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NOVEMBER SESSION OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Not Much Routine Business but a Number of Interesting Reports from Committees Were Presented—Motion of Condolence — Warden Shaver Complimented and Voted $200.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The County Councillors held their third meeting Thursday, with the Warden in the chair and all members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Warden laid before the Council the statement of expenditures in rebuilding Smith's Creek bridge, on boundary between Eldon and Thorah. On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the document was referred to the standing committee on Roads and Bridges.

A deputation from the Children's Aid Society, composed of Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Sharpe and Dr. White, appeared before the Council and requested a grant of $200, as they proposed having a paid agent. The Warden assured the deputation of the sympathy of the Council, and promised financial assistance, when needed.

A deputation from the Poultry and Pet Stock Association, comprising Messrs. Geo. Jordan, J. O'Rielly and George Rea, presented a report and asked for a grant. On motion of Mr. Staback, seconded by Mr. Fairbairn the request was referred to the standing committee on Finance and Assessment.

Motion of Condolence.

Moved by Chas. Fairbairn, seconded by J. Austin, "That it is with deep sorrow the Council place upon their minutes a record of the death of John McSweyn, esq., Police Magistrate of the County of Victoria.

Mr. McSweyn was in the village of Coboconk on official duty, and while awaiting the time he might return to his home he was stricken with the disease which became fatal with with startling suddenness on October 12th.

The deceased had been in the position of Police Magistrate only for a period of fifteen months, but his administration of the law was distinguished by great thoroughness and devotion to what he believed to be in the interests of morality and good citizenship.

Mr. McSweyn was a resident of the County for many years, and as a citizen, and in his professional career, he was held in high esteem.

The Council desire to tender to the widow and sons and daughters of the deceased an expression of heartfelt sympathy. Carried by a silent standing vote."

County Property Report.

On motion of Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. McQuade, the report of the standing committee on County Property was received, read in committee of the whole, and adopted as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your committee have examined accounts as follows, and beg to recommend that the same be passed, namely:

John Carew, wood, Court house	$463.22
Baker & Bryans Limited, wood, Court house	3.00
Canadian Office Furniture Co. furniture Court house	52.28
Dundas & Flavelles Limited, carpet, etc., Court house	68.27
W. A. Goodwin, wall paper, Court house	15.03
Alex. Skinner, repairs, Court house	24.37
Alex Skinner, repairs, Registry office	.80
Alex. Skinner, work, Court house	6.50
Office Specialty Co., desk, Registry office	15.00
George Ingle, work, etc., Court house	6.55
George Ingle, work, etc., gaol	4.00
Light, Heat & Power Co., lighting, Court house	16.57
Light, Heat & Power Co., lighting, Court house	30.83
Light, Heat & Power Co., lamps, etc.,	3.90
Light, Heat & Power Co., lighting Registry office	3.30
Light, Heat & Power Co., lighting Registry office	1.26
Light, Heat & Power Co., lamp, Registry office	.30
Light, Heat & Power Co., desk lamp and fittings, Court house	5.20
Keys & Morrison, work, flag staff	17.50
W. Snelling & Son, painting, flag staff	25.00
Water Commissioners, service Court House	5.18
Dundas & Flavelles Limited, cotton	.40
J. G. Edwards & Co., sundries, Registry office	1.45
A. Lumsden, ash screen, gaol	7.50
W. A. Goodwin, mounting map	1.00
J. J. Hurley, removing papers	.75
Mrs. Emma Hartwick, work Court house	2.00
Boxall & Matthie, work, etc., Court house	2.15
Park & Co., portrait,	10.00
E. Maxsom, plants, gaol grounds	3.60
James Bryson, work, Court house, sidewalks	6.00

Your committee beg to recommend that the usual allowance of fifty dollars be paid to the chairman in acknowledgment of his services in supervising the Court House and Gaol and premises during the year.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Graham, the report of the standing committee on Printing was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the report of the Board of Management of the House of Refuge was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Johnson, was referred to the standing committee on Finance and Assessment.

Moved by Mr. Staback, seconded by Mr. McFarlane, the standing committee on Finance and Assessment be instructed to take into consideration and to report on the advisability of making the usual grant to the Warden.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Patterson, Council adjourned till 10 o'clock Friday.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Council met Friday at 1.30 o'clock, with the Warden in the chair and all the members present except Messrs. Johnson and Staback. Yesterday's minutes were read and confirmed.

Education Committee.

On motion of Mr. McQuade, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the report of the standing committee on Education was received and adopted as follows:

Your committee have examined accounts as follows, and beg to recommend that same be passed, namely:

Board of Examiners, expenses, Entrance examination, West Victoria	$68.79
Board of Examiners, expenses, Entrance examination, Bobcaygeon	11.70
G. W. Beall, stationery, West Victoria	17.18
G. W. Beall, stationery, Bobcaygeon	3.15
Wilson & Wilson, printing for inspectors	23.40
Hart & Riddell, stationery for Inspectors	6.10
Newton Smale, expenses, Ontario Educational Association	10.00
James Graham, Dalrymple, the same	11.00

Your committee recommend that the representatives of the rural school trustees appointed by the Council to attend the Ontario Educational Association hereafter be enjoined to make a report to the Council in writing.

Your committee recommend that the communication from the Deputy Minister of Education, on the subject of the legislative grant to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for Cadet Corps and be equivalent to be paid by County Councils be fyled.

More Salary Wanted

Moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. McGee, that the standing committee on Finance and Assessment take into consideration and report on the advisability of increasing the salary of the physician of the House of Refuge.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Fairbairn, Council adjourned till 10 o'clock Saturday.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The fifth meeting of this session of the County Council was held Saturday morning, all the members present and the Warden in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by Mr. McFarlane, the report of the standing committee on Finance and Assessment was read and adopted by Council.

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the report of the Board of Management of the House of Refuge was again reviewed and adopted by Council.

Mr. Patterson then rose to a question of privilege, and stated that he had been changed with having influenced the standing committee on Finance and Assessment at the June session, when considereing tha references by the Warden to the question of the parentage of a child, born at the House of Refuge to prosecute John Hickson. This charge Mr. Patterson explicitly denied.

Moved by Mr. Staback, seconded by Mr. McGee, that whereas, certain reports are in circulation that R. J. Patterson, one of the County Councillors for the Third Division of Victoria County, was influential in inducing the committee on Finance and Assessment to recommend that the Board of Management be instructed to enter suit against Mr. Hickson, this motion is made to contradict any such misstatements.—Carried.

Roads and Bridges.

The report of the Roads and Bridges committee was introduced, read and adopted as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your committee have considered the paragraphs of the Warden's address referred to them, and beg to recommend as follows:

1. That the question relative to the cost of maintenance of Mud Lake Narrows bridge and Emily Creek, be left in abeyance, the judgment of his Honor Judge Harding on the application mentioned not having been received.

2. That the Warden's action in authorizing the repair of the Mud Lake Narrows bridge by Mr. John Bailey be approved, that Mr. Bailey's report accompanied by vouchers, be accepted and the payments passed. The expenditure shown is $200.01.

3. That the decision of the Warden and his colleagues, that Gilbert's bridge in the township of Dalton, cannot be classed as a County bridge, be sustained.

4. That the Warden's action in authorizing Mr. John Bailey to construct a new bridge on the boundary between the townships of Dalton and Carden, to be known as Jarrett's bridge, be approved that Mr. Bailey's report accompanied by vouchers, be accepted and the payments passed. The expenditure shown is $361.05.

5. That the Warden's action in agreeing to place the duty of repairing Head River bridge, on the boundary between the townships of Dalton and Rama, two miles north of Sebright, under the superintendence of Mr. William Broomfield, be approved, that the statement of expenditure rendered by Mr. Broomfield be accepted, and that the payment of the share to be borne by this County be passed. The expenditure is shown to be $59.72, the share of this County being $29.86.

Your committee have examined the statement of expenditure in building a new bridge across Smith's creek on the boundary between the townships of Eldon and Thorah, under the direction of Mr. Archibald McFarlane as Commissioner on behalf of this County, and Mr. William Broomfield as Commissioner on behalf of the County of Ontario. The bridge has been built of concrete abutments and a steel superstructure, the total cost being $763.59. Your committee recommend that the share to be contributed by this County, namely, $381.80 be passed for payment to the treasurer of the County of Ontario.

Your committee have examined the report of Mr. William Kennedy, Overseer of County bridges, on the condition of the Emily Creek bridge, and beg to recommend that the authority given to Mr. Charles Fairbairn, to make necessary repairs, be continued.

Your committee have examined the statement of repairs on the McCorquodale bridges, on the boundary between the townships of Eldon and Thorah, made by representatives of the County of Ontario with the concurrence of Mr. A. McFarlane, and beg to recommend that the same be accepted, and that the share to be contributed by this County be passed. The expenditure shown is $95.94, and the share payable by this County is $47.97.

Your committee have read the resolution of the Council of the township of Ops, passed under the provisions of Section 617a of the Consolidated Municipal Act, relative to the bridge across the Scugog river, upon the concession road between the 5th and 6th concessions of the township of Ops, and which was served on the County Clerk on October 31st.

Your committee have considered the communication from Mr. John Bailey respecting Grass river bridge No. 1, west of the village of Victoria Road, and beg to recommend that further action be deferred.

Your committee have examined a copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of Laxton, Digby and Longford, under which it is proposed to lease the land contained in the fourth concession line on road allowance between lots No. 25 from the western boundary of the lots eastward to Head river, in the township of Digby. Your committee have considered a petition from Mr. James McFadden and forty-four other residents of the municipality, praying that the by-law be not confirmed. Your committee recommend that no proceedings be taken by this Council.

Your committee recommend that the communications from the Ontario Bridge Co., relative to steel superstructures, be fyled.

Your committee beg to express approval of the decision of Mr. A. McFarlane to take no steps in connection with the repair of "a certain bridge on the boundary between the townships of Carden and Mara.

Your committee have examined the statement of conditional expenditure on the fourth concession line of the township of Ops, between the Hospital and the House of Refuge, submitted by Mr. James Graham and beg to recommend that the same be accepted.

Your committee beg to recommend that accounts and allowances as follows, be passed, namely;

W. J. Chirpaw, repairs Grass river bridge No. 1	$25.27
County of Peterboro, share of repairs, Pigeon Creek floating bridge	47.85
John Moore, repairs approaches Ops and Manvers bridge	40.00
Standard Lumber & Stone Co., repairs Victoria bridge	21.10
Gabriel Balfour, repairs, Omemee bridge	7.01
Gabriel Balfour, work, etc., Omemee bridge	6.00
J. J. Nicholls, plank, etc. Omemee bridge	26.28
Wm. Kennedy, inspection Emily Creek bridge	3.00
E. B. Garlick, livery, Emily Creek bridge	1.50
B. Lapp, livery, northern bridges	4.00
Chas. Fairbairn, services, Emily Creek bridge	3.90
Chas. Fairbairn, services, Emily Creek bridge	3.90
John Bailey, services, Mud Lake Narrows bridge	3.00
A. E. Staback services Mud Lake Narrows bridge, etc	6.00
A. E. Staback, services Smith's Creek bridge	3.70
A. McFarlane, services, Smith's Creek bridge	12.00
A. McFarlane, services, McCorquodale's bridge	3.00
T. H. McQuade, services, Omemee bridge	3.00
T. H. McQuade, Ops and Manvers bridge	11.40
James Graham, services, hospital and House of Refuge road	6.00

Finance and Assessment.

The report of the Finance and Assessment committee was introduced, read and adopted, as follows;

Gentlemen,—Your committee have considered the paragraphs of the Warden's address referred to them, and beg to recommend as follows;

1. That the sum of $91.67 be paid to the representatives of the estate of the late Mr. John McSweyn, Police Magistrate, being one month's portion of the salary and allowance which were attached to the office.

2. That the salary of Mr. F. D. Moore, who has been appointed to the office of Police Magistrate, be $800 per annum, that the allowance for travelling expenses be $150 per annum and that $15 per annum be allowed in lieu of an office, etc., and that leave be given to introduce a by-law to give effect thereto.

3. That approval be expressed of the steps taken by the Warden, on the advice and with the concurrence of the Advisory committee, relative to the County Valuators, and that the documents submitted, be fyled.

Your committee recommend that the statement of moneys at the credit of the corporation on October 31st, be appended to this report.

Your committee have carefully examined the report of the Board of Management of the House of Refuge, and beg to express approval of the report and to recommend that the report be re-introduced to the Council, and that the correspondence, and the list of admission, etc., submitted therewith, be fyled.

Your committee have examined the report of the Government Inspector of the House of Refuge, and beg to express their gratification with the favorable comment respecting the management of the institution.

Your committee have considered the instructions contained in the resolutions of Council and the matters deferred from the June session and beg to recommend as follows:

1. That the salary of the physician to the House of Refuge be increased to $250 per annum, on and from January 1st, 1907, and that leave be given to include a provision to that effect in an amending by-law.

2. That an allowance of $200 be paid to the Warden in acknowledgment of his services during the year.

3. That no further grant be made to the Poultry and Pet Stock Association in the year 1906.

4. That the sum of $100 be granted to the Children's Aid Society, with instructions to the Treasurer to pay the amount when the state of the funds of the Society makes it necessary.

5. 5. That the existing by-law relating to the pedlars be repealed, the fee for a license hereafter be $40 for one year, with the provision that in the case of applicants who have resided continuously within the County for at least one year prior to the date of the application the amount shall be $25 for one year, and leave be given to introduce a by-law to give effect to this recommendation.

Your committee have considered the further documents referred to them, and beg to recommend as follows:

1. That the report of the Bank of Montreal on Treasurer's balance be fyled.

2. That the report of the Inspector of Prisons be referred to the Council at the January session.

3. That the communication from T. H. Watson, esq., reeve of Mariposa, relatives to the equalization of assessment be fyled, it having been decided not to press the objection to the values.

4. That no action be taken upon the request of the auditors of County accounts for additional remuneration.

5. That a report of the committee of the Council of Halton on the subjects of the Courts and Administration of Justice be fyled.

6. That the financial statements of the municipalities of Laxton, Digby and Longford, Emily, Carden, Mariposa, Somerville, Ops, Lindsay, Woodville, Fenelon and Bobcaygeon, be fyled.

7. That the report of the East Victoria Farmers' Institute be fyled.

8. That the reports of the Ontario Municipal Association and the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, be fyled.

Your committee have examined accounts and claims as follows, and beg to recommend that the same be passed, namely;

Costs Mud Lake Narrows bridge and Emily Creek bridge cases	$ 344.99
Moore & Jackson, solicitors' services	16.20
Moore & Jackson, solicitors' services	2.00
Miss E. Smith, court stenographer	28.00
Miss E. Smith, courti stenographer	5.00
Victoria Industrial School, maintenance	32.50
Victoria Industrial School, maintenance	32.50
St. Johns' Industrial School maintenance	32.50
St Johns' Industrial School maintenance	32.50
Advisory Committee, attendance, etc.	28.00
J. R. McNeillie, expenses to Peterboro	1.75
Warden and Treasurer, expenses to Toronto	7.70
Committee re bridges	11.50
A. S. Rea, livery, re valuators	1.25
C. D. Barr, searches re tax sale	4.00
R. J. Patterson, attendance re tenders	4.00

House of Refuge.

The report of the House of Refuge committee was introduced, read and adopted, as follows;

Gentlemen,—The Board, at a meeting held on June 25th dealt with the reference from the Council of the matter relatting to the parentage of a child born in the House of Refuge, and after again consulting the County Solicitor, and along with him R. J. McLaughlin, K. C., and giving the question mature consideration, the Board decided to bring an action in the Division Court against the alleged father of the child, for the expenses incident to and contingent on the birth taking place in the institution. The action was tried on October 8th., by His Honor Judge McMillan and a jury, and resulted in a verdict for the defendant being rendered.

In response to a communication from Messrs. McLaughlin & Peel, solicitors for the town of Lindsay, respecting the allegation that the flow from the House of Refuge sewer into the town system of sewerage contributed to the overflow which led to an action for damages being brought against the town by Mr. Samuel Walker, and requesting a conference, a conference was held on September 26th, Mr. James Peel, barrister, and Messrs. T. A. Fisher and John O'Reilly, aldermen, representing the town. The Board decided that without prejudice to the existing rights of the County under the agreement with the town, in the event of an Engineer recommending that the existing difficulty with regard to the flow can be remedied by the construction of a curved connection of the sewer on Sussex-st. south, with the Kent-st. sewer, the Board was prepared to recommend the Council to pay the cost of the curved connection and one-half the charges of the Engineer. The new connection has been made by the town on the advice of Mr. George Smith, C. E., and the Board beg your acceptance of their recommendation and for leave to make the consequent disbursements.

The Board have ordered storm windows for the windows on the west and north sides of the House. The need for the storm windows is referred to in the report of the Government Inspector. Your approval is requested.

After a conference with Mr. Nicholas Brady, executor of the Tully estate, on September 26, respecting the line fence on the north side of the farm, it was agreed that conditional on all the present material of the fence and the stones and rubbish being wholly removed from the line by the owners not later than October 10th, the County would build the fence free of expense to the Tully estate. Your approval is requested.

The Board beg to inform the Council that Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, the keeper and matron, have performed the onerous duties of their respective positions with such efficiency as to merit the commendation of the Board. They have satisfactorily overcome the special difficulties which are inseperable from the initial stages of the work of such an institution. The Board deem it to be their duty, to recommend that the salary of the keeper be increased to $850.00 per annum, and that the salary of the matron be increased to $250.00 per annum, on and from January 1st., 1907.

In the report submitted at the January session, the Board stated that it appeared to them expedient that all information as to the statistics and finances of the House and farm should enanate from the Board through the office of the Clerk and Treasurer, and that in the meantime the letter of the rules and regulations might have to be somewhat disregarded. The experience gained during the year in which the work has been carried on has made it clear that numerous amendments are desirable, and the Board beg leave to introduce a by-law for enacting anew rules and regulations for the government of the institution.

The Warden Thanked.

After passing several by-laws Mr. Graham took the chair, when it was moved by Mr. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the thanks of the Council be tendered the Warden for his courteous conduct in the chair and for his excellent and progressive management of the affairs of the county. His duties have been most arduous, and we cannot fail to mark the untiring zeal he has devoted to the important questions which have engaged his attention. It is the sincere wish of the Council that his usefulness may be long continued to the people of this county.—Carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The Chairman tendered the resolution to the Warden, who acknowledged it in earnest and appreciative terms.

The Warden then resumed the chair, and on motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. McFarlane, Council adjourned, after singing the national anthem.

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