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PROCEEDINGS AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE
COUNTY OF ONTARIO.
JULY SESSION, 1854,
AND
JANUARY SESSION, 1855.

THOMAS NICHOLSON GIBBS, ESQUIRE,
WARDEN, COUNTY OF ONTARIO.



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MINUTES
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE
COUNTY OF ONTARIO.

THIRD MEETING, 1854.

FRIDAY, *July 28th*, 1854.

The Council met at the Court House at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Members all present, except Mr. Taylor.

The Report of the County Engineer, relative to the Talbot River Bridge, was laid on the Table and ordered to be read.

•The Report was then read by the Clerk.

Mr. Vernon presented a Petition of Joseph Gould, Esquire, relative to the Sale of County Debentures.

Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition of Robert Thompson, and others, praying for a Grammar School at Uxbridge; which on Motion was read by the

Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Paxton presented Petition from John Snook, and others, relative to the erection of Bridge across Scugog Lake, which was ordered to be read.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, together with the County Engineer's Report to this Council.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves for leave to introduce a By-Law to loan the Credit of this County the sum of £ , to aid and assist in the construction of the Port Whitby and Lake Huron Railway Company.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. MacDougall, moves in amendment all after the word "that" be struck out and the following inserted: This Council consider it premature at this time to take action in the matter.

The amendment was carried on vote, 7 to 5.

Mr. Vernon, seconded by Mr. Wells, moves that a Special Committee of three be appointed by ballot to examine and report on the Petition of Joseph Gould, Esquire, to this Council.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Warden declared the Committee to be composed of Messrs. Farewell, Perry, and Taylor.

The Warden here read a communication from the Clerk relative to the Office of Local Superintendent of Reach and Scugog, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Education.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the Chair for one hour.

The Council then resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Committee on Contingent Accounts brought up their Report.

Report received and read.

And on motion of Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Perry, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Hart in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendment.

Report received and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought in their Report, which was received and read.

And on motion of Mr. MacDougall, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Report, with certain amendments.

Report received and adopted.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves that the Clerk of the Division Court be, and he is hereby, permitted to take possession of the office designed and set apart for that purpose in the Court House.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vernon, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to John Prince the sum of Sixteen Pounds for repairing and attending the Bridge across the Talbot River until the Close of Navigation, the above sum not to be paid until the expiration of said time.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. MacDougall, moves that the County Engineer be permitted to occupy one of the spare Offices on the second floor of this Court House.

Carried.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Gould, Esquire, brought in their Report, which was received and read.

And on motion of Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, was adopted, with a request that the Clerk of the Council forthwith furnish Joseph Gould, Esquire, a copy of the same.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up their Report, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Council went into Committee of the Whole thereon.

Mr. MacDougall in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report with certain amendments.

Report received and adopted.

Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves that the Rev'd. Mr. Mitchell be appointed Local Superintendent of Common Schools for Reach and Scugog, in room of Mr. Baird who, as a Teacher, is disqualified by Law.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and resolved, "That a Grammar School be established in the Village of Uxbridge, agreeably with the prayer of a Petition presented to this Council; and that Joseph Bascom, Joseph Johnston, Thomas Bolster, Joseph Gould, Abraham Bagshaw, Esquires, and Doctor James Nation, be Trustees of said Grammar School, and that they retire in the rotation in which they are named in the Resolution in accordance with Section Ten of the Grammar School Amended Act, 16 Vict., Chap. 186.

Carried.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves That when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned *sine die*.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Farewell, and seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the Clerk be authorized to procure certain maps belonging to the County which have been forwarded to Darlington by mistake.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS

OF THE

JULY SESSION,

1854.

JULY SESSION,

28th, 1854.

REPORTS.

No 1.

To the County Council of the County of Ontario, in Council Assembled:—

Your Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts, most respectfully Report as follows :

That they have examined the several Accounts as underneath stated, and finding them Correct, recommend them to be paid.

John Mosier, for Painting Signs.....	£5	7	6
William Caldwell, for Chairs, Stools, &c.....	19	19	0
B. Bryan & Co., Stovepipes &c.....	30	8	7
J. R. Hoag, Printing.....	£7	6	9
less paid on same.....	2	7	6
	£60	14	4

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. FAREWELL,
Chairman.

[ADOPTED.]

28th July, 1854.

H. J. MACDONELL,
Clerk.

No 2.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

Your Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, beg to report.

That they have considered the Report plan and Specification for Building the Bridge across the Talbot River, and would recommend that the same be adopted, and that the County Engineer be authorized to receive tenders and enter into a contract for erecting the same in accordance with the recommendation of his Report, and the amount for erecting the Bridge not to exceed One Hundred and Sixty Pounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT WELLS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
28th July 1854.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,
Clerk.

No 3.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

Your Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg to Report,

That they have considered the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Scugog, praying for a grant of Money for the purpose of erecting a Bridge across Lake Scugog, and recommend that the said Petition be referred to the County Engineer to examine and report thereon with the probable cost of erecting said Bridge at the next Session of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT WELLS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,

28th July, 1854.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

No. 4.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Gould beg leave to report.

That they have examined into the subject, and find that on the 8th day of September 1852, a resolution was passed by the Provisional Municipal Council, and authorising the Warden to issue and sell to the best advantage such amount of the County Debentures as the Building Commissioners might think necessary; that on the 16th September the commissioners authorised him to sell or dispose of the whole of the Debentures at a discount not exceeding one per cent per annum. That on the 9th of March 1853 a letter was addressed to the Treasurer by the Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, stating that on the 25th day of January last, Debentures of the County had been sold to the amount of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds at a discount ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 per cent and that the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds fifteen shillings was placed to his credit, the whole amount of which he the Treasurer has drawn himself the above amount of Five Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds fifteen shillings with the Discount on the whole Six Hundred and Ten Pounds five shillings, and Two Hundred Pounds added, being the amount of Debentures sold to Sonley and Werden make up the whole of the Six Thousand Pounds.

Your Committee cannot find that Joseph Gould has deviated in the least from the course laid down for him to pursue in connection with the sale of

those Debentures or that any of the proceeds ever passed through his hands and they are therefore of the opinion that no blame whatever attaches to him in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. FAREWELL.

Chairman,

Committee Room,

28th July 1851.

J. MACDONELL. [ADOPTED.]

Clerk.

No. ii.

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred the Communication of the County Clerk, relating to the Superintendency of the Township of Reach and Seugog, and also the Petition of the Trustees of School Section No. 1, and certain Inhabitants of the Township of Uxbridge praying for the Establishment of a Grammar School in that Village,

Beg to Report that with regard to the Superintendency of the Township of Reach and Seugog, a Mr. Baird as a Teacher, is incapacitated from holding the Office of Superintendent, and as the Revd. John Mitchell has expressed his willingness to act in that capacity, your Committee recommend the re-appointment of that Gentleman.

With respect to the Establishment of a Grammar School in the Village of Uxbridge, as it appears that the Grammar School fund is sufficient to authorize the Council to Establish an additional School recommend that the prayer of the Petition should be granted, the position of the Village of Uxbridge being such as to accommodate a large part of the County and that

Joseph Bascom, Joseph Johnston, Thomas Bolster, Joseph Gould, Abraham Bagshaw, Esquires, and Dr. James Naton, be appointed Trustees for the management of said Grammar School.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. TAYLOR.

Chairman.

Committee Room,

28th July 1854.

[ADOPTED].

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF ONTARIO.

1855.

TOWNSHIPS.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Brock.....	John Hall Thompson, <i>Reeve</i> .
.....	John Hart, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Mara and Rama.....	Daniel Grock Hewitt, <i>Reeve</i> .
Pickering.....	John M. Lumsden, <i>Reeve</i> .
.....	James V. Spears, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Reach and Scugog.....	Abel W. Ewers, <i>Reeve</i> .
.....	Robert Irvin, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Scott.....	George Smith, <i>Reeve</i> .
Thorah.....	Neil McDongall, <i>Reeve</i> .
Uxbridge.....	William Hamilton, <i>Reeve</i> .
Whitby.....	James Burns, <i>Reeve</i> .
.....	William H. Gibbs, <i>Reeve</i> .
Whitby Town of.....	William Laing, <i>Reeve</i> .
Oshawa Village of.....	Thomas N. Gibbs, <i>Reeve</i> .

THOMAS NICHOLSON GIBBS, Esq., *Warden*.

WILLIAM PAXTON, JUN., *Treasurer*.

H. J. MACDONELL, *Clerk*.

County Auditors.

ROBERT DARLINGTON, Esq., *Brooklin, Whitby*.

WILLIAM FOWSON, Esq., *Manchester, Reach*.

COUNTY OF ONTARIO.

MONDAY, 22nd January, 1855.

The Council met at the Court House, in the Town of Whitby, in the County of Ontario, at 2 o'clock P. M.

It was moved that the Clerk do take the Chair. When the following gentlemen answered their names and took their seats as Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves, elected by the several Townships, Town and Village Municipalities in the County, Certificates having first been filed with the Clerk, in accordance with the Statute in such case, made and provided in favour of each of the said gentlemen :—

1. ***For the Township of Brock***—John Hart, Deputy Reeve.
2. “ “ *Mara and Rama*—Daniel G. Hewitt, Reeve.
3. “ “ *Pickering*—John M. Lumsden, Reeve; James
 “ “ V. Spears, Deputy Reeve.
4. “ “ *Rcaach and Scugog*—Abel W. Ewers, Reeve ;
 “ “ Robert Irvin, Deputy Reeve.
5. “ “ *Scott*—George Smith, Reeve.
6. “ “ *Thorah*—Neil MacDougall, Reeve.
7. “ “ *Uxbridge*—William Hamilton, Reeve.
8. “ “ *Whitby*—James Burns, Reeve ; William H.
 “ “ Gibbs, Deputy Reeve.
9. ***For the Town of Whitby***—William Laing, Reeve.
10. ***For the Village of Oshawa***—Thomas N. Gibbs, Reeve.

The Clerk then called upon the Council to elect a Warden for the County of Ontario, for the present year.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. MacDougall moves that Thomas Nicholson Gibbs, Esquire, of Oshawa, be the Warden for the present year.

Yeas.

Messrs. Burns,
 " Gibbs, W. H.
 " Hart,
 " Hamilton,
 " Hewitt,
 " Lumsden,
 " Laing,
 " MacDougall,
 " Spears,
 " Smith.---10.

Nays.

Messrs. Ewers,
 Irvin.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of Eight.

The Warden took the Chair and addressed the Council, after which he was sworn into Office by His Honor, the Judge of the County Court.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. MacDougall, moves that a Committee of " five " be now appointed by ballot, to propose to the Council the necessary Standing Committees.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Chairman declared that the said Committee consisted of Messrs. Burns, Hamilton, Lumsden, Laing, and MacDougall.

The Warden read a communication from James Hodgson, Esquire, resigning the Office of County Auditor.

Mr. Ewers gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of an Auditor on behalf of the County for the present year.

Moved by Mr. MacDougall and seconded by Mr. Lumsden that the Council adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned,

THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden.

H. J. MACDONELL,

TUESDAY, 23th January, 1855. [Second day.]

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

John Hall Thompson, Esquire, Reeve of the Township of Brock, handed his Certificate to the Clerk and took his seat.

Names called over, all present.

The Warden addressed the Council and read and laid on the table several Communications.

1st. Report of the Chairman of the Building Committee.

2nd. Communication from the Revd. J. Durant, Local Superintendent of the Township of Pickering.

3rd. Report of the County Engineer on Talbot River Bridge.

4th. Report of the County Engineer on Petition for grant for Bridge to Scugog Island.

5th. Presentment of the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions held in October last.

6th. Statement of accounts from Registrar of the United Counties of York and Peel.

7th. Circular from Provincial Secretary, calling attention to the Patriotic Fund.

8th. Letter addressed to the Treasurer from Agent of the Bank of Montreal.

Petitions Presented.

Of James Stabback, Elisha Deolittle, and 148 others, praying that Simcoe Street on the 2nd and 3rd Concessions may be opened up. Mr. Gibbs, W. H.

Of Allen Card and others praying that a certain part of Simcoe Street be opened up. Mr. Thompson.

Of Mr. George Currie and others for the removal of obstructions from the Simcoe Street Road with a Resolution from the Municipal Council of Reach and Scugog annexed. Mr. Ewers.

Of the Reeve of Mara and Rama in reference to the Roads and Bridges in Mara &c. Mr. Hewitt. Of E. R. Irish, Esq., and 108 others Inhabitants of Mariposa praying that obstructions may be removed from Simcoe Street Road. Mr. Irvin.

Of W. H. Michel Esq., and others praying for the re-appointment of the Revd. John Durant as Local Superintendent for the Township of Pickering for the Current year. Mr. Lumsden.

Of Joseph Reader and J. S. Gamble on behalf of the Inhabitants of Scugog, for a grant of money in aid of the Erection of a Bridge across Lake Scugog, between Reach and Scugog. Mr. Ewers.

Of Walter Coulthard and others, praying for a grant of £'s made for Simcoe Street. Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Ewers seconded by Mr. Mc'Dougall, moves that Mr. William Powson of Reach be appointed one of the auditors of accounts for the Current Year.

Carried.

The Warden informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. Robert Darlington of Brooklin to be the other Auditor for the Current Year.

Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves that the Several Petitions presented this day be now read.

Carried.

The Petitions were then read by the Clerk.

Mr. Gibbs, W. H., seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves that the Petitions of James Stabback and E. Doolittle be referred to a select Committee to be composed of Mr. Lumsden, Mr. Ewers and the mover.

Carried.

The Special Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees for the present year, brought in a Report which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lumsden ordered to be adopted.

Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Laing, moves

That a Committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the several subjects referred to by the Warden, and that the same be done by ballot forthwith.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Chairman declared that the said Committee consisted of Messrs Burns, Hamilton, Laing, Lumsden and McDougall.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Spears, moves

That all Petitions or other documents presented to this Council not already specially disposed of, be referred to the several Committees whose duty it shall be to consider the same without any Special Motion to that effect.

Carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the Chair for one hour.

The Council resumed.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. McDougall moves,

That the Clerk of the Council be instructed to call on the Clerk of the Peace for a Copy of the Presentment of the last Grand Jury.

Carried,

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves

That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Carried.

Adjourned

THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden:

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, 24th January, 1855; [3rd day.]

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over:

Members all present.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Warden read and laid on the table a Presentment from the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions held in January instant, also a communication from Mr. Hogaboome in respect to the Sale of the lands belonging to this County.

Petitions Presented.

Of Joseph Reader and 56 others praying to have the Simcoe Street Road defined. Mr. Ewers

Of Thomas Wilcockson and 56 others, to have Simcoe Street defined. Mr. Gibbs.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions connection with Simcoe Street, brought up their Report.

Report received and read.

And on motion of Mr. Lumsden was adopted.

It was then moved that the Warden do leave the Chair until 4 o'clock.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Warden read a communication from the Treasurer of the County which was laid on the table.

The Special Committee to whom was referred certain matters in the Warden's address brought in their report.

Report received and read.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves

That it is deemed necessary for the best interests of the County, that the discussion on the report just read be conducted with closed doors.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the above report.

Mr. W. H. Gibbs in the Chair.

Committee rose reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Ewers; moves,

That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Carried.

Adjourned.

THOMAS N. GIBBS.

Warden.

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

THURSDAY, 25th January, 1855 (4th day.)

The Council pursuant to adjournment, met this morning.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Members all present.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Petitions presented.

Of Z. Burnham Esq., and Sheriff Reynolds, praying for certain alterations in Grand Jury Room.

Of Oliver Warner, of the Township of Whitby, praying for the Sale of certain Lands in the Township of Scott belonging to this Council.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the Report on the Warden's address.

Mr. Gibbs W. H., in the Chair.

Committee rose and the Chairman reported.

That the Committee had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again to-day.

Report received.

It was then moved that the Warden do leave the Chair until 5 o'clock.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the report upon the Warden's address.

Mr. Gibbs, W. H., in the Chair.

The Committee rose and report the report with certain amendments together with certain resolutions.

The Report received and adopted

And it was moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Burns and

Resolved.—1st. That Mr. James Wallace, having given his consent to change Arbitrators named in a resolution of Council passed in June Session, now last, appointing Messrs. John Simpson, R. Armour and James Laing and substituting in their room and stead Messrs. Oliver Mowat, Philip M. Vankoughnet and Larratt W. Smith to whom all matters in dispute shall be referred for settlement. This Council hereby agrees to such an arrangement.

Carried.

2nd. That in case any two of the above named Arbitrators proposed to be substituted in lieu of those appointed in June last shall refuse or be unable to act in such capacity as Arbitrators the Vacancy or Vacancies so caused shall be filled up by inserting in their places the names of S. Connor and John Bell Esquires; as Referees:

Carried:

3rd. That in case of either of the above first named gentlemen being unable so to act as Arbitrators aforesaid, then the vacancy shall be filled up by the Warden, and Mr. Wallace, they selecting one of the last two named gentlemen, and further should all three of the first named Arbitrators decline to act, then the name of R. Armour, Esq., of Bowmanville shall be added to that of S. Connor and John Bell, Esquires.

Carried.

4th. That the said Arbitration shall take place on or before the 15th day of March now next, and not later, at such place as they the said Arbitrators shall name:

Carried.

5th. That the Clerk be instructed to draw up the necessary bonds and that the Warden on behalf of this Council and James Wallace do sign the same as soon as a sufficient number of the Arbitrators above named shall have accepted the burden of the said Arbitration:

Carried.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol management brought up their Report.

And on motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Ewers.

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Burns in the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Moved by Mr. Ewers and seconded by Mr. Thompson.

That this Council do now adjourn.

Carried.

Adjourned.

THOMAS N. GIBBS.

H. J. MACDONELL,

Warden.

Clerk.

JANUARY 26th, 1855. (5th day.)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over, Members all present except Mr. Spears.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Goal Management went into Committee of the whole to resume consideration of the Report.

Mr. Burns in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

On the Question for Receiving the Report.

Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

That the Report be not received, but be referred back to them for the purpose of re-considering the last Clause.

Carried.

The Committee on Contingent accounts brought up their Report.

Report Received.

And on motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Irvin,

The Council went into Committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Ewers in the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Report Received.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up their Report.

Report Received.

And on motion of Mr McDougall, seconded by Mr. Gibbs,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Hart in the Chair.

And on the receiving of the Report.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Gibbs,

That the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges for further consideration.

Carried.

It was then moved and seconded, that the Warden leave the Chair for One Hour.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up their Report for further consideration.

Mr. Hart in the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Report with certain amendments.

Upon the receiving of the Report:

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Irvin, moves,

That the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole with Instruction to amend the same by adding after the words 6th Concession in the Township of Reach, in the first Clause, the following, or in such other place as the Inhabitants of the Township of Seugog in the event of having to assess themselves may desire:

Decided in the Negative.

Yeas.

Messrs. Ewers.

" Irvin.—2

Nays.

Messrs. Burns,

" Gibbs, W. H.

" Hart.

" Hamilton.

" Hewitt.

" Lumsden.

" Laing.

" McDougall.

" Smith.

" Thompson.—17

On the Question for Receiving the Report:

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Irvin, moves:

That the Report be not received but be referred back to the Committee of the whole with instruction to strike out all after the words that in the 5th Clause, and insert the following instead, thereof.

Your Committee would recommend your Council to appoint a Road Surveyor, and instruct him to set out the Simcoe Street Road through the Townships of Whitby and Reach, in accordance with the Prayer of the Petitioners, and to report the same to this Council at the next Session as the Law in such cases requires, as delaying the same would prevent the Council from granting the Prayer of the Petitioners this Year, without requiring a Special Meeting of the Council to be called for that purpose,

Lost.

Ycas.

Nays.

Messrs. Ewers.

Messrs. Gibbs.

Irvine.—2.

" Hart,

" Hamilton,

" Hewitt.

" Lumsden.

" Laing,

" McDougall,

" Smith.

" Thompson.—9.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, W. H.,

That the Report just read be received.

Carried.

Report received and adopted.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Smith,

For leave to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 11, of this Council.

Granted.

By-law read a first time.

The 34th Rule being suspended.

The By-law was read a second time.

The Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

The Committee rose and Reported the By-law with amendments.

Report received.

Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Smith moves,

That the By-Law repealing part of By-Law number 11 be read a third time forthwith, and the 34th rule dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

The By-Law was then read a third time and passed.

The Council went into Committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol Management.

Mr. Burns in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Moved Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. McDougall.

That this Council take into consideration their allowing the Town Council of Whitby the use of the Grand Jury Room in the Court House for holding their meeting for this year, when not otherwise required for Public purposes.

Carried.

The Council the adjourned.

THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden.

H. J. MACDONEILL,

Clerk.

JANUARY, 27th, 1855. [6th day.]

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Members all present with the exception of Mr. Spears.

The Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts resumed the consideration of their Report.

And on motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McDougall.

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Ewers in the Chair.

The Committee rose and Reported the report without amendment.

Report received.

Report adopted.

The Standing Committee on Printing brought up their Report.

And on motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

The Council went into Committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Hewett in the Chair.

Mr. Spears here entered and took his seat.

The Committee rose and reported the Report with Certain amendments.
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Report Received.

Report Adopted.

It was then moved that the Warden do leave the Chair until 4 o'clock.

The Council met at 4 P. M.

Members all present.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol management resumed the consideration of their Report.

Mr. Burns in the Chair.

Committee rose and Reported the Report with some amendments together with a resolution respecting the same.

Report received.

Report adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves,

That Mr. Shier be hereby authorized to take steps so that Division No.3 on the plan of the Gaol Yard may be as soon as possible proceeded with in accordance with the Report of the County Property and Gaol management Committee.

Carried.

The Standing Committee on Education, brought up their Report which was read.

And on Motion of Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Irvin in the Chair.

Committee rose and Reported the Report with certain amendments.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves.

That the following gentlemen be appointed Local Superintendents of Common Schools of this County for the present year for the respective Superintendencies.

For No. 1	Revd. R. H. Thornton,
“ “ 2	Revd. A. Kennedy.
“ “ 3	Revd. John Mitchell.
“ “ 4	Abraham Bagshaw.
“ “ 5	J. R. Thompson.
“ “ 6	Charles Robinson.
“ “ 7	D. G. Hewitt, Esquires.

Carried.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hewitt, moves,

That Joseph Johnston and the Revd. William Clelland be appointed Trustees of the Uxbridge Grammar School and that they retire from office on the 31st day of January 1858.

Carried.

Mr. Hewitt, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves,

That W. H. Michell and the Rev. Mr. Findlay be appointed Trustees of the Senior County Grammar School, and that they retire from Office on the 31st day of January, 1858.

Carried.

A By-law to amend part of By-law No. 8, and which was referred to in the preceeding Report was then brought in and read a first time.

The motion to suspend the 34th rule as far as relates to the same being carried was read the second time.

And the Council went into Committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

Report received and adopted.

And the By-law was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

The Special Committee to whom certain matters in the Warden's address was referred brought up their second Report which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr Burns,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Gibbs, W. H. in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report.

Report received.

Report adopted.

A By-law to repeal that part of By-law No. 7, which fixes the Salary of the Treasurer, and to fix the Salary of that Officer, and which was referred to in the preceeding Report was then brought in and read a first time.

And on motion of Mr. Laing to suspend the 34th rule being carried, the By-law was read a second time.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr Gibbs, W. H., in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the By-law.

Report received and adopted.

And on the question for reading the Bill a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Laing, moves,

That the Bill be not read a third time to-morrow, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that rule 34th be dispensed with.

Carried.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up their Report which was read.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Report.

Report received.

Report adopted.

A By-law to raise by way of Loan the sum of Four Thousand Pounds, and Interest thereon, payable within Twenty Years, for the purpose of discharging the liabilities of the County of Ontario, required in completing the County Buildings, and for the erection of a Stone Wall around the Gaol, and Fencing the Ground upon which the County Buildings stand was read a first time.

And on motion of Mr. Laing to suspend the 34th rule being carried, the Bill was read a second time

●And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

And on the question for reading the Bill a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves,

That the Bill be not read a third time to-morrow but it be read a third time forthwith, and that Rule 34th be dispensed with.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves,

That it be resolved that should the Warden find no advantageous disposition can be made of the County Debentures, this Council hereby authorize him to summon a Meeting of the Finance Committee to confer with him on the subject, unless advances can be obtained from any Bank based upon their deposit as Collateral Security.

Carried.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves,

That the Clerk be instructed to promulgate the By-law just read as required in the Municipal Act, to legalize the same in case of any defect therein.

Carried.

Mr. Hewitt gives notice that he will at next Session of Council, move for the introduction of a By-law to raise by way of Loan the sum of £ for the construction and improvement of leading lines of Roads throughout the County.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, W. H., moves,

That the Messenger be paid Two Pounds Ten Shillings for the present session, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same on the Warden's order.

Carried.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves,

That when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th day of June, next.

The Council then adjourned.

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES,

January Session,

1855.

No. 1.

To the Council of the County of Ontario, in Council assembled :

Your Committee appointed by ballot to propose the several necessary Standing Committees, most respectfully report as follows:

Committee on Finance and Assessment.—Messrs. Laing, Burns and Ewers.

Committee on Education.—Messrs. Hamilton, Thompson and Hewitt.

Committee on County Property.—Messrs. Lumsden, Ewers and Hart.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. McDougall, W. H Gibbs and Smith.

Committee on Printing.—Messrs. Thompson, Hart, and Spears.

Committee on Contingencies.—Messrs. Irvin, Burns and Spears

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. LUMSDEN,

Chairman.

23rd January, 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

No. 2.

The Report of the Stamping Committee to whom was referred several matters by the Warden in his address.

Your Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the various matters referred to in the Warden's address, beg to Report.

That with respect to the matters in difference between Mr. Wallace and this County, your Committee have carefully read and examined all the documents and papers touching the above, and have given the same every attention, and after mature consideration have deemed it advisable that the interests of this County would be best served by the several matters in dispute between the above parties being submitted to arbitration.

That Your Committee have had an interview with Mr. Wallace on the subject, and he having signified his assent to change the arbitrators named in the Resolution of Council passed in June last and substitute in their stead three Members of the Legal profession to whom all matters in dispute between Mr. Wallace and the County shall be referred. Your committee would recommend resolutions being adopted by your Council to meet such change and they are accordingly prepared to submit the same for your approval.

Your Committee would call attention of your Council to the Chairman's Report of the Building Committee and hereto annexed wherein all the matters relating to the arbitration appointed to take place in August last, were set forth and your Committee cannot discover that the Building Committee are amenable for any delays attending the final settlement of the same.

WM. HAMILTON.

Chairman.

Committee Room,

24th January, 1855.

(See Minutes for Resolutions referred to in the above Report.)

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, in Council Assembled.

The Building Commissioners appointed under By Law No. 9 to superintend the several improvements required about the Court House and Gaol beg to submit the following Report.

A further Insurance of £1,000 was ordered to be effected on the Buildings on the 1st April last, which would make a total Insurance on the Gaol and Court House of £4,000.

Lightening Rods were procured at a cost of £14 8s 4s, and temporary Water Closets erected at a cost of £29 8s 0½, for which latter amount an order has been drawn on the Treasurer, and the former ordered to be paid by your Council at its June Session last year.

A Resolution passed by your body on the 24th January last, referred the matter in difference between James Wallace Esq., and the County to your Commissioners for settlement either to effect the same by a Law Suit or Arbitration, and if the latter course was adopted not to take any steps until the Buildings were finished, to perform this duty your Commissioners have laboured faithfully, but have not succeeded in arriving at a final settlement.—The Architects laid before your Commissioners at a meeting held on the 28th July 1854, (and at which meeting Mr. Wallace was present,) the full and final Accounts of the Cost of the Completion of the Buildings. Many items in those accounts Mr. Wallace objected to as being extravagant and desired an arbitration thereon to which your Commissioners consented. The necessary arbitration, bonds were drawn up by your Clerk and a day appointed for the arbitration to take place, viz: 11th August 1854, which however, was postponed from Mr. Wallace failing to have the work valued by an Architect, and which was considered necessary in order to arrive at the truth of the charge of incorrectness of the accounts furnished by the County Architects or rather Mr. Pim, who was the party who completed the Buildings under the Superintendence of the Architects after this adjournment the arbitration was postponed from various causes from time to time. In the mean time a suit was commenced by Mr. Pim against the County for the balance of his account objections were taken by Mr. Wallace. Of the commence-

ment and Progress of the suit, Mr. Wallace was notified and desired to produce his witness in defence of the same so far as the charge of a wasteful and extravagant expenditure of money was concerned. Failing to prove his charge a verdict was given in favour of Mr. Pim, for the whole amount of his account against the County.

The necessity therefore of an arbitration between Mr. Wallace and the County so far as related to the Architects account ceased.

At this stage your Commissioners learned for the first time that Mr. Wallace desired to arbitrate on the question of the legality or illegality of the notice given by the former board of commissioners and the architect, and not on the item of accounts as your Commissioners understood. The sufficiency or the insufficiency of the notice above alluded to being strictly a point of Law. Your Commissioners at once refused that issue to come before an arbitration under those circumstances the arbitration was finally abandoned and the matter in difference still remain to be settled.

The following is a statement of the account between Mr. Wallace and the County :

To charge of erection of Buildings over and above Mr. Wallace's Contract given Sureties, Jonathan Foote and Thomas Dow.....	£1035	5	9
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Amount of advance of £1200 0s 0d made 11th March 1853, and for which Judgment has been obtained against Mr. Wallace and his Sureties. Viz :—George Wallace, William Laing and Jonathan Foote.....	£1272	5	0
Costs of Suit.....	14	7	3

£2321 18 0

To which Interest &c., must be added.

A settlement was effected with Messrs. Cumberland and Storm 17 Nov. and the balance due them of £460 4 5 was arranged by Note at 4 Months,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HAM PERRY,

Chairman.

Whitby, 1st January, 1855.

No. 3.

Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the petitions from the Townships of Reach, Mariposa, Brock and Whitby praying for the removal of certain supposed obstructions to Simcoe Street in the second and third Concessions of Whitby.

To the County Council of the County of Ontario.

Your Committee after having carefully examined the documents and evidence to them referred. Beg leave to Report that in the opinion of Your Committee it would be inadvisable for this Council to take action in the Matter as doubts exist with respect to the Monument on the South East Corner of Lot No. 11 in 2nd and 3rd concessions, Township of Whitby being an original one.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. GIBBS.

Chairman.

Committee Room,

24th January, 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

No. 4.

Report of the Standing Committee on County Property on the Report of the County Engineer, &c.

To the County Council of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol management beg leave to Report.

That they have made a minute examination of the County Gaol and can state that it is conducted in an efficient manner. The prisoners expressing themselves satisfied with the treatment they receive.

Your Committee recommend that the County Engineer be instructed to make any necessary repair to the County Buildings between the Sessions of Council provided, said repairs shall not at any one time exceed the sum of Ten Pounds unless he shall have first obtained the consent of the Warden to incur a larger outlay.

Your Committee report that the Furnaces furnished by Messrs. Cheney & Co., for the Court House are totally unfit for the uses, for which they were intended, and would recommend that the County Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs Cheney & Co., on the subject and obtain information from the former Architects of this Council regarding the contract entered into by them.

Your Committee also recommend that the County Engineer be instructed to enlarge and furnish the Grand Jurors Room so that the Division Court may be held in it instead of the Court Room and substitute a table with chairs for the inconvenient arrangements in the Court Room for the accommodation of Barristers &c.

Your Committee received a plan for building a wall around the Gaol Yard from Mr. Shier County Engineer, and prefer said plan to that rendered by Cumberland and Storm and recommend that Mr. Shier be empowered to take action so that division No. 3 in the plan of the Gaol Yard be as soon as possible completed.

Probable cost of No. 3 Division, £463.

Your Committee likewise recommend that the County Engineer in future be required to report at the different meetings of Council the condition of the County Buildings and make any suggestions he may think proper.

Your Committee have paid due consideration to the presentments of the Grand Jury with regard to the removal of the County Offices to the apartments provided by the County for their use, but as the County Engineer stated to your Committee that the Rooms were not fit for immediate occupation no change in the opinion of your Committee can at present be made.

Your Committee beg further to report that the Registrar of this County having provided at his own expense what he deemed a sufficiently secure Registry Office, and expressed his readiness to make such improvements as may be deemed necessary for the better security of documents and papers placed in his charge, your Committee conceive that by doing so he has met the demands of the Statute, and having done so the interests of the County do not in the opinion of your Committee require the removal of that Officer to the County Buildings.

The Clerk of the Peace has expressed his willingness to remove so soon as a proper Office can be procured for him.

Your Committee have received a communication from Mr. Perry with regard to the management of the County Registry in which he assures your committee that hereafter no parties employed by him shall practice law in the Registry Office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN. M. LUMSDEN.

Chairman.

Committee Room.

27th January, 1855.

H. J. MACDONELL,

[ADOPTED.]

Clerk.

No. 5.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS.

To the Council of the County of Ontario:

Your Committee on Contingent Accounts having carefully examined the same, most respectfully report that they have found the amounts nearly all duly certified and sworn to, and do believe them to be correct, and they re-

commend the payment of the following sums, upon the Warden's Warrent, with regard to the amount of Wm. Powson, Esq., amounting to Nine Pounds, as your committee fully believe that the articles therein named were procured for the use of the County Council, and not for his private use as stated in the first Session of 1854.

Your Committee would also recommend the payment of the several accounts ordered by the late Building Committee, the County Treasurer having refused payment of the same without an order from Council.

	£	s	d
Thomas Wheelers account, balance,.....	8	0	0
William Tills, " Furniture.....	6	8	9
Henry Rowsells " Books.....	3	7	6
William Powson, " do	9	0	0
Joshua J. Otto, Register, do	5	5	0
S. Fuller, Carpeting Room &c.	9	16	9
S. Fuller, Furniture,.....	8	10	0
P. M. Clark's "	1	0	0
Thomas Fullers, " Judges Chair, &c.....	32	10	0
John Shier, Surveying Site, &c.....	2	10	0
William Bryan's "	4	10	2½
S. Fuller's " Carpeting Judges Room, &c.....	9	16	9
J. O. Dornan, Printing.....	13	11	2
Thomas Bealle's " Sundries.....	23	4	9½
John Bengoughs " work at Court House.....	3	0	0
S. Fuller's " Ordered by Jailor.....	13	4	6
R. Hoags " Printing.....	8	11	4
A. & B. Bryan's " Ordered by Jailor.....	37	13	10
Joel Biglow's " Ordered by Treasurer.....	3	5	1
The Treasurer of Ontario's ac. Disbursements.....	3	17	2
Clerk of Councils, " do	13	13	9

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BURNS.

Chairman.

Committee Room,

January 25th, 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

No. 6

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Council of the County of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, beg leave to Report

That Your Committee having taken into consideration the several petitions from the Inhabitants of the Township of Scugog, praying for a grant of £250 pounds Cy., to enable the Inhabitants of said Township to construct a Bridge from said Township of Scugog to the Main Land, between the fifth and sixth concessions in the Township of Reach, beg leave to recommend that the prayer of the Petitions be granted upon conditions that the Inhabitants of said Township of Scugog raise by assessment or otherwise a further sum of 750 pounds to be added thereto for the construction of said Bridge and would further recommend that the said grant be expended under the directions of the County Engineer.

Your Committee having also considered the report of the County Engineer in reference to the Talbot River Bridge, and finding the work to be progressing with due rapidity would have been glad to recommend that the sum of

Pounds Cy., be advanced to the contractor upon the County Engineer's order for the same had the finances of the County allowed such being done.

Your Committee having likewise considered the Petition of Walter Coulthard and others praying for a grant of money to be appropriated in improving Simcoe Street North of the Nonquon River be granted upon conditions that the United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria, or the Municipalities, or either of them therein grant an equal amount providing it do not exceed £50 pounds Cy., and that the grant should be expended North of

the front of the first concession of Brock and recommend that Hugh Munro, A. S. Campbell and James Hickenbottom be the Commissioners appointed to expend said grant on the part of the County of Ontario.

Your Committee having also given due consideration to the Petition of the Reeve of Mara and Rama in reference to the State of the Centre Road in Mara would recommend that the sum of £50 debentures payable in ten years be granted for the improvement of said Road and that the Reeve of said Township be instructed to expend this amount on the most needful parts of said Road and in reference to the Narrows Bridge. Your Committee would recommend that the Reeve of Mara and Rama be authorised to treat with the Warden of the County of Simcoe with the view of settling the difficulties connected with said Bridge, and making arrangements for the necessary repairs and to report at the next Session of this Council, what has been done in the premises and your Committee would recommend that the Finance Committee be instructed to draft a By-law to raise the amount of £200 required for the finishing of the Talbot River Bridge according to contract entered into by the County Engineer with Alex. Cameron of Beaverton and the improvements of Simcoe Street.

Your Committee would further Report that with respect to the Petitions of Thomas Wilcoxson and others praying to have the Simcoe street Road defined beg leave to state that after consulting with the County Engineer, find that the course of the Road was marked out by H. Ewings Esq., D. P. L., Surveyor in 1836, but his report does not define the width of said Road where it runs across Lots and as the Petitioners have not presented any Survey upon the Matter. Your Committee cannot see that any action can be taken by this Council in the matter at present until further investigation is made.

Your Committee would further recommend that in consequence of the present state of the finances of the County all grants recommended in this Report be paid in debentures with the exception of the grant for the improvement of Simcoe Street.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. McDOUGALL

Chairman.

Committee Room,

26th January, 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

No. 7.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

To the Municipal of the County of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Printing respectfully recommend to Your Council.

That Your Clerk do advertize for tenders from Printers for the Printing of the Minutes Reports and By-laws and also the advertising required, and employ the party giving the lowest tender, and being in other respects satisfactory.

That the Clerk be instructed to have 1000 copies of the Minutes Reports and By-laws of this and the special meeting held in July last printed together in Pamphlet form, and that he also have a like number of copies of the Minutes, Reports and By-laws of each Session of the Council during this year printed in like form and that the Clerk be instructed to require the party whose tender is accepted to complete the same within a limited time.

And Your Committee would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to furnish.

One copy to each qualified Magistrate in the County, 50 copies to each member of this Council and 140 copies to be distributed to the Township Clerks in the County in proportion to their respective populations.

Your Committee further recommend that one advertisement in the several County Papers and *Globe* shall be sufficient notice for tenders.

Also that the Clerk be authorized to get any printing done for the use of the Council which may be considered necessary by the warden, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses thereof on certificate of the Warden or Clerk.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. THOMPSON.

Chairman.

Committee Room.

27th January 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

No. 8.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education beg to Report.

That they have had under their consideration the Petition of W. H. Mitchell and 29 others, Inhabitants of Pickering praying that the Revd. John Durrant may be appointed Local Superintendent of Schools for that Township for the year 1855, and also a communication from that Gentleman expressing his willingness to accept the Office if appointed and also stating that there are 23 instead of 22 Schools under his Superintendency and also that he has not received payment for the Mileage in attending the meeting of the Board of Public Instruction.

In reference to the Petition, Your Committee have not made the appointment in accordance with its prayer in consequence of the nonresidence of

that Gentleman in the Township and there being a Gentleman in the Township whom your Committee regard as fitted to fill that important Office and so far as relates to the additional School recommend that the amount required to pay the Superintendent should be added to the amount required for that purpose in the Township of Pickering for this year by the Finance Committee and with reference to the non-payment of the amount due for Mileage attending the Meetings of the Board of Public Instruction, find that no provision was made to meet this demand for the year 1854.

In taking into consideration the duties of Local Superintendents as Members of the Board of Public Instruction. Your Committee are of opinion that the sum of 3d per mile allowed for travelling expenses is insufficient to defray the mere expenses incurred in attending its Meetings and believe that in consequence the Meetings of that body are not in many cases attended by even a sufficient number of Members to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Your Committee are prepared in view of this to introduce a By-law to amend By-law number 8 and in it increase the Mileage to 6d per mile, and would recommend that in providing for the Mileage under such By-law for 1855 the Mileage for 1854 should be included.

Your Committee would recommend that the following Gentlemen be appointed Local Superintendents in the respective Superintendencies for the year 1855 as under named.

Number,	1	The Revd. R. H. Thornton,
"	2	The Revd. Alex. Kennedy,
"	3	The Revd. John Mitchell,
"	4	Abraham Bagshaw, Esq.
"	5	J. R. Thompson, Esq.
"	6	Charles Robinson, Esq.
"	7	D. G. Hewett, Esq.

As the Grammar School amendment Act provides that Two Trustees shall be annually appointed for each County Grammar School, and the time at which they should retire by each County Municipality, ~~beg to recommend~~ that for the Senior Grammar School W. H. Michell, Esquire, and the Rev. Mr. Finlay be appointed, and that they should retire from office on the 31st day of January, 1858, and that for the Uxbridge County Grammar School Jos. Johnson and the Rev. W. Clelland be appointed, and that they also retire

from office on the 31st day of January, 1858.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. THOMPSON,

Chairman.

Committee Room,

January 27th, 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

No. 9.

SECOND REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, TO WHOM WERE REFERRED THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

That your Committee have given attention to that section of the Warden's Address recommending an increase to the Treasurer's salary, in view of the fact that at the establishment of the new County it was impossible to arrive at a correct idea of the duties required to be performed by that Officer, and as onerous responsibilities are also connected with his department, your Committee would recommend that the suggestion of the Warden be carried out, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare a By Law increasing his salary £25. Your Committee are pleased to learn that the duties of the several County Officers have been properly and efficiently discharged during the past year. Your Committee heartily approve of the efforts put forth to aid and assist those who have been left destitute in consequence of the present war with Russia; and if it should be found that Municipal Councils can raise money to be appropriated to such purpose, your Committee are convinced this County will not be found wanting in contributing its quota to

so noble and patriotic a purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HAMILTON,

Chairman.

Committee Room,

27th January, 1855.

[ADOPTED.]

H. J. MACDONELL.

Clerk.

No. 10.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The Finance Committee beg to Report,

That they have carefully examined all the papers submitted to their consideration bearing upon the Finances of the County. From them it appears that immediate provision must be made for the payment of the following sums, viz. :

Notes matured and protested,.....	£ 525	0	0
Notes maturing,.....	2091	4	5
For sundry purposes, as per Treasurer's Report,.....	750	0	0
	£3366	4	5

To meet this the Treasurer has procured a credit at the Bank of Montreal for £1,000, but in consequence of the paper given by the Building Committee on behalf of the County lying under protest, it cannot be made available.

Besides this there are several accounts for Furniture, Stationary, Printing, Administration of Justice, payment of Members, &c. in all £1,300, which your Committee regret must be laid over until the debentures are disposed of, or some other means devised whereby the County may be placed in funds until the collection of the Rates in the fall of the year. Your Committee recommend passing the By Law for levying £4,000, the Debentures under it issued at once, so that steps may be taken by the Warden to obtain a credit for the County based upon their deposit, should he find they cannot be sold except at too great a sacrifice.

Your Committee see no other method by which the Treasurer can be provided with funds, unless by the assistance and co-operation of Members of your Council, which they yet hope may be effectual. Your Committee is not now prepared to name any rate at which they would recommend debentures to be sold, but should the Warden find no disposition of them can be advantageously made, would recommend your Council to authorize him to summons the members of this Committee to confer with him on the subject.

WM. LAING,

Chairman.

Committee Room,

27th January, 1855.

[ADOPTED]

H. J. MACDONELL,

Clerk.

BY-LAWS,

PASSED JANUARY, 1855.

BY-LAWS.

No. 17.

A BY-LAW

To Repeal part of the By-Law No. 11, imposing a Duty on Hawkers, Pedlars, &c.

1. Be it enacted, That all that part of the first clause of By-Law No. 11, imposing a duty on Hawkers, Pedlars &c., trading within this County, after the words "for every man travelling on foot" be repealed, and in place of the part of said clause so repealed, the folloing be substituted :

Three Pounds of the current money of this Province for every person travelling with one or more Horses, Asses, Mules, or other beasts bearing or drawing burthen : an additional sum of Two Pounds for each of such animals so employed.

For every man sailing with a Decked Vessel, Trading and Exposing for Sale Goods, Wares and Merchandize, on board or from the same, the sum of Ten Pounds.

For every man Trading with a Boat, or other Craft, exposing for Sale Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ; for each Boat and Craft the sum of Five Pounds.

And that the Treasurer be authorized to issue Licenses for one-half of any unexpired year ending on the 31st day of December respectively, charging therefor one-half of the sums above mentioned.

Passed 26th January, 1855.

(Signed)

THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden.

No. 18.

A BY-LAW

To amend part of By-Law No. 8.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, that the words "Three Pence per mile," occurring in the 3d clause of By-Law No. 8 of this Municipality, be repealed, and the words "six pence per mile" be substituted in place of the words so repealed.

Passed 27th January, 1855.

(Signed) THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden.

No. 19.

A BY-LAW

To repeal that part of By-Law Number 7, which fixes the salary of the Treasurer, and to fix the salary of that Officer.

1. Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, That so much of By-Law Number Seven as relates to the amount of salary to be paid to the Treasurer be and the same is hereby repealed.

And be it further enacted, that the yearly salary of the Treasurer of the County of Ontario shall be One Hundred and Fifty Pounds currency, in lieu of all fees and per centages chargeable or to be chargeable upon any monies collected or to be collected for any purpose in the said County.

And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of the County quarterly to retain for his own use out of the general treasury of the County, the proportion of his salary heretofore mentioned, such salary to be computed from the first day of January, 1855.

Passed 27th January, 1855.

(Signed) THOMAS N. GIBBS,

Warden.

SPECIAL SESSION.

SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY, *March* 15th, 1855.

SPECIAL SESSION.

The Council met at the Court House at 2 P. M., pursuant to notice from the Warden.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Members all present except Mr. Ewers and Mr. Lumsden.

The Warden addressed the Council, and laid before them the following communications :

1. Letter from Rev. R. H. Thornton, resigning the office of Local Superintendent for the Township of Whitby.

2. Letters from Mr. William Lockhart and Mr. Thos. Waying, requesting to be informed if lands belonging to this County are for sale.

3. Report from the County Engineer, together with communication to him from Alexander Cameron, of Beaverton, for payments monthly for work done on Talbot River Bridge.

4. Opinion from Adam Willson, Esq., upon the £4000 By-Law, passed by this Council at the last Session.

5. Communication from Adam Willson, Esq., enclosing draft of By-Law to be submitted to this Council.

Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves for leave to introduce a By-

Law to raise by way of loan the sum of Pounds for the purpose of
discharging the liabilities of the County, &c.

Leave granted.

The By-Law was then read a first time,

And on motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to suspend the
34th Rule being carried,

The By-Law was read a second time.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Burns in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the By-Law, with certain amendments.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves

That the Treasurer be instructed forthwith to furnish to this Council a
statement of the unsold wild lands belonging to the County.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Smith, moves

That the Warden leave the Chair for one hour.

Carried.

Council resumed.

The Standing Committee on County Property brought up their Report,
which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Gibbs, W. H. in the Chair.

Report received.

Report adopted.

The resolution was as follows :

Resolved, that the Engineer be instructed to examine the Court House and Jail and report to this Council at its next meeting what it would cost to put them into a thorough and efficient state of repair ; and that in the mean time he be authorized to place a new covering of tin upon the roof to protect the Building and make the necessary alterations in the Jail, agreeably to his report.

Carried.

The Warden read a communication from the Treasurer of the County.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves

That the Warden be authorized to take such measures as he deems most expedient to meet the notes and liabilities of this County, now over due, or which may become due before the next meeting of this Council ; and that for this purpose this Council is of opinion that he should, if necessary, pay a commission of two and a half or three per cent, if they cannot otherwise in his opinion be met.

Carried.

Mr. Burns presented draft of Memorial addressed to the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, for the consideration of this Council, praying that Honourable Body to enact a Law to have boundary lines in Townships, &c. permanently established, which was read by the Clerk.

And on motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McDougall,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Hart in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report with certain amendments

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Burns seconded by Mr. McDougall, and

Resolved—That the Warden do sign the Petition just adopted, and attach the corporate Seal thereto, and forward it to the member for the South Riding of this County, with instructions to lay the same before Parliament at his earliest convenience.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Laing, moves

That this Council now adjourn, and stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th day of June now next.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved:

THOMAS N. GIBBS,

County Warden.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SPECIAL SESSION—MARCH, 1855.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER.

No. 1.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The County Engineer begs leave to Report that agreeably to the Report of the Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol Management, dated January 27th, 1855, the Grand Jurors' Room is now being fitted up so that the Division Courts may be held in it; that he has had a hot air flue constructed, connecting it with the Furnace heating the Offices in the front of the building, so that it may be warmed without heating the furnace connected with the Court Room. That Messrs. Cheney & Co. have made certain alterations in the heating apparatus which appear to render it more effective, but whether it will yet be sufficient in very cold weather is doubtful.

That the roof on the wings of the Court House are in such a leaky state that the walls and ceilings are being very much injured. He would therefore recommend that their present covering be removed, and tin substituted in its stead, the probable cost of which would be from £80 to £100.

That the Eave Troughs on the rear part of the Court House are constructed in a very inefficient manner, and will require some alterations in order to preserve the walls, this however will not involve any great expenditure of money; that another prisoner has escaped from the Gaol by breaking through a lath and plaster partition between the prisoners day room and the hall; that from shrinkage, or some other cause, a number of the doors in the Gaol cannot

be fastened, and that a gate is required in the hall on the lower floor to separate the Gaoler's apartments from the rest of the prison.

Your Engineer would therefore recommend that the prisoners' day room in the north end of the Gaol be lined with two-inch white oak plank, properly fastened, the probable expense of which would be from £20 to 25; that the doors be all put in proper repair; and that an iron gate be placed in the Hall so as to separate the Gaoler's apartments from the prisoners.

All which is respectfully submitted,

March 15th. 1855.

(Signed)

JOHN SHIER,

County Engineer.

No. 2.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

The Standing Committee on County Property, beg to Report.

That with reference to the report of the County Engineer on the state of the County Buildings. Your Committee would recommend that he be empowered to take such steps as in his opinion may be deemed necessary to repair the roof and eave troughs of the Court House, and also that he be authorized to line with two-inch white oak plank the prisoners' day room in the north end of the Gaol, together with the other improvements referred to in his report concerning the Gaol.

(Signed)

JOHN HART,

Chairman.

[ADOPTED.]

No. 3.

PETITION

*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Canada, in Provincial
Parliament Assembled :*

*The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, in
Council assembled,*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH.

That much inconvenience exists ; that a great deal of bad feeling is engendered ; and that improvements are greatly retarded, in consequence of the unsettled and unsatisfactory manner in which the boundary lines between lots are at present defined. Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully, but most earnestly pray your Honourable Body to enact a law enabling the Municipal Corporation of any Township, City, Town, or Incorporated Village, in Upper Canada, on application to the Governor, to have the Boundary Lines between lots in their Township, City, Town, or Incorporated Village, permanently established and marked by planting monuments of Stone, or other durable materials, at the front and rear angles of every lot.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) THOS. N. GIBBS,

County Warden.

[ADOPTED.]

Committee Room,

15th March 1855.