Changes Needed ...

One of the most disturbing features of municipal government in Ontario today is the dominance of appointed committees and commissions over the elected municipal council. Too often the council seems little more than a machine for rubber-stamping measures and legislation prepared by these non-responsible (in the: sense that they are not elected by vote of the electors), commissions and boards, with little or no effective powers of criticism or control.

How did this perversion of the democratic system come about?

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Act will be virtually impossible. The provincial government will undoubtedly put forth with great verbosity the importance of, and great respect for, local autonomy. The eventual conclusion, if there is one, will be a political sawoff suited to today's expediencies, rather than a common sense or straight forward approach to the problems of today and as they will undoubtedly arise in the very near future.

If would be our hope that a regional form of government will be established in which the role of the county will be enlarged. We would expect to see county councillors elected directly under a party system. We would expect the regional government would be run by full time ... and well paid politicians operating under the The second like to see the region :

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The Good Old Days.

20 YEARS AGO

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council on Friday evening, Coun ken a position in connection with cillors J. H. Creighton, W. J. O. the building of the new railway Oakes, Claude Cook were present from Petrograd to Ekaternia, to and reeve C. L. Kirkness presid- give Russia access to an ice-free ed. The estimates for the war port all year. and only slightly higher than last leoler refused. . . .

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50 YEARS AGO Press, Thursday, Feb. 3, 1916.

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