

M I N U T E S
OF THE JANUARY SESSION, 1949, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 17th, 1949.

The Council met pursuant to statute and by-law of the County Council.

The following members, having filed their Certificates of Election and Declarations of Office with the County Clerk, took their seats at the Council Board for 1949:

ADJALA Twp. - Jos. K. Parker, Reeve, Mono Mills.
ALLISTON Town - W. J. Cunningham, Reeve, Alliston.
BARRIE Town - Jas. W. Hart, Reeve, Barrie; Chas. J. Griffin, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.
BEETON Village - W. Lloyd Lilly, Reeve, Beeton.
BRADFORD Village - Chas. T. S. Evans, Reeve, Bradford.
COLDWATER Village - Ernest G. Miller, Reeve, Coldwater.
COLLINGWOOD Town - Norman W. Bush, Reeve, Collingwood; John C. Allison, Deputy-Reeve, Collingwood.
CREEMORE Village - George H. Shepherd, Reeve, Creemore.
ESSA Twp. - Louis E. Truax, Reeve, R.R.#1 Angus; W. J. Wood, Deputy-Reeve, Alliston.
FLOS Twp. - G. Walter Middleton, Reeve, R.R.#1 Elmvale; W. H. Archer, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Elmvale.
INNISFIL Twp. - Clifford Lockhart, Reeve, R.R.#5 Barrie; Allan Todd, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Churchill.
MATCHEDASH Twp. - Noble Lovering, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.
MEDONTE Twp. - Boyd Miller, Reeve, R.R.#1 Hillsdale; Fisher Ganton, Deputy-Reeve, Hillsdale.
MIDLAND Town - W. H. Taylor, Reeve, Midland; John L. Cowan, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.
NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - ^{W.}Jas. Patton, Reeve, R.R.#3 Creemore; Fred Vancise, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Stayner.
ORILLIA Town - Hugh Johnston, Reeve, Orillia; Andrew H. Tudhope, Deputy-Reeve, Orillia.
ORILLIA Twp. - Wilbur T. Reed, Reeve, R.R.#3 Orillia; J. Elmer Wood, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Orillia.
ORO Twp. - John A. Woodrow, Reeve, R.R.#2 Oro Station; ^{D.}Smith Campbell, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Oro Station.
PENETANG Town - W. R. Benson, Reeve, Penetang; Thos. Morris, Deputy-Reeve, Penetang.
PORT McNICOLL Village - Albert G. Calvert, Reeve, Port McNicoll.
STAYNER Town - Clarence Wood, Reeve, Stayner.
SUNNIDALE Twp. - C. Everton Lawrence, Reeve, R.R.#1 New Lowell; Jas. C. Buie, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Stayner.

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TAY Twp. - George Widdes, Reeve, R.R.#1 Midland; Fred Kinnear, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.
TECUMSETH Twp. - Fred E. Hunter, Reeve, R.R.#3 Tottenham; Leonard J. Ransom, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Tottenham.
TINY Twp. - Arthur Downer, Reeve, R.R.#2 Midland; Montcalm Maurice, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Penetang.
TOSSORONTIO Twp. - M. Van Loree, Reeve, Lisle.
TOTTENHAM Village - Jas. R. McCurdy, Reeve, Tottenham.
VESPRE Twp. - Earl Richardson, Reeve, R.R.#2 Minesing; Roy N. Hickling, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Barrie.
VICTORIA HARBOUR Village - Wilfred A. Savage, Reeve, Victoria Harbour.
W. GWILLIMBURY Twp. - Herbert J. Hughes, Reeve, R.R.#1 Gilford.
WASAGA BEACH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - E. Herbert Brokenshire, Chairman, R.R.#2 Elmvale.

The Clerk called the members to order and advised them that their first duty was to elect one of their number to be Warden for the current year.

He stated that out of a membership of 48 there were only eight changes from 1948; some members had voluntarily retired, and there were only two who offered themselves for re-election who were defeated at the polls.

The Clerk advised that according to certificates he had received from the local clerks regarding the number of municipal voters on their respective voters lists, under Section 51, sub-section (2) of The Municipal Act, both the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the Towns of Barrie and Orillia and the Township of Innisfil are entitled to two votes each when voting in County Council, and the Reeves only of the Towns of Collingwood and Midland and the Townships of Nottawasaga and Tiny are entitled to two votes; all other members of the Council are entitled to one vote each.

The Clerk then stated that according to the Rules and Regulations of the Council, ten minutes was allowed for the nominations for Warden. He appointed Councillors Middleton and E. Miller to act as scrutineers, and declared nominations open for the position of Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton,

That Councillor Evans, Reeve of the Village of Bradford, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, that

That Councillor Shepherd, Reeve of the Village of Creemore, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow,

That Councillor Patton, Reeve of the Township of Nottawasaga, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Morris,

Seconded by Councillor Buie,

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That Councillor Benson, Reeve of the Town of Penetang, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope,

That Councillor Johnston, Reeve of the Town of Orillia, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Parker,

That Councillor Lockhart, Reeve of the Township of Innisfil, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Benson,

That Councillor Downer, Reeve of the Township of Tiny, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That Councillor Woodrow, Reeve of the Township of Oro, be Warden for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Cowan,

That Councillor Hart, Reeve of the Town of Barrie, be Warden for 1949.

The Clerk then declared the nominations closed, and all the nominees, with the consent of their movers and seconders, having withdrawn, with the exception of Councillors Evans, Shepherd and Downer, he proceeded to take the vote with the following result:

For Councillor Evans:- Councillors Allison, Benson, Brokenshire, Bule, Bush (2), Calvert, Campbell, Evans, Ganton, Griffin (2), Hart (2), Hickling, Hughes, Hunter, Johnston (2), Kinnear, Lilly, Lockhart (2), Lovering, Middleton, E. Miller, Morris, McCurdy, Parker, Ransom, Reed, Savage, Taylor (2), Todd (2), Truax, Tudhope (2), Vancise, Widdes, C. Wood, E. Wood, W. J. Wood and Woodrow - 45.

For Councillor Shepherd:- Councillors Cowan, Lawrence, Loree, B. Miller, Patton (2), Richardson and Shepherd - 8.

For Councillor Downer:- Councillors Archer, Downer (2) and Maurice - 4.

Councillor Evans, having received a majority of the votes of the members, the Clerk declared him duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1949.

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

He congratulated the Warden on his election and stated that in his opinion the occupations of the Wardens should vary from year to year; he noted that in recent years the Warden had been a farmer. He said he had practised law in Simcoe County for 17 years and had known Warden Evans for a long time, and he did not know of anyone more suitable for the position. His integrity was high and his attitude to his profession, to the bench and to his clients was above reproach; his judicial experience would be of great assistance in

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dealing with all County business, and he predicted for him a very successful year.

The Warden then subscribed to the Declaration and donned the robes of office and took the chair.

Warden Evans, in addressing the Council, thanked the members very sincerely for their support and stated that throughout the year he would endeavour to justify their confidence; he considered his election an honour to his municipality and to himself, and it was very much appreciated. He thanked Judge Harvie for his kind words, and stated that during his seven years as a member of the Council he had become quite well acquainted with the Judge. He requested the fullest co-operation of the members in the discussions of the Council, and said he would endeavour to fill the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

Judge Harvie, in again addressing the Council, congratulated the 1948 Council on the improvement made in the condition of the acoustics in the Court Room; it was now possible to hear ^{the} counsel addressing the court and the jury and also to hear the Judge.

He stated that at 2:30 on Wednesday an oil portrait of Judge Gowan, the first Judge of the County, would be presented to the Council by a relative from Toronto, a Mr. Ardagh. This event was of great historic importance as Judge Gowan was made a senator and afterwards knighted.

He was getting great experience in the matter of assessment as this year had been the heaviest for assessment appeals since his appointment as County Judge; he wished to thank the County Assessor, Eric Simpson, for the magnificent job he was doing and the assistance that he was giving to local assessors. From his experience with him he knew Mr. Simpson was endeavouring to obtain an equality of assessment so that each individual and each municipality would pay a fair share of taxes.

He referred to the removal of Christmas trees from the County, and stated that in many cases a large tree had been cut down and destroyed for the sole purpose of getting the top for a Christmas tree. He suggested that the County consider enacting legislation which would control this demolition of the young evergreen trees.

Rev. J. F. A. Bewell and Rev. James Ferguson, representing the Ministerial Association of the Town of Barrie, opened the proceedings of the Council with devotional exercises.

Mr. Bewell expressed his deep appreciation of the privilege of living in Simcoe County; he congratulated the Warden and members on their elections and suggested that theirs was a great responsibility to support our way of living. He stated that they were given authority to administer the affairs of the County, and should give good leadership and decide readily on what is best for all.

Mr. Ferguson then led in prayer.

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Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be extended to His Honour Judge Harvie for administering the oath of office to the Warden elect and for his appropriate address, and to the members of the Barrie Ministerial Association for their timely remarks and attendance here in opening the proceedings of this 1949 Session of County Council.

Warden Evans stated that the Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health for the Province of Ontario, had come to Barrie to address the Council on the question of accommodation for chronic or convalescent patients and requested Ex-Warden O. E. Todd, President of the Barrie Memorial Hospital Committee, to introduce the Minister.

Mr. Todd congratulated the Warden on his election, and said he knew from his acquaintance and association with him that he was well qualified to fill the position. For some unaccountable reason he was made Chairman of the Board which was set up about two years ago to devise ways and means for providing increased hospital accommodation in Barrie. He said the Minister was a very busy man, having left Hamilton this morning, doing considerable office work in Toronto, addressing a meeting at Orillia at noon and being here now to speak to the Council on hospital matters. He was very happy to introduce the Hon. Mr. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley stated that at present there were requests for 4,000 beds for chronic or convalescent patients who were being maintained in Public Hospitals; the cost there was too much as it amounted to between \$6.00 and \$6.50 per day when they could be cared for in a Convalescent Hospital for from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day. He said his Department and the Department of Welfare were both interested and anxious to provide better accommodation for needy aged people, and suggested that the County appoint a small Hospital Committee which would have authority to consult with the two Departments in connection with providing increased accommodation in Public Hospitals and providing for convalescent patients. He was satisfied that with working together a satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at.

The Warden thanked Mr. Kelley for coming to the County and addressing the Council, and assured him that his suggestions would be carried out.

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

Warden Evans appointed Councillor Shepherd and the Reeves of all the other municipalities in the County as a Striking Committee to name the Standing Committees for the year, and suggested that the Council adjourn for half an hour to enable this Committee to bring it its report.

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

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

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Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That a list of the Standing Committees be printed and placed on each member's desk.

Councillor Loree enquired as to when it would be convenient to present to the Council the Junior Farmers who had won prizes at the Royal Winter Fair, and was informed that this might be done on Wednesday, January 19th, at about 11:30 A.M.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability of securing a new globe for the Warden.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re Assistance to Public Hospitals in the County was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Alliston,

Seconded by Councillor Archer, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re Salary Adjustments of County Employees was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brokenshire,

Seconded by Councillor Buie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Hospital Committee of five members.

Ex-Wardens Eplett, Davis, Todd and Harvey being in the Chamber, the Warden requested them to take seats on the dais.

Each in turn congratulated the Warden on his election and wished he and the Council a very successful year. Ex-Wardens Davis and Todd spoke of the importance of increased hospital accommodation, and suggested that the various members give this question serious thought.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

O. Pease
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Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 18th, 1949.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Monday'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 communications and accounts, and they were referred to their respective committees:

Communication from A. H. Martin, Director of the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch of the Department of Agriculture, concerning the appointment of County Weed Inspectors.

Notice from the Association of Rural Municipalities with regard to the Annual Convention on Feb. 21st and 22nd, 1949, and requesting the annual membership fee.

Communication from the Secretary of the Blue Mountain Plowmen's Association in connection with the International Plowing Match in 1950.

Resolution from the Council of Peterborough County with reference to imposing penalties and discounts on unpaid taxes.

A number of resolutions from Grey County Council on various agricultural matters.

Letter from the Executive-Secretary of the Ontario Agricultural Council, giving notice of the Annual Meeting on Feb. 9th and 10th, 1949, and requesting the annual membership fee.

Estimate of the cost of equipment for supplying fresh air to the Children's Aid Society offices.

Request from J. P. Coomb, Secretary of the Association of Assessing Officers, for the annual membership fee.

Resolution from the Council of Peterborough County, requesting an amendment to The Assessment Act.

Statement from the Clerk of the Town of Orillia, showing that \$581.82 in extra County Levy would be paid to the County under Section 57a of The Assessment Act.

Communication from the Secretary-Treasurer of the County Council Section of the Ontario Trustees and Ratepayers Association, requesting the annual membership fee of \$15.00 and the appointment of delegates to attend the Annual Convention.

Letter of thanks from Elizabeth Wildman, Barrie, for the prize she won in the County Historical and Geographical Scholarship Competition.

Two resolutions from Middlesex County Council, one regarding the cost of indigent patients in hospitals and the other requesting a Provincial Board of Assessors.

Letter from the Secretary of the Midland High School District Board regarding the appointment of George McClay as the County representative on the Board.

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Applications for grants from the Navy League of Canada and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Application for the annual grant from the Simcoe County Women's Institute	\$100.00
South Simcoe Women's Institute	25.00
Centre Simcoe Women's Institute	25.00
East Simcoe Women's Institute	25.00
West Simcoe Women's Institute	25.00

Resolution from the Council of Kent County, recommending that The Public Health Act be amended so that the costs of Public Health Units may be levied on a population basis instead of on an equalized assessment basis.

Communication from the Inspector of Reform Institutions regarding the bonding of gaol officers.

Accounts from the following training schools for the maintenance of wards:-

St. John's Training School, 127 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto	\$213.00
St. Joseph's Training School, Alfred	138.00
St. Mary's Training School, Downsview	69.00
Ontario Training School for Boys, Bowmanville	234.75
Ontario Training School for Girls, Cobourg	64.50

Resolution from the Council of Grey County, requesting an increase in the amount contributed by the Department of Public Welfare for social services.

Communication from the Midland Convalescent Private Hospital, with regard to sharing in the County's grant for indigent patients.

Letter from the Young Women's Evening Auxiliary of the Collingwood United Church, recommending that a Child Guidance Clinic be established for Simcoe County.

Request from Miss Audrey Gray, County Librarian, for the usual annual grant for 1949.

Communication from the Ontario Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm, giving notice of the dates of the Annual Convention and requesting the appointment of delegates and the payment of the \$10.00 membership fee.

Notice from the Department of Health of the payment of the Government fourth-quarter grant, amounting to \$12,590.

Replies from the Department and various County Councils in connection with the resolution of this Council that the Department assume the full cost of the hospitalization of indigent persons.

Resolution from Kent County Council regarding a bounty on foxes.

Request for membership in the Ontario Municipal Association for 1949.

Resolution from the Council of Waterloo County with reference to an amendment to The Children's Protection Act.

Resolution from Hastings County Council recommending an amendment to The Jurors Act, and one from Prince Edward County Council, recommending that the amendment to the Act be repealed.

Communication from the Deputy Provincial Secretary with regard to advertising County By-Law No. 2268 in the Ontario Gazette; this by-law is for the erection of Elmvale

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into an Incorporated Village.

Resolution from the Council of Huron County regarding payment of the cost of moving poles along road allowances for road construction.

Notice of the Annual Convention of the Ontario Good Roads Association on Feb. 22nd and 23rd, 1949, and requesting the annual membership fee and the appointment of delegates to the Convention.

Copy of by-law from J. A. P. Marshall, Chief Municipal Engineer for Ontario, to provide for the total expenditure on the County Road System for the year 1949.

Request from the Clerk of Penetang for certain additions to the County Road System in Penetang.

Approval by the Department of Lands and Forests of By-Law No. 2269 of the County, which provides for the purchase of certain lands for reforestation purposes.

Communication from W. H. Porter, London, Secretary of the Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association, with a report of its activities and requesting the annual membership fee.

A deputation from the Blue Mountain Plowmen's Association, composed of Messrs. Vancise, McQuillan, Soules and Johnston, attended the Council and requested that the County appoint a large delegation to attend the annual meeting of the International Plowmen's Association, urging that the annual Plowing Match be held in Simcoe County in 1950 and presenting the County's guarantee cheque.

The Warden thanked the deputation and assured them that their request would receive careful consideration.

A deputation, composed of Messrs. Loughed and Chappell, representing the Federation of Agriculture of the County, reported on the activities of that organization during the past year. They stated that a sound projector had been purchased, which was available for meetings in both country and town and was considered a great asset. There were 47 forums and 37 radio forum groups in the County which were meeting regularly, and they found that these meetings were useful in improving conditions for all classes of citizens. They requested that the Council again give the annual grant of \$1,500.

Warden Evans thanked these young men for their address.

S. L. Page, Agricultural Representative for North Simcoe, reported on the work in his territory for the year 1948. He congratulated the Warden on his election, and expressed his appreciation of the support and co-operation which he always received from the County Council as well as from local councils. There were many organizations functioning, and their energies were being directed for the betterment of living conditions for all. The crops in 1948 were a little above average, with an extra large potato crop; the only drawback with the potato crop was the low price, although there was a good market available for

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seed potatoes in the United States, of which there were a large quantity grown in North Simcoe; already a number of cars had been shipped to the States, and orders were on hand for many more carloads. Tobacco was a very satisfactory crop last year, and it was grown with success within two miles of the northern tip of the County. Livestock had done well, but despite the good crops it would be necessary to import a certain amount of Western grain for feeding purposes.

There was still a definite shortage of farm labour. There was a lot of criticism of the high price of farm products, but this was more than offset by the increase in the cost of production. A tour of 200 young people to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph was one of the highlights of the year.

The Warden thanked Mr. Page for his very fine report and assured him that he would always have the support of this Council.

A deputation from the County Hospital Association was introduced by H. G. Robertson, Chairman of the Barrie Hospital Board.

D. S. F. Cameron, Secretary of the Association, addressed the Council and stated that it was estimated that the cost of hospital maintenance had increased by 12%, one of the chief items of increase being nursing fees. It was also estimated that the average cost for public ward patients in 1948 was \$4.75 per day, and it was expected that it would be as much in 1949; the Government grant for Barrie and Orillia Hospitals for 1948 amounted to about 85¢ per day for public ward patients. He requested the same grant from the Council for 1949, which would amount to \$1.50 per day.

The Warden assured the deputation that their request would be carefully considered by the Council.

As requested by resolution of the Council after listening to the address of the Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health, the Warden appointed the following as a Special Hospital Committee:- Councillors Hart, Benson, Johnston, Hickling and Truax.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Cowan, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of preparing a by-law to authorize the Warden and Treasurer of the County to borrow such sums as may be necessary from time to time to meet the financial obligations of the County.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$1,500 to the County Federation of Agriculture.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Archer,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of

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\$50.00 to the Elmvale Poultry Market.

This motion was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of recommending that the usual grant be made to the different Plowmen's Associations.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying the several members of the Council the sum of \$4.00 for stationery and postage for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving ^{a grant of \$150.00 to} each Agricultural Society in the County holding a Fall Fair during 1949. a grant

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Archer, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making the County of Simcoe a Warble Fly free area.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the division of costs between County and Township of ambulance service for indigent patients to and from hospital and from one hospital to another, if necessary.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Public Hospitals in Simcoe County for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of taking over as part of the County Road System that portion of road from the northern limit of County Road No. 6, between Lots 13 and 14 in the Township of Tiny, northerly between said lots to Thunder Bay.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

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

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

B. P. ...
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Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 19th, 1949.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Tuesday'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 communications:

A congratulatory telegram to the Warden from George Patterson in Scotland.

A number of resolutions from Ontario County Council, recommending amendments to certain statutes.

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

Moved by Councillor Cunningham,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, 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 Lovering,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Todd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the SIMCOE COUNTY HEALTH UNIT Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Huhter,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Dr. P. A. Scott, Director of the County Health Unit, addressed the Council on the work of the Unit up until the end of December, 1948.

A copy of Dr. Scott's Report is printed in the proceedings of this Session.

Councillor Cowan enquired if Dr. Scott had any suggestions to offer or had made any plans with regard to the supervision of eating places and restaurants in Midland, and he replied that the Unit was looking after the matter.

The Warden thanked Dr. Scott for his report.

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Miss Audrey Gray, County Librarian, presented the Annual Report of the Simcoe County Library Co-Operative for 1948.

A summary of the Report is printed in the proceedings of this Session.

J. A. Gibson, Public School Inspector, Orillia, addressed the Council and informed them that they were fortunate in having Miss Gray as the County Librarian, and the Library Board on having Mrs. Montagu Leeds as President. He was very pleased with the increase in what the Library was accomplishing from year to year.

The Warden thanked Miss Gray and Mr. Gibson for their reports.

Harold Webb, Barrie, representing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, addressed the Council on the work of the organization in this County. He stressed the increase in the services given and the increased cost of these services, and requested that the grant be increased to \$1,000.

Warden Evans thanked Mr. Webb for his address, and assured him that his request would receive careful consideration.

L. E. Ludlow, Inspector of Refuges, addressed the Council on the necessity of providing more accommodation at the Simcoe County Home. He stated that the care of aged persons, not only in Canada but in the whole world, was of paramount importance in welfare work. In 1947 legislation was enacted whereby the name "Houses of Refuge" was changed to "Homes for the Aged." He stated that in 1941 71% of the inmates of County Homes were indigent, the remainder being able to pay or partly pay for their own maintenance, but in 1948 the percentage was reduced to 51, which shows that many more inmates are contributing to their own support.

The present Simcoe County Home was built in 1898 and was designed at that time to meet the needs of 73 persons, but the number looked after and cared for there last week was 98, which shows the overcrowded condition of the Home. The new Homes for the Aged Act provides that the Department of Public Welfare will pay up to 25% of the cost of erecting new homes or making enlargements or extensions to existing ones.

A number of questions were asked and satisfactorily answered by Mr. Ludlow.

The Warden thanked Mr. Ludlow for the information he had given the Council regarding care and accommodation for our aged and needy people.

The Warden stated that at the November Session provision had been made for a presentation to Allen McCracken, Everett, and Allen Houghton, Beeton, who won distinction in the Provincial Judging Competition at Guelph in October and in the Dominion Competition at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, and requested Councillor Reed, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, to introduce these boys.

In introducing them Mr. Reed asked F. A. Lashley, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe, to explain to the Council the competitions in which they were successful.

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This he did, and also referred to the honour Robert Coates, Avening, attained in his sheep exhibit; he thought he should be included among those receiving awards.

Councillor Reed then presented each with a pen and pencil set, the gift of the County, and the Warden congratulated them on their outstanding achievements.

The Warden also congratulated Mr. Lashley on his promotion with the Department of Agriculture, and regretted that he was leaving the County.

E. A. Jarrett, representing the firm of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray and Roberts, County auditors, addressed the Council on the County's financial transactions during 1948. He stated that this was the first year since his firm had been auditing the County accounts that there was not a surplus at the end of the year; the accounts showed a reduction of \$32,000 from the end of the previous year. He suggested that the over-expenditure of \$9,000 in 1948 be provided for when the County is making its appropriation for the present year.

The Warden thanked Mr. Jarrett for the information he furnished in connection with the County's finances.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of discussing the required road appropriation for the year 1949 and recommending the amount and mill rate required for that purpose.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making a grant of \$75.00 to the Simcoe County Trustees and Ratepayers Association.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$200.00 to each of the North and South Simcoe Crop Improvement Associations for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making the usual grant to each School Fair held in the County during 1949.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$400.00 for Junior Farmer work in the County during 1949.

Moved by Councillor Lilly,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

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That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of allotting sufficient funds from the surplus account to build an extension to the Simcoe County Home; this extension is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000, and the Provincial Government will contribute 25% of the cost.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the appointment of members to the County Library Co-Operative Board for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider appointing a committee to take charge of the County Historical Examination for 1949.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Salvation Army for their Rescue Homes.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Widdes, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of appointing a member to the Midland High School District Board.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider appointing members to the High School Entrance Board for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Parker,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Weed Essay Competition for Grade VI and VII pupils in the Public and Separate Schools in the County.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider naming places for the holding of Entrance Examinations during 1949.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

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Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council reconsider the personnel of the Equalization Committee.

The Warden reminded the members of the unveiling and presentation of the portrait of Judge Gowan which would take place in the Court Room this afternoon at 2:30.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

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

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

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Warden, County of Simcoe

UNVEILING CEREMONY

At 2:30 this afternoon a matter of very important historic interest, presided over by Warden Evans, took place in the Court Room, adjoining the Council Chamber, when Mr. Edwin Gowan Russell Ardagh, Toronto, unveiled and presented a life size portrait of his great uncle, Judge Gowan, who was afterwards Senator Gowan and later Sir James Gowan, to the County of Simcoe.

There were also present on this occasion His Honour Judge Harvie, Court and County officers, members of the Bar Association of the County, members of the County Council and other citizens.

Mr. Ardagh, in a very entertaining address, outlined the early history of the County and the appointment, in 1843, of James Robert Gowan, at the age of 27, as Judge of the District of Simcoe. He was Judge of the District and afterwards of the County of Simcoe for 40 years, retiring in 1883 at the age of 68. He was appointed a member of the Senate of Canada and later, in 1895, he was knighted and became Barrie's first native Knight. He died in 1909. The portrait was then unveiled by Mr. Ardagh.

The Chairman then called on Hon. E. C. Drury, Sheriff of the County, to receive the portrait on behalf of Simcoe County.

In accepting the portrait Mr. Drury said he was highly honoured, and dwelt on the fine service Judge Gowan had given the County in the early days when it was young and developing rapidly. He was the youngest Judge ever appointed to the Bench in Canada, and during his term of office advocated many of the legal improvements which are in practice to-day. Mr. Drury said, "Now Mr. Ardagh I have much pleasure in accepting on behalf of the County and of the legal officials and servants of the County this magnificent painting of Judge Gowan that you have given us."

Judge Harvie, the present County Judge, stated he also felt highly honoured as

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well as very happy to join with Mr. Drury and the Warden, on behalf of the County, in expressing our deep gratitude to Mr. Ardagh for his splendid gift; it would always be an inspiration to him when sitting at the other end of the Court Room, where he could gaze on it for hours on end and think how he, during the years of his incumbency here, presided so very ably over courts--his spirit will continue to brood over the Court Room. It will also be an equal inspiration to the members of the Bar who practise before Judges sitting here from time to time.

Mr. F. A. Hammond, senior member of the Bar Association of the County, expressed to Mr. Ardagh their thanks and deep sense of gratitude of having the portrait on the walls of the Court Room for their benefit. Judge Gowan presided in the County when conditions were very different from what they are to-day.

Chairman Evans concluded, "Mr. Ardagh, as Warden of the County of Simcoe, on behalf of all the representatives here I would just like to join in what has been said on behalf of the County. Your gesture has been very greatly appreciated -- the portrait will hang in an honoured place, and we appreciate the contribution that your offer has made to the life of the County of Simcoe."

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 20th, 1949.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

The Warden informed the Council that a report of the unveiling and presentation of the oil painting of Judge Gowan, the first Judge of the County, which took place in the Court Room yesterday, would be prepared and entered in the minutes of this Session as a record of a very important and historic event.

The Warden presented the following communications:-

Petition regarding dust-layer for the County Road along Con. 4, Essa Township.

Communication from the County Assessor, applying for an increase in salary.

Communication advising that municipal councils could not levy a tax for the treatment of Warble Fly.

Letter from the Canadian Legion, Barrie, inviting the members of the Council to avail themselves of the facilities of their Club Room during sessions of the Council.

Letter from B. W. Heise, Deputy Minister of Welfare, advising that all municipal clerks were local authorities under the Old Age Pensions and Mothers Allowances Acts for the purpose of taking applications.

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

Annual Statement of the County Registry Office, from G. O. Cameron, Registrar.

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

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Lilly, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor C. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Special Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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Moved by Councillor E. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, in amendment,

That the sum of \$115,000 be provided for the County Health Unit for 1949, instead of \$100,000, and that the Report as amended be adopted.

The amendment was lost.

The original Report was then declared adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, 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 Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The County Clerk's Report on LICENSES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The County Clerk's Report on MOTHERS ALLOWANCES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The County Clerk's Report on OLD AGE PENSIONS was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Councillor Richardson enquired if it would be possible to hear Police Magistrate Foster and D. F. MacLaren, County Solicitor, on the question of the County establishing a Juvenile and Family Court; he stated that both of these men would be available throughout the afternoon. He was informed by the Warden that when the Council adjourned this morning it would do so to meet again in the afternoon to consider the above question.

Councillor Johnston enquired if any provision should be made for making a levy this year to provide a fund to take over some of the County Forests, as the 30-year agreement with the Department of Lands and Forests would soon be expiring on our first County Forests. It was suggested that it might be in the best interest of the County to have these agreements with the Department renewed and extended, and it was decided to ascertain the Department's policy in this regard.

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Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of adjusting the salaries of the two County Weed Inspectors.

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Archer, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of building a new bridge, known as the Kirkpatrick Bridge, over the Nottawasaga River in Flos Township, without further delay.

Miss Louise Colley, County Recreational Director, gave a report on the work of her organization during the past year; she stated the major activity was leadership training.

The Warden thanked Miss Colley for her interesting report.

The Warden stated that earlier in the Session it was decided to invite Allen McNabb and Graydon Giffin, Minesing Post Office, who had won the Inter-County Plowing Competition at the International Plowing Match at Lindsay last Fall, to receive a presentation from the Council. He asked Councillor Reed to introduce them, but as they are neighbours of Councillor Richardson, Councillor Reed requested that he make the introductions. Councillor Reed then presented each with a pen and pencil set, the gift of the County.

The Warden congratulated the boys and wished them every success in the future.

A deputation from Essa Township, composed of George Wilkinson, Willard Cole and Garfield Kerr, appeared before the Council and requested that a dust layer or some other surface treatment be applied to the County Road on the 4th Concession of Essa as it was very heavily travelled, and the dust during the summer months made travel on it both unpleasant and dangerous.

The Warden assured the deputation that their request would have the careful consideration of the Council.

Moved by Councillors Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That Councillors Hart and Richardson be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society as additional County Council representatives, on the understanding that they be appointed to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Buie, and ordered,

That a group picture of the 1948 members of the County Council, County officials and Government officials in the vicinity of the Court House be made and placed in the entrance to the Court House, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for said picture when it is found to be satisfactory.

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Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the new members be furnished with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the County Council and a map of Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That Simcoe County Council take membership in the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities, and that the Warden and Clerk be appointed delegates to attend the Annual Convention of said Association.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The County Treasurer, on behalf of W. S. McGhie of the A. E. Wilson Company, Toronto, presented the Warden with a gavel.

The Warden requested Mr. Coleman to express his appreciation of the gift to Mr. McGhie.

C. H. Naphtali, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, addressed the Council on the work and needs of the Society. He stated that of the \$80,000 appropriated to the Society in 1948 there was only \$24,000 which could be called a grant, the balance was provided for in the per diem rate for care as ordered by the Judge to be paid to the Society when the children were made wards. A number of questions were asked and satisfactory replies given by Mr. Naphtali.

The Warden thanked Mr. Naphtali for his report.

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

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, 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 Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Widdes, 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 Lovering,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, 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 Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, 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 Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the appointment of two auditors to the Board of Audit for the Administration of Justice accounts of the County for the year 1949.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That Councillor Truax be appointed a member of the Equalization Committee to replace Councillor Reed who has signified his willingness to withdraw from the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making a grant to the Children's Aid Society for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider fitting up the room to be vacated by the Health Unit so that it may be used as a cloak room by members of the County Council.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the per diem of the Council members to \$8.00.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of preparing a road expenditure by-law in the amount of \$330,000 for submission to the Department of Highways for approval.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, and ordered,

That with reference to a motion presented at the November Session of the Council, and having in mind a petition of approximately 150 names, composed mostly of residents of Essa

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Township and of County Road No. 10, which was herewith presented to-day, and also having in mind a deputation from the said Township with regard to improving the same County Road, that the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of improving County Road No. 10 from Highway No. 89 to the Village of Angus with a prime coat of asphalt.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the County Assessor's salary by \$500.00.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Morris, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making a grant to the Simcoe County Recreation Committee for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized herewith to petition the Department of Highways for subsidy on the expenditure for roads and bridges in the year 1948.

Moved by Councillor Brokenshire,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of the members of County Council being paid 8¢ per mile, the same as is paid to employees of the County.

Councillor Richardson introduced Magistrate Foster and County Solicitor MacLaren to discuss with the Council the advisability of establishing a Juvenile and Family Court.

Mr. Foster said he was interested in seeing such a Court established, of which there were about 37 in the Province of Ontario. During the time he was Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society he was in favour of a Juvenile and Family Court as it took children and families away from the Magistrate's Court; the latter was a legal court and the former was not. In his opinion, such a Court would cost about \$7,000 per year.

Councillor Benson said he was in favour of a Juvenile and Family Court if it would lessen the work of the Children's Aid Society.

A number of other questions were asked and answered by Mr. Foster.

Mr. MacLaren said his duty was not to dictate or direct the policy of the Council, but to advise after the policy had been decided what the Council may or may not do. He was of the opinion that over a period of years a Juvenile and Family Court would save the County a considerable amount of money and perhaps have the effect of saving boys and girls, who otherwise might go wrong, and making them good citizens.

The Warden thanked Mr. Foster and Mr. MacLaren for the information they furnished the Council.

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Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to elect a member to the County Road Committee for a term of three years.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor Woodrow, Reeve of Oro Township, be appointed a member of the County Road Committee for a term of three years.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted and that the necessary by-law be prepared.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Warden and two other members of the Council, selected by himself, be a Committee to interview the Departments of Health and Welfare asking for permissive legislation to allow any county to raise the per diem rate for indigent patients so that it may cover hospital costs, and that these costs be shared equally by the county and the municipalities in which the patients reside.

The Warden appointed Councillors Hunter and Brokenshire as the other two members of this Special Committee.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Archer, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Soils Committee for 1949.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That a Juvenile and Family Court be established in the County of Simcoe and that sufficient funds be set aside to finance same.

Ex-Councillor E. J. Evans being the chamber, the Warden invited him to a seat on the dais.

He said he was glad to see a Councillor by the name of Evans in the Warden's chair; he saw many new faces in the Council since he was a member. He referred to Sir Frederick Banting, a County of Simcoe boy, and what he had accomplished for medical science in the discovery of insulin. He suggested that a memorial of some kind be erected to his memory. He also suggested that legislation be enacted whereby sufficient funds could be provided out of all estates for perpetual maintenance of cemetery plots of such families.

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

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

J. Simpson
County Clerk

Warden

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 21st, 1949.

The Council met as per adjournment at Thursday afternoon'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 a communication from J. A. Garner, Director of Agricultural Representatives, advising of the Department's policy with reference to the appointment of a successor to F. A. Lashley, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe.

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

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Warden stated that in accordance with the request that he appoint a Soils Committee for 1949 he would name the following:- Councillors Hickling, Hughes, Reed and Truax; S. L. Page; F. A. Lashley; J. F. Simmons; E. W. Jones and J. T. Simpson.

Moved by Councillor E. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a Special Committee to supervise the setting up of a Juvenile and Family Relations Court.

Moved by Councillor E. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the thanks and appreciation of this Council be hereby expressed to His Worship the Warden for the excellent banquet and entertainment provided by him last evening.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to adjust the salary of E. W. Jones, County Engineer, in accordance with the Report of the Special Committee on Salary Adjustments, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, 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 Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, 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 Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, 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 Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint two members to the Board of Management of the Simcoe County Home for 1949, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

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 Loree,

Seconded by Councillor McGurdy, 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 Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, 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 Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint Councillor Woodrow 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 W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, 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 Truax,

Seconded by Councillor B. 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 Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, 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.

The Warden informed the Council that E. J. Zavitz, Chief Provincial Forester, was in the chamber, and requested Councillor Lockhart to introduce him to the members.

Mr. Zavitz said he was always pleased to come to Simcoe County to discuss forestry matters with the County Council because they always took a deep interest in that subject. At the present time the County owned 997 acres of Provincial Forest which was under the management of the Department; he would like to refer to the Hendrie Forest as it was the first property purchased by the County for reforestation. The original area was 1,000 acres and this was all planted by 1936; Besides putting land of poor quality into valuable crop, it was now considered that forests were of great value to any community in the matter of water control and preservation, and it was difficult to estimate all the other values of timbered lands. The original cost was about \$7,000, and the caretaking and other incidental costs in 1936 amounted to \$28,000, making a total of \$35,000. It was estimated that 15 cords of wood per acre could be cut on all forests that had been planted from 20 to 25 years, and this wood had a stumpage value of \$2.00 per cord, so that in the case of the Hendrie Forest the 1,000 acres would now be worth at least \$30,000, and that was a very low estimate. The estimated value of a forest after 30 to 50 years of growth was about \$300.00 per acre.

He informed the Council that the Department was quite prepared to act on any of the three options in the agreement entered into when the Forest was started -- the County could pay the Department for its outlay, or the Department would pay the County the amount it had spent, or the agreement might be extended. There were no costs added to these Forests for Department administration, such as the salary of Zone Foresters. The Department was of the opinion that if it could purchase the forests outright from the counties it would be a good investment.

Several questions were asked Mr. Zavitz, and the Warden thanked him for coming to the County and giving this necessary information.

F. A. Lashley, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe, addressed the Council and expressed his thanks for the assistance given in grants of money, and also for the valuable time given by the members. Last year was one of the most successful years on record from an agricultural stand-point, although prices in some lines were not as good as in former years. He reported that all livestock organizations were making satisfactory progress, and referred to the Grassland Field Day which was held in Essa Township last year and the valuable information that was given on cutting and curing hay. This year the Grassland Field Day would be held in Peterborough County, and it might be some time before it would come back to Simcoe.

Night Classes were under way in Alliston for the winter, and at least 400 students were enrolled; these classes, which were being well attended, were held on Thursday nights,

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and there was a very great interest taken. There were over 200 boys and girls enrolled in Club Work for 1949, and those young people were quite interested in doing something for themselves and maintaining their interest in home life.

He referred to the splendid work being done by the County Weed Inspectors in giving information on the destruction of weeds.

He informed the Council that he was leaving the County of Jan. 31st, but he would still be with the Department as an associate director in the Agricultural Societies and Plowing Organizations Branch and hoped to see all the members at the International Plowing Match to be held in Simcoe County in 1950.

The Warden congratulated Mr. Lashley on his promotion and wished him every success in his new position; he informed him that the Council were always interested in his reports.

Councillors Cunningham and Lockhart referred to the splendid service Mr. Lashley had given as agricultural representative and also as a private citizen.

Ex-Warden Stewart addressed the Council and thanked them for the \$333.33 grant given to the three local groups of the Navy League of Canada last year; he informed them that the Barrie Branch was purchasing the old Gas Works from the Town for club rooms, and requested the Council to increase this year's grant to that branch to \$1,000. He referred to the advantages that the training gave to local boys as they were well superintended in all their activities.

The Warden thanked Mr. Stewart for his address.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$200.00 to each of the two Agricultural Representatives for girls and boys work in the County.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, and ordered,

That in view of the recent communication from the Department of Public Welfare, advising that the County Clerk will not be relieved of his work in connection with applications for Old Age Pension and Mother's Allowance, it is in order for his salary to be maintained at \$2,500 per annum, the same as in 1948, plus an additional \$100.00 as an increase, this motion to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the three County Sea Cadet Corps of the Navy League of Canada.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

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That the Board of Management of the Simcoe County Home be requested to bring in a report as to the advisability of having applicants for admission to the Home examined by a Medical Doctor.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

That the congratulations of this Council be extended to Councillor Widdes and his good wife, this being their 29th wedding anniversary.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Cowan, and ordered,

That Councillor Taylor and J. R. Coleman be appointed to the Audit Board for the year 1949.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Monday, January 24th.

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

C. McConkey
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

SIXTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 24th, 1949.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Griffin.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:

Letter from the Salvation Army, requesting the usual annual grant from the County for their Rescue Home work.

Communication from the Health League of Canada, with the report of their Annual Convention.

Letter from Mrs. O. E. Todd regarding the Local Old Age Pensions and Mothers Allowances Board.

The Warden welcomed Miss Elsie Raikes and a class of students from Ovenden College and advised her that the Council was always glad to have classes from the various schools attend the Council meetings.

Miss Raikes thanked the Warden and Council for the privilege of attending.

George C. McConkey, President of the Children's Aid Society of the County, addressed the Council and stated that the Society was alarmed that the Council had only seen fit to appropriate \$76,000 for the expenses of the Society for 1949, when their budget amounted to \$80,000 and that was the amount for which they had asked the Council. He did not know where they could begin to cut their costs unless it was by removing removing one of their branch offices, and if that were done there would be a lot of objections raised from the area affected. He requested the Council to reconsider their decision, and trusted they would decide to increase the grant to \$80,000.

C. H. Naphtali, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, addressed the Council and was asked a number of questions about administration costs. He said he would be glad to discuss individual cases with any member of the Council and any others interested in the welfare of the Society. When asked what was done with the Family Allowance, he stated that their instructions were to give \$4.00 per month to the Foster Mothers to provide necessary extras for the wards; the Family Allowance was supposed to be used to increase the standard of living of the wards and to give them extra educational opportunities. Any child who was made a ward of the Society was still under their control until he reached the age of 21 years, and if there was any Family Allowance balance to his credit at that time it was given to him. In reply to an enquiry Mr. Naphtali stated that \$3,000 of the \$5,000 increase in the 1948 appropriation was spent in salary increases.

The Warden thanked Mr. McConkey and Mr. Naphtali for the information they furnished the Council.

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The Warden announced that he had been requested to name a Special Committee to set up the Juvenile and Family Court, and named the following:- Councillors Richardson, Truax, Johnston, C. Wood and Cowan.

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

Moved by Councillor Middleton,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, 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 Cunningham,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, 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 Morris,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, 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 Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Todd, 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. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, 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 Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Lovering, 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 Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, 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 Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Cunningham,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, in amendment,

That the grant to the Children's Aid Society be increased to \$80,000, and that the Report as amended be adopted.

The amendment was lost and the original Report declared adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, 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 Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, 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 Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, 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 Widdes,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, 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 Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

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Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, 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 Allison,

Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Archer, 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 Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, 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 Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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 Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, 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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Lovering,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Cowan,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, and ordered,

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That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint auditors to audit the Administration of Justice accounts for the year 1949, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, 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 Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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 C. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Vancise, and ordered,

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

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to fix the mileage to be paid the County Weed Inspectors, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, 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 Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, 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 Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, 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 Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Savage,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of petitioning the Provincial Government to amend The Elections Act so as to allow every one over the age of 21 years to

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vote at all municipal elections, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all county councils in the Province of Ontario and to the local M.P.P.'s.

The motion was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Cowan, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee prepare a suitable resolution to be presented to the Provincial Department of Welfare, requesting that the Government pay 50% of the \$76,000 appropriation for the Children's Aid Society of the County of Simcoe, and that the three Provincial Representatives be contacted immediately in connection with the matter.

Moved by Councillor Parker,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the County Road Committee consider the advisability of putting a dust layer on County Road No. 12 in the Township of Adjala.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the County Assessor be instructed to enforce the provisions of Section 57a of The Assessment Act and, if necessary, to take action under Sections 209, 211 and 235 of the Act.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

Simcoe County Council has been advised by the Ontario Department of Agriculture that a change in staff is to be made in the County in the near future.

Since our Council makes a considerable expenditure in support of the agricultural offices and agriculture in general, and is equally concerned with the Department in the welfare of agriculture, it would appear to be an obligation and an opportune time to review the situation with the Department.

It is therefore recommended that the County Council express its appreciation to the Ontario Department of Agriculture of the work of the Agricultural Representatives in the County, and that the same time advise the Department of the wish of the County Council to be consulted as to the further development of the Agricultural Representative Service for the following reasons:-

1. The extent to which the County service is understaffed at the present time.
2. The County Council supports agriculture in the County to an extent similar to the expenditure of the Department, through the County agricultural offices.
3. Additional staff is urgently needed to meet the increased demands for essential services in agriculture.

Our Council should further recommend:-

- (a) That Simcoe County Council is prepared to assist in supplying extra staff as needed for our County Agricultural Service by increasing the present grants from \$500.00 per office to \$500.00 per man (Representative or Assistant on a full time basis).

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- (b) That in return for this additional support from the County the Department of Agriculture be required to co-operate with the County Council as to the administration of the Agricultural Representative Service in Simcoe County so as to achieve harmony and efficiency on a County-wide basis, and we recommend that the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of waiting on the Department at once regarding this situation.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the auditors be requested to investigate and report on the actual per diem cost of wards of the Children's Aid Society; the Judge has fixed an amount of \$1.02 per day, and we want to verify the justice of this award.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the date of issue of all County insurance policies be changed to Feb. 1st, 1949.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment at the morning session.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden announced that at adjournment it was decided to go into Committee of the Whole to decide on the mill rate for the current year.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Cunningham, and ordered,

That the \$176,000 in bonds held by the County of Simcoe be used as a stabilization fund to maintain the General County Levy Rate at five mills on the dollar, and that the Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the matter.

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

The Committee arose and reported that they would recommend that Report No. 7 of the Standing Committee on Finance which was passed at the June Session, 1948, be repealed, and that the surplus be used to stabilize the General County Rate at five mills.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

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

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

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, 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 Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, 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 Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, 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 B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, 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.

The Warden informed the Council that the County Weed Inspectors would report on their proposed work for this year.

J. H. Dunn, Weed Inspector for South Simcoe, informed the Council that they should have more sprayers. Some local councils had purchased sprayers, but there were not enough to satisfactorily cover the work at the proper time; the ratepayers were getting more weed conscious and would be demanding to have more spraying done. Experiments had proven that corn could be sprayed satisfactorily, and new uses for sprays and spraying were being developed all the time. He asked the Agriculture Committee to provide some funds for weed spraying demonstrations.

C. D. Raikes, Weed Inspector for North Simcoe, stated that the control of weeds on township roads had expanded considerably during 1948, and it was his intention to organize spraying and weed cutting demonstrations; he was glad to report that the ratepayers were getting more and more behind the movement as time went on. Some municipalities have not a weed inspector, but each should have one and he urged the members of the Council to see that there was a weed inspector in each municipality. He stated that it was utterly impossible for him to go over the large area which he has to cover, and still look after small details. During the winter he intended to attend meetings of all Councils in North Simcoe and to visit the Public Schools; he had found on former occasions that both teachers and pupils were very interested in weed control.

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T. A. Hulse of Aurora, who was attending court in Barrie, tendered congratulations to the Warden on his being elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for 1949.

Eric Simpson, County Assessor, addressed the Council and congratulated the Warden on his election; he stated that the Warden had been Chairman of the Equalization Committee since his appointment in 1945, and any success he may have made as County Assessor he contributed a great deal of it to the support he had received from Mrs. Evans. He had not prepared a long report for this Session as he had to make his statutory report to the Department early in June and would make a full report to the Council at the June Session. Eight municipalities had completed their new assessments, seven others were in the process and seven more were starting this year; the other nine had not taken any action up to the present time. One reason for this was that it was difficult to get qualified applicants for the work, and he suggested that more applications might be received if municipalities would state the amount they were prepared to pay for an assessor. Penetang had been endeavouring to secure a valuator, but had received only one application for the position. There had been more appeals to the County Judge than in any former year; Judge Harvie was getting quite interested in the work and the value of properties under appeal, and visited some of these properties before the Court of Appeal was held. He stated that he had to report to the Equalization Committee and make a recommendation as to the equalized assessments of each municipality.

The Warden thanked the County Assessor for his report.

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

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, 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 W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, 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 Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, 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 Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

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

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and sealed by the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to fix the salary to be paid the Warden, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Lovering, 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 Parker,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, 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 E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, 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 Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the necessary expenditure of the County for the year 1949, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Brokenshire,

Seconded by Councillor Buie, 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 Loree,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, 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 Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, 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 Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

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That the Special Committee on the Old African Church in Oro be requested to arrange for the dedication of the church on the 4th Concession, Lot 11, some time in June,

They would recommend that the name of Councillor Calvert be substituted on the Committee in place of Ex-Councillor George Patterson.

All the improvements to the church and grounds, which were previously approved, will be completed by the time of the dedication.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor E. Wood, and ordered,

That the Council recess for half an hour.

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

Moved by Councillor E. Wood,

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 Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Griffin, due to illness in the family.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That Harold Ulricson be named as the County appointee to the Penetang High School Board for 1949.

Councillor E. Miller congratulated the Warden on the able way in which he had presided over all the meetings of this strenuous Session, which was heartily endorsed by all the members.

Councillor Morris, Deputy-Reeve of Penetang, invited the members to a Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Penetang Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Feb. 5th, at which there would be racing on the bay and other sports.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Hughes, and ordered,

That the Council now adjourn until June 13th, 1949, at 2 P.M.

J. Davidson
Clerk, County of Simcoe

B. P. ...
Warden, County of Simcoe