

Port Hope

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Council passes motion 27-12

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A map of Northumberland County will look a little different by January 1, 1979.

After seven years of studies and more studies, restructuring has become a reality.

Northumberland county council has requested the ministry of treasurer, economics and intergovernmental affairs to begin preparations into the necessary legislation for the implementation of restructuring.

In presenting the motion Reeve Lloyd Williams of Hamilton Township said, "Quite frankly I think the people of this county have been studied to death on this matter.

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He also strongly implied that if restructuring was not accepted by county council then Hamilton Township would be forced to go against the Northumberland development strategy.

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A move by Hamilton Township of this kind would be in direct contravention of the Northumberland development strategy.

The strategy calls for a more balanced relationship of population and economic growth.

"Urban growth should be carefully planned and radiate from the existing community rather than occur in a checkerboard or hop-sotch fashion."

Under the strategy the east and centre portions of the county would experience more development than the western portion.

"Colborne is to be established as a major urban centre" with a population similar to that of Cobourg and Port Hope.

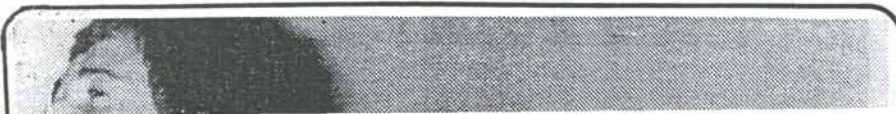
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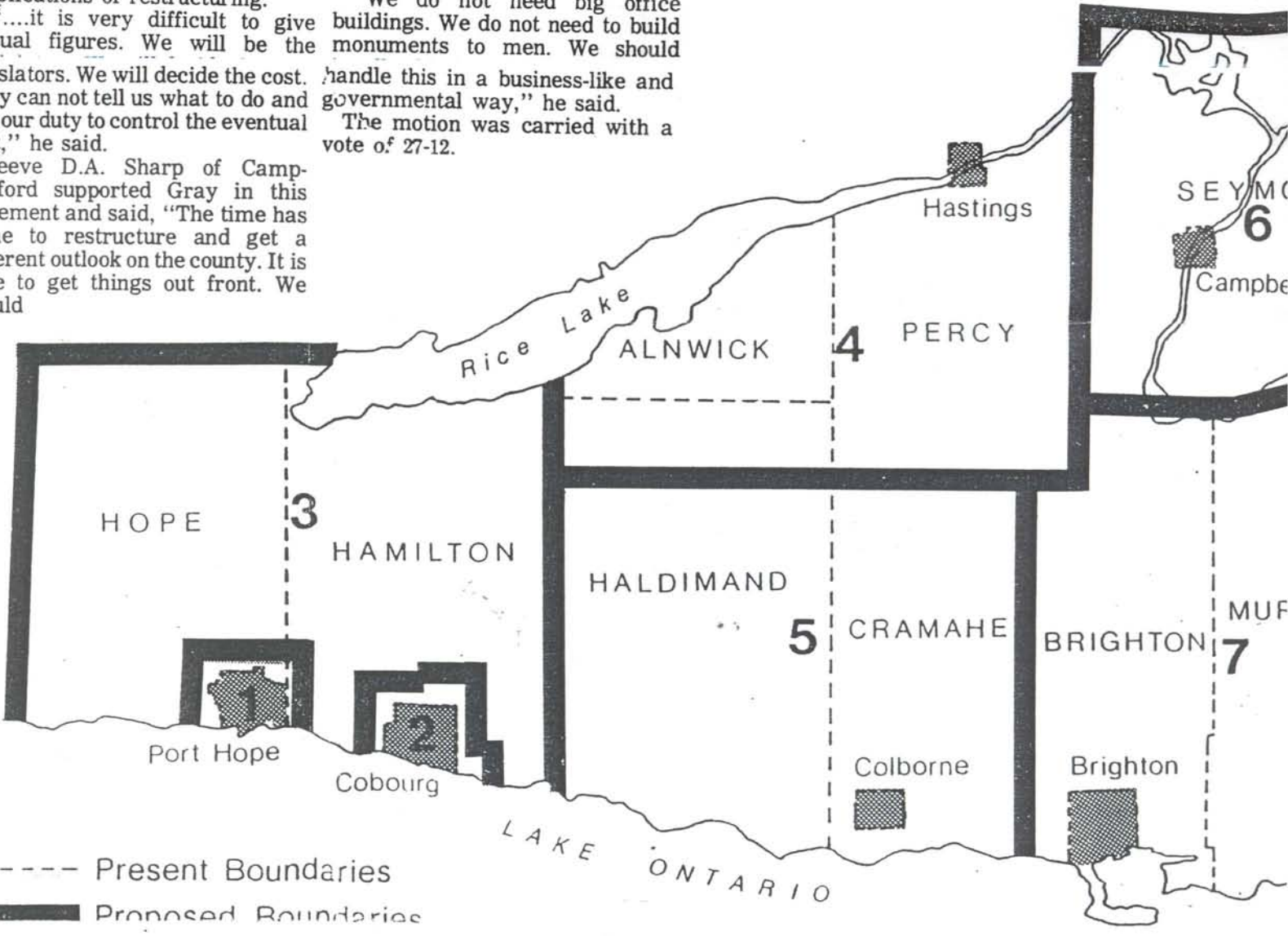
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implications of restructuring. "...it is very difficult to give actual figures. We will be the legislators. We will decide the cost. They can not tell us what to do and it is our duty to control the eventual cost," he said.

"We do not need big office buildings. We do not need to build monuments to men. We should handle this in a business-like and governmental way," he said. The motion was carried with a vote of 27-12.

Reeve D.A. Sharp of Campbellford supported Gray in this statement and said, "The time has come to restructure and get a different outlook on the county. It is time to get things out front. We should



Brighton reeve not pleased

The reeve of Brighton Township, Reg McMann is not too pleased with the idea of restructuring.

He said at county council yesterday that he did not like the idea of his area receiving a tax

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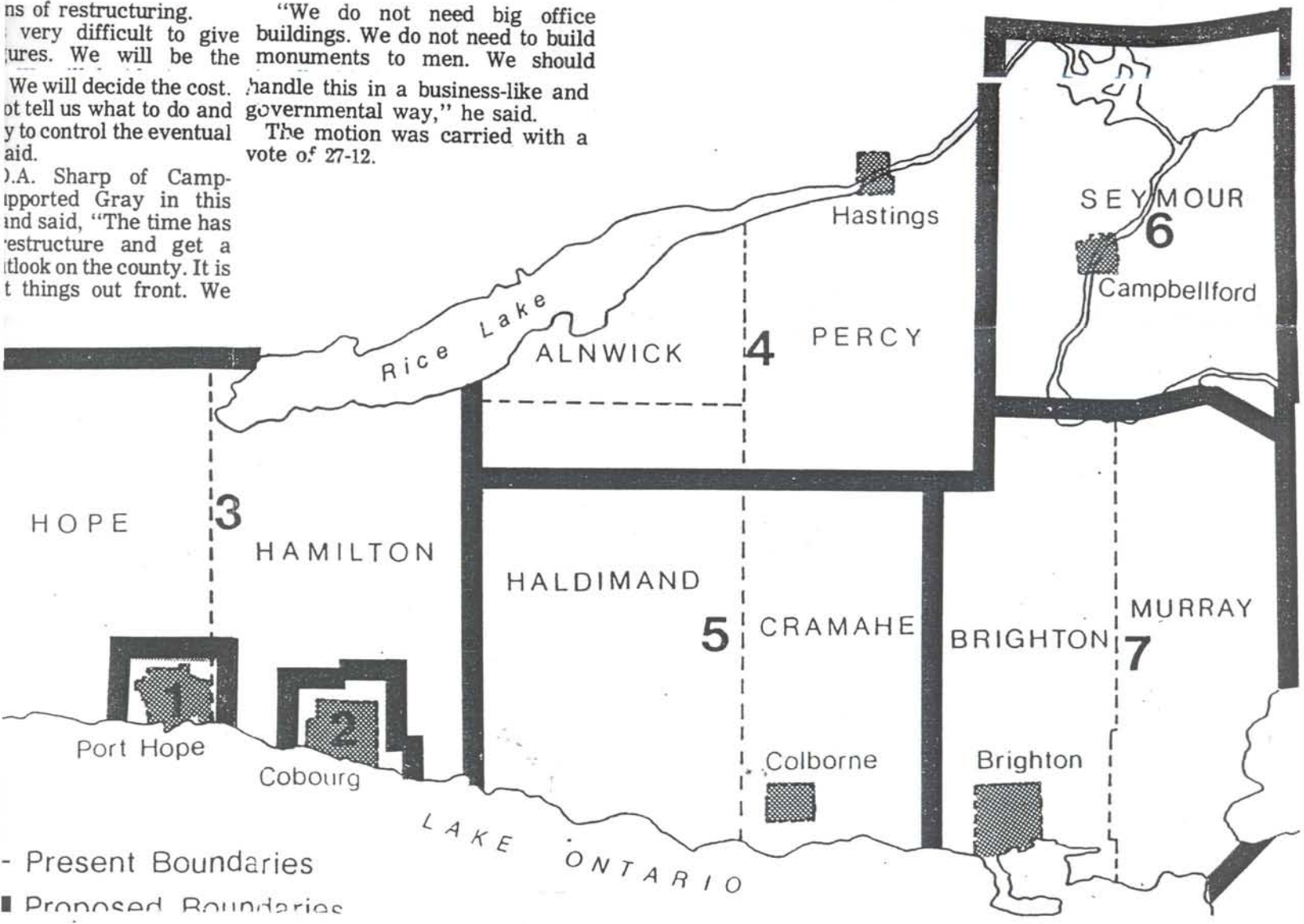
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