

## Richmond Hill Tax Rate will Be The Same As Last Year

Council Goes on Record As Favoring Change of Gauge of Radials—Board of Health Matters Discussed—Dr. Langstaff resigns as Medical Health Officer.

Richmond Hill tax rate will remain the same this year as in 1926. This was the decision of the council in regular session on Monday night when the estimates for the year were adopted and the rate fixed at 51 mills. The assessed village rate this year will be 9.3 mills instead of 7 mills last year but there will be no increase in the total rate by virtue of a reduction in the amount asked for public and high school maintenance. In view of the many items in the village demanding attention and the many improvements needed that the opinion was expressed in council that it was better to let the rate stand as it was and make a few of the necessary improvements than to lower the tax rate and neglect these matters which are demanding attention.

It was a lengthy session and was replete with some repartee between the councillors and some representative citizens who were in attendance. The council went on record as being in favor of the change of gauge of the radials to conform with the City of Toronto and the action of the County Council committee was discussed. The resignation of Dr. Langstaff who has served for the past eight years as medical health officer was received and certain other matters relating to the Board of Health were aired.

After the reading of the minutes Councillor Herrington asked if the snow plow had been built. The reeve answered in the affirmative but stated that as there had been no snow there had been no occasion to use it.

A letter was read from Dr. Langstaff, tendering his resignation as Medical Health Officer, same to take effect April 1. As no reasons were outlined in the communication the reeve was appointed to discuss the matter with Dr. Langstaff.

A communication was received giving an estimate on repainting the tank in connection with the water-works. The estimated cost of scraping and one coat was \$495. Councillor McLean thought this was a lot of money for the job.

A communication was received from the Ratepayers Association making certain recommendations regarding the changing of the names of certain streets. Councillor Sloan thought the council was not prepared to go ahead with the re-naming at present. The members favored the suggestion that all streets have the same name both east and west of Yonge Street but the whole matter was laid over for the present.

The council also favored the issuing of an attractive booklet which will be distributed with a view to attracting more residents, and councillors Sloan and Herrington were appointed as a committee to co-operate with the Ratepayers Association in publishing same. It is understood that the business men of the town will be asked to support the project and already several have intimated their willingness to do so.

Some bills which were presented prompted Councillor Baldock to ask whether or not town employees had requisitions for their purchases. It was decided that in future no purchases should be made without a requisition from the councillor at the head of that particular department.

Councillor Herrington opened a lengthy discussion when he asked who was the secretary of the Board of Health. He was informed by the reeve that this office was held by Mr. William Davies. Mr. Davies took exception however, and asked the reeve when the appointment had been made. He claimed that he had never been appointed secretary. "When I came on the Board as a new member," said Mr. Davies, "I naturally expected to see some minutes brought out at the meeting but I saw none. I mentioned the matter when I came back from England and the reeve suggested a minute book. I purchased one and have been taking the minutes ever since. But the reeve never appointed me secretary and I doubt if he has authority to do so. I think the secretary is appointed by the Council."

Councillor Herrington—"I move that Mr. Davies be Secretary."

Mr. Davies—"No, I refuse to act. There are only three members on the board now and why should one have to act as secretary? However, I understand that Mr. Hume is secretary of the Board."

Mr. Baldock—"Does Mr. Hume attend the Board of Health meetings?"

Mr. Hume—"I was never notified of any meetings."

The reeve stated that in the future an effort would be made to have all Board of Health meetings in the clerk's office.

Mr. Davies wanted to know what had become of a resolution from the Board of Health regarding a recommendation that the council have the local dairyman install a recording thermometer in connection with his pateruering equipment. There had apparently been no communication from the Board of Health bringing the matter to the attention of the council. The resolution was however eventually found in the minutes of the Board as taken by Mr. Davies and although the council questioned the procedure they decided to deal with it.

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Mr. Davies—"When the resolution was introduced at the Board I, not you, Mr. Reeve, queried whether or not it was the proper procedure. I asked whether or not the Board of Health had power to deal with it."

Reeve Lunau—"Did I not ask the doctor if the Board of Health had power to do this without passing it on to the council?"

Mr. Davies—"You seconded his motion that it be referred to council."

Councillor Sloan—"I think it is a matter for the Board of Health and I move that it be referred back to them." Motion carried.

Mr. Davies also questioned the appointment of Mr. George Smith as Sanitary Inspector when it was admitted by the reeve at the meeting of the Board of Health that he had not time to attend to his duties. He wanted to know what control the Board of Health had over the Sanitary Inspector. How could the Board of Health make any progress under the present conditions he asked. He felt that the Board of Health was a very important body and should receive serious consideration. He criticized the councillors for a certain levity which was entering into the proceedings and stated that he was seeking information which he had not been able to obtain during the past year on the Board. How long is it since there was a general survey of the town by our sanitary inspector asked Mr. Davies. The last survey was by Mr. Davies. The last year in 1924 when the report which was given at that time was received and although it drew attention to many serious matters it was stuck on file and kept there ever since. He had brought the matter up at the last meeting of the Board of Health but could get no action. He was going to try again at the next meeting he said. In the fourteen years previous to 1925 there were 8 meetings of the Board of Health in the period of twenty-one years from 1904 to 1925 there were thirteen meetings. If there is a municipality in the Province of Ontario that can show a worse record than that I'd like to know where it is, said Mr. Davies.

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On motion of Councillors Herrington and McLean the clerk was authorized to purchase 100 feet of hose for the fire department.

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Amount required	Rate	Mills
County Rate	\$ 4,722.54	6
Village rate	7,362.00	9.3
Public Library	316.65	.4
High School maint.	3,150.00	3.9
Electric light deb.	981.50	1.3
St. improv't deb.	589.77	.7
Public school deb.	2,095.10	2.6
High School deb.	7,337.41	9
Water works deb.	6,350.61	8
Arena deb.	1,297.33	1.6
Fire dept. deb.	399.70	.5
Pub. school maint.	6,300.00	7.7

Ex-reeve W. H. Pugsley asked the members before they voted on the resolution if they considered the matter from the standpoint of the whole county or if it had ever been discussed in this light.

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JAMES B. McLEAN, Clerk.

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DATED at Toronto, Province of Ontario, the Nineteenth day of January 1927.  
JAMES R. ROAF, 95 King Street E., Toronto, Solicitor for the said Gertrude Middlebrook.

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Solicitors for: Wilhamina Susanna Annis, Above named applicant.

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