

Minutes of the January Session 1870

Council Hall Barrie Jan 25th 1870

The following Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective Townships in the County of Simcoe, together with the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the several Towns and Villages therein met this day in pursuance of the Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario, 29 & 30 Vic. cap 51 and 52 and having filed their Certificates of Qualification and office took their seats in the Court, viz.

1	Thomas R. Ferguson Esq	Reeve of Simisfield	P.O. Goddard
2	W. C. Little	" 1 st Deputy do	" "
3	W. Sloan	" 2 nd do do	" Churchville
4	George Davis	" Reeve of Essex	" Long
5	Robert Dyart	" Deputy do	" Westboro
6	George A. Nolan	" Reeve of Tecumseth	" Enderbush
7	Thomas Lishu	" Deputy "	" Thompsonville
8	John Hogg	" Reeve of Collingwood	" Collingwood
9	Thomas Attkin	" Reeve of Westhill	" Bradford
10	Joseph Jennell	" Deputy do do	" Bradford
11	William Denton	" Reeve of Sunnidale	" New Mills
12	Robert Leadley	" Reeve of Deserpa	" Midhurst
13	Colwell Graham	" Reeve of Mulmur	" Bradford
14	Paul Gallagher	" Deputy do	" Mansfield
15	George Clark	" Reeve of Long	" Waverly
16	J. H. Steele	" Reeve of Oro	" Steele
17	James Johnston	" Deputy do	" Rugby
18	W. H. Thornbury	" Reeve of Nottawasaga	" Cressmere
19	Hamilton Neiland	" 1 st Deputy do	" "
20	R. H. Hannah	" 2 nd Deputy do	" Stayner
21	A. H. Brooming	" Reeve of Almonte	" Albat
22	A. J. Alfart	" Reeve of Colchester	" "
23	W. H. Jackson	" Reeve of Merriam	" Sevenkings
24	M. H. Wilson	" Reeve of Bradford	" Bradford
25	W. D. Orde	" Reeve of Barrie	" Barrie
26	Robert Simpson	" Deputy do	" "
27	Charles Burne	" Reeve of Orlia	" Orlia
28	John Fisher	" Reeve of Gosport	" Gosport
29	John M. Eory	" Reeve of Glou	" Hilldale
30	Samuel Fraser	" Reeve of Jay	" Grand Junction
31	George M. Mann	" Reeve of Mond	" Mono Mills
32	John Edenshaw	" Deputy do	" Orangeville

- 33 J. H. Small Esq Reeve of Orillia P.O. Ballycow
- 34 P. D. Kelly " Deputy do " Lovetts
- 35 James Quinn. Reeve of Orillia " Orillia
- 36 James Coulson " Reeve of Meltonville " Coulson

The Clerk called the Council to order and requested them to elect their Warden,
It was moved by Mr. Quinn seconded by Mr. Gallagher
That W. D. Orde Esq Reeve of Barrie be elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

It was moved by Mr. Neiland sec^d by Mr. Hannah
That John Hogg Esq Reeve of Collingwood be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

It was moved by Mr. Ferguson sec^d by Mr. Mann
That George Davis Esq Reeve of Essex be the Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

There being no more nomination the Clerk put the first motion in order according to the Standing Rule No. 7
Geo. Mann. Albat. Orde. ~~Bradford~~. Coulson. Clark. Fraser. Gallagher. Hannah. Hogg. Jackson. Johnston. Leadley. M^r Eory. Neiland. Nolan. Quinn. Simpson. Small. Steel. Switzer. and Thornbury
Noyes. Messrs. Attkin. Davis. Ferguson. Jennell. Fisher. L. Fisher. J. Graham. Markshaw. Kelly. Little. M^r Mann. Sloan. Dyart. and Wilson 14

The Clerk thereupon declared W. D. Orde Esq Reeve of Barrie duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the current year.

On Motion of Mr. Switzer seconded by Mr. Attkin.
Ordered; That the Council do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

W. D. Orde Esq
Warden

Council Hall Barrie Jan 26th 1870

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
All members present

His Honor Judge Jordan held a special session this morning
for the purpose of administering the necessary oaths of
office to the Warden elect.

The Warden elect having made and subscribed the declaration
of office before His Honor Judge Jordan took his seat
and called the Council to order.

The minutes of the last day of last session and the
minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Warden laid the following documents before the
Council which were read viz: - Communications from the Co.
Clerk of Lambton, Warden of Victoria, the president of the
Ontario Rifle Association and Circular from the Co. Clerk of
Huron and the petition of Alexander Harlow and other
inhabitants of Simonsville by Mr. Little

The Warden addressed the Council at length in
a lucid and eloquent manner touching upon certain
changes made in the Municipal Law, and upon the
several subjects likely to engage their attention during
the present session.

On Motion of Mr. Simpson sec^d by Mr. Hornburg
Ordered: That Mr. John Williams be one of the Auditors
of the Council for the current year.

His Worship the Warden nominated Mr. Henry Fraser
as an Auditor for the current year.

On Motion of Mr. Small sec^d by Mr. Fennell
Ordered: That the Warden do appoint the Standing
Committee for the current year.

The Warden ^{named} the following as the several Standing
Committees for 1870.

- Finance & Assessment, Messrs. Little, Hornburg, Ferguson, Hoff, Graham
Fennell and Browning
- Education, Messrs. Affort, Small, Coulson, Wilson, and Simpson
- County property, " Mr. Manns, Harrie, Quinn, Meland, J. Fisher, Leadley
and Stalau
- Roads & Bridges, " Kelly, Clark, Steele, Dejar, Fallaucher, Fraser
and Purizer
- Printing - " Davis, Hoanah, Atkins, Jackson, and Sloan
- Contingencies - " J. Fisher, McLaugh, Harshaw, Johnston and Simpson

On Motion of Mr. Fisher sec^d by Mr. Fallaucher
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be
referred to their respective Committees.

On Motion of Mr. Small seconded by Mr. Kelly

Ordered: That the several Reeves do hand in to the Clerk the names
of those gentlemen with their post office address whom they
recommend as Local Superintendents of Common Schools
for the current year.

On Motion of Mr. Manns sec^d by Mr. Davis

Ordered: That the following gentlemen be a Committee to
equalize the several Assessment Rolls of this
County for the present year viz.

- Messrs. Ferguson, Hoff, Kelly, Steele, Davis, Clark
Hornburg, Purizer, Atkins, Coulson and the
Mayor.

On Motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Quinn

Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
7 o'clock this evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council
which were read viz: Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report
on Treasurer's account current, accounts of the Senior and
Junior Boards of Public Instruction, Communication of J. B. McFann
and petition of Mr. W. S. Simpson presented by Mr. Ferguson.

On Motion of Mr. Atkins sec^d by Mr. Graham

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

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson sec^d by Mr. Manns

Ordered: That the Warden do appoint a Committee of five
Members for the purpose of considering and reporting upon
the possibility or advisability with the Hall or what is known as
the October session of the County Council hitherto held in this County.
The Warden named Messrs. Ferguson, Manns, Purizer, Hoff and
Jackson to be such Committee.

Moved by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Hoff

That the Council do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow
morning last

On Motion of Mr. Atkins sec^d by Mr. Graham

Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning -

W D C of
Warden

Council Hall, Barrie, Jan'y. 27th 1870

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present all members

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council which were read: - Reports Nos. 1 and 3 of County Surveyor Communication of George M. Manus Esq. petition of John Dillon by Mr. Graham, John Murray and others by Mr. Thornbury, an account of Copy Clerk Her, and Enterprise office

On motion of Mr. John Fisher Secy. by Mr. Defant
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be referred to their respective Committees

On motion of Mr. Thornbury Secy. by Mr. Hannab
Ordered: That the Warden do appoint a special Committee of five to take into consideration the propriety of Memorializing His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the subject of clearing the obstructions and deepening the channel of the Mattawasaga river more particularly at the mouth of said lake and above, the effects of which would be to drain and render valuable some two or three thousand acres of good land now a mere swamp
The Warden named Messrs. Thornbury, Hannab, McEwen, Gallagher and Atkins to be such Committee

Moved by Mr. Hoff seconded by Mr. Defant
That the printing Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of reducing the number of copies of minutes to be printed for the current year, or otherwise disposing with the same altogether, and report to this Council at its present session

Moved in amendment by Mr. Thornbury Secy. by Mr. Simpson
That the Committee on printing be instructed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed as heretofore last year Messrs. Bevington, Carlson, Fisher J. Graham, Hannab, Jackson, Johnston, Leadley, McEwen, Nolan, Quinn, Simpson (Clerk) and Thornbury 14

Messrs. Manus, Alpat, Atkins, Clark, Davis, Emmels, Fisher J. Fraser, Harshaw, Harvie, Hoff, Kelly, Little, M. Manus, Neelands, Sloan and Defant 16

On motion in amendment by Mr. M. Manus Secy. by Mr. Harshaw
Ordered: That one thousand ^{copies} ~~minutes~~ of the Copies Minutes of this Council be the number printed for each session for the present year,

On motion of Mr. Little Secy. by Mr. Davis
Ordered: That a special Committee of five be appointed by the Warden to inquire into the subject of the Charter of the Bank of Simcoe, to obtain which the County paid nearly four hundred dollars, and also our position relative to the deposits in the Bank of Upper Canada amounting to upwards of \$15,400, and Report on these several matters before the close of the session

The Warden named Messrs. Davis, Carlson, Fisher J. Little and Steele to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Thornbury Secy. by Mr. M. Manus
Ordered: That the Warden do appoint a special Committee of five to examine the Law in regard to the Appointment of Auditors to Audit the Quarter Sessions Accounts and to Report by By Law or otherwise as they may find necessary
The Warden named Messrs. Thornbury, M. Manus, Clark, Graham and Leadley to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Davis Secy. by Mr. Graham
Ordered: That the Committee on Finance and Assessment be requested to inquire into the matter concerning the portion of law costs paid by the County of Ontario in the suit Harold vs. the County of Simcoe and Ontario and report at this session Council at the present session

On motion of Mr. Davis Secy. by Mr. J. Fisher
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
7 o'clock this evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council which were read: - petitions from John Blackmore and others by Mr. Sloan and N. King by Mr. John Fisher, and account of the Examiner's office

On Motion of Mr. Kelly, Sec^y by Mr. Graham
Ordered: That the second documents now before the
Council, be referred to their respective Committees

Report No. 1, of Standing Committee on County
property presented and read

Moved by Mr. Mann sec^y by Mr. Quinn
That the Report now read be adopted, At this stage
of the proceedings the Report was ordered to lie on the table
until next sitting in accordance with Rule 46

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on printing
presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Davis, Sec^y by Mr. Jackson
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted
Report of Special Committee on Memorializing the
Lieutenant Governor in Council on the subject of deepening
and clearing of the Wottawasage river with accompanying
Memorial presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Hornbury sec^y by Mr. Atkin
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted and
that the Memorial be expressed by the Clerk signed
and sealed by the Council, and transmitted to the
Provincial Secretary for presentation

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on Finance
and Assessment presented and read

Moved by Mr. Little seconded by Mr. Hoff
That the Report now read be adopted

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Ferguson sec^y by Mr. Quinn
That the Report now read be not adopted, but be sent back to
the Committee for the purpose of reconsidering the subject of
granting a proportionate sum for the support and Education
of the two pupils from this County G. Ellis and Milligan
in the deaf and dumb Institution until the opening of the
Provincial Institution now in the course of construction and
near its completion last.

Yeas Messrs, Alfart, Coulson, Ferguson, Harvie Jackson, Johnson
Quinn Straw and Steele 9

Nays Messrs, Atkin, Brownie, Clark, Davis, Fisher, J. Fisher
James Graham Jullougher, Hannah, Harshaw Hoff
Kelly Little Mc Coy, Mann, Neelands, Nolan Simpson
Small Purdy Defaut Hornbury and Wilson 2
The original motion was then put and carried

Moved by Mr. Quinn sec^y by Mr. Hornbury
That the Committee on Finance and Assessment take into consideration
the propriety of increasing the salary of the Keeper of the Narrows
Bridge the sum of \$25⁰⁰ per Annum from this County and
Report at the Session next

Yeas Messrs Alfart, Brownie, Coulson, Clark, Harvie Jackson
Johnston Quinn, Purdy, Steele Purdy & Hornbury 12
Nays Messrs, Atkin, Davis, Ferguson, Fisher, J. Fisher, J.
Jullougher, Graham, Hannah, Harshaw Hoff, Kelly, Little
Mc Coy, Mann, Neelands, Nolan, Small, Sagar and
Wilson 20

On Motion of Mr. Small sec^y by Mr. Atkin
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 9
o'clock tomorrow morning

W D Ardagh
Warden

Council Hall Barrow Jan 28th 1870

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present, all members

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr M. Mason Secy. by Mr. Marskall

That the Report No. 1. of the standing Committee on County property laid on the table last evening by request of four members in accordance with standing Rule No. 45 be accented as amended

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Thornburg Secy. by Mr. Alport

That the Report be not adopted but be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of striking out that portion of the Report relating to the sale of the Industrial Farm and instead thereof inserting a clause instructing the County Surveyor to lease the farm for five years without power to the Lessee to cut timber &c.

Gen Messrs Alport, Broming, Maser, Hamah, Johnston, Simpson, Steele and Thornburg &

May Messrs Atkins, Clark, Coulson, Denis, Ferguson, Fisher, Gisher, J. Gallagher, Graham, Harshaw, Harney, Jeff Jackson, Kelly, Little, M. Long, M. Mason, Neelands, Nolan, Sloan, Switzer, Deprat and Wilson 25

The original motion was then put and carried

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council which were read &c - The Communication of the County Clerk of Oxford and account of the Provanee Office

On Motion of Mr. Neely Secy. by Mr. Neelands

Ordered that the Communication from the County of Oxford be referred to a special Committee of five to be named by the Warden. The Warden named Messrs Simpson, Nolan, Neelands, Coulson and J. Fisher to be such Committee

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson Secy. by Mr. Kelly

Ordered: That the account from the Advance Office now laid before the Council, be referred to the Committee on printing, and that Rule 45 be suspended for that purpose

Report No. 1

of Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Kelly Secy. by Mr. Steele

Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 1. of Standing Committee on Education presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Alport

Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on Education presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Coulson

Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 3 of Standing Committee on Education with accompanying By Law presented and read, and By Law read a first time

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Small

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

By Law read a second time

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Alport

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. Alport in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By Law amended

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Small

Ordered: That the By Law be amended in Committee of the whole be now read a third time

By Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Simpson

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

On Motion of Mr. Davis Secy. by Mr. Deprat

Ordered: That the Committee on County property be instructed to inquire into the matter of two indigent persons confined in the Jail, as to how these persons have been confined there, and to take such steps as shall to them seem meet for the removal of said indigent persons

On Motion of Mr. Switzer Secy. by Mr. Kelly

Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on County property presented and read

On Motion of Mr. M'namis Secy. by Mr. Quinn
Ordered: That the Warden do now leave the Chair, and that the Council do go into Committee of the whole upon the Report now before the Council

The Council went into Committee of the whole upon the Report now read, Mr. Atkins in the Chair
The Committee of the whole rose and reported the Report now read amended

On Motion of Mr. M'namis Secy. by Mr. Quinn
Ordered: That the Report now read as amended in Committee of the whole be adopted

Report of Special Committee on manner of Auditing accounts at general sessions with accompanying By Law presented and read, and By Law read a first time

On Motion of Mr. Hornbury Secy. by Mr. Graham
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted, and that the By Law now read a first time be read a second time forthwith, By Law read a second time

On Motion of Mr. Hornbury Secy. by Mr. Clark
Ordered: That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the By Law now read a second time for the purpose of filling up the blanks therein

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

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the Report of Special Committee on manner of Auditing accounts at the general sessions of the peace amended

On Motion of Mr. Hornbury Secy. by Mr. Leadley
Ordered: That the By Law as amended in Committee of the whole be now read a third time

By Law read a third time

On Motion of Mr. Hornbury Secy. by Mr. M'namis
Ordered: That the By Law now read a third time do pass be engrossed by the Clerk signed and sealed by the Warden

Report of Special Committee on Simcoe Bank Charter and deposits in the Bank of Upper Canada

presented and read

Moved by Mr. Little Secy. by Mr. Davis

That the Report now read be adopted, and that the Clerk be requested to forward to each Provisional Director therein enumerated a copy of so much of the Report as regards the matters of such directors are connected with

On Motion in Amendment of Mr. Hornbury Secy. by Mr. Graham
Ordered: That the Report be not adopted, but that the Council do go into Committee of the whole on the same

The Council went into Committee of the whole

Mr. M'namis in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the Report of Special Committee on Simcoe Bank Charter and deposits in the Bank of Upper Canada without amendment

On Motion of Mr. Little Secy. by Mr. J. Fisher

Ordered: That the report now read reported from the Committee of the whole be adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to notify the parties mentioned therein of the several matters with which they are connected

Report of Special Committee on the Subject of dispensing with the usual Annual third Meeting of the County Council, presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson Secy. by Mr. Switzer
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted
Year Messrs, Dan Ferguson, Amell Fisher, Gallaugher, Graham, Harshaw, Johnson, Johnson, Leadley, Little, Neiland, Sloan, Steele, Switzer, Hornbury and Wilson 18
May Messrs, Albert Browning, Coulson, Fisher, J. Harvie, Hoff, Nolan, Quinn, Simpson and Segant 10

Report of Special Committee on Circular from County Clerk of Refno presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Simpson Secy. by Mr. Nolan
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Simpson Secy. by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the printing Committee be requested to recommend payment of the balance of account due the Northern Gazette for publishing the Treasurer's Abstract for the year 1868

Year Messrs, Atkins, Coulson, Fisher, J. Fisher, J. Gallaugher, Harvie, Hoff, Johnson, Leadley, Little, M'namis, Neiland

Valau Quim Simpson Clerk George Legard
Thornbury and Wilson 20
Nays Messrs, Albert Bromley Ferguson
Kornell, and Jackson 5

On Motion of Mr. Hoff Secy. by Mr. Gisher
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn
until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

W D Goddard
Warden

Council Hall Barrie

Jan 29th 1870

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Woman in the Chain
all members present

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
Report No. 1 of Standing Committee
on contingencies presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Simpson Secy. by Mr. Harshaw
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Hoff Secy. by Mr. Meland
Ordered: That the Council ^{which} adjourn
this evening it stands adjourned until Sunday
evening at 9 o'clock

On Motion of Mr. Wilson Secy. by Mr. Legard
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn

W D Goddard
Warden

Council Hall Barrie January 31st 1870

The Council met this evening according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
Present all members except Messrs, W. Meland, Harshaw
Quim Small and Kelly

On Motion of Mr. Thornbury seconded by Mr. Simpson

Ordered: That the Standing Committee on County property
be instructed to enquire into the cause of Commitment
of two female prisoners with children now confined
in the jail, and Report to this Council at its next
session, giving all the particulars respecting such
Commitments

On Motion of Mr. Graham seconded by Mr. Davis

Ordered: That the Treasurer be instructed to furnish
the Clerk of the Council at each session with a
List of all persons who from time to time have
taken out Occasional License, with the amount
paid therefor, in order that the same may be published
in the Minutes of this Council

On Motion of Mr. Hoff Secy. by Mr. Johnson

Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn
until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

W D Goddard
Warden