

M I N U T E S  
OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION, 1952, OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE  
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
November 24th, 1952.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the June Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

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

In his opening remarks Warden Hart stated that he was the 95th Warden of Simcoe County and was welcoming the members to the November Session of the 110th year of County Council.

Generally speaking, the people of the County had had a very prosperous year; the crops had been good, with potatoes and tobacco commanding special attention. In his opinion, the price of agricultural products would be much better if all markets could be reached. So far as industry was concerned, he thought there was a slight slackening off in the County towns.

He explained that the opening date of the Session had been postponed to allow some of the members to take advantage of the hunting season. He suggested that a resolution be introduced at this session excusing from the afternoon proceedings those members in whose municipality the Nomination Meeting was being held to-day.

The Warden referred to the serious illness of Ex-Warden George Barr and requested that he be advised of the broadcast of to-day's proceedings so that he might tune in and hear what the Council were doing. He also referred to the death of Councillor Patton's mother early in the Fall, and the recent and untimely passing of Councillor Brockwell's wife and Mrs. Ralph Snelgrove, wife of the Manager of C.K.B.B.; he was sure that the sympathy of the Council went out to these men in their bereavement.

In connection with the size of the County Council, he stated that there would be two more representatives next year -- a Deputy-Reeve from Alliston and West Gwillimbury Township, which would increase the membership to 51. In view of the increasing cost of County government he wondered if the Council should have adopted the suggestion made last year with regard to holding shorter meetings in January and meeting once a month during the year. He had attended several Junior Farmer meetings in 1952, and was very much impressed with the businesslike manner in which they conducted their affairs; he was of the opinion that the Junior Farmer groups were doing a splendid job in training young people for public service in later life.

The Warden referred to the completion of the new 47-bed wing at Beeton, and to the contract which had been signed for the renovation of the existing building. Through the co-operation of the management and staff of C.K.B.B. sufficient funds had been raised by voluntary contributions to purchase a television set for the Home, and he wished to thank all the donors for their support and the officials of the radio station for their efforts.

In conclusion, Warden Hart made the following suggestions with reference to the future management of the Home for the Aged, and requested that they be considered by the Special Committee which had been appointed to revise the rules governing the Home:

- (a) That a per diem cost be set for persons in the present Home.
- (b) That a per diem cost be set for patients in the bed-ridden wing, taking into consideration that it costs more to care for these people than those who can get around by themselves.
- (c) That a card be set up for each person, indicating the rate per day and the credit, if any, received for the month.
- (d) That an operating budget be prepared by the Management Committee in readiness for the January Session each year.

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

Resolutions from Perth County Council, one recommending to the Provincial Department of Agriculture that township councils be allowed to set the time for the spraying of cattle for Warble Flies, and the other petitioning the Dominion Department of Agriculture to reduce the weight of beef carcasses on which a floor price is maintained from 700 lbs. to 500 lbs.

Resolution from Peel County Council petitioning both the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Agriculture to make a thorough investigation of the packing house industry to see that the floor price on all livestock and produce is increased in accordance with the price of labour.

Resolution from Waterloo County Council recommending that the destruction of Black Knot and Tent Caterpillars be made compulsory.

Report of the Grand Jury at the recent sitting of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Communication from the Secretary of the Penetang High School Board requesting that in future the County Council appoint only one member to their Board.

Common Notice from the Secretary of the Collingwood District Collegiate Institute of Board of the death of the County appointee to their Board.

Resignation of Edward C. Johns as the County's representative on the Barrie District Collegiate Institute Board.

Approval of the Minister of Education to By-Laws 2376, 2377 and 2379 which were passed at the June Session.

Requests for payment of the following accounts:- Mrs. Emily Wheeler, Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie; Mrs. Gertrude Blackburn (deceased), Inniswood Convalescent Lodge, Painswick; Mrs. Vera Lawson (deceased), Jamieson Nursing Home, Creemore.

Subsidy cheque from the Department of Municipal Affairs relative to the County Assessor's salary.

Statement from the Town of Orillia showing the amount of taxes payable to the County under Sections 51 and 199 of The Assessment Act.

Request from the Canadian Federation of the Blind for a grant.

Resolution from Brant County Council recommending that the Department of National Health and Welfare be requested to forward the Old Age Security pension cheques of all inmates of Homes for the Aged, who are indigent, to the municipalities liable for their maintenance.

Resolution from Huron County Council recommending that Remembrance Day be made a statutory holiday.

Resolution from Waterloo County Council recommending that the "residence" rule under The Children's Protection, Homes for the Aged and Public Hospitals Acts, etc., be amended in view of the present annexation trend among municipalities.

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Resolution from Essex County Council recommending that the Province be requested to increase its contribution towards the cost of social services by \$5.00 per capita of population.

Resolution from Hastings County Council recommending that legislation be enacted to provide that the Old Age Security cheques of pensioner patients shall be sent to the hospitals so that a portion of same may be applied to the accounts.

Resolution from the Council of the City of Chatham recommending that Section 2 (2) of The Parents Maintenance Act be amended to enable municipalities to compel children of indigent persons to assume their support.

Report on the condition of the heating systems at the Court House and County Shed when inspected on Aug. 11th.

Statement from the Department of Highways showing the amount of subsidy to which the County is entitled as of Aug. 31st.

Communication from the Alliston District High School Board requesting that the County Roads used by the school buses be kept in good condition.

Notices of accidents on the County Road System from the following:-

T. W. Levens, Alliston  
Frank Cranney, R.R.#2 Newmarket  
M. H. Heydon,  
Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Alliston Branch  
James Booth, London  
M. J. Cadane, R.R.#1 Lisle  
Sydney Holland, R.R.#1 Angus  
Aurora Beverages, Aurora  
Lionel Marchildon, Midland  
Wm. Voss,  
M. A. Montgomery, Barrie

Resolutions from Ontario County Council, one recommending that the Department of Highways increase their grants on roads which serve the Province rather than the local area, and the other petitioning the Department of Education to amend their regulations with regard to Grade XIII students who fail in one or two subjects.

Communication from the Municipal Grants Division of the Department of Finance, Ottawa, indicating that they are going to pay a grant of \$25,017 towards the maintenance of roads in the Camp Borden and showing how the grant will be divided among the municipalities involved.

News release from the Ontario Agricultural Council concerning certain aspects of the agriculture industry.

At this point the Warden stated that there was a very important group in the gallery in the persons of the winners in the Weed Essay Contest. These young people came from all parts of the County and represented those who had the best essay in their respective municipalities. Messrs. Dunn and Raikes, County Weed Inspectors, were then requested to bring the successful contestants forward and explain how the Contest was conducted. Mr. Dunn presented Margaret Hughes, daughter of Councillor Hughes of West Gwillimbury, with First Prize and requested her to read her essay to the Council. Councillor Hickling then

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presented the prizes to the 15 winners in order of merit:

Rosie Van Kaathoven, S.S.#4 Sunnidale,  
Marie O'Brien, S.S.#18 Oro,  
Jos. Foran, S.S.#11 Tecumseth,  
Beverley Holt, S.S.#6 Innisfil,  
Oneida Sherwood, S.S.#2 Orillia,  
Marleen Price, S.S.#5 Vespra,  
Mary Lynch, S.S.#5 Adjala,  
Mary Anderson, S.S.#10 Flos,  
Lois Prince, Tottenham  
Ean Maxwell, King Edward School, Barrie,  
Barbara Goodwin, S.S.#7 Essa,  
Thos. Barton, Central School, Orillia,  
Frances Marchant, S.S.#16 Tay,  
Jo-Ann Christie, Elmvale

The Warden congratulated the winners and advised the Council that it was a significant fact that the Second Prize winner was a new Canadian, daughter of a Dutch immigrant from Sunnidale Township.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Councillors from all municipalities holding Nomination Meetings this afternoon be excused from attending the County Council proceedings this afternoon.

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

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Perry, and ordered,

That the Report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the COUNTY ROAD Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Kinnear,

Seconded by Councillor Stewart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the HOME FOR THE AGED Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the HOME FOR THE AGED Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Small,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, in amendment,

That Report No. 2 of the Home for the Aged Committee be tabled for further discussion in Committee of the Whole.

The amendment carried.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the BUILDING Committee of the Home for the Aged was presented and read.

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Moved by Councillor Scott,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

In reply to an enquiry as to why furniture had only been purchased to accommodate 28 people when the wing was for 47, Councillor Beattie explained that the Committee weren't sure what type of patients were to be accepted and felt that this would have considerable bearing on the type of equipment to be purchased; accordingly, they were waiting until a decision had been reached concerning the actual requirements.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the BUILDING Committee of the Home for the Aged was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the BUILDING Committee of the Home for the Aged was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell,

That the Report now read be tabled for further consideration.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual assistance to those attending the Short Course at the O. A. C. in January.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the advisability of appointing members to the different High School District Boards for 1953.

Roy Hickling, Reeve of Vespra Township, gave Notice of Motion that during this Session a by-law would be introduced to repeal By-Law No. 2384 of the County, which removed the Dalston to Midhurst road from the County Road System.

Before presenting the motion for adjournment the Warden requested the members to try and have as many committee meetings and complete as much business as possible this afternoon.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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

*Fred Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
November 25th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Smith, Thompson and Wales.

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

The Warden presented the following communications:  
The Warden presented the invitation he had received to attend the Mid-West

National Band Clinic, which is to be held in Chicago early in December and in which the Barrie District Collegiate Institute Band will be competing.

A letter from the Manager of the Bank of Toronto requesting that a supplementary by-law be passed at this Session to authorize the borrowing of an additional \$100,000 to complete this year's business.

A letter and cheque from the Stayner Women's Institute in connection with Miss Louise Colley's services.

In his opening remarks the Warden referred to the recent death of Mr. Alex. MacLaren, an old and respected citizen of the town who had been connected with the Barrie Examiner for many years and had, in that capacity, given faithful and valuable service to the community.

He reminded the members that there had been two Reports tabled yesterday, and stated that according to Rule 50 these should be dealt with as the first order of business to-day.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor Campbell in the chair, to discuss Report No. 2 of the Home for the Aged Committee and Report No. 3 of the Building Committee.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Report No. 2 of the Home for the Aged Committee be dealt with in Committee of the Whole at a later session.

The Committee of the Whole also reported that they had dealt with Report No. 3 of the Building Committee and would make the following recommendations:-

- (1) That Clause (4) of the Report be adopted, and that the Building Committee be authorized to spend all or part of any surplus accumulated on the contracts for the new wing and renovations for the purchase of furniture for the existing building.
- (2) That in connection with Clause (1) the Finance Committee be instructed to have a by-law prepared authorizing the 1953 Council to raise the \$50,000 required to complete the contract for renovations to the existing main building of the Home.
- (3) That in connection with Clause (2) the Building Committee be authorized to be authorized to arrange for the opening of the new wing on the second Sunday in January, 1953.
- (4) That in connection with Clause (3) the committee suggested by the Warden in June, namely, Councillors Borrow, Scott and Taylor, be re-appointed to choose a name for the Home and bring in a report on Thursday morning.

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Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

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

The regular business of the Council was then suspended to hear J. V. Ludgate, District Municipal Engineer.

Mr. Ludgate directed the members' attention to some changes in the Regulations of the Department of Highways which required the road appropriation by-laws to be in the hands of the Department not later than Jan. 24th. In previous years the councils were given until the end of January to submit their by-laws, and in view of this change he thought all councils should give some consideration to the preparation of their by-laws early in the new year, and urged them to see that the by-laws were in by the deadline date. Department At this point the Warden informed the Council that there was a delegation from the Federation of Agriculture and the Simcoe County Beekeepers Association in the chamber, and at his request Councillor Hickling introduced Cecil Chappell, Secretary of the Federation of Agriculture, and Kenneth Wells, Director of the Beekeepers Association.

Mr. Chappell pointed out that due to what he considered a misinterpretation of The Assessment Act an attempt was being made to place a business tax on the beekeepers in the County; in his opinion, beekeepers should be classed as farmers and not subject to business tax. It was the wish of this delegation that Simcoe County Council send a resolution to the Department of Municipal Affairs asking them to clarify The Assessment Act so that there would be no misunderstanding as to the beekeepers' status as farmers.

Mr. Wells referred to the fact that beekeeping in Simcoe County was started by Mr. D. A. Jones near the Village of Beeton which was named after him. He stated that the beekeepers in the County were resentful of this unfair tax, particularly as they were only receiving 2¢ a pound more for their product than they received in 1924, while their costs had quadrupled. The organization which he represented had taken a delegation to see Col. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, and W. A. Orr, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, and received assurance that if it was proven in the courts that beekeepers were subject to business tax The Assessment Act would be amended to give them exemption. He compared the importance of the beekeeping industry with other branches of farming, such as the growing of small seeds and fruit. In conclusion Mr. Wells stated the Association would be very appreciative of any effort put forth by the Council to have The Assessment Act clarified with respect to beekeepers being liable for business tax.

Councillor Middleton enquired if the members wanted to have a banquet at this Session. On the motion of Councillors Hughes and Lockhart it was decided that the Contingency Committee be authorized to make arrangements for a banquet on Thursday evening.

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Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re NURSING HOMES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to deal with this Report.

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

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Report No. 1 of the Special Committee re Nursing Homes, which contained the following recommendations, be adopted:

- (1) That if the Agreement with the hospitals, with regard to transferring chronically ill patients to nursing homes, is to be continued, the homes to which the patients are transferred be licensed under The Private Hospitals Act.
- (2) That the clerks of all municipalities be requested to instruct their welfare officers to investigate, through the chief-of-staff of the hospital, the condition of chronically ill indigent patients from their municipalities who are being maintained in nursing homes, and ascertain whether they could be cared for elsewhere and report their findings to the County Clerk.
- (3) That the Management Committee of the Home for the Aged be directed to give first consideration to the indigent patients who are now in nursing homes and hospitals within the County when dealing with applications for admission to the new hospital wing at Beeton.

The Committee of the Whole further recommended:

- (a) That all the hospitals in the County be notified that the County will not be responsible for the care of patients transferred to nursing homes after Jan. 1st, 1953.
- (b) That the County continue to pay, through the hospitals, for the maintenance of the patients now in nursing homes until such time as they can be taken care of at Beeton, or other satisfactory arrangements can be made for their maintenance elsewhere.
- (c) That the County Clerk pay to the hospitals the net amount which they pay to the nursing homes for the care of indigent patients, and notify the hospitals to indicate clearly on their accounts where the patients are being maintained.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

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

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

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Special REFORESTATION Committee, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Keller,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, 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 Downey,

Seconded by Councillor Beck, 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 Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Calvert, 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 Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Lambie, and ordered,

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

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Special REFORESTATION Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Rawn,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Special Legislation Committee be instructed to make a study of the different organizations which each year request the County to take membership and send delegates to their annual conventions, and also the many organizations which ask the Council for money grants, and recommend to the Council which organizations they think the County should take membership in and which organizations are the most deserving of grants.

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In speaking to this motion Councillor Reed told the Council that at the January Session there were always many requests for the County to take membership in various associations; some of these were beneficial to the County and some weren't, and he thought it would be a good idea if the Special Legislation Committee brought in a recommendation as to which organizations, in their opinion, the County should join. At the request of Councillor Johnston he had included in his motion the suggestion that this Committee also review the requests for grants which are presented to Council each January, and make recommendations as to which applications were worthy of assistance.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of supporting the associations which are endeavouring to help relieve the taxpayer of the high cost of education and social services.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That this Council request the Department of Municipal Affairs to amend the section of the Assessment Act dealing with business tax assessment so as to definitely include beekeepers and beekeeping as a part and parcel of agriculture which is exempt from business tax.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider the advisability of placing a light on the intersection of County Road No. 6 at Perkinsfield for the protection of motorists.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

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

*Reed Hunter*  
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. Hast*  
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Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
November 26th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Graham and Thompson.

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

The Warden advised the Council that arrangements had been made to have a group picture taken to-morrow morning. He also pointed out that in his opening remarks on Monday he had indicated that he would like the Tourist Committee to contact the Department of Highways to find out if they intended to fulfil their promise to erect a tourist map of the County where the new four-lane highway enters Simcoe County from the south, and requested the Chairman of the Committee to telephone the Department to-day and report to Council at Thursday's session. The Warden also drew the Council's attention to a quilt in the form of a map of the County which the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association had on display on the east wall, and the picture of the Home for the Aged hanging on the front wall, which had been loaned by Councillor Beattie.

Councillor Middleton announced that arrangements had been made for a banquet in the Legion Hall on Thursday evening at 6:30.

On the motion of Councillor McCurdy the Council went into Committee of the Whole, with Councillor Ganton in the chair, to deal with Report No. 2 of the Home for the Aged Committee.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Report No. 2 of the Home for the Aged Committee be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

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

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

Moved by Councillor Smith,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Special Committee re RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE HOME FOR THE AGED, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Smith,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, 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 Dunlop,

Seconded by Councillor Small, and ordered,

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

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, 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 Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, 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.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Savage stated that he would like to ask the Assessor some questions about business assessment, and asked if Mr. Simpson could be brought in some time during the Session.

Councillor Hughes, Chairman of the Road Committee, advised the Council that if any of the urban municipalities were anticipating any construction on the connecting links ~~at the County Roads~~ in their municipalities he would urge them to report their requirements to the County Engineer as soon as possible so that the Road Committee could have their appropriation by-law ready for presentation to the Department on or before Jan. 24th.

At this point there was some discussion as to what could be done to make it easier for the members in the back row to hear, and it was decided that some direction be given to the Special County Property Committee later in the Session.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Beattie, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for raising the necessary funds for the renovation of the main building of the Home for the Aged at Beeton, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Wilkinson,

Seconded by Councillor Savage, 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 MacIsaac,

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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Verriere, and ordered,

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

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Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Gilroy, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a contract for certain repairs and renovations to the present Home for the Aged at Beeton, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Wales, 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 Morrison,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, 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 Beattie,

Seconded by Councillor Scott, 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 Robinson,

Seconded by Councillor Beck, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of sending a delegation to the 1953 Ontario Tourist Association Convention.

Moved by Councillor Rawn,

Seconded by Councillor Brockwell, and ordered,

That Councillor Smith be granted leave of absence from Tuesday's session.

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear,

WHEREAS the Dominion sales tax constitutes a substantial portion of municipal expenditures,

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government, with minor exceptions, is exempt from sales tax on its purchases,

AND WHEREAS the municipalities of Ontario represent the delegated authority of the Provincial Government,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the principle of exemption of Dominion sales tax be extended to municipal governments, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the proper authorities at Ottawa.

Councillor Johnston, Reeve of the Town of Orillia, gave Notice of a motion which would be introduced at the next session to rescind Report No. 1 of the Special Reforestation Committee which was passed on Nov. 25th.

Councillor Johnston gave Notice of a further motion which would be introduced at

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the next session to rescind the motion of Councillors Ganton and Reed with respect to beekeepers being exempt from business tax, which was passed on Nov. 25th.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Robinson, and ordered,

That the Special County Property Committee be requested to prepare an estimate of the cost of improving the acoustics in the Council Chamber and report at the January Session.

Warden  
The Warden announced that J. H. Dunn, Weed Inspector for South Simcoe, was in the chamber, and asked him to come forward and give a short report on his work.

Mr. Dunn reported that the Department of Highways had done a splendid job of spraying and cutting weeds on their rights-of-way, and that he had received excellent co-operation from the County Engineer in controlling weeds along the County Roads; not quite as good a job had been done on the township roads as the municipalities were hampered by insufficient budgets. Wild Carrot and Chicory were the worst weeds they had to combat, but where these weeds had been sprayed very good results had been obtained. He referred to a Seed Drill Survey which had been taken in the County, and advised that the seed cleaned in commercial seed cleaning plants was found to be much freer of weeds than that cleaned at home.

Councillor Hickling complimented the Weed Inspectors on the fine co-operation they were giving the municipalities, and on the splendid educational work in connection with juniors.

On the motion of Councillor Ganton the County Assessor was invited to the chamber to give the Council some information on assessment.

Mr. Simpson said he thought he knew why he was called to the chamber -- to give some information about the business tax being imposed on beekeepers and which was referred to by the delegation which addressed the Council yesterday morning. He explained a specific instance of a residence being built on a large lot at Cundles, beside which the owner then built a concrete block structure which he called a honey house, where he processed and sold his honey. Under The Assessment Act land occupied and used as a farm was exempt from business tax, but by no stretch of the imagination could the property referred to be classed as a farm, and it was therefore subject to business tax. Mr. Simpson further stated that he had received two letters from the Department of Municipal Affairs upholding this interpretation. When the business tax was placed on this property last year it was appealed, but the assessment was upheld by the courts; the case was appealed again this year, and this time the Court of Revision decided that the property wasn't liable for business assessment. He had appealed to the Judge on the Court's last decision, and as far as he was concerned he would be happy to abide by the Judge's decision.

There was quite a lengthy discussion on assessment involving the elevators in Midland Collingwood and Port McNicoll, and Mr. Simpson gave a satisfactory explanation as to why some of these elevators were liable for business assessment and some weren't. He stated

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that the assessment on all the elevators in this area was due for revision, but that this was being delayed until the Town of Midland had been re-assessed -- he hoped that the re-assessment would be completed this year. There were valuers in the County at the present time valuing hydro property upon which the Provincial Government was paying a grant in lieu of taxes, and he was of the opinion that if the County didn't put its house in order we might have a provincial assessment system set up.

Councillor Brockwell stated that in his opinion we would get a much more uniform assessment throughout the County if there were a number of assessors working from the County office under the supervision of the County Assessor, and a County Court of Revision established.

Councillor Calvert said he thought much useful information could be gained if a meeting was held some time in January, to which all the assessors and municipal representatives in the County were invited, when the County Assessor could instruct them on all the different angles of assessment.

Mr. Simpson promised to make arrangements for such a meeting.

The Warden then requested that the gallery be cleared so that he could bring to the Council's attention some matters in connection with the Children's Aid Society of which he thought they should be informed.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Middleton, and ordered,

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

*Geoff Hunter*  
Clerk, County of Simcoe

*James W. D. Hart*  
Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,  
November 27th, 1952.

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

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillor Graham.

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

The following communication was presented and read:

A letter from Dr. Spearing reporting on the patients in the various nursing homes in the County.

The Warden again referred to the quilt of Simcoe County on the west wall, and suggested that if the Arts and Crafts Association were willing he would like to see the Council give consideration to having it put in a case with a glass front and hung in the lobby downstairs. He also suggested that the Council make some provision for an office for the Warden in this building, which could be used by the Warden and any member of the Council wishing to discuss business matters privately.

Councillor Smith referred to the report which he had brought in during the June Session with reference to an addition to the County building so that all the County services could be accommodated here, and stated that if this addition were built the proposed Warden's office could be in it. At the January Session he thought the Council should at least consider building a cottage for the messenger apart from the Court House, which would leave considerable space available for offices.

At this point the Warden explained his action yesterday in clearing the gallery in order to pass along certain information to the Council, after which Councillor Shepherd moved a vote of confidence in the Warden which was unanimously concurred in by the Council.

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

Moved by Councillor Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Borrow, 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 Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison, 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 Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Perry, 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 Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Cage, and ordered,

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

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

Moved by Councillor Hughes,

Seconded by Councillor Perry, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, 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 Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Lisk, 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 Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Beck,

Seconded by Councillor Robinson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

All the members of the Committee stated that it was their understanding that the Department of Highways had promised to bear all the expenses in connection with providing and erecting a map of Simcoe County on the new four-lane Highway No. 400 south of Barrie.

Councillors Lockhart and Calvert expressed the opinion that if certain promises had been made, the County should bring some pressure to bear on the Department to see that they were carried out.

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Councillor Savage suggested that if the Council wanted a map erected to advertise the tourist areas the expenses should be borne by the County of Simcoe and not the Department of Highways.

Under "enquiries" Councillor Ganton stated that he had telephoned Ex-Warden George Barr last night who asked him to thank the Council for their invitation to the banquet to-night and to express his regrets that he would be unable to attend.

The Clerk read a letter, addressed to Councillor Calvert, regarding car insurance coverage for members of County Council while travelling on County business. The communication was referred to the Special Insurance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Hickling,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to repeal By-Law No. 2384, which deleted the Dalston to Midhurst road from the County Road System, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor 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 Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor McLean, and ordered,

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

A recorded vote was taken with the following result: YEAS - Councillors Cage, Calvert, Campbell, Compton, Dalton, Downey, Ganton, Hickling, Horne, Keller, Lambie, Lockhart (2), Middleton, Morrison, MacIsaac (2), McLean, Reed (2), Robinson, Savage, Scott, Small, Stewart, Taylor (2), Verriere, Wilkinson and Wood - 30. NAYS - Beattie, Beck, Borrow, Brockwell, Downer (2), Dunlop, Gilroy, Hughes, Johnston (2), Kinnear, Lisk, Maurice, McCurdy, Patton (2), Perry, Rawn, Shepherd, Smith (2), Sproule (2) and Thompson - 25.

The By-Law was then read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Downey,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, 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 Morrison, and ordered,

That this Council take over as a connecting link that portion of road between

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County Road No. 5 and County Road No. 9 known as the Second Concession of Nottawasaga Township, a distance of about one mile, and that the necessary by-law be prepared and presented at the next Council session.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor Rawn,

That the Council consider adding the extension from Sunnidale Corners to Wasaga Beach to the County Road System.  
The motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 3 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council convened as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

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

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, 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 Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Dalton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Special REFORESTATION Committee, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Dunlop, 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 Borrow,

Seconded by Councillor Small, 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 Lambie,

Seconded by Councillor Verriere, 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 Savage,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, 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 Special Committee re Naming the Home for the Aged was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be amended by striking out the words "Simcoe County Mapleview Home for the Aged" and inserting therein "Simcoe Manor", and that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Morrison,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to add one mile of road in Nottawasaga Township to the County Road System, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

A recorded vote was taken with the following result: YEAS - Councillors Beck, Cage, Campbell, Compton, Downey, Ganton, Hickling, Keller, Lambie, Maurice, Middleton, Morrison, McLean, Patton (2), Perry, Rawn, Reed (2), Robinson, Savage, Scott, Small, Stewart, Verriere, and Wilkinson - 26. NAYS - Councillors Borrow, Dalton, Downer (2), Dunlop, Gilroy, Horne, Hughes, Johnston (2), Kinnear, Lisk, MacIsaac (2), McCurdy, Shepherd, Smith (2), Sproule (2), Taylor (2) and Thompson - 24.

The By-Law was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor McLean,

Seconded by Councillor Compton, 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 Perry, 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 Morrison, 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 Gilroy,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That Councillor Thompson be granted leave of absence from Tuesday's and Wednesday's sessions owing to illness.

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Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write to Ex-Warden George Barr expressing the Council's regrets that on account of his illness he will be unable to attend the Warden's Banquet to-night, and that the letter be so constructed that it may be signed by each member and official of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Warden for the dignified way in which he has presided over the sessions of this Council, and also on the many public occasions throughout the year when it was his duty to represent the County; he was courteous at all times, fair but firm in his decisions and always considerate of the opinions of the members.

Councillor Johnston advised the Council that he was not introducing the two motions of which he gave notice at yesterday's session.

Moved by Councillor Brockwell,

Seconded by Councillor McCurdy, and ordered,

That no action be taken in connection with insuring the cars of Council members.

Moved by Councillor Horne,

Seconded by Councillor MacIsaac, and ordered,

That the County Property Committee consider the advisability, with the approval of the Arts & Crafts Association, of providing a case for the Simcoe County quilt, and report on same at the January Session.

At the conclusion of the business Councillor Smith introduced the Mayor of Barrie, who addressed the members briefly.

Mrs. Hamilton said she had been very happy to have the Reeve of Barrie Warden this year, and she was sure he had taken good care of the Town's interests. She complimented the members on the splendid job they had done during the year, and assured them that the citizens of Barrie would be glad to welcome them back in January. She regretted that she would not be able to attend the banquet to-night.

The Warden commented on the efficient manner in which Mrs. Hamilton had fulfilled her duties as Mayor of the municipality, and stated that wherever she had appeared as the Town's representative she had done credit to Barrie and the County as a whole.

Ex-Warden Shepherd then read the following address, after which Ex-Warden Middleton presented the Warden with a beautiful watch.

Your Worship:

It doesn't seem long since we gathered here before to say farewell to another Warden, and at this time we are nearing the end of your final Session. We have had many happy associations during 1952, and

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feel that in presiding over the Council you have carried out a long tradition in a manner that is a credit to the office.

We trust that after this year is over you will be back to see us from time to time, and in the meantime we would ask you to accept this small gift as a token of esteem from the members of this Council and Officials.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have directed the Clerk and Treasurer and the Contingency Committee to set their hands and the seal of the County this 27th day of November, 1952.

..... Walter Middleton .....

..... Fred Hunter .....

Clerk

..... G. H. Shepherd .....

..... John R. Coleman .....

Treasurer

Warden Hart thanked the Council for their generous gift, and stated that the inscription on the back of the watch meant a great deal to him. He was very appreciative of the co-operation he had received from the staff and the members of the Council, the press and the radio during the year. He had enjoyed his year as Warden very much, and it was with regret that he was leaving County Council, but he assured the members that he would always have the interests of Simcoe County at heart.

Councillor Middleton, Chairman of the Contingency Committee, then presented each member with a leather wallet as a souvenir of the 1952 Council.

Moved by Councillor Calvert,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Council do now adjourn sine die.

..... Clerk, County of Simcoe

..... Warden, County of Simcoe