

Minutes of the January Session  
1875

Council Hall Barrie Jan'y 26th 1875

The Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective Townships in the County of Simcoe, together with the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the Towns and Villages therein met this day pursuant to the Municipal Institutions Act of Ontario and having filed the necessary Certificate with the Clerk took their seats in the Council

| Present             |                           | P.O.             |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| John Hoop Esq       | Reeve of Collingwood      | Collingwood      |
| Charles Cameron     | Deputy Reeve do,          | "                |
| David Dunn          | Reeve of Essex            | Essex            |
| Thomas Peyton       | Deputy Reeve do,          | Northon          |
| Thomas Heard        | Reeve of Mulumuc          | Stanton          |
| William Rankin      | Deputy Reeve do           | Randwick         |
| Geny McFinn         | Reeve of Cassaratio       | Alliston         |
| Robert Wilson       | Reeve of Jarvis           | Ralcesay         |
| Samuel Lewis        | Deputy Reeve do,          | Rosemont         |
| John M.L. Stevenson | Reeve of Bradford         | Bradford         |
| Orson Phelps        | Reeve of Gas              | Phelps           |
| Henry Thurlow       | Deputy Reeve of do,       | Fergusondale     |
| Wm N. Rutledge      | Reeve of Madoc            | Madoc            |
| John Fitzgerald     | Deputy Reeve do           | St. Louis        |
| Wm M. Dermot        | Reeve of Deemsville       | Deemsville       |
| Thomas Fisher       | Deputy Reeve do           | Hompsonville     |
| Robert Leadley      | Reeve of Westma           | Midhurst         |
| John Deaby          | Deputy Reeve do           | Barrie           |
| Robert Patton       | Reeve of Sunnidale        | New Lovels       |
| George Clark        | Reeve of Lamy             | Wacoby           |
| William Knip        | Deputy Reeve do           | Point Stuyvesant |
| John Regan          | Reeve of Orlitia          | Orlitia          |
| William Trumble     | Deputy Reeve do           | Manupskine Mills |
| J J Carruthers      | Reeve of Nottawasaga      | Arcauno          |
| Warren Pringle      | 1 Deputy Reeve do         | Arcauno          |
| L. M. Allister      | 2 do do                   | Bowman           |
| Joseph Tennant      | Esq Reeve of Westhillbury | Bradford         |
| George M. Evans     | Deputy Reeve do           | "                |
| P. Small            | Reeve of Adyala           | Balgony          |
| John J. Carrer      | Deputy Reeve do           | Alliston         |
| Anthony Sufferin    | Reeve of Hall & Randall   | Raymond          |
| Thomas Ruffes       | Reeve of Wood & Medina    | Waco             |

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| George J. Booth Esq | Reeve of Orlitia     | Orlitia     |
| George Randolph     | Reeve of Madoc       | Madoc       |
| John P. Cookham     | Reeve of Muskoka     | Frontenac   |
| John M. Connell     | Reeve of Monro       | Randwick    |
| George Helcher      | Reeve of Alliston    | Alliston    |
| James H. Jackson    | Reeve of Morrison    | Sevenbridge |
| Henry Severy        | " of Barrie          | Barrie      |
| James S. Runtin     | Deputy Reeve of do   | "           |
| William D. Brumpton | Reeve of Day         | Day Bridge  |
| John C. Steele      | Reeve of Oro         | Steel       |
| Samuel Gray         | Reeve of Thompson    | Rosemont    |
| William Houton      | 1 Deputy Reeve of do | Barrie      |

The Clerk called the Council to order and requested them to elect their Warden whereupon

It was moved by Mr Stevenson sec'd. by Mr Patton that J. J. Carruthers Esq Reeve of Nottawasaga be Warden of this County for the current year

Moved by Mr McFinn sec'd. by Mr Runtin that J. C. Steel Esq Reeve of Oro be Warden for the current year

Moved by Mr Fenell sec'd. by Mr Phelps that M. N. Rutledge Esq Reeve of Madoc be Warden for the current year

Moved by Dr McAllister sec'd. by Mr Wilson that J. M. L. Stevenson Esq Reeve of Bradford be Warden for the current year

Moved by Mr Hand sec'd. by Mr Carruthers that Wm M. Dermot Esq Reeve of Deemsville be Warden for the current year

Moved by Mr Severy sec'd. by Mr Hand that John P. Cookham Esq Reeve of Muskoka be Warden for the current year

Moved by Mr Small sec'd. by Mr Rutledge that C. Cameron Esq be Warden for the current year

Moved by Mr Hoop sec'd. by Mr M. Dermot that George Clark Esq Reeve of Lamy be Warden for the current year

Moved by Mr M. Dermot sec'd. by Hand that P. Small Esq Reeve of Adyala be Warden

The Clerk put the first motion as arranged  
forth the Standard Rules which was lost. yeas 13

The second motion was then put and carried yeas 24  
whereupon the Clerk declared J. C. Steel Esq. Reeve  
of no duly elected Warden of the County of Sumner  
for the current year

On motion of Mr. Stevenson Secd. by Mr. Regan  
That the Council do now adjourn until tomorrow  
morning at 10 o'clock

J. C. Steel

Council Hall Barrie January 27th 1875

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment  
present all members

W. C. Little Esq. Reeve of Sumner. Hugh Drummond Esq. 2<sup>d</sup> Deputy Reeve of do,  
and James Johnston Esq. Deputy Reeve of do having filed their Certificates  
of Office took their seats in the Council.

His Honor John A. Orde Esq. Justice of the County held a  
Special Court for the purpose of administering the necessary Oath of  
Office to the Warden elect.

The Warden took his seat and called the Council to order  
The minutes of the last days meeting of the October session and  
the minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

The Warden addressed the Council in a brief but eloquent  
manner on the financial position of the County

On motion of Mr. Small seconded by Mr. Parkhill

Ordered: That John P. Fuljames Esq. be appointed Auditor on  
behalf of this County for the current year.

His Honorship the Warden appointed Henry Greer Esq. Auditor  
of the County for the current year

On motion of Mr. M. Dermot secd. by Mr. Hunt

Ordered: That the Warden do now appoint the several  
standing Committees for the current year

The Warden named the following standing Committees  
for the current year (13):

Finance & Assessment - Messrs Little, Hoff, Stevenson, M. Dermot, Carruthers

M. G. Fri, Conn, Rutledge and Secroy

Education - Messrs Small, Cameron, Cockburn, Fisher, Hunt, Hunter, Burtan  
Crimble and Nelson purple

Roads & Bridges - Messrs Clark, Phelps, Jackson, Regan, Drummond North  
Greer and Johnston

County Property - Messrs Wilson, Cadley, Randolph, Buxton, Funnell  
Ruffern, Parkhill and Dr. M. Allister

Printing - Messrs. Dunn, Darby, Evans, Fletcher, M. Connell  
Patton and Ewans

Contingencies Messrs - Fitzgibbon, Seythies, Drummond, McCallan  
and King

Moved by Mr. Stevenson secd. by Mr. Small

That Messrs. M. Dermot, Wilson, Small, Hunter, Carruthers  
Phelps, Rutledge, Cockburn and Secroy be  
a Committee to Equalize the Assessment Roll  
of the County for the current year

Moved in amendment by Mr. Burtan secd. by Mr. Hunter  
That the name of Mr. Cockburn be struck out of the Committee on Equalization and the name  
of John Hoff placed in said Committee



The original motion was then put and carried.  
The Warden presented the following documents which  
were read by: petition of Stanley Brooks and others by  
Mr. Little, of the Township of Muskoka by Mr. Cockburn

On motion of Mr. Carruthers sec'd. by Mr. M. Wernut  
Ordered: That the several documents now before the  
Council be referred to their respective Committees

On motion of Mr. Phelps sec'd. by Mr. Hunter  
Ordered: That a special Committee of five be appointed  
for the purpose of considering the advisability of  
Memorializing the local Government as to amend  
the Assessment of the ~~different~~ <sup>different</sup> Municipalities, that the  
Assessment of the different Municipalities be made  
between the first day of April and the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of June in each year, and that the Warden  
do name such Committee.

The Warden named Messrs Phelps, Hunter, Hoop, Wilson  
and Rutledge to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Cockburn sec'd. by Mr. Small  
Ordered: That this Council do express their regret at their loss  
in the death of Thomas, Elder Esq. late Deputy Reeve  
of Mono, and that the Clerk be requested to enquire  
for the family of the deceased gentleman the assurance  
of esteem in which the deceased was held, and to  
convey to his family the sympathy they feel in the loss  
of such an affectionate husband, indulgent father  
parent and faithful friend

On motion of Mr. Carruthers sec'd. by Mr. Hoop  
Ordered: That a Committee of five be named by the Warden  
to take into consideration the relations of this County and  
the Hamilton and North Western Railway  
The Warden named Messrs Carruthers, Hoop, Little, M. Wernut  
and Dunn to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Small sec'd. by Mr. Hand  
Ordered: That Henry Crossick and William M. Wernut Messrs  
of Secumseth be appointed Auditors to audit the accounts of  
the General Session of the peace for the current year

On motion of Mr. Carruthers sec'd. by Mr. Drumble  
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until  
7 O'clock this evening

### Opening Session

The Council met according to adjournment.  
The Warden in the Chair

The Warden presented the following documents which were read by:-  
Reports Nos. 1, 2 & 3 of County Surveyor; Report of His Honor Judge  
Sproule and Committee in the certain school section of Simonsville, Report  
of His Honor Judge Croft and Committee in the certain school section  
Nos. 13, 14 & 17 Secumseth, Report and account of Rev. Mr. McKee  
Inspector of Public Schools South Riding

On motion of Mr. Johnston sec'd. by Mr. M. Wernut  
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be  
referred to their respective Committees

On motion of Mr. Parkhill sec'd. by Mr. Stevenson  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed  
to take into consideration the advisability of granting the small  
sum of one hundred dollars to erect a bridge across the  
pine River crossing the Townline between Mulmur and Mono  
on lots 32 and lot one in the second concession west of Horn  
Lovers street Mono and Mulmur provided the said Municipalities  
grant each a like sum

On motion of Mr. M. Connell sec'd. by Mr. Sufferin  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take  
into consideration the advisability of granting the sum of  
fifty dollars for the purpose of repairing a bridge and  
opening that part of the Townline lying between the  
Township of Mono and the incorporated Village of  
Brace Bridge provided the County Council of Victoria  
do grant a like sum

On motion of Mr. Buntin sec'd. by Mr. Cameron  
Ordered: That a Representative be named by the Warden from each  
Municipality grouped in granting the Bonus to the Hamilton  
and North Western Railway, be added to the Committee already  
appointed, and that said Committee endeavor to obtain a Conference  
with the Board of said Road during the present session and  
report to this Council

The Warden named Messrs Small, Hand,  
M. Wernut, Drumble, Parkhill, Leadley, Buntin and  
Gletcher to be added as aforesaid

On motion of Mr. McFinn read by Mr. Dunn  
Ordered: That Mr. C. Haub. be appointed to carry  
out the provisions of By Law 195 of this  
County in the Room and stead of Levi  
J. Crossley lately removed

On motion of Mr. Randolph read by Mr. McFinn  
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn  
until tomorrow morning

John Steele

Council Heale Barrie Janry. 28<sup>th</sup> 1875  
The Council met this evening according to adjournment  
The Warden in the Chair  
All members present

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed  
The Warden presented the following documents which were read  
viz: Reports No. 405 of the County Surveyor, Communication of the  
County Clerk of Elgin, and account of N. Kemp

On motion of Mr. Judman read by Mr. Fennell  
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council  
be referred to their respective Committees

On motion of Mr. Carruthers read by Mr. Haub  
Ordered: That John Steele Esq. Warden for the current year  
be Director of this County at the Hamilton and North Western  
Railway Board during his term of Office

On motion of Mr. Melam read by Mr. Fennell  
Ordered: That the names of the following gentlemen be added to the  
Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges for the year 1875  
viz: Messrs Connor, Davis and M. Gibb

On motion of Mr. Small read by Mr. Connor  
Ordered: That the communication of William M. Kay Esq  
County Clerk of Elgin be referred to a special Committee to  
be named by the Warden

The Warden named Messrs. Small, Drington, Hoff, Connor and  
Johnston to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Drington read by Mr. Rutledge  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take  
into consideration the advisability of recommending a grant  
of \$500 to assist in Building a Bridge over the River Wye  
at or near the "Old Fort" in the Township of Gay upon  
condition that the Township of Gay grant a like sum

On motion of Mr. Cameron read by Mr. Pinks  
Ordered: That the Committee on County property be instructed  
to report on the advisability of erecting a Lockup House  
in the Town of Collingwood in the place of the one lately  
burned down, said building to be erected in accordance  
with the Rules laid down in Report of Special Committee  
on Lockups presented at last session of this Council

On motion of Mr. Phelps read by Mr. Hunter  
Ordered: That the Committee on County property be instructed to  
take into consideration the advisability of enlarging the Court House  
so as to furnish an additional room for the use of the County Council



and to report at this session  
On motion of Mr Carruthers read by Mr McAlister  
Ordered: That the Committee on County property be instructed  
to take into consideration the advisability of granting the sum  
of three hundred dollars for the purpose of building a Lockup  
House in the Village of Ottawa, The Township of Tottenham  
to grant a similar sum

On motion of Mr Patchell read by Mr Regan  
Ordered: That Mr Johnston Deputy Reeve of do be added to  
the Committee on Contingencies

On motion of Mr Clark read by Mr Phelps  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges  
do take into consideration the propriety of recommending  
a grant of money to rebuild the Bridge over the River  
Nye on the Penetanguishene Road, said Road being the  
principal thoroughfare through the northern portion of this County

On motion of Mr Johnston read by Mr Trimble  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges  
be instructed to take into consideration the advisability  
of granting the sum of \$100 for the purpose of building  
a new Bridge on the Townline between Oro and Orlin  
On Condition that the said Townships grant an equal sum

On motion of Mr Small read by Mr Connor  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take  
into consideration the advisability of granting the sum of  
\$100 to assist in completing the Bridge over the Humber  
River on the County line between Peel and Simcoe opposite  
Ojibala and Albion on Condition that the County of  
Peel grant a similar sum

On motion of Mr Regan read by Mr Ervington  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges consider  
the propriety of granting the sum of \$200 to aid in the  
erection of a Bridge over the North River on the Townline  
between Matchedash and Tay on Condition that the  
above Corporations grant a like sum

On motion of Mr Stevenson read by Mr Nuttall  
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until  
tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock

John Stee

Council Hall Barrie January 29<sup>th</sup> 1875

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

All members present

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

The Warden presented the following documents which were read viz:  
Quarter Report on Treasurers account current and Abstract of  
the Hamilton and North Western Railway account, and Accounts  
of the "Star" and "Advance" Offices

On motion of Mr <sup>Carruthers</sup> Herriot read by Mr M Herriot  
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be  
referred to their respective Committees

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

On motion of Mr Hoff read by Mr Carruthers

Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on Education with  
Accompanying Bylaw presented and read, and Bylaw read a first time

On motion of Mr Small read by Mr Connor

Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted, and that the  
Bylaw now read a first time be read a second time forthwith

Bylaw read a second time

On motion of Mr Secoy read by Mr Shulson

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

The Council went into Committee of the whole

Mr Hoff in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported Bylaw  
without amendment

On motion of Mr Cockburn read by Mr Pingle

Ordered: That the Bylaw now read a second time be read  
a third time forthwith, Bylaw read a third time

On motion of Mr <sup>Small</sup> ~~Small~~ read by Mr Trimble Fisher

Ordered: That the Bylaw now read a third time do  
pass be expressed by the Clerk signed and sealed  
by the Warden

On motion of Mr Sufferin read by Mr M. Cornell

Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to take into  
consideration the propriety of recommending the small grant of \$75 to improve  
the Bridge and approaches thereto on the Windermere Road in the Township of Matt  
inasmuch as the Townships of Matt and Cardwell are really unable to perform  
the duty, and as the said Road is the most public thoroughfare in the said Township



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

On motion of Mr. Small read by Mr. Tremble  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

On motion of Mr. Evans read by Mr. Queman  
Ordered: That H. Banting Esq. the Clerk be instructed  
to procure a copy for each Reeve and Deputy Reeve and  
Clerk of each Municipality within this County of the  
Suggsions of Municipal by the Justice of the County  
of Seneca. Having special reference to the duties in respect  
to Costers Lists

On motion of Mr. Fournell read by Mr. Evans  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be  
instructed to take into consideration the propriety  
of granting the sum of One hundred Dollars for the  
purpose of assisting to cut down the sand hills on  
the Frontine between Tecumseth and West Guilkinbury  
upon condition that these Municipalities grant a  
like amount

On motion of Mr. Clark read by Mr. Parkhill  
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until  
7 o'clock this Evening -

Evening Session

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden presented petition of St. Creswick sen. and  
and others by Mr. Booth and report of County Clerk on  
the issue of licenses which were read

On motion of Mr. Booth read by Mr. Tremble  
Ordered: That the petition St. Creswick and others be referred  
to a special Committee of five to be named by the Warden  
The Warden named Messrs. Booth, Rutledge, Seythorpe  
Leadley and Queman to be such Committee

On motion of Mr. Carruthers read by Mr. Patton  
Ordered: That the documents now before the Council be  
referred to their respective Committees

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on County  
property presented and read  
On motion of Mr. Wilson read by Mr. Parkhill  
That the Report now read be adopted

Moved in amendment by Mr. <sup>Carruthers</sup> Patton read by Mr. Patton  
That the report be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the  
Committee with instructions to recommend that Three hundred  
dollars be granted to the Village of Jolliet upon the condition  
of the original motion; ~~and~~ that the Council grant a like sum  
To Messrs. Messrs. Coetburn, Clark, Carruthers, McConnell  
Phelps, Pingle & Patton 6

Messrs. Messrs. Bumpass, Booth, Cameron, Clark, Drum, Darby, Evans,  
Evans, Irvington, Fennell, Fitzgerald, Grier, Hunter, Hand, Hoff,  
Johnston, Jackson, King, Leadley, Little, McDermott, McGin,  
Parkhill, Regan, Rutledge, Seythorpe, Sufferer, Queman,  
Tremble and Wilson 30

Moved in amendment by Mr. Hogg read by Mr. Cameron  
That the Report now read be not adopted, but that the Council do  
now go into Committee of the whole on the same. Lost  
The original motion was then put and carried

Messrs. Messrs. Bumpass, Coetburn, Drum, Evans, Evans, Fennell, Fitzgerald,  
Grier, Jackson, Johnston, Leadley, Little, McDermott, Wallister,  
McConnell, Pingle, Patton, Parkhill, Seythorpe, Sufferer, Queman  
and Wilson 22

Messrs. Messrs. Booth, Cameron, Clark, Carruthers, Darby, Irvington,  
Hunter, Hand, Hoff, King, McGin, Phelps, Regan, Rutledge, Sufferer,  
Tremble & Wilson 17

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on Finance with accompanying  
draft of By Law presented and read, and By Law read a first time

On motion of Mr. Hogg read by Mr. Little  
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted, and that the By Law  
read a first time be read a second time forthwith  
By Law read a second time

On motion of Mr. Carruthers read by Mr. Hogg  
Ordered: That the Council do now go into Committee of the  
whole on By Law now read a second time  
The Council went into Committee of the whole  
Mr. Tremble in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported By Law amended

On motion of Mr. Hoff read by Mr. Carruthers  
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. Hogg read by Mr. Carruthers  
Ordered: That the By Law now read a third time do pass  
be expressed by the Clerk, signed and sealed  
by the Warden

On motion of Mr McKernan sec'd. by Mr Dumas  
Ordered: That the Committee on roads and Bridges do take  
into consideration the advisability of instructing the County  
Surveyor to take immediate steps to have a Bridge erected over  
the Sottawaga River on the boundary line between the  
Townships of Jessameth and Esca, as the old Bridge is now  
dangerous for public travel, and as according to the  
provisions of Sect 413, 57<sup>th</sup> Vic, Statute of Ontario it clearly  
appears to be the duty of this Council to erect and maintain  
said Bridge

On motion of Mr Ewins sec'd. by Mr Rogers  
Ordered that when the Council adjourns tomorrow morning  
that it stands adjourned until Sunday Evening at  
half past 7 o'clock, the first day of February next

On motion of Mr Hand sec'd. by Mr Parkhill  
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed  
to take into consideration the propriety of granting the sum  
of \$200 for the purpose of building a Bridge over Pine  
River on the Townline between the Townships of Jessameth  
and Mulmur on condition that the Townships interested  
grant a similar amount

On motion of Mr Wilson sec'd. by Mr Wilson  
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until  
9 o'clock tomorrow morning -

John Steele  
Warden

Council Hall Barrie Jan'y. 30<sup>th</sup> 1875  
The Council met this morning pursuant to adjournment  
(The Warden in the Chair)

All members present  
The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Overburn sec'd. by Mr McGin  
That the Council do now adjourn Lost

On motion of Mr Evans sec'd. by Mr McKernan  
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn

John Steele  
Warden