

MINUTES
of the 1944 June Session of the
Council of the County of Simcoe

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 19th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment from the January Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors A. Cook, Brack, and McLean.

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

The Warden stated that within the past two weeks the invasion and opening of the second front in Europe had taken place and many of our Canadian boys had already given their lives and many more had been wounded. Under the circumstances he thought it fitting to have the proceedings of the Session opened with prayer, and accordingly invited the Rev. T. A. Wilkinson of the Parish of North Essa to attend and perform this service. He requested Ex-Warden Patterson to introduce Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson said he was very glad to carry out the Warden's suggestion and agreed with Councillor Patterson that all the members were serious-minded men; most people had some near relative in the forces who, in another generation, might be in charge of our municipal affairs.

Mr. Wilkinson then offered prayer.

The Warden then addressed the Council and stated that since January there had been three new members appointed; he welcomed them to the Council. Since January the Council had also lost three valuable and capable members in the persons of Michael Asselin, Fred Wood and Eric Simpson.

He regretted to report that since the January Session Councillor Harvey had been bereaved through the loss of his wife and Councillor McCracken through the death of his mother. He stated that the sympathy of the Council went out to each. He was also sorry to report that D. H. Coleman, County Treasurer, would not be in attendance at this Session on account of illness, and Councillor Brack, Reeve of Nottawasaga Twp., who had broken an ankle some time ago, was still confined to his home. He also reported that Councillor McLean, Deputy-Reeve of Collingwood, would not be able to attend the Session on account of illness.

Mr. Wilkinson referred to the war and the casualties which were inevitable, but the Warden stated we should be thankful for the successes up to the present and trust that things would look brighter before another Session.

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He stated that during the past week he had been over most of the County, and in most places the crops looked excellent although there had been too much rain on some of the lower lands.

He had recently visited the County Home and found the crops looking good and the inmates satisfied and contented. He had attended the annual meetings of the Children's Aid Society, the Library Board and the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie. Each were grateful for the assistance given by the County. The Hospital Board had some grievances about the payment for maintenance of indigent patients, but the Warden stated that in his opinion these differences could be adjusted if those in charge got together and co-operated.

Warden Banting further stated that the Presbyterian Church at Ivy held its anniversary yesterday and had the distinction of having for its special preacher the Rev. A.C. Stewart of Midland who had recently been appointed Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He suggested that the Council pass a resolution congratulating Mr. Stewart on his important appointment.

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

Copies of resolutions passed by the Ontario Agricultural Council at their convention held in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on May 19th, 1944.

Communication from M. S. Arneil of the Cummins Map Company advising that they are prepared to furnish township maps which they claim would be useful in connection with new assessments.

Resignation of Fred Wood, former Reeve of Medonte Township, as a member of the Special Committee on Equalization.

Communication from Hugh H. Donald, Inspector of Legal Offices, in which he enclosed the Fire Prevention Engineer's report after inspecting the Court House.

Report from C. W. Caskey, Deputy Fire Marshal, with reference to changes and improvements in the County Gaol.

Communication from C. F. Neelands, Deputy Provincial Secretary, with reference to the caretaker using prison labour to assist with the caretaking work at the Court House.

Resolution from the Council of Flos Township in which the council petitions that the township be established into a High School District, and the approval of same by the Minister of Education.

Resolution from Perth County Council recommending that the Provincial and Dominion Governments assist by at least 50% in the improvement of school buildings in the Province as a post-war scheme.

Communication from S. H. H. Symons of the Ontario Agricultural Council advising of the decision of the Director of Education with reference to resolutions forwarded by the Council.

Communication from H. F. Skey, National Treasurer of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, requesting a contribution to the Fund.

Account from the Ontario Training School for Girls at Cobourg for the maintenance of wards.

Account from the Ontario Training School for Boys at Bowmanville for the maintenance of wards.

Account from St. John's Training School for Boys, Toronto, for the maintenance of wards.

Account from St. Mary's Training School for Girls, Toronto, for the maintenance of wards.

Letter from H. R. Nettleton, Manager of the Barrie Branch of the Bank of Toronto, giving notice of a reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% on municipal bank loans.

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Communication from the Bell Telephone Company giving the listings in the telephone directory for the different offices in the Court House.

Request from The Hospital for Sick Children for a grant to assist in their work.

Communication from E. C. Drury, Sheriff of the County, advising that he had been instructed to put the guards at the Gaol on an eight-hour working day and six-day week, which would necessitate hiring three extra guards.

Notice from the Wood Fuel Division and Timber Control Department that the \$1.00 per cord bonus on fuel wood would be extended to Sept. 30th, 1944.

Notice of the Annual Convention of the Association of Managers of Homes for Aged and Infirm which will be held this year at the Capstan Inn, Wasaga Beach, on June 27th, 28th and 29th.

Annual Report from the Inspector of Refuges on the Simcoe County Home at Beeton.

Resolution from the Council of Norfolk County protesting against an amendment to The Municipal Act whereby a second signature is necessary on municipal cheques.

Resolutions from the Councils of Grey and Lincoln requesting that a suitable gasoline category be given to all reeves and deputy-reeves in the various counties.

Resolution from Perth Council with reference to an increase in Old Age Pensions.

Resolution from the Council of Kent County with regard to reverting to Standard Time.

Resolution from Elgin County regarding rural mail delivery and the question of juvenile delinquency.

Resolution from Bruce County Council recommending a flat rate for hydro power used in rural municipalities.

Approval of the Minister of Lands & Forests of the purchase of Lot 4 Concession 3 Oro, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 7 Concession 4 Oro and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 10 Concession 1 Flos.

Inspector's report on the condition of the boiler in the Court House.

Notices of certain accidents on the County Road System:
Pte. L. G. Staley, Camp Borden,
Herb. Madill, Lisle,
Sgt. W. G. and Mrs. Westover, Alliston.

Letter from Mrs. G. C. Allan, re the electric light on the County Road at Churchill.

Communication from the Department of National Defence re the condition of the County Road between Alliston and Everett.

Communication from J. A. P. Marshall of the Department of Highways regarding road machinery purchased on a rental basis.

Approval from the Department of Highways of the 1943 road expenditure.

Communication from J. A. P. Marshall, Chief Municipal Engineer, regarding the

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Department's requirements with respect to all municipal bridges hereafter built by counties and townships under The Highway Improvement Act.

Report from Messrs. Boys & Boys, County Solicitors, regarding cattle running at large on highways.

Communication from J. A. P. Marshall, approving of a total expenditure of \$135,000 on the County Road System during 1944.

Communication from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ivy Community Federation of Agriculture requesting that a bonus of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per tree be paid for planting trees for reforestation purposes.

Notice from Flos Township of the assessment on the reforestation properties owned by the County in that township.

Certificate from the Clerk of Tiny Township advising that Wm. Robb, Penetang, and Stephen Desroches, Lafontaine, had been duly elected Reeve and Deputy-Reeve respectively of that municipality.

Certificate from the Clerk of the Township of Medonte advising that Wm. Arnold, R.R.#2 Coldwater, had been appointed Reeve of the township, and Thos. Albert Orton, R.R.#2 Coldwater, Deputy-Reeve.

Letter from H. R. Nettleton, Manager of the Bank of Toronto, advising that legislation has been passed whereby two signatures are required on all County cheques.

Letter from James Brack, Reeve of Nottawasaga Township, giving notice that he may not be able to attend this Session.

Communication from D. H. Coleman, County Treasurer, expressing his thanks to the Warden and members for their kindness during his illness.

Notice from the Department of Highways of the reversion of certain pieces of Provincial Highway to the municipalities originally responsible for their maintenance.

Communication from the Township of W. Gwillimbury and the Village of Bradford requesting the County to pass a by-law confirming the closing of a certain piece of road.

Petition from the Council of the Township of Tiny to amend the County By-Law establishing the Township as a High School District by detaching School Sections 2, 10, 19 & 24.

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

That Councillor Brack, Reeve of Nottawasaga Township, be granted leave of absence from this Session on account of illness.

Moved by Councillor Robb,
Seconded by Councillor Desroches, and ordered,

That the Standing Committee on Education consider the advisability of preparing

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a by-law detaching from Tiny Township High School District School Sections 2, 10, 19 and 24, all of the said Township of Tiny.

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

That the Special Committee on Equalization be given permission to present a report at a later date during this Session.

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

That the County Clerk be requested to extend the hearty congratulations of the Council to the Rev. A. C. Stewart, Midland, on being appointed Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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

That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Rev. T. A. Wilkinson for his part in the opening of this Session.

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

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

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. H. Banting
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Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 20th, 1944.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor's McLean and Middleton.

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

The Warden presented the Statements of Claim for the education of County pupils at the various High, Continuation and Vocational Schools.

At this juncture Reeve Brack of Nottawasaga entered the chamber and the Warden, on behalf of himself and the other members of the Council, welcomed him although he had to come on crutches.

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

That the Standing Committee on Education be requested to prepare a by-law to establish the Township of Flos into a High School District. The Council of the Township have passed a by-law for this purpose and it has been approved by the Minister of Education.

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

That the Finance Committee consider the appointment of a solicitor for the County of Simcoe to replace J. R. Boys whose resignation is much regretted by this Council.

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

That the Committee on Roads & Bridges consider the advisability of recommending that the Council pass a by-law approving of By-Law 798 of the Township of W. Gwillimbury and By-Law 771 of the Village of Bradford which provide for closing part of the sixth concession line of W. Gwillimbury.

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

That leave of absence be granted Councillor Middleton, he being unable to attend to-day's session.

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

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Town of Midland to assist in the private hospitalization of an indigent by the name of Johnston.

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

That the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of Medonte Township and the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of Tiny Township be placed on the same standing committees as their predecessors.

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

That Councillor A. Cook be granted leave of absence from yesterday and to-day's session for business reasons.

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

That Ernest Miller, Reeve of Coldwater, be made a member of the Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges for the year 1944.

At yesterday's session the Warden informed the Council that he had been considering dispensing with the Warden's Picnic this year and contributing the amount such a picnic would cost him to some worthy war fund. He stated that to date this was the most serious period of the war, and that he would appreciate the opinion and advice of the members as to what was best to do. After some discussion the matter was left over until to-day's session when it was decided, by a show of hands, to dispense with the picnic for this year.

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

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

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. D. Banting
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Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 21st, 1944.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor McLean.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Resolution from the Council of the County of Kent re the appointment and supervision of County Gaolers and Gaol Officers.

Communication from the Clerk of the Town of Barrie re the opening of Drury Lane, the street at the rear of the Children's Shelter property.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Miller,
Seconded by Councillor Carlton, 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 Apperley,
Seconded by Councillor F. Patterson, 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 Barker,
Seconded by Councillor G. Patterson, 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. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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Councillor Harvey enquired if anything had been done regarding the Centennial Historical Scholarship. At the suggestion of Councillor E. J. Evans, Chairman of the Committee in charge of this scholarship, the Clerk reported that with the assistance of the four Public School Inspectors in the County arrangements had been made to have a paper written on after the High School Entrance Examinations were completed. The Inspectors met last Saturday and prepared the paper. There were about thirty-five applications received from pupils in different parts of the County. The approval of the Department of Education for holding this examination was received. The Clerk further stated that a report would be presented to the Council later in the Session.

Moved by Councillor F. Patterson,
Seconded by Councillor Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of appointing D. F. MacLaren, Barrie, as County Solicitor in place of J. R. Boys who has resigned.

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

That this Council take immediate action to safeguard the interests of Simcoe County in the matter of a new highway now under consideration, and we would suggest that a committee be appointed to wait on the Department of Highways and that such committee be composed of George Banting, Warden, E. W. Jones, County Engineer, Ernest Miller, Chairman of the Roads & Bridges Committee, and Charles Evans, Reeve of Bradford.

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

That the County Clerk, in co-operation with the Special Road Committee, make enquiries from the local members of the Federal Government and the Camp Borden authorities as to what action is contemplated by the Department of Transport in continuing the construction of the townline between Essa and Tossorontio to include the section extending from Burn's church to Alliston, a distance of approximately 3.5 miles, said section comprising a part of County Road No. 5, and to impress upon the Government the necessity for doing so.

Councillor C. Evans reported that Professor F. F. Morwick, Guelph, who attended a meeting of the Soil Conservation Committee yesterday, was in the chamber and, if agreeable to the Warden and members, would report on the soil survey which had commenced in the south end of the County. This suggestion met with the Council's approval and Councillor Evans introduced Professor Morwick.

Mr. Morwick stated that on the strength of the report of the Committee on Soil Conservation adopted last January the Department had made plans for a soil survey in the County, and two field parties were at work in the south end of the County.

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The primary objective was to prepare a soil map which would, in general practice, be of (great value) to any farm in the County. He further stated that it was not possible for those working on the survey to discuss individual problems as it would require too much of their time. The survey map serves as an inventory of soils in the County and will be of great benefit by improving the methods of handling soils.

Mr. Morwick stated that a survey was made in Dufferin County last year and that the report was being presented to that council to-day.

The Warden thanked Mr. Morwick for his report and the information given the Council.

Mr. Carson, representing the Automatic Fire Alarm System, appeared before the Council and proposed the installation of this system in the County Home at Beeton. He explained how the system worked and stated that if it were installed it would make for the greater safety of the inmates. He further stated that Simcoe County had the second largest old people's home in the Province, and that it would cost \$1,972 to install the system at Beeton.

Warden Banting assured Mr. Carson that the Council would give serious consideration to his proposition.

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

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

J. D. Skupson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. W. Banting
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Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 22nd, 1944.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor McLean.

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

The Warden presented a resolution from the Council of Wentworth County with reference to the cost of litigation in drainage disputes.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,
Seconded by Councillor F. Patterson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Clark,
Seconded by Councillor Offord, 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 Grant,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Barker,
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, in amendment,

That the By-Law be not read a third time but that the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint a County Solicitor.

There was considerable discussion on the amendment and it was finally declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Benson, and ordered,
That the Council go into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor Benson in the chair.
The Committee arose and reported that they would recommend that D. F. MacLaren be appointed County Solicitor.

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

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

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Moved by Councillor Benson,
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, 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 Arnold, 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 was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Barker,
Seconded by Councillor Hall, 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 Tudhope, 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 McIntosh,
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, 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 Kidd,
Seconded by Councillor Orton, 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 COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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Before adjournment Councillor George Patterson stated that after lunch, about 1:30, there would be a brief ceremony to lay the corner stone of the new entrance to the Court House, and requested all the members to be present.

At 1:30 Mr. Patterson, as chairman, called the gathering to order and stated the laying of the corner stone was about to take place and called on Ex-Warden Todd.

Mr. Todd said he was pleased to see that the erection of the new entrance and the interior alterations to the Court House were now well under way. When he was Warden in 1943 he thought some memorial should be built to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the first County Council in Simcoe. The Special Committee appointed to look after same had decided on a memorial entrance to the Court House, and he was sure this entrance, when completed, would add greatly to the appearance of the Court House although the site on which it stands could not be improved upon. Mr. Todd expressed his appreciation of being retained as a member of the Special Committee.

Mayor MacLaren of Barrie congratulated the Council and Committee on this worthy cause and said he always supported anything that added to the attractiveness and usefulness of the Town of Barrie or the County of Simcoe.

Warden Banting, with the assistance of Councillor F. Patterson, Reeve of Collingwood, who is an experienced builder, placed the corner stone and declared it to be well and truly laid.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor McMaster,
Seconded by Councillor McCracken, 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 Gowanlock,
Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re POST WAR SOIL CONSERVATION AND LAND UTILIZATION was presented and read.

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

That this Report be left on the table until such time as S. L. Page, agricultural representative, can be present to discuss the recommendations contained therein.

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

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

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

Warden Banting in the chair.

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

Moved by Councillor Carlton,
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans,

That the Report now read be adopted.

There was some discussion and questions asked by the members of the Council; these were answered by the members of the Special Committee and the Report was then declared adopted.

Councillor C. Evans stated that the Committee were much indebted to the Chairman, Ex-Councillor Eric Simpson, for the amount of work he had done in connection with the equalization; Councillor Benson endorsed what Councillor Evans had said and stated it was a pleasure to work with the Committee.

Warden Banting then asked Ex-Councillor Simpson, who was in the chamber, if he

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had any comments to make regarding the Report. He stated that after the by-election in Tiny Township in February he had tendered his resignation as a member of the Special Equalization Committee, but it wasn't accepted and they insisted that he remain a member. He stated that all the Committee members worked hard and that very few of the Council members realized how much ^{work} had been involved.

The work commenced in February, as soon as the abstracts from the Registry Office, of the sales made in the various municipalities during the years 1941, 1942 and 1943, were available. The clerk and assessor of the local municipalities, or someone familiar with the roll, were notified to appear before the Committee, and the different attitudes of these officers was very apparent to the members of the Committee. However, when all the abstracts had been checked over a list of the sales was sent to each of the local clerks with the request that they be returned within fifteen days with any objections noted. After the sales and local assessments were compared the Committee decided to visit each of the local municipalities. This was done and it was found that in almost every municipality farm lands were assessed at nearly their actual value but farm buildings were assessed too low. The assessment in the police villages and hamlets was found to be very low as compared with other parts of the municipalities, and the industries in the larger towns weren't in any way uniform; especially was this the case in the assessed value of grain elevators at the various lake ports when their capacity was taken into consideration.

Ex-Councillor Simpson stated that the Committee had been appointed to do a very important job and he felt that a good job had been done, with no unfairness to any municipality. He expressed his appreciation of the members' co-operation and thanked the Council for all their kindnesses to him.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

G. R. Foster, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, appeared before the Council and reported on his work since the January Session.

He stated that his Board of Directors, at his suggestion, had decided to close the Children's Shelter for some months as an experiment to see if the children could be more economically kept in licensed boarding homes. Many of the Children's Aid Societies in the Province had closed their shelters temporarily. In his opinion,

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a considerable sum could be saved the County in the course of a year in salaries and maintenance if the shelter were closed.

He said he was informed new legislation was being considered by the Department of Welfare whereby county boards would be established for all social services; these boards would be named by the Province and the county councils, but up to the present the details had not been worked out.

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

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of installing a fire alarm system in the Simcoe County Home at Beeton.

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

That the Standing Committee on Finance be requested to prepare a by-law to amend the by-law fixing the date for the commencement of the January Session.

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

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint a member to the County Road Committee for the balance of 1944 to replace Ex-Councillor Asselin who has resigned.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor Harvey, Deputy-Reeve of Tecumseth Township, be elected to the County Road Committee to fill the unexpired term of Michael Asselin, who has resigned.

Moved by Councillor G. Patterson,
Seconded by Councillor E. Evans, and ordered,

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

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

That Councillor Harvey be made a member of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

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

That the Clerk be requested to write to the Commanding Officer at Camp Borden, asking his co-operation in granting leave to as many men as possible for haying and harvest, and explaining to him the serious situation regarding farm help. While we do not wish to interfere with the training of our soldiers, we feel that every available man will be needed, and if the weather is unfavourable we recommend that the Warden go out and interview the Commanding Officer personally.

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

That Councillor Apperley be placed on the Standing Committee on Finance and that Councillor Harvey's name be stroked off.

Mayor MacLaren, Ex-Warden Barr and Ex-Warden Todd being in the chamber, the Warden invited them to seats on the dais.

Mayor MacLaren, in addressing the Council, expressed his appreciation of being appointed County Solicitor and trusted he would be able to give the same efficient and satisfactory service as his predecessor, J. R. Boys. He stated he was interested in the Report of the Special Equalization Committee and was satisfied it would be accepted by the members of the Council as he had every confidence that the Special Committee had done a good job.

Barr
Ex-Warden, said he was always pleased to come back and renew acquaintances, and wished the Council every success in the work of the Session.

Ex-Warden Todd said he was especially pleased to be in the chamber and hear the Special Equalization Committee's report. During his term as Reeve of Innisfil Township he had been a member of the Equalization Committee, and was confident that the report of this committee would be fair to all the municipalities. He congratulated the Council on the ceremony that was carried out earlier to-day when the corner stone was laid for the new entrance celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Simcoe County.

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

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

J. Simpson
.....
Clerk, County of Simcoe

E. H. Banting
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 23rd, 1944.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors McLean and A. Cook.

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

The Warden presented an account from the Ontario Training School for Girls for the maintenance of wards.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re CONSOLIDATION OF BY-LAWS was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Carlton referred to the Annual Convention of the Association of Managers and Warden of Homes for Aged and Infirm, to be held at Capstan Inn, Wasaga Beach, on June 27th, 28th and 29th, and invited the members of the Council and their wives to attend the banquet on Wednesday evening, June 28th, at 6:30 P.M., and trusted that all would be able to be present.

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

That leave be granted to introduce a By-Law to appoint D. K. Harvey, Deputy-Reeve of Tecumseth Township, a member of the County Road Committee to replace Michael Asselin, who has resigned, and that the necessary By-Law herewith presented be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Clark,
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 Borrow,
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 G. Patterson,
Seconded by Councillor McMaster, 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 Miller,
Seconded by Councillor McCracken, and ordered,

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider the advisability of having a by-law prepared to revert certain sections of road to the townships originally responsible

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for their maintenance, said sections being abandoned by the Department of Highways because of a change in alignment and said sections being as follows:

1. At the foot of Little's Hill in Innisfil Township.
2. At a jog in the road on the townline between Innisfil and Vespra and Vespra and Essa Townships, approximately two miles west of the Barrie limits on the Camp Borden Road.

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

That the Standing Committee on Equalization consider the advisability of appointing a County Assessor.

The Warden informed the Council that S. L. Page, agricultural representative for North Simcoe, was in the chamber and would explain the provisions of the report presented yesterday by the Special Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Committee.

Mr. Page appeared before the Council and stated that Prof. Graham and R. S. Duncan, Assistant Deputy Minister, had called on him this morning; they stated that their Department was centering on two things -- rural education and conservation of the soil, which, said Mr. Page, were two of the chief features being considered by the Special Committee. He further stated that some 2,300 copies of the report which was adopted at the January Session had been printed and distributed. There was a very great demand for this report, not only from the different organizations in Ontario but from all across Canada, and very favourable comments had been made by those who had given it some study.

Since the January Session the Special Committee visited the Department of Agriculture in Toronto and were given a very favourable hearing by Mr. Reek, the Deputy Minister. Very successful meetings were held at Cookstown, Barrie and Orillia, the latter two being sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of those towns. As a result of the interview with Mr. Reek two groups are at work on the study of soil conditions in South Simcoe, and it is expected they will be able to make a study and inspection of the whole County and report on their findings. These examinations now under way are only the preliminary work; the soil maps, which will be prepared later, will be useful in all branches of agriculture.

Mr. Page also stated that ^acertain experiment was being made this year, in two different sections of the County, with western grasses for permanent pastures, and the results of these tests would be watched with interest.

Warden Banting thanked Mr. Page for his informative address, and stated that the Council always received useful information from his discussions.

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

That the Progress Report of the Special Committee on Soil Conservation and Land Utilization be amended to provide for such contribution, by the County, to the

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work recommended, on reasonable terms as may be agreed upon by the County and the Provincial and Dominion Governments, and that as amended the Report be adopted.

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

That the Standing Committee on Equalization prepare a by-law naming the amount of the equalized value of the various municipalities in the County for the purpose of making the County levy for the year 1945.

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

That Robert Craig, Caretaker, be granted the usual two week's vacation.

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

That Councillors C. Evans and McMaster be appointed to the Equalization Committee in place of Eric Simpson and Fred Wood who are not now members of the Council.

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

WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of this Council that the Provincial Department of Public Welfare has under consideration a plan to co-ordinate all public and social services in the counties under County Welfare Boards to be established in the counties throughout the Province,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council appoint the following committee to wait on the Provincial Minister of Welfare to ascertain the details of the County set-up being planned by the Department of Public Welfare, the personnel of the said committee to be His Worship Warden Banting, and Messrs. George Patterson, W. R. Benson, J. T. Simpson and G. R. Foster, this Committee to bring in a report at the November Session of the Council.

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

Moved by Councillor Robb,
Seconded by Councillor Desroches, 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 Miller,
Seconded by Councillor McCracken, 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 Middleton, 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 Kidd,
Seconded by Councillor Gropp, 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.

Councillor Eplett enquired as to what progress had been made with the County Council picture, and the County Clerk stated he would endeavour to have a report on it for the afternoon session.

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

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the morning session.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Hall,
Seconded by Councillor Curry, 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 McIntosh,
Seconded by Councillor Kidd, 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 Widdis,
Seconded by Councillor Horne, 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 Middleton,
Seconded by Councillor Robb, 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 & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

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

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

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By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Miller,
Seconded by Councillor Harvey, 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 Robb,
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 McIntosh,
Seconded by Councillor McCracken, 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 ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Borrow,
Seconded by Councillor F. Patterson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor McCracken,
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 D. Banting,
Seconded by Councillor Moon, 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 McCracken, 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 Apperley, 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.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee re SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Carlton,
Seconded by Councillor C. Evans, 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 Apperley,
Seconded by Councillor Clark, 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 Borrow,
Seconded by Councillor McCracken, 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 D. Banting,
Seconded by Councillor Moon, 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. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION was presented and read.

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

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

That Councillor MacDonald, Reeve of Creemore, be appointed a member of the Special Reforestation Committee in place of Ex-Councillor Wood who has resigned.

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

That the Special County Property Committee request the Town of Barrie to oil and sand the circular driveway leading up to the Court House and the eastern portion of Pointz Street adjoining the county property when oiling the streets in this district, the County to pay for same.

The Warden thanked the members for their attention and co-operation during the Session. Much important business was transacted, chief of which was the report

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of the Special Equalization Committee. He said he was pleased with the harmony which existed among the members.

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

That the Council do now adjourn until Monday, Nov. 20th, at 2 P.M.

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

G. D. Banting
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

M I N U T E S
of the 1944 November Session of the
Municipal Council of the
County of Simcoe

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
November 20th, 1944.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the June Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Miller and Arnold, who were absent on account of illness, and Councillors C. T. S. Evans and A. Cook.

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

The Warden addressed the Council and welcomed the members to the November Session, the last session over which he would have the honour of presiding.

He was sorry to report that two members of the Council would not be able to attend this session on account of ill health; they were Reeve Miller of Coldwater and Reeve Arnold of Medonte, and he felt he expressed the wishes of the whole Council that they would soon be restored to good health.

He referred to the death of Sir William Mulock, whose birthplace was at Bond Head in the County of Simcoe, and remarked on his long and useful life. He also referred to the death of Ex-Warden W. H. Hamilton of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, who was Warden in 1900, and Ex-Councillor Joseph Spicher of Sunnidale who was a member of the Council for many years, and David Williams, publisher and editor of the Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin, who was always a public-spirited citizen and took an active interest in not only the affairs of his own town and the County but in the whole of Canada. Councillor Miller and his son had also been bereaved by the death of a wife and mother, and the sympathy of the Council had been forwarded to all the bereaved.

Some months ago Councillor George Patterson received word that his son Jack was missing on active service, and all rejoiced with him and his family to know that he is now a prisoner-of-war in Germany and hoped that in due time he would arrive safely home.

The Warden also referred to the offensive taken by the united nations and the success they were having on all battle-fronts. Many of our boys had paid the supreme sacrifice and the sympathy of all was extended to those who had been thus bereaved.