

1852-The Opoungo Road was surveyed by Robert Bell. In 1865 it was passable from the Ottawa River (Farrall's Landing) to Barry's Bay, 40 miles west of Deere. Polish immigrants settled the land and it was an important supply route for lumbermen and not many stopping places; only Robert Stringer's Store, owner and blacksmith, drove the first car over it in 1912.

IN THE RECORD BOOK, MUNICIPALITY OF HORTON

May 7, 1855

The reeve; John Home MacDougall, Councillors; Robert Eady, William Watt, Edward Farrall and John Smith, Clerk; James Johnston.

It was resolved that One hundred pounds be granted for the improvement of the road leading from the village of Renfrew to Farrall's Landing. The Seeley Road, Opoungo Road and side line between lots 10 and 11 on the eighth line of Horton or as near these roads as Council may deem advisable. To finish and complete William McRae's Bridge on Mill Street. Much discussion re survey etc. One item: It was resolved that Robert Eady plough and scrape the road from the Fourth Concession Line to the creek under Widow New's house and said road to be eighteen feet wide. All done subject to approval of Council.

S. S. Harper was the Deputy Provincial Surveyor and Council said it was absolutely necessary to have a passable road commencing at the Ottawa River between lots 10 and 11 in the 9th Concession and running 45° south and 45° south west to the centre for allowance of road between the eighth and ninth concessions and to become a public highway for all His Majesty's subjects.

October 1, 1855

A By-law was passed whereby it was necessary and expedient that that means be provided to defray the expenses incurred upon the Township of Horton and it was necessary to levy three half pence on all rateable property.

January 7, 1856

Election. Councillors were: Wm. Farrall, William Watt, Robert Eady and Duncan McIntyre. Inspectors of Houses of Public Entertainment were: Thomas Knight, Robert Eady and Phillip Thompson. William West elected as Reeve. John Lobb as Treasurer. Assessors for current year were: James Robertson, James McSoraghy and James Johnston. Phillip Thompson collector of taxes. Pathmasters to lay out work and report to Council.

May 5, 1856

Council to meet in George Hall in Renfrew. A petition submitted by John Gibbons and others for the purpose of building a bridge across the Bonaventure River on Lot 11 in the fourth Concession of Horton. Also a petition by John Burwell for building a bridge on Lot 10 in the sixth Concession. Edward Farrall given Tavern License.