

Court House Barrie
22nd January 1855

In accordance with the provisions of the Act
12th Victoria Chap 87 the Reeve and Deputy Reeve
of the Townships undermentioned and the Reeve
for the incorporated town of Barrie met this day
in Council.

James Sanson Esquire for the Township of Orillia	
William Arison	West Guilford
John Leary	Medonte
George M ^r Mannes	Moss
Samuel Fraser	Ray + Ting
Richard Drury	Bro
Thomas Drury	Vespra + Sunnidale
George Dinwoody (deputy)	Tecumseth
Thomas R. Ferguson	Municipal
William McCallan	Essa
John Cooper	Mulmur
Robert Murphy	Popovatis
Robert Keenan	(Adjala)
John Cumming	Flos
Robert Croft	Tecumseth

and Thos R. Conchy Esquire Reeve of Barrie. He
The Clerk called the Meeting to order
and requested the Members to proceed to elect
their Warden for the present year

It was then moved by Mr. M^r Mannes and seconded
by Mr. Dinwoody that James Sanson Esquire be
Warden and which was carried unanimously

The Meeting then adjourned until tomorrow morning
at 10 o'clock in order that the Warden might in
the meantime have the office of Office administered.
J. W. Arison
W. Arison

to him by His Honor Judge Gowan

J. W. Arison
W. Arison

Court House Barrie
23rd January 1855.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Clerk called the Meeting to order

Mr. Sanson then informed the Council that he
had taken the oath of Office as Warden, before
Judge Gowan. He then handed the affidavit
taken by him to the Clerk, which was read

The Warden immediately afterwards took the
Chair and addressed the Council.

Present

Mess^{rs} Sanson, Arison, Leary, M^r Mannes, Taylor,
Thomas Drury, Richard Drury, Thos R. Ferguson,
Dinwoody, McCallan, Cooper, Keenan,
Croft, Murphy, Cumming, M^r Conchy
and Stephens 17.

The Minutes of Yesterday were read

Moved by Mr. M^r Conchy seconded by Mr. Drury
that Mr. Allan Lloyd be one of the County
Auditors.

Carried
The Warden named Mr.
Patrick A. Smith as Auditor

Letter from Mr Lloyd Clerk of Assize enclosing
Extracts from the Presentment of the grand
Jury at the last Assizes with a Letter from
the Honorable Mr Justice Erskine relative
to the same addressed to the Warden, all
of which were read by the Clerk

On Motion of Mr M^r M^r Mannes seconded
by Mr Richard Drury

Ordered That the Warden do appoint the
Standing Committees for the current year

The Warden appointed said Committees as
follows viz

Finance and Assessment

Mess^{rs} Samuel Fraser, J. K. Ferguson, M^r Mannes,
Cooper and Coop

Education

Mess^{rs} Aronson, Craig & Stephens

Roads and Bridges

Mess^{rs} Richard Drury, J. S. M^r Connelley, Thomas
Drury, Robert Murphy & John Cummins

County Property

Mess^{rs} J. K. Ferguson, William M^r McLean
George Dinwoody, Robert Keenan and
John Cooper

A Petition from the County Auditors for
an increase of Salary was read

A Communication from the Township Clerk
of Billie in reference to the recommendation
of the County Council respecting the deficiency
of the Government Equivalents for School purposes
was read

The Sub Treasurer's account for West Hillmurray
also the accounts of the Second Board of
Public Instruction were handed in by Mr
Aronson and laid before the Council

On Motion of Mr Thos^r H. Ferguson seconded
by Mr Keenan

Ordered That the Petition of Mr Patrick A
Smith and Mr Allen Lloyd be referred to the
Committee on Finance and Assessment and
that the said Committee do report upon the
Salaries of the several County Officers for the
current year

On Motion of Mr Craig seconded by Mr Fraser

Ordered That the several Reeves do hand to the
Clerk the names of those Gentlemen whom they
would recommend as Local Superintendents
of Common Schools for the current year

On Motion of Mr Thos^r H. Ferguson seconded
by Mr Keenan

Ordered That the Warden do appoint a special
Committee of five to take into consideration
the means whereby the Sympathy as well as the
gratitude of this County may be best shown and
expressed towards our noble and gallant Army
in the Crimea

The Warden appointed

Messrs J R Ferguson Aronson, Stephens, Croft and
M^r Mann

On Motion of M^r Ferguson seconded by M^r
Croft

Ordered That the several Reeves do hand to the
Committee on Roads and Bridges a list of the
names of persons whom they would desire to
have appointed Overseers of Highways for the
Parishes of this County with their several
divisions.

On Motion of M^r Richard Drury seconded by
M^r Guinness

Ordered That the Keeper of the Lock up house
at Billia do furnish this Council at its sittings
every January information under the following
heads viz

The Number of persons confined therein

The dates of their Confinement

The Length of time so Confined and any other
information which may be in his power
and that the Clerk do certify said Keeper of the
same.

On Motion of M^r Ferguson seconded by M^r
Dinwoody

Ordered that the several documents now before
the Council be referred to their respective Com-
mittees.

The Council then adjourned until 9 o'clock

to meet tomorrow

Jas J. Aronson
M^r Warden

Court House Barric

24th January 1855

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

Present

Messrs Stanton, Aronson, Craig, M^r Mann, Frazier
Thomas R. Ferguson, Richard Drury, Thomas Drury
Kearney, M^r Conely, Dinwoody, M^r Glenn, Cooper
Crisp, Murphy, Cummings and Stephens, 17

The Meeting was called to order

The Minutes of Yesterday were read

A Letter from J^r Rob^t Emson Esq^r Chairman
of the Board of Public Instruction enclosing an
Extract from Minutes of said Board requesting
him to apply to the County Council for payment
of the incidental expenses of said Board at
Barric for the half year ending 11th Nov^r 1854

County Surveyor's Report (R. Read)

On Motion of M^r Frazier seconded by M^r Craig

Ordered That the several documents now laid
before the Council be referred to their
respective Committees.

The Report of the Commissioners of the County
Blank Road since last meeting of the County
Council - read

The Petition of Joseph Lynd praying to be
allowed to commute his Statute later was
presented by Mr. Amson, and read by the Clerk

On Motion by Mr. Richard Drury seconded
by Mr. Cummings

Ordered That the Report of the Commissioners
of the West Guilfintury Blank Road, now
laid before the Council and also the documents
laid before the Council at its last sitting on
Road and Bridge matters be referred to the
Committee on Roads and Bridges.

A Circular from Messrs. Maclear & Co. respecting
Blank forms required for assessments read

A Map of School Sections for the Townships
of Tecumseh laid before the Council.

Moved by Mr. McCauley seconded by Mr. Drury
That the County Surveyor be instructed to
Report to this Council at its present sitting
an Estimate of the Amount required to open
a Road from Mulcaster Street to the Jail.

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Ferguson
seconded by Mr. McCauley

Ordered That that the Motion do not pass
inasmuch as the County Surveyor at the
June Session 1854 made a Report upon
the Subject of a new Road, a entrance to the

West of the Jail. And that the Council at the said
Session expressed their unanimous opinion that
such was not actually necessary

On Motion of Mr. Amson seconded by Mr. McCauley

Ordered That the Petition of Mr. Joseph Lynd be
referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges

Mr. McCauley gave notice to the Warden that he
wished to have answers to the following questions
when the Council should meet this evening viz

What is the worth of our Stock in the Northern
Railroad?

What is the Amount of the Profits of the Road for
last year and to what is it applied?

Can we dispose of our Stock and if so for how much?

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr.
Simwoody

Ordered That the County Surveyor's Report with
all or any other documents now before the Council
be referred to their respective Committees.

Letter from Chief Superintendent intimating that
the balance of School Grant for 1854 has been
paid to the Agent of the County Treasurer, read

Letter from the Assistant Secretary mentioning
that 30 copies of the 1st Vol. of the Statutes
passed during last Session of the Legislature
will be forwarded for the use of the Municipalities
of the County of Simcoe

The County Auditor's Report No 1 read

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. McClean

Ordered that the Auditor's Report was laid before the Council be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment

The County Auditor's Report No 2 read

The County Treasurer's Report read

On Motion of Mr. McManus seconded by Mr. Aronson

Ordered that leave be granted to defer putting the questions of which notice was given to-day until Friday next

On Motion of Mr. McR Ferguson seconded by Mr. McClean

Ordered that the documents now laid before the Council be referred to their respective Committees

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning

Jas. Aronson
W. C. Aronson

Court House Barric
25 January 1835

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

Present

Messrs. Sanson, Aronson, Craig, McManus, Frazer,
Thomas R. Ferguson, Richard Hairy, Thomas Emery,
Keenan, McConchy, Sturwedy, McClean, Cooper, Crisp,
Murphy & Cummings - 14

The meeting was called to order

The Minutes of Yesterday were read

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up their Report No 1 accompanied with draft of a By Law which was read and By Law was read a first time

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

Ordered that the By Law now read a first time be read a second time forthwith

By Law read a second time
Moved by Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Craig

That the By Law now read a second time be read a third time forthwith

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Aronson seconded by Mr. McConchy

Ordered That the Council go into Committee of the whole on the By Law read a second time

The Council went into Committee of the whole Mr. McManus in the Chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported draft of By Law adopted without amendment

On Motion of Mr. Fraser seconded by Mr. Craig

Ordered That the By Law now read a second time to read a third time forthwith.

By Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. Frazer seconded by Mr. Craig

Ordered That the By Law now read a third time do pass be engrossed and signed & sealed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges brought up their Report No. 1 with draft of a By Law which was read & the By Law read a first time

On Motion of Mr. Richard Drury seconded by Mr. Cummings

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted and the By Law now read a first time to read a second time.

By Law read a second time

On Motion of Mr. McConchy seconded by Mr.

Thomas Drury

Ordered That the Warden nominate a Special Committee of three to consider the expediency of memorializing the Provincial Legislature for a Repeal of the Upper Canadian Municipal Law in as far as it relates to and provides for the holding of the Annual Municipal Elections on the first Monday in January in each year

The Warden named Messrs. McConchy, Craig and Thomas Drury.

The Council then adjourned until 7 P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden having set out for Toronto to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Railroad Company, to take place this Evening, the Clerk called the Meeting to Order and requested the Members present to choose a Chairman

It was Moved by Mr. Dimwoody and seconded by Mr. Cross that Mr. Aronson should preside as Chairman during the Warden's absence and Carried unanimously.

Mr. Aronson then took the Chair

The Standing Committee on County Property brought up their Report No. 1 which was read

On Motion of Mr. Dimwoody seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

The Standing Committee on County Property
brought up their Report No. 2 which was read

On Motion of Mr. Croft seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McManus seconded by Mr.
Cooper

Ordered that the Chairman do appoint a
Committee of three to take into consideration
the propriety of reducing the fees to be paid
by Hawkers and Pedlars for taking out a
License for peddling in this County

The Chairman named Messrs. McManus
Ferguson and Frazer

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock
tomorrow morning

Wm. Timmer
Chairman

Court House Barrie
26th January 1835.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden not being expected until noon
Mr. Aronson presided as Chairman

Present

Messrs. Sanson Aronson Craig Frazer Richard Dury
Thomas Dury Ferguson McManus, Duncanson
McLean Cooper Keenan McConkey Murphy
Mumming & Cooper 16

The Meeting was called to order

The Minutes of Yesterday were read.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up
their Report No. 1 which was read

On Motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Frazer

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

The Standing Committee on Education brought up
their Report No. 2 which was read

On Motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Frazer

Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Dury seconded by Mr. Keenan

Ordered that the By Law appointing overseers
on the Towns be read Yesterday a second time
be now read a third time

By Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. Richard Drury seconded by Mr. Cunningham

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 Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges brought up their Report at 2 which was read

Moved by Mr. Richard Drury seconded by Mr. Murphy

That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Dinwiddie

Ordered That the Report be not adopted but that it be referred to the Committee for reconsideration

The Standing Committee on Finance and Appropriation brought up their Report at 2 which was read

On Motion of Mr. Fraser seconded by Mr. Craig

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McClain seconded by Mr. Croft

Ordered That the Clerk of this Council do get the minutes and proceedings of this Session printed and completed on or before the first day of March next. And that the Clerk

forward to each Mayor and Tax Receiver and Clerk of each Municipality of this County one copy to each

Moved by Mr. Richard Drury seconded by Mr. McClain

That the printing of this Council during the year be let by contract and that the Clerk do give notice of the same and that the Messrs of Murray Municipal and Vespera be a Committee for the purpose of carrying out the same.

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Fraser That 500 copies of the minutes of each sitting of this Council be printed and that the Municipal Herald Office be employed to perform the work provided said Office do the same at the price of former years, and if not that the Clerk of the Council let said printing by tender.

The Yeas and Nays were called for.

Yeas
In the Amendment
Messrs. Craig, Fraser, McClain, Croft, Murphy, Keenan, Croft, McClain, Ferguson 9

Nays
Messrs. Cunningham, Richard Drury, Thomas Drury, Dinwiddie, and Mr. McClain 5

The Amendment carried by a Majority of 4

The Warden having returned from Toronto at this stage of the proceedings resumed the Chair

Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the motion for taking into consideration the propriety of reducing the amount to be paid by Hunters and Pedlars accompanied by draft of By Law read & By Law read a first time

On Motion of Mr. M. Mannes seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. M. Mannes seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered That the By Law now read a first time
be a read a second time forthwith

By Law read a second time

On Motion of Mr. M. Mannes seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered That the Council do now go into Committee
of the whole on the By Law now read a second time

The Council went into Committee of the whole
Mr. Aronson in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported
By Law with Amendments adopted

Ordered That the By Law be read a third time
By Law read a third time

Ordered That the By Law now read a third time
do pass be engrossed and signed and sealed by
the Warden

The Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges brought
up their report No. 3 which was read

On Motion of Mr. Drury seconded by Mr. Cummings

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McConchy seconded by Mr.
Gray

Ordered That a Special Committee consisting

of Messrs ~~McConchy~~ Aronson & ^{and the above} Fraser be appointed
to consider the propriety of increasing the payment
of Taxes. —

Report No. 2 of Committee on Roads & Bridges
which was referred for reconsideration read

On Motion of Mr. Drury seconded by Mr. Cummings

Ordered That the Council do go into Committee of
the whole on the Report now before the Council

The Council went into Committee of the whole Mr.
Fraser in the Chair

The Committee of the whole now read reported
Report with Amendments adopted

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 4 of Committee on Roads & Bridges
read

Report of Special Committee appointed to consider
the Expediency of Petitioning the Legislature
for a Repeal of a Portion of the Municipal
Law accompanied with draft Memorial
read

On Motion of Mr. McConchy seconded by Mr.
Thomas Drury

Ordered That the Report and draft Memorial
be adopted and that the latter be engrossed
by the Clerk signed by the Council and
transmitted to the Legislature

Report No. 3 of Committee on Finance and
Apportionment read

On Motion of Mr. Fraser seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. McCloskey seconded by Mr.
Thomas Dury

Ordered That whereas the January Session of last
year leave was asked and permission granted
to the town Council of Barrie to hold its sittings
in the Court house which permission was at the
last October Session rescinded without the highest
tangible reason being assigned for so doing; and
whereas the Reeve of Barrie has been instructed
by his Municipality to make enquiry of this
Council as to the real cause of such order
being rescinded. Be it therefore resolved that
Messrs McCloskey, Ferguson, Crossin, McEwan
and R. Dury ^{and other Messrs} be a special Committee to
enquire into and Report to this Council such
reason or reasons if any at its next Meeting

On Motion of Mr. Keenan seconded by Mr.
Cooper

Ordered That the Reeves of West Gwillimbury
Towns and Principals be the Commissioners
of the West Gwillimbury plank road for the
current year

Letter from Mr. John Hogg, Printer accompanied
by bill for printing minutes &c read

Moved by Mr. McEwan seconded by Mr. Cooper
That the Warden's answers to the several
questions asked of him in respect to

our stock in the Northern Railroad be entered in the
minutes of this Council. — Lost —

On Motion of Mr. Croft seconded by Mr. Keenan

Ordered That the Warden do appoint a Committee
on Contingencies. —

The Warden named Messrs Croft, Keenan and
Murphy

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Keenan

Ordered That the communication from Mr. J. Hogg
be referred to the Committee on Finance and
Apportionment. —

The Council adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow
Morning. —

John Sanborn
Warden

Court House Barrie
27th January 1855

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

Present

Messrs. Sauron, Aronson, Craig, S. Drury, Fraser, M.
Mannus, Mr. Blair, Cooper, Dinwedy, H. Drury,
Ferguson, Cooper, Mr. Conley, Cummings, Corp,
Murphy, Keenan and Stephens 17

The Meeting was called to order.

The Minutes of Yesterday were read

A Communication from the County Treasurer
and Memorandum of Duties of Clerks of
Townships; duties of Assessors, Justices and
Collectors' duties read

On Motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Fraser
Ordered that the Communication and accompanying documents
of the County Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance & Accounts
Report of the Committee appointed to consider the best means
of preparing our sympathy & gratitude to our gallant army in the
Crimea read.

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Fraser

Ordered that the Council do now go into a
Committee of the whole on the Report now
read

The Council went into Committee of the whole
Mr. Craig in the Chair.

The Committee rose and Reported Report adopted
with Amendment

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Corp

Ordered that the Report as amended be now
adopted and that 100 Copies thereof be printed
immediately in a form suitable for posting
and that five of said Copies be transmitted
to the Reeve of each Municipality by the Clerk
of this Council.

On Motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered that the Warden do appoint a Com-
mittee of three to carry out the intention of
the Report on Carriers. Question now adopted

The Warden named Messrs. Aronson, Ferguson
and the Warden

Moved by Mr. Mannus seconded by Mr. Keenan

That this Council do hereby authorize and
empower the Warden and Treasurer of this
County to dispose of our Stock in the
Northern Railroad or any quantity that they
can dispose of at thirty per cent discount or
under. Lost

On Motion of Mr. Richard Drury seconded
by Mr. Cummings

Ordered that Report No 4 of the Standing
Committee on Roads and Bridges be
adopted.

Report of the Special Committee appointed to
enquire into the reasons for rescinding the Order
for permission to the Town Council to hold
its sittings in the Court House read

Moved by Mr. M. Conely and seconded by Mr.
Drury

That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Ferguson
seconded by Mr. Croft

Ordered That the Report be not adopted but
be laid on the table inasmuch as the Council
consider that they have full power to dispose
of the County property under their immediate
control, and that too, without being bound
to assign to any one the reasons why or when, for

On which the Yeas and Nays were called for

Yeas for the Amendment
Messrs. Fraser Cummings, M. Allan, Cooper
Murphy Croft and Ferguson - 7

Nays
Messrs. Drury, Aronson, M. Conely, J. Drury and
Reenan - 5

The Amendment Carried by a Majority of 2.

Report of the Special Committee on the propriety
of increasing the allowances to be paid to
Grand and Petito Jurors read accompanied
by My Law which was read a first time

On Motion of Mr. M. Conely seconded by Mr. Aronson

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted and
that the draft of My Law be read a second time
forthwith

My Law read a second time

Ordered That the My Law be read a third time
forthwith

My Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. M. Conely seconded by Mr. Aronson

Ordered That the My Law now read a third time
do pass be engrossed by the Clerk and signed
and sealed by the Wardens

The Standing Committee on Finance and Apportionment
brought up their Report N. H. which was read

On Motion of Mr. Fraser seconded by Mr. Cummings

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

Moved by Mr. M. Conely seconded by Mr. Thomas
Drury

That whereas much inconvenience is felt by
the Constabulary and others having business at the
County Gaol, from the circumstance that there
is not now any has been the highest approach
made to it from any of the public streets

Be it therefore Resolved that the sum of
Five pounds be placed at the disposal of the
County Surveyor for the purpose of opening
a partial way to the front of the gaol from
Malcaster Street

Moved in Acknowledgment by Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Fraser

That the motion do not pass as the Council have already and even at its present Session expressed their opinion on the subject of the approach to the Jail. — Carried

Report of the Committee on Contingencies read

On Motion of Mr. Cross seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted.

On Motion of Mr. M. Conroy seconded by Mr. Fraser

Ordered That the thanks of this Council be given to James Manson Esquire its Warden for introducing and carrying through the Railway Board at Toronto a Resolution enabling Clergymen to pass and re-pass over the Northern Railway at half the fare usually charged.

The Finance Committee brought up their Report which was read

On Motion of Mr. Fraser seconded by Mr. Ferguson

Ordered That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Fraser

Ordered That the Commissioners appointed by this Council to superintend or manage the affairs of the Board Road Blank Road may have the power of permitting Clergymen Residents of this County and in discharge of official duties to pass and re-pass over said Road free of Toll

On Motion of Mr. M. Mearns seconded by Mr. Cooper

Ordered That for the purpose of raising the several Assessment Rolls of the several Municipalities in this County and for the discharge of the usual Routine business of this Council, this Council do meet on the third Tuesday in June at the hour of 12 o'clock noon and that when this Council do adjourn this day it do stand adjourned until the time above stated.

Next house Barre 19 June 1835.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

Present

Mr. J. Manson, Andrew D. Gray, G. G. Mearns, H. R. Ferguson, Stephens, Cooper, Thos. D. Gray, G. G. Mearns & Murphy 12.

The meeting was called to order

The Warden addressed the Council

Petitions Presented

By Mr. Mearns The Petition of the Municipalities of this County for a grant of money to improve their Roads. Memorial of James Morrison Postmaster of this County and County of its other subjects & also on the same day releasing a well