post War Soil Conservation and Land Utilization work.

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Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the Afternoon Session.

The Warden in the chair.

REPORT NO. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,  
Seconded by Councillor T. Cook, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson, 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.

REPORT NO. 8 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 9 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Cumming,  
Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Curry, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Buchanan,  
Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Robinson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, 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.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS and BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Miller,  
Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS and BRIDGES, with the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Borrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Harvey,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Arnold,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Clark,  
Seconded by Councillor Borrow, 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.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS and BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Buchanan,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS and BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Miller,  
Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Woodrow,  
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Horne,  
Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Hall,  
Seconded by Councillor Horne, 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.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS and BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brown,  
Seconded by Councillor Kidd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on LEGISLATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Brack, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,  
Seconded by Councillor Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Horne,  
Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brack,  
Seconded by Councillor Brown, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special REFORESTATION Committee, re Snow Prevention, was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor McMaster,  
Seconded by Councillor Thos. Cook, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special NOMINATING Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hall,  
Seconded by Councillor Brack, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.



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Councillor Simpson enquired if the Council would approve of a conference being held in Barrie each year of the assessors of the local municipalities in the County.

He stated it was his intention to have made the suggestion last year; he had discussed the subject with many members of the Council who approved of such a conference. He suggested that if it were decided to hold such a conference it should be held soon, before the different assessors begun their work for this year; some capable person should be secured to address the conference, and afterwards a general discussion should take place. One of the results should be a more uniform system of arriving at the value of the various types of property. Councillor Simpson stated that in his opinion each municipality should be willing to pay the expenses of its own assessor. In answer to a question as to how long the conference might last, it was stated it would be a one-day conference.

Councillor Brack stated that the Township of Nottawasaga had sent its assessor to a meeting of the Assessing Officers in Toronto last year, but he would rather send him to a conference of Local Assessors in Barrie.

Councillor George Patterson was quite in favour of the Reeves attending this conference as well as the Assessors.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write to the clerks of the various municipalities inviting each municipality to send its assessor to an Assessors' Conference called by the Equalization Committee.

Moved by Councillor Miller,  
Seconded by Councillor Simpson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law appointing Councillor Dalton McCracken, Reeve of Tossoronto Township, a member of the County Road Committee for a term of three years, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Hall, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald,  
Seconded by Councillor Arnold, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Curry,  
Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,  
Seconded by Councillor Barker, and ordered,

That this Council appreciate the splendid report of E. W. Jones, County Engineer, and wish to express their thanks to him for so detailed and complete a record of the work of his committee for the year 1943.

Moved by Councillor Simpson,  
Seconded by Councillor Asselin, and ordered,

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to undertake extensive work programs, as post war enterprises, to relieve unemployment, there is

AND WHEREAS a large tract of marsh lands in the Township of Tiny which was drained sometime ago and found to be practically unfit for agricultural purposes,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the committees on Soil Conservation make an investigation as to what this land is best suited for, and include it in the proposed post war programs.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,  
Seconded by Councillor Arnold,

That the Warden issue a warrant on the County Treasurer for two day's pay and mileage for this session.

The motion was carried by a standing vote.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,  
Seconded by Councillor Asselin, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until Monday, June 19th, 1944, at 2 P.M.

*J. Simpson*  
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Clerk, Simcoe County

*G. D. Banting*  
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Warden, Simcoe County