

Spirited Election Contest For Two Reeveships In Vaughan Township

Reeve Kellam Opposed By Deputy Reeve Robson and Three Seek Office of First Deputy Nomination Meeting Most Largely Attended In Many Years - Baker, Johnson and Dooks Receive Acclamation.

Vaughan Township Nomination meeting held on Monday afternoon was very largely attended and was featured by more "fireworks" than usual. The Hall was packed to the doors and several hundred were unable to gain admission. Reeve Kellam who has been in office for the past two years is opposed by Deputy Reeve Robson and former second deputy reeve A. W. Farr who is a candidate for the first deputy reeveship is opposed by former Reeve J. T. Saigeon and former Reeve T. B. Weldrick. Councillor Thos. M. Baker has been elected second deputy reeve by acclamation. Councillor Wm. J. Johnson and Robert Dooks have also received an acclamation for council. David Middleton had entered the field for council but was unable to qualify on account of an error of the assessor in leaving his name off the roll. It was a regrettable error as Mr. Middleton was receiving strong support and would have made an excellent bid for election.

The nomination speeches were interspersed with some fiery questions from the audience who were out to give the candidates a "rough ride." In a lengthy address, Reeve Kellam gave a detailed statement of County and Township affairs. Deputy Reeve Robson who is seeking promotion was given an enthusiastic reception and Deputy Reeve Farr who is having opposition declared his stand on County and Township matters. The interest shown at the meeting was evidence of the interest taken in all parts of the Township and a large vote is expected on Monday next.

Mr. McLean

This is my thirtieth time as Nominating Officer, and I haven't missed one meeting in the thirty years.

I am pleased to see the representation of the township to-day—such a large audience—speaks well of the interest that the ratepayers are taking in the affairs of the township.

It is not for me to make any speech—not my duty at all—but as a ratepayer I am going to take the liberty of nominating a chairman. I am going to ask Mr. D. C. Longhouse, one of the oldest ex-reeves that I see in the audience, to take the seat this afternoon.

Mr. D. C. Longhouse, Chairman

I am sure I must thank you for the honor you have placed on me in appointing me Chairman over the Annual Meeting of the Election.

It is twenty eight years ago since I first sat at this table, and I am sure it was a very pleasant time for me during the years that I served, and I understand that things have generally gone along without much trouble in the township. Vaughan always seemed to be a township there wasn't much wrangling in, as there is in some townships.

Again thanking you for the position you have put me in. The first speaker called was Reeve Kellam.

Mr. Kellam

Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, ratepayers of the Township of Vaughan:

It is a pleasure to me to see such an audience before me today, and as I appear before you I want to wish you the compliments of the season with all sincerity. We ought also to congratulate ourselves upon the Chairman that we have and I also feel like congratulating the Chairman upon being chairman of this audience.

No doubt the first question and the great question that interests you as ratepayers of this Township is the tax bill, and why is the tax bill climbing from year to year. The four main items in connection with the taxation are:—In the first place, the only climbing that the tax rates has done for several years—for two years at least—is in the County tax rate. We have a system now of education that is climbing in expenditure, is climbing in progress, and is fulfilling a greater work from year to year. We have some nine or ten High Schools and some nine or ten continuation schools throughout the county, and the new law enacted some few years ago requires everyman to pay his share. Every municipality pays half of the cost of High School education, and that is to fill the demands of the High School pupils. This year High school education cost the County of York some \$300,000.00. Vaughan had to levy her share for that amount, approximately \$80,000.00 some \$60,000.00. I am not exactly sure, \$70,000.00 or \$75,000.00 more than in 1927.

Continuing Reeve Kellam gave a detailed account of County activities and his presentation of the facts and figures evidenced a complete understanding of the many problems.

I want to take this opportunity at this time of presenting to you the financial standing of the Township of Vaughan at the last Auditor's Report said Mr. Kellam which was one year ago today that is the last Auditor's statement that we have, and as I take here the account of the assets and the liabilities I see on this statement liabilities of \$72,000.00 for this Township, and as I go over those items which contain \$72,000.00 I see \$53,000.00 charged up to the several school sections \$4800 and some dollars of the assets—electric debentures, which were \$8000. or more when it was created, being paid off from year to year. That, along with debentures which are issued along with several school sections is money asked for by different school sections, and that is not a charge to the township of Vaughan only in so far as they guarantee the debentures. There is no place in the Township of Vaughan but what the land is good for the levy against these items. These items account for \$53,000.00 of that \$72,000.00 which is charged as liabilities by the Auditor's report. Now, if I take \$53,000.00 it

leaves a liability of \$18,506.34; that is the liability that was against this township one year ago today, the last audit we have had. I will read you those items contained in that item. We acknowledge every cent of them. There are \$450.00 charged up to the tax collector's salaries. It was not due them yet or it wouldn't have been here. It was due them when they paid in their full amount of taxes or got a clearance card from the township.

The next item is amount of Clergy Reserve and Municipal loans of the Township, used by the township and borrowed by the Township for current expenditure at this time, \$7966.21. We have a note here, balance due Standard Bank on a loan \$10,000.00. Then we have some sundry items, some \$2 and \$3 which is still owing to the several school sections. There are eight or nine of them here. It is here to their credit or charged against them, that is \$90.00 for those items, and that is what makes the \$18,506.34 of the liability to this township. What have we to offset that? We have balance of taxes from the collectors of 1927 of \$8581.24; unpaid taxes of 1927 which you see holds good as to why the tax collectors have not received their salaries. That was not paid in; 5% was added on to it and it is an asset. It is 100% asset to the township, \$8581.24 of unpaid taxes to meet \$18,506.34. We have another little item here to offset the \$90.00, a credit item of \$66.36 which stands against those school sections which they are credited with \$2. and \$3., and so on, which makes \$66.36. What else have we to meet that liability of \$18,506.34? We have, as I said \$8581.24 in unpaid taxes, \$66.36 standing as a credit from the several school sections, but we have more, we have cash paid here on local improvements, \$14,950.00, which is all paid and included in those assets. Now how do we have that? Expenditure on local improvements on several streets. We did not complete the work until late in the fall—November. After that work was completed the Engineer gave us an exact statement of the expenditure. Then we had to call those people together for a court of revision assessment of a lot, misname, or anything like that, we have a court of revision to rectify any errors. We had to give them so many days notice, and it happened after we had the court of revision we had not the debentures sold, so the first of the new year we sold those debentures, which was \$14,950.00, to the municipality, which had paid that account in 1927 funds out of current revenue, so as an offset of that \$18,000.00 of a liability \$8500.00 of unpaid taxes and we have this \$14,950.00 which came into the township as soon as the debentures were sold and they were sold the commencement of the year and the money came to this township Treasury this year. What does that leave us? \$14,950.00, \$8581.00, and \$66.00 from a few items in the school account; that gives us \$23,531.03 and leaves a balance on hand at the commencement of 1928 of \$5025.29; that is the standing upwards of a year ago. What else have we got? We have non-resident taxes and unpaid taxes from the year before in the hands of the County Treasurer of \$6807.16, which is 100% asset—remember, 100 per cent asset, and that makes us a balance of \$11,832.45 to commence our year's work in 1928. What else have we? In the first place we have the Clergy Reserve and the Municipal loan of \$33,532.00 in its entirety set aside for the benefit of the ratepayers of this township. It is a trust fund and it is there. What else do the Auditors find? Real Estate; that is, this hall and these grounds; they have placed a value of \$8500.00 on them as an asset totally paid. What else have we? Personal estate, road machinery, \$10,000.00, so that we have to the credit of this township \$33,532.00 in Clergy Reserve and Municipal loan, we have this building \$8500.00 standing to the credit; we have this road machinery valued at \$10,000.00, and we have a surplus, a balance of \$11,832.45. So gentlemen that is the financial standing of this township one year ago today. Probably that isn't satisfactory. You are not interested in our financial standing then, but today. We have in this township some \$10,200 odd dollars grant from the Government, which we are entitled to on account of the work which was done in 1927. If we closed business a year ago that would be our financial standing and that amount would be forwarded to us, which it was. That is the condition in which we started work one year ago today. As far as the financial condition goes, during the year we levied to be collected from the ratepayers for the work of this year a bylaw for \$22,000.00 for roads and bridges and we levied a \$10,000.00 bylaw for current expenses, and as near as I can make out the report here only makes it a statement up to the 15th of December and there may be an item or two to go on but very small, and when those little items are added on to your current account it will amount to \$9000.00. In other words, we have \$1000.00 as far as I can make out, maybe a little more unused for that purpose, which is to apply to the expenditure on Roads and Bridges disposal during the year. Our constables this year cost us a net sum of around \$400.00. Receipts over the expenditures were about \$400.00 less. Then we had the dog tax. We collected some \$1000.00 in the dog tax and paid out some \$400. which left us an item of \$600.00 and which will offset the account of the constables and leave us an asset of \$200.00 over those two items which still goes into the current account.

Now, for the roads and bridges, as we look at that account it is some \$38,000.00. We levied \$22,000.00; we got

\$10,200.00 odd dollars probably, from the Government grant, 30 per cent on our expenditures for the year; that would leave us \$32,000, and \$200 or \$300, and a thousand over from the revenue of current expenses would leave us some \$33,000.00. Now our expenditure on roads and bridges, you will find that it is some \$38,000.00, which should leave us drop our asset surplus some \$5000.00, and remember we had \$11,000. to start with; drop it some \$5000.00; and now probably you will want to know what we have done for the Township to expend that \$38,000.00. Let me say in the first place that we have graded some 10-1/2 miles of road under Government standard—Government standard roads. Some of you probably were here two years ago when Mr. McVicar came out and said that the maintenance cost of this township was far ahead, told us previously, told me personally, to put all our work under the Improvements Act for a while, with no construction, but today we have 10 1/2 miles graded, 24-foot width in this township, approximately that, and we have drawn some 12,000, nearly 13,000 yards of gravel this year, some 12,700 yards, besides the other work, which has covered nearly as much as we have graded. It has covered about ten miles, besides resurfacing or patching up many places. We have not been so very heavy on the bridge line, but we have done some concrete work as well. In that expenditure of this year we drew something over 5,000 yards of gravel with horses in the Winter time, and remember that is against the advice of the Highways Department. Spring opened up and we found something over 5000 yards of gravel drawn by horses and placed on our roads and our graders going, and miles of gravel which we wished and intended as a Council to get on the roads this year. When Spring opened up, we could not get teams and had to make use of trucks. We had one truck and we kept it going and we engaged other trucks under the Road Superintendent. We could not get the screen gravel at Maple only in limited quantities. We could not make very much use of truck without some kind of a loader. We had a lot of work to do in the south end of this municipality but they did not receive and gravel of any account so far this year. How were we to get that gravel drawn? The Council entered into the proposal to buy the gravel loader. We thought we could get some old machine for \$200 or \$300. that would elevate the gravel but we could not do it. We looked at several machines; finally we got one to cost some \$800.00 that we thought would do the work. We placed it in a pit on the ninth concession. They told us it would elevate out the bank. When we got it there it wouldn't do any such thing, and it was a man-killer to shovel it in. We refused it. It was not satisfactory. The man was full of business and he said: "We have another outfit with a drag line to it." We notified all the Council of our meeting and we went to see the gravel loader. We bought that gravel loader and it worked beautifully. After we placed that, we got some 1200 yards out of that one pit, at a time when we could not get horses without paying two prices at least. That work is good. The cost of that machine is \$1500.00, but we got the Government o.k. before we bought it and he said it was a wonderful asset, a real machine, and we have been guaranteed the 30% on that machine the coming year, which will leave the cost of the machine to the ratepayers of this township about \$1050.00. With that 1200 yards that we drew out of that pit, if we had drawn it all with our own truck we would have got it placed on the road at a cost of \$360.00. If we had hired the truck at the best deal we could get, which was about 15 cents per yard per mile, it would have cost some \$960.00. If we had paid teams, not teams in the summer, but teams in the winter time to draw that, it would have been 40 cents per mile per yard, approximately, running up to about \$2000.00. That is the explanation I give of our gravel loading. We believe it is an asset, very useful, and a convenience to the people of this municipality. We had Mr. Higgins, Government representative, out, and he went over our work and he gave us the very highest standing of the work that was done. The Government 24-foot roads suited him splendidly, and the gravel that we had placed on the roads at the cost suited him excellently. He made the statement that Vaughan Township expenditure was to the top of anything in Ontario. The government Engineer gave us the greatest praise for the work we had accomplished during the year. But the work which worried me was not the work which was accomplished, but that which was not accomplished. The unprecedented rains in July broke up the roads in almost every shape and form; the banks slid down into ditches practically every place, all extra work which no man could foretell, and I want to give the greatest credit to those Road Commissioners; most of them had a good deal of it to do themselves, cleaning those ditches out. Men of that kind are an asset to this municipality. The roads were broken up wherever there was heavy trucks running and those excessive rains cut into the roads unmercifully. Many of those roads we could not get dragged. Farmers were busy and we could not get the dragging done, and the farmers were the only men we had to fall back upon to get the dragging done. We got some of it done, but nothing like we should have to keep the roads in condition we would like to have kept them. It only goes to show that in the future some other plans will have to be made to keep our roads dragged

from week to week. We had two misfortunes during the year. In the winter time when we were drawing with horses, a young man had the misfortune in the northern part of our township to have a broken leg. That young man had no home of his own and certainly the municipality took care of him. He was a Bernardo boy and solicitors got busy and were demanding a considerable amount of damages and would not permit the boy to settle for himself, and it was placed not by us but by a ratepayer in the hands of this county to the hands of the Compensation Board. The municipality paid the hospital accounts and I believe the Doctor bill. He was unfortunate in the hospital at Newmarket where it was found that the bone was not knitting. The removed him to a Toronto hospital and set the leg there. (Continued on Page 5)

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Councillor for 1929

THOMAS M. BAKER
Desires to thank the electors of Vaughan Township for his election by acclamation as
Second Deputy-Reeve for 1929

Electors of Vaughan Township
VOTE to RE-ELECT
George Kellam
As REEVE for 1929
VOTING DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1929
Be Sure To Cast Your Vote



Electors of Vaughan Twp.
VOTE
JAMES
Robson
Reeve for 1929

Electors of Vaughan Township
VOTE TO ELECT
J. T. SAIGEON
1st Deputy-Reeve 1929
13 Years Municipal Experience



Electors Vaughan Twp.
VOTE to ELECT
ARTHUR W.
FARR
1st Deputy Reeve
for 1929
Economy with Progress

I have served the municipality on the council for seven years, the past two of which I have been second deputy reeve. All questions pertaining to the welfare of the Township have at all times had my earnest consideration and I assure you that if I am re-elected that I will serve you to the very best of my ability. I would urge that as many of the electors as possible go to the polls on Monday next and would especially urge an active interest on the part of the women electors whose vote and influence I appreciate and respectfully solicit.

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