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pointed out he suggested to council that over the budget was passed, it became law and if the parks board had demanded the one mill grant, it would have shown a deficit budget and the parks board would be responsible for it.

Councillor J. Hurst informed his colleagues that council was willing to accept a \$1,700 deficit and Mr. Barbeau added, "Yes, but not responsible" and Reeve W. Wilson told him "We created it" meaning council.

Major Cook remarked, "This is a storm in a teacup. The amount of publicity you have deserved fit to put on that thing is not worth it."

At this point Reeve Wilson, also chairman of the finance committee of council reviewed the financial figures presented by the Board of Parks Management for the new building in the park.

In conclusion he remarked, "I feel that the finance committee and myself personally, were made scapegoats. It should be brought to the public that the parks board came up with an additional \$2,000 we did not have to deal with when we arrived at the budget."

Mr. Barbeau informed the finance chairman the difference had come up between a council meeting and the following parks board meeting. He pointed out the additional cost had been caused by a change in plans in laying the services to the new building.

Deputy Reeve J. Grey, a silent bystander to this point, remarked "The point to be clarified is that the press did not report correctly and Mr. Barbeau emphasized, "I disagree the parks board agreed unanimously with all that was in the paper."

Councillor Hurst read a prepared statement which follows:

"In their submission to council, and member of the finance committee to the statement of the Parks Board that the finance committee of council through improper guidance and contrary to RSO chapter 344 section 17, article 3 presented for acceptance a budget which contained an illegal reduction in the park board rate. This section of the Act was read on Saturday March 15th at the finance committee meeting and all members were fully aware that the parks board could request up to 1 mill to cover cost of operation for the year."

"So there was no improper guidance involved."

"In their submission to council, the finance committee in an effort to retain the 62 mill rate included a recommendation that council request the parks board to accept a reduction from 1 mill to \$1.00."

Councillor Barbeau, as representative on the parks board, was fully informed of these facts at the council meeting of April 21, and it is recorded in council minutes that he, when assured that council would send representation from the finance committee to a special parks board meeting to submit the request for a reduction, voted in favor of the by-law which set the city mill rate.

"Based on the parks board budget figures as submitted by Councillor Barbeau at this meeting, the reduction of \$1.00 would have resulted in a deficit to the parks board of only \$300."

"Further to this, at the special parks board meeting held on Wednesday April 23, both representatives from council were very emphatic, and their emphasis was acknowledged by the press, that council was requesting the parks board to reduce their application from 1 mill to \$1.00 and that council was not setting the rate at \$1.00. This special parks board meeting voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of council."

"Basing my conclusions on these facts, I contend that there has been no illegal or improper action by council, as far as the finance committee and suggest that this communication as received from the parks board be rejected."

Mr. Wilson asked, "Councillor Barbeau what prompted the parks board to change their mind about accepting the reduced recommendation from the finance committee and was told the board answered in the minority and that there was nothing they could do."

Mr. Barbeau informed members they had not asked for an increase, the grant was still one mill, and added, "If we don't receive a grant and have to show a deficit, we are responsible for it and would have to shoulder it."

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BALLINAYAD**Rev. A. Dobson Guest At Church Services**

Anniversary services were held in Ballinayad United church on Sunday with large congregations at both services. Rev. A. Dobson of Georgetown was guest speaker when special music was given by the choir, assisted in the evening by Miss Diana McMillan, who sang two solos.

Visitors

Visitors on Sunday with friends and attending the service were Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDougall and boy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McElroy with Mr. and Mrs. McKechnie and Elva, Mrs. D. A. Rossell with Mr. and Mrs. C. McEnery, Mrs. Ella McKey and Shirley Sinclair with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinclair, Mr. Starnett with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shortill, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cotter, Tom Boning, Wayne and Ned of Marville with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson, Robert Shortill of Milton with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Shortill.

Former Resident Passes

The sympathy of this community goes out to Mr. McElroy and family in the passing of a loving wife and mother also to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Reg French and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar French in the passing of a daughter and sister. Mrs. McElroy was a resident of Ballinayad for a number of years.

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ment be received from an engineer and geologist as to the source of supply the new well was drawing from.

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