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OF THE
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JOHN HALL THOMPSON, ESQUIRE, WARDEN.  
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MINUTES
OF THE
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY
OF ONTARIO.**

SECOND MEETING.

TUESDAY, June 10th, 1856.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, p. m., at the Court House pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Samuel Byer presented his certificate as Deputy Reeve of Pickering, in room of James V. Spears, resigned, and was requested to take his seat.

Roll was then called—members all present.

The Warden addressed the Council, and laid before the same the following documents.

1st. Statement setting forth the amount of Insurance effected on the County Buildings.

2nd. Communications from the Education Office relative to apportionment of School Monies.

3rd. Letter from Adam Wilson, Esq., Toronto Barrister, in reference to Scugog Bridge.

4th. Presentment of Grand Jury of Spring Assizes held 26th of March, 1856.

5th. Report of the County Engineer on several matters connected with the County.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves, That the Council do now proceed to ballot for a Special Committee of Five, for the purpose of equalizing the Assessment Rolls for last year.

The Council proceeded to ballot and the Warden declared that the said Committee consisted of Messrs. Fairbanks, Hewett, Lumsden, McDougall and Perry.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves, That Mr. Byer be appointed one of the Standing Committee on Contingencies in room of

Mr. Spears, late Deputy Reeve for the Township of Pickering.

Carried.

Petitions presented—

Of Neil McDougall and others, inhabitants of the village of Beaverton, praying for a Lock-up in that village. [Mr. McDougall.

Mr. McDougal, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves, that the Petition just read be referred to a Special Committee to be composed of Five members, viz., Messrs. Fairbanks, Hewett, Hamilton, Brabazon and the mover.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves, That the several papers laid before the Council by the Warden, be referred to the proper Standing Committees, before whom the same should be laid.

Carried.

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves, That a Special Committee of Three be appointed, composed of Messrs. Rowe, Ewers and Perry, for the purpose of enquiring into matters relative to the erection of Scugog Bridge, and report to this Council at their earliest convenience.

On the question being put from the Chair,

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves, That all after the word "appointed," be struck out, and the following words substituted "by ballot for the purpose of enquiring into the matter relative to the erection of Scugog Bridge, and reporting to this Council at its present Session.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Warden declared that the said committee was composed of Messrs. Fairbanks, Farewell and McDougall.

On motion of Mr. Farewell the Council then adjourned.

Adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,
WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,
CLERK.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, June 11th, 1856.

The Council met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Warden in the Chair.

Roll called—members all present.

Minutes read and approved.

The Warden laid before the Council the following documents.

1st. Communication from the Education Office setting forth the apportionment of Legislative School Grant for the year 1856.

2nd. Communication from John N. Agnew, Esq., resigning his office of Local Superintendent for the Township of Reach & Scugog, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

3rd. An account from William Parliament, Commissioner, &c., which was referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petitions presented,

Of James Vroman and others, Inhabitants of Brock, praying for aid in improving the County Road North of the 13th Concession of Brock. [Mr. Brabazon.

Of James Bedson and others for aid on the Town Line between Whitby and Reach. [Mr. Paxton.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves, that a Special Committee of Five be appointed forthwith by ballot, to take into consideration the advisability of the County assuming or otherwise constructing a leading Road or Roads through this County.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot and the Warden declared the Committee to consist of Messrs. Fairbanks, Hewett, McDougall, Lumsden and Ewers.

The Special Committee appointed by ballot to enquire into matters connected with Scugog Bridge, brought in their report, which was read ;—also accompanied with By-law providing for the assumption of the Scugog Bridge as a County work.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the chair until 4 o'clock.

The Council resumed.

The Warden read a Communication from Mr. Foreman, recommending the Rev'd. Mr. Montieth for the office of Local Superintendent for the Township of Reach and Scugog in room of Mr. Agnew, resigned.

The Auditors' Report for the financial year, ending 31st December, 1855, was laid upon the table.

The Report of the County Treasurer, giving a Financial Statement of the County, was read, and ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the equalization of the Assessment Rolls of the several Townships, for the year 1855, brought up their Report with Schedule annexed.

And on motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Brabazon in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendment, with Schedule annexed.

Report received.

On the question for the adoption of the Report, the Yeas and Nays being called for, there appeared in favor of

YEAS.

Messrs. Byers,
Ewers,
Fairbanks,
Farewell,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Paxton,
Perry,
Rowe.—11.

NAYS.

Messrs. Brabazon,
Smith.—2

Carried, and the Report was adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the

Inhabitants of the Village of Beaverton, praying for the erection of a Lock-up House in Beaverton, brought up their Report ;

And on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, was ordered to be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Farewell the Council went into Committee of the whole, to resume consideration of the Report of the Special Committee to consider the matters connected with Scugog Bridge.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendment.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Farewell asked for leave to introduce By-Law providing for the assumption of the Scugog Bridge as a County Work.

Granted.

And the Bill was read a first time.

The 34th Rule being suspended on motion of Mr. Farewell,

The Bill was read a second time.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Committee rose and reported Bill without amendment.

Mr. Fairbanks in the Chair.

Report received.

Report adopted.

The 34th Rule being suspended, the By-Law was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Carried.

Council adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

CLERK.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, June 12th, 1856.

The Council met at 10-30, a. m.

Roll called.

Members present with the exception of Mr. Hewett.

Minutes read and approved.

The Warden read a Communication from Joseph Gould, Esquire, M. P. P., resigning his office as Commissioner for expending certain monies in accordance with By-Law No. 28 of this Council.

A Statement was received from the Treasurer of the United Counties of York and Peel of Non-resident lands in the County of Ontario, on the 31st December, 1855, and receipts covering that year, was read by the Warden and referred to the Finance Committee.

Communication from W. H. Higgins, on behalf of the *Reporter*, requesting the Council to instruct their Clerk to furnish the proprietor of that journal with any documents that he may want, in order to get copies of them.

Mr. Lumsden for leave to present petition of Local Supintendents of the County of Ontario, praying for further remuneration to be allowed to said officers ; signed, on behalf of said Supintendants, by

R. H. THORNTON,

CHAIRMAN,

County Board Public Instruction.

Granted, and the Petition was laid on the table.

The Committee on County property and Gaol management brought up their report, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. McDougall, the Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Dryden in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendments.

And on the question for adoption, Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves that the Report be not adopted, but be referred back to Committee of the whole with instructions to amend the same by

striking out that part of said Report which contemplates certain alterations in the Court House.

The yeas and nays being called stood this:—

YEAS.

Mr. Paxton,—1.

NAYS.

Messrs. Brabazon,
Byer,
Dryden,
Ewers,
Fairbanks,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Perry,
Rowe,
Smith,—12.

Lost.

The Report was then adopted.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves, that the Warden be required, and is hereby authorized to renew the following Insurance Policies, viz., "Western Equitable" and "British American."

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Byer, and *Resolved*,—That the Engineer be requested to cause to be removed the Stove now in the Treasurer's Office, and to have inserted in the aperture now used as a stove-pipe hole, a suitable register so that the air flue be no longer used as a smoke flue.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves for leave to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 28, passed last Session of this Council appointing certain Commissioners to expend monies on the leading roads of this County as therein directed.

Granted.

By-law read a first time.

[The 34th Rule being suspended, the By-law was read a second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.]

Mr. Fairbanks in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported By-law with certain amendments.

Report received.

Report adopted.

On the question for reading the Bill a third time to-morrow, Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the Bill be not read a third time to-morrow, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that Rule 34 be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the chair until 4 o'clock.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

Mr. Hewett, Reeve, from Mara and Rama, took his seat.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up their Report which was read, and on motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brabazon,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Farewell in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported Report, together with two resolutions.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Resolutions.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves that the Rev. R. Monteith be appointed Local Superintendent for the Townships of Reach and Scugog.

Carried.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves that the Treasurer pay unto the Rev. Mr. Thornton, the sum of five pounds, as a remuneration for his duties as Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction for this year.

Carried.

The Standing Committee on Printing brought up their Report.

And on motion of Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Smith,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Gamble in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendment.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves that no Local Superintendent of Common Schools shall be paid his salary as such Superintendent, until he furnish the County Treasurer with a certificate that he has performed the duties of such office, for the term for which payment is required.

Carried.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, that the letter from Mr. Higgins, of the *Reporter* office, complaining of the County Clerk, be referred to a Committee of three to be appointed, to enquire into the matter and report to this Council to-morrow.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Warden declared that the Committee consisted of Messrs. Farewell, Hewett, and Lumsden.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the amount to each member of the Council as described in By-Law No. 3, expired; and that a further sum of 2s. 6d. be paid to each member for every day in attendance, as in said By-Law set forth, during the present year.

Carried.

The Warden read a communication from the Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Farewell, the matter was ordered to be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by Ballot.

The Council proceeded to Ballot, and the Warden named Messrs. Fairbanks, Hamilton, and McDougall, as appointed on said Committee.

It was then moved and seconded that the Council do now adjourn.
Carried. \

The Council adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,
WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,
CLERK.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, June 13th, 1856.

The Council met at 10, a. m.

The Warden in the Chair.

Roll called—members present.

The Warden read a communication from Mr. Bengough, relative to his obtaining a Deed of Land in Scott.

The Standing Committee on contingent accounts brought up their Report which was read,—

And on motion of Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Dryden, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendments.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves, that the County Clerk be required to procure a suitable Clock to be placed in this Court Room. The cost of the same not to exceed the sum of six pounds.

Carried.

The Warden, on motion of Farewell, left the Chair until 2 o'clock.
Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

Report of the Reeve of Mara and Rama in reference to Narrows

Bridge, was read by the Warden, and was ordered to be referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges, together with all papers connected therewith.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moves, That an error having inadvertently been made by the Special Committee to equalize the Assessment Rolls inasmuch as the personal property for the Town of Whithy, was made at £43,409 in place of £19,488,—that the former sum be struck out and the latter sum be inserted therein.

Carried.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the construction by the County, of Roads, or Roads through the County brought up their Report.

And on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Paxton in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Report with amendments.

On the question for the reception of the Report.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves, That the report just read be not received, but referred back with instructions to strike out the 4th clause and all thereafter, and insert the following.

“ That in the opinion of your Committee the opening and gravelling three gravelled roads from the front to the rear of this County, would be of great advantage to the County.

That the line of Road from Manchester, Reach, to Beaverton, Thorab, is of general importance, and that the same should be assumed and gravelled by the County with a view to complete the same to the Manvers Bridge.

That a By-law should be introduced the present Session to create a loan for the sum of £ to construct the foregoing road and temporarily repair the road from Beaverton to the Narrows Bridge.

The yeas and nays being called there appeared in favor of

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Brabazon,	Messrs. Byer,
Ewers,	Dryden,
McDougall,	Fairbanks,
Perry,	Farewell,
Rowe,—5.	Gamble,
	Hamilton,
	Hewett,
	Lumsden,
	Paxton,
	Smith,—10.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

On the question again being put—

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves, That the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole, with instruction to provide that no final action shall be taken in the matter under consideration, until after the Municipal elections in January next, so as to afford the rate-payers of the County an opportunity of voting yea or nay upon the question, and that for such purpose columns be added to the Poll-books of the several Municipalities in the County.

The yeas and nays being called there appeared—

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Dryden,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Ewers,	Byer,
Farewell,	Fairbanks,
Paxton,	Gamble,
Perry,	Hamilton,
Rowe,—6.	Hewett,
	Lumsden,
	McDougall,
	Smith,—9.

The amendment was declared lost.

The question again being put from the Chair,

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves, That the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole with instructions to amend the same by inserting in the 6th clause after the 3rd Section of said clause the following words,—4th—The Front Road from the Town Line of Darlington to the Rouge Hill, through the Townships of Whitby and Pickering, and that the amount to be apportioned by the County for this Road shall not exceed the sum of £4,500.

The yeas and nays being called there appeared,

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Dryden,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Farewell,	Byer,
Perry,	Ewers,
Rowe,	Fairbanks,
	Gamble,
	Hewett,
	Hamilton,
	Lumsden,
	McDougall,
	Faxton,
	Smith,—11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

On the question again being put for the reception of the Report—

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves, that the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole, with instructions to amend same by inserting at the end of the 6th clause the following, "That the sum of £ be given to the Township of Scugog for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in said Township.

The Yeas and Nays being called, stood thus,—

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Byer,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Dryden,	Perry,
Ewers,	Rowe.—3.
Fairbanks,	
Farewell,	
Gamble,	
Hamilton,	
Hewett,	
Lumsden,	
McDougall,	
Paxton,	
Smith.—12.	

—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole, to resume consideration of the Report upon Mr. Gamble's amendment.

Mr. Paxton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report as instructed.

Report received.

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Hewett, that the Report now received be adopted.

Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Ewers, that the Council now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 a. m.

Carried.

Adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

CLERK.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, June 14th, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Roll called,—members all present.

Mr. Fairbanks for leave to introduce Petition of the County Treasurer, praying for an increase of salary.

Leave granted.

And the Petition ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Treasurer be required, and he is hereby authorized to pay the several accounts mentioned in the County Property Committee Report of this Session, and also, pay to the order of the County Clerk the sum that may be required for the purchase of the Clock for the County Room, ordered by this Council.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fairbanks and seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Report of the Special Committee for the construction, by the County, of Roads through this County, be adopted.

On the question for the adoption of the Report,

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves, That the Report be not adopted but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole, with instructions to insert the following, after the 3rd Clause :
“ That the County build one half of the road from Port Whitby, to Beaverton, on the line already adopted by this Council, that the amount of £1,500 be granted for the purpose of opening, and improving a West Branch leading to the Townships of Uxbridge, and Scott. That such line be improved in such a locality, as will be most desirable for the general interests of both Townships’. A grant of £500 to be expended on the leading line in the Township of Scugog, also a further sum of £1000 for the improvement of the centre road through Mara, Providing the Port Whitby Road and Harbor Company extend their Road 22 miles being one half of the length of this Road, from Port Whitby, to Beaverton, and give this Council a

guarantee that said Company will commence the extension of the Road with as little delay as possible, and put the section of the Road already constructed in a good and sufficient state of repair, and that a By-Law be promulgated, to raise the sum of £14000 conditioned as above stated, and that a select committee be appointed to draft said By-Law, and submitted to this Council at its earliest convenience, to consist of Messrs. Perry, Ewers, and the mover of this resolution.

The question being put from the chair,—

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves, the following as a rider to the Amendment of Mr. McDougall, also by inserting in said Report, a recommendation that any By-Law, provided on said Report shall not be finally passed unless the same be approved of at a regular Poll held for that purpose, by a Majority of the Rate Payers of the different Municipalities in the County.

Carried.

The question on Mr. McDougall's amendment was then put, and on division the Yeas, and Nays being called, there appeared.

YEAS.
Messrs. Ewers,
Gamble,
McDougall,
Perry,
Rowe.—5.

NAYS.
Messrs. Brabzon,
Byer,
Dryden,
Fairbanks,
Farewell,
Hamilton,
Hewett,
Lumsden,
Paxton,
Smith.—10.

—Lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the Report, was then carried on the following division.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Brabazon,	Messrs. Ewers,
Byer,	Gamble.
Dryden,	McDougall,
Fairbanks,	Paxton,
Farewell,	Perry,
Hamilton,	Rowe.—6.
Hewett,	
Lumsden,	
Smith.—9.	

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, and Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Council, no further action should be taken upon the Report now adopted until after the next January election, so as to afford an opportunity to the Rate-payers of this County of expressing their opinion thereon, and that 1,000 Copies of the said Report be printed for circulation, and this resolution be appended to the Report.

On the question being put,

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moves in amendment, that 1000 copies of the Report just adopted, and all proceedings in the Council thereon be printed for the information of the Rate-payers of the County.

DIVISION—Yeas and nays called—

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Brabazon,	Messrs. Byer,
Ewers,	Dryden,
Farewell,	Fairbanks,
Gamble,	Hamilton,
McDougall,	Hewett,
Perry,	Lumsden,
Rowe,	Paxton,
—7.	Smith,—8.

—Lost.

And on the question upon the original resolution again being put,

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves, That 1,000 copies of the Extra *Reporter* be printed and circulated containing the votes and proceedings of this Council on the Gravel Road Scheme, for the information of the Rate-payers of the County.

Yeas and Nays being called, there appeared in favour of

YEAS.

Messrs. Brabazon,
Dryden,
Ewers,
Farewell,
McDougall,
Paxton,
Perry,
Rowe,—8.

NAYS.

Messrs. Byer,
Fairbanks,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Hewett,
Luusden,
Smith,—7.

The Warden declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Farewell, for leave to introduce the Petitions of the County Treasurer and Clerk, which were referred to a Special Committee, composed of Messrs. Hewett, Perry and Smith.

Granted and Petitions ordered to be referred.

The Warden left the Chair for one hour.

Council resumed.

Warden in the Chair.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up their Report which was read, and on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Hewett, the Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Paxton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report with certain amendments.

Report received.

And on the question for adoption.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves, That the Report be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole for the purpose of striking out the appropriation of £25 granted to the Centre Line Road between Georgina and Brock.

Division being called there appeared in favor of

YEAS.

Messrs. Byer,
Dryden,
Ewers,
Farewell,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
McDougall,
Paxton,
Perry,
Smith,—10.

NAYS.

Mr. Brabazon.

The Council then went into Committee to amend their Report, as instructed by the Council.

Mr. Paxton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report as instructed.

Report received and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up their Report which was read, and on motion of Mr. Farewell the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Smith in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report as amended.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Perry, for leave to introduce By-Law based on the Report of the Finance Committee.

Granted,

And the Bill was read a first time.

The 34th Rule being suspended,

The Bill was read a second time,

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Brabazon in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Bill without amendment, with Schedule annexed.

Report received.

Mr. Farewell seconded by Mr. Dryden, That the Bill be read a

third time, forthwith; and that Rule 34 be dispensed with for that purpose, so far as it relates to the same.

Carried,

And the Bill was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Hewett, That the Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the County Clerk and Treasurer.

Carried,

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Dryden in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report with certain amendments. Report received and adopted.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Paxton, for leave to introduce a By-law to assume the Narrows Bridge as a County work upon certain conditions.

Granted.

And the Bill was read a first time.

The 34th Rule being dispensed with—

The Bill was read a second time,

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Perry in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported Bill without amendments.

Report received.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves, That the Bill be read a third time forthwith, and that Rule 34 be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

And the Bill was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

Moved by Mr. McDougall and seconded by Mr. Hewett, and Resolved, That the Warden be and is hereby required as soon as he receives a satisfactory communication from the Warden of the County of Simcoe, in respect to the Narrows Bridge, to instruct the County Engineer of this County to follow out the resolutions of this Council passed at the last and preceding sessions.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Hewett, moves, That the Warden be authorized to grant his order for the various sums recommended to be paid by the Standing Committee on Printing; also to grant his warrant in favour of the County Clerk for the sum of £37 10s., being the amount paid by the Clerk for an Iron Safe to keep the books, papers, and valuable documents belonging to the County, and also to the Clerk the further sum of £15, being the amount of claim on account of rent for an office for the County Clerk.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves, That H. J. Macdonell, Esquire, be appointed Solicitor for and on behalf of this Council.

Carried.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Smith, That the Messenger, J. Gordon Brown, be paid £2 10s. for the present session, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same on the Warden's order.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moves, That it be resolved, that this Council in acknowledging the satisfactory manner in which the Warden has discharged the numerous and various duties appertaining to his office, and that the sum of £25 0 0 be placed at the disposal of the Warden, on account of his disbursements for the present year.

Carried.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Higgins, of the *Ontario Reporter*, relative to the County Clerk brought up their Report, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Hewett, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, ordered to be adopted.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Farewell, for leave to introduce a By-law to repeal By-laws Nos. 19 and 21 of this Council, so far as they relate to the fixing the salaries of Co. Treasurer and Engineer.

Granted.

The 34th Rule being dispensed with,

The Bill was read a second time,

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported Bill without amendment.

Report received.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Farewell, That the Bill be not read a third time to-morrow, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that Rule 34 be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

And the Bill was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Hewett, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves, That the thanks of this Council are due, and are hereby given, to the Proprietor and Editor of the *Reporter*, for the great exertions made by those gentlemen in reporting the proceedings of the Council.

Carried.

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves, that the County Clerk do, and he is hereby authorized to, occupy the south-west room of this building, being the office set apart for the Clerk of this Council

Carried.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves, That the Council do proceed at once to make the necessary arrangement for the construction of the Centre Road, and other matters relating thereto.

Division being called, there appeared in favor of

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Brabazon,	Messrs. Byer,
Ewers,	Dryden,
Hewett,	Farewell,
McDougall,	Gamble,
Perry,	Hamilton,
Rowe.—6.	Paxton,
	Smith.—7.

Lost.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves, That this Council do now adjourn *sine die*.

Carried,

And the Council adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL, CLERK.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

JUNE SESSION, 1856.

No. 1.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the equalization of the Assessment Rolls, beg to report :

That after examining the Rolls of the respective Municipalities they have equalized the same as shewn in the annexed schedule A.

Your Committee beg further to report, that they have to complain of the loose manner in which several of the Assessment Rolls are made up, the several items being extended and footed up in but few of the Rolls.

Your Committee have been unable to procure the Assessment Roll of Reach and Scugog for 1855, and have, in consequence, been obliged to make use of their Assessment Roll for 1854.

Your Committee would, in conclusion, recommend that the Clerk of this County be instructed in future to see to, and enforce the due return of all Assessment Rolls properly completed within the time limited by law, in each year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
11th June, 1856.

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SCHEDULE A.

	Assessors value of Real Property.	Equalized value of Real Property.	Personal Property.
Brock,.....	£101,714	£154,000	£17,910
Mara & Rama,.....	38,638	47,500	3,696
Pickering.....	420,498	423,231	59,375
Whitby,.....	574,935	460,000	74,290
Reach,.....	119,644	175,000	24,250
Seugog,.....	410,858	213,000	10,050
Scott,.....	41,651	60,000	5,250
Thorah,.....	38,425	45,000	7,225
Uxbridge,.....	104,251	105,000	12,575
Town of Whitby.....	137,438	125,000	19,488
Oshawa,.....	89,679	70,000	19,224

No. 2.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Village of Beaverton, praying for the erection of a Lock-up House in Beaverton, by the County, beg leave to report,—

That they find that this Council has not the power to build Lock-up Houses for the imprisonment of persons offending within the County, except in Towns, Villages, and Police Villages.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to report that they cannot recommend any action upon this Petition until the inhabitants of Beaverton take the necessary steps towards forming themselves into a Police Village.

Your Committee are of opinion that the erection of Lock-up Houses, at different points within the County, would tend materially to assist Justices of the Peace in preserving order and in punishing minor offences, and would have the effect of lessening the charges against the County now made for the transportation of prisoners to the Common Gaol, charged with the commission of petty offences.

Your Committee would further recommend that the County Engineer be instructed to prepare a plan of a Lock-up House, with an estimate of the cost of such a building, so that this Council may be in a position to judge of the feasibility of erecting Lock-up Houses at the next session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,

Chairman.

Committee Room,

June 11th, 1856.

No. 3.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

Your Special Committee, appointed by ballot, to enquire into the matters connected with the erection of Scugog Bridge, most respectfully report as follows :

1st,—Your Committee find that the final action of this Council, upon the subject of constructing a Bridge across Scugog Lake, to have been taken at the January Session, 1856, when the County Engineer was instructed by resolution of the Council to prepare suitable plans and specifications, and proceed, as soon as security can be given, to let the work by tender, provided the sum for which such work shall be let shall not exceed the sum of £1,000, and that the County Engineer shall see that a proper contract be entered into, and sufficient security be given by the contractor getting the work, for the due performance of the same.

2nd,—Your committee find that the County Engineer, under date of the 10th June, 1856, reports that "Immediately after the adjournment of the Council in February last, he prepared plans and specifications for the said Bridge, and advertised for tenders for the erection of the same ; that on the 1st of March he accepted the tender of John Flowers, of Port Perry, to construct the said Bridge in conformity with the action of the Council, and that the work is progressing in a most satisfactory manner."

3rd,—Your committee find that the site of the said Bridge is mostly within the Township of Reach, and that the Council of the said Township are desirous that the County should assume the said Bridge as a County work.

4th,—Your committee find that the sum of £500—raised by Assessment upon the Township of Scugog, for assisting in the construction of said Bridge, is in the hands of the Treasurer of the Township of Reach, and as the work is rapidly progressing towards completion, the same should, without delay, be paid over to the County Treasurer.

5th,—Your committee are of opinion that the work referred to is one of the character and description, as regards its locality and ex-

pense, which may with propriety be assumed by the County, and for such purpose recommend the passage of the accompanying By-law.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. FAREWELL,

Chairman.

Committee Room,
11th June, 1856.

No. 4.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY
AND GAOL MANAGEMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario :

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol Management, beg leave to report :

That they have had under their attention, the presentment of the Grand Jury, Spring Assizes, on March 29th, 1856, which refers to the state of the County Gaol, but as Government have signified their intention to cause changes to be made in the present system of erecting and managing Gaols in this Province. Your Committee trust that the evils complained of will be done away with.

Your Committee are glad to find that the County Property has been insured, as under :

In the Equitable Insurance Company, which policy expires	
4th March, 1857.	£1350
Western Assurance, which policy expires 1st December,	
1856.	£650
In all on Gaol Building.	£2000
British American, which policy expires 6th December,	
1856.	£500
Western Assurance, which expires 1st December, 1856, ..	£1350
Equitable, which expires 4th March, 1857.	£2650
In all on Court House.	£4500
Insured on Court House and Gaol this date.	£6500

With reference to the County Engineer's report, your Committee would recommend that Mr. Shier be authorized to cause suitable Privies to be constructed in the Gaol yard, probable cost £40, for which provision should be made by the Finance Committee.

Your Committee find, by the Engineer's report, that a stove is still used in the Treasurer's Office, and must again express their disapproval, as the Building, in the opinion of your Committee, is endangered thereby.

Your Committee would also desire that the County Engineer be authorized to cause the necessary changes to be made in the heating apparatus, as stated in his report, provided the cost of erecting the same does not exceed the sum of £40.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts, all of which have been certified to.

For Whitewashing and Painting Offices of the Clerk of the Peace and County Treasurer,.....	£10	0	0
Alteration on Judges Bench.....	2	8	9
Hanging Windows.....	2	10	0
Fitting up Office.....	20	0	0
Whitewashing and painting do. and whitewashing Clerk's Office.....	6	5	0
Book Case for Clerk's Office.....	2	10	0
Glazing,	2	4	0
	£45	17	9

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. LUMSDEN,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
12th June, 1856.

THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The County Engineer begs leave to report :

That since the last Meeting of the Council, the following works have been done and completed in and about the Court House, viz :— Whitewashing and Painting the Offices of the Clerk of the Peace and Treasurer ; certain alterations about the Judges Bench ; the Windows in the Vaulted Offices hung with hinges ; and the Upper Sash in the Windows of the other offices and Jury Rooms, hung so as to admit of ventilation. The Vaulted Offices at the South end of the Building fitted up, Whitewashed and Painted ; a Book Case provided for the County Clerk's Office, and the said Office Whitewashed. The expense of all, which is as follows, that is to say :

For Whitewashing and Painting Offices of the Clerk of the Peace and Treasurer.....	£10	0	0
Alteration on the Judge's Bench.....	2	8	9
Hanging Windows.....	2	10	0
Fitting up Office.....	20	0	0
Whitewashing and Painting do., and Whitewashing Clerk's Office.....	6	5	0
Book Case for Clerk's Office.....	2	10	0
Glazing.....	2	4	0
Total,	£45	17	9

The several Accounts for which, have been examined and certified and are herewith submitted.

Your Engineer begs further to report, that during the cold weather of the past winter, the heating apparatus proved inadequate to properly warming the Offices at the extreme ends of the Building. Owing to the length of horrizontal pipe leading to them of the same calibre of those leading to rooms almost directly over the furnace. Your Engineer would therefore recommend that pipes and registers of larger dimensions be provided for the said Offices, so that they may receive a fair proportion of heat, and also that cold air channels be constructed from the outside of the Building to the furnaces, so that the building

may at all times be supplied with a current of pure air, without having the whole basement exposed, and the effect of the furnaces measurably counteracted.

Your Engineer having examined the Presentments of Grand Juries referred to in the Report of the Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol Management, dated February 1st, 1856, would recommend that suitable Privies be constructed in the Gaol Yard, and that all other structures be removed therefrom, and also that some slight repairs be made in the Gaol.

With regard to the Scugog Bridge—Your Engineer begs to report, that agreeably to the Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, adopted on the 31st of January, 1856. Immediate after the adjournment of the Council in February last, he prepared plans and specifications for said Bridge, and advertised for tenders for the erection of the same. That on the 1st of March he accepted the tender of John Bowers, of Port Perry, to construct the said Bridge for the sum of £1125, with Isaac Fraick and William White, as sureties for the fulfilment of the contract. The Municipality of Scugog having passed a By-law appropriating the sum of £125, or so much thereof as the construction of said Bridge may cost over £1000, towards the erection of said Bridge, making the amount to be paid by the County £1000 as provided by the aforesaid report. That a Contract and Bond have been drawn up, and executed agreeably to the requirements of the said report, (which are herewith submitted.) That the work is progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and will probably be completed early in August. That Mr. Bowers has been paid on the contract the sum of £175, and that there is now due him the sum of £300.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHIER,
County Engineer

County Engineer's Office,
June 10, 1856.

No. 5.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Education beg respectfully to report :

That your Committee regret that any difficulty should have arisen to the Educational Department from the neglect on the part of any of the Local Superintendents in furnishing the required returns to that office, and are of opinion that it is only necessary to call the attention of the several Superintendents of Mara and Rama, and Reach and Scugog, to have it at once remedied, and that with this view the Clerk write to them, acquainting them with the complaint made by the Educational Department.

With respect to the vacancy in the Superintendency of the Townships of Reach and Scugog, your Committee recommend that it be filled by the appointment of the Rev. R. Monteath.

Your Committee having had under their consideration a circular from the Chief Superintendent, furnishing the apportionment from the Government Grant to the several Township Municipalities in this County for this year, desire to refer the same to the Finance Committee, that the Assessment upon each Municipality may be based upon that Report ; and recommend that the amount raised should be sufficient in excess of the amounts named in the circular to cover the costs of collection and any defalcations.

The communication from the Rev. R.H.Thornton, on behalf of the Local Superintendents of the County, desiring that the amount of their remuneration should be increased in consequence of many additional duties being required of them, and referring to the small remuneration for their attendance on the Board of Public Instruction.

Your Committee do not feel disposed to recommend any increase in their Salaries. The number of visits to the School Sections having been recently reduced from four to two in each year.

With respect to the remuneration to the Members of the Board of Public Instruction. Your Committee recommend that the sum of £5 should be allowed for this year, to the Chairman of that Board, as its

appears to your Committee that his duties are much greater than those of any other member.

Your Committee furnish, for the information of the Finance Committee, the amount required to be assessed upon the several Municipalities, for the payment of the Local Superintendents, to which sums, at least, 5 per cent should be added to cover costs of collection and defalcations, viz :

For the Township of

Brock.....	£16	0	0
Mara and Rama.....	8	0	0
Pickering.....	23	0	0
Reach.....	16	0	0
Scott,.....	5	0	0
Thorah.....	5	0	0
Uxbridge.....	10	0	0
Whitby.....	25	0	0
Scugog,.....	3	0	0

The amount apportioned by the Chief Superintendant to the Township of

Brock.....	£107	2	4
Mara and Rama.....	35	14	1
Pickering.....	216	1	7
Reach.....	125	16	0
Scott,.....	34	8	2
Scugog,.....	9	6	10
Thorah.....	35	3	0
Uxbridge.....	63	12	9
Whitby.....	149	11	6

Your Committee also recommend that the Finance Committee make the necessary provision for the payment of Mileage to the members of the Board of Public Instruction, which, with the amount proposed to be paid to the Chairman, would require about £20.

No satisfactory explanation having yet been obtained from the United Counties of York and Peel, why the sum of £31 5s, balance of amount in the hands of their Treasurer, of money collected in the County of Ontario, for the payment of Superintendents, has not yet

been paid over, think it advisable that the Warden of this County communicate with the Warden of the United Counties, with the view of securing its early payment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. HAMILTON,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June 12, 1856.

No. 6.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Printing beg to report: That having examined the following accounts, recommend the payment of the same, viz:

E. Harrison, for printing Minutes, Reports, By-laws, County Auditors' Report, and Advertising, . . .	£50	13	3
Luke & Orr, Advertising,	1	1	0
J. O. Dorman's account, amounting to the sum of £8 6s. 9d., includes two items for printing for the Township of Pickering, amounting to the sum of 12s. 6d., which being deducted, leaves the amount of that account.		7	14 3
	£59	8	6

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HAM PERRY,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
12th June, 1856.

No. 7.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT
ACCOUNTS.*To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:*

The Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts, beg respectfully to report :

That having carefully examined the following accounts, recommend the payment of the same, viz :

Brewer McPhail, Books for Registry Office,.....	£30	15	0
Thomas Beall, Sundries for Deputy Sheriff,...	1	12	6
“ Stationery for County Clerk.....	2	6	10½
“ “ Sheriff,.....	0	17	0
H. J. Macdonnell, Disbursements,.....	4	4	6
George Lount, furnishing Registrar of the County of Ontario, with statements,.....	16	0	0
Joel Bigelow, Sundries for County Treasurer,.....	4	17	6½
J. E. Warren, disintering body for Coronor,.....	0	10	0
McLear, for Bouchettes Map of Canada,.....	3	15	0
Thomas Beall, Book for County Treasurer,.....	3	0	0
Wm. Paxton, Disbursements,.....	12	5	10½
	£70	4	3½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROWE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June 13, 1856.

No. 8.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the construction by the County, of Roads, or Roads through the County brought up the following Report.

“ That the subject of the construction of good roads through the County has lately excited considerable attention.

“ That your Committee find that this Council by resolution in January last declared, that although this County was of the assessed value of £1,600,000, and contained a population of over 30,000 inhabitants, that it possessed but 27 miles of gravelled or plank roads within its limits, and that the want of proper means of communication was severely felt by a very large portion of the inhabitants of the County, and that they were of opinion that if proper measures were adopted for opening up means of communications with the front and rear parts of the County by gravelled roads, immediate and beneficial results would be felt by the entire County.

“ Your Committee would therefore recommend that this Council do adopt some plan for the construction of leading lines of road through this County.

“ That your Committee would beg to recommend that three lines of road be adopted, as those which in the opinion of this Council, should simultaneously obtain the assistance of this County, namely: a Road from or near Pickering Harbor, northerly, through the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge and Scott,—30 miles.

“ Secondly, a road commencing at Manchester and running northerly to Beaverton, 30 miles.

“ Thirdly, the extension of the Nonquon Road to the Town Line of Brock, and that as the extent of travel north from Beaverton, would not warrant the expenditure of a large sum of money, that out of the sum hereafter to be named, there be expended a sum of £1000 in making a turnpike road from Beaverton to the Narrows; also the sum of £250 for improving the Main Road from the Bridge through Scugog.

"That the principle upon which this Council would be willing to lend its aid towards the construction of these leading lines of road ;— would be as follows, that is to say,

"To take Stock in any Company or Companies, now formed or hereafter to be formed, for the building or completion of the said lines of road or any of them, to an amount equivalent to that already subscribed for, or that may be subscribed by individuals or Municipalities for that purpose ; provided that security be given that the Stock subscribed shall be duly paid in, and provided also, that the amount of Stock to be subscribed by the County, shall not exceed the following amounts, that is to say, for the Western Road, £8,000 ; for the Middle Road, £11,000, and the Eastern, £8,000, making a total of £28,250, including the amount granted to Mara and Scugog.

"Your Committee would further remark, that the principle of aid which the County would be willing to grant, would be so to assist the present or any new Company or Companies, as to enable them, under the foregoing restrictions to build with County Stock, mile for mile with that already built, or hereafter to be built, upon the said lines by Companies or Municipalities.

"Your Committee would beg leave further to report, that so far as the Middle and Eastern roads are concerned, that in the event of any difficulty being experienced in getting their co-operations holding those roads, to allow the County to take the additional stock for the purpose of such extension—that this Council should express its willingness to take Stock in any new Company or Companies to an amount sufficient to build an extension of such road to a distance equal in length to that already built on such particular line.

"Your Committee would beg leave further to report, that in their opinion the Townships of Uxbridge and Scott should not be shut out from the benefits of this provision, in case the Western Road should not be proceeded with. They would therefore recommend that in the event of the Western Road not being taken up, within a reasonable time, that all the advantages by the foregoing recommendation extended to the Western road be diverted therefrom and extended to

a line of road from or near Manchester north-westerly, through the Township of Uxbridge and Scott.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
13th June, 1856.

No. 9.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report:

That your Committee have taken into consideration the Account placed before this Council by Wm. Parliament, a Commissioner for expending money in the Township of Brock, amounting to £1 17s., for traveling expenses in coming to Whitby to be sworn; beg leave to recommend, that the Account be handed back to Mr. Parliament, with an intimation to him that the proper course to adopt would be, to deduct that amount, and any other necessary Disbursements that he may have to pay in executing the trust confided to him by this Council, out of the monies placed at his disposal. This course, your Committee believe, would be the proper one, for all the Commissioners to adopt.

Your Committee beg further to report, that having taken into consideration the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Township of Brock, praying for aid for improving the Town Line between the Townships of Georgina and Brock, north of the 13th Concession of Brock, regret that they cannot recommend this Council to take a favorable consideration of the same, as they are led to believe that the Road in question is not of such importance as to warrant this County in granting the aid requested, while other Roads of greater importance to the County generally, remain unaided, owing to the unfavorable state of the Finances of this County.

Your Committee having also taken into consideration the Petition of James Benson and others, beg leave to report:

That they cannot recommend that the prayer of said Petition be granted.

Your Committee having also taken into consideration the Petition of certain inhabitants of the Township of Brock, praying for aid for improving the County Line between Ontario and Victoria, north of the Nonquon, in the 1st Concession of Brock, cannot recommend any appropriation for this year, in consequence of the heavy assessment already to be provided for on behalf of this County.

Your Committee having examined the Papers and Documents relating to the Narrows Bridge, would beg leave to report:

That your Committee recommend that this Council should pass a By-Law, assuming the said Bridge as a County work, in conjunction with the County of Simcoe, and that the By-Law have effect only from the time of the passing of a By-Law by the Council of the County of Simcoe of a similar nature, in order that proper means may be taken by this Council to compel the County of Simcoe to assist in the reparation of the said Bridge; and would also recommend that the Warden be requested to communicate with the Warden of the County of Simcoe, to ascertain whether anything has been done, or is intended to be done in the matter by them, in conjunction with this County.

Your Committee would further recommend, that the sum of £10 be granted by this Council to the Keeper of the Bridge, being the proportion which this Council is obliged to contribute towards the Salary of the said keeper—it being the same amount that was granted last year.

Your Committee find that the Bridge is now impassable, and would therefore recommend that this Council should contribute one-half of the amount necessary to keeping of a Scow Ferry, provided the County of Simcoe shall contribute the other half.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,

Chairman.

Committee Room,

14th June, 1856.

No. 10.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
ASSESSMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment most respectfully report as follows :

First,—That they have carefully examined the Papers and Documents having reference to the Finances and Financial condition of the County, and have to express their extreme regret upon finding it necessary to raise, by direct tax, during the current year, the large sum of £7825, to prevent an increase of the floating debt of the County.

Secondly,—Your Committee are of opinion, that the County has arrived at such a position as regards its age, wealth, importance, and the completion of its Public Buildings, as to justify the Council in determining that there shall be no further increase in the floating liabilities of the County, except for some comprehensive system of improving the means of communication between the different sections of the County.

Thirdly,—Your Committee would further remark, that they doubt not the intelligent Rate-Payers of the County will cheerfully acquiesce in the increased taxation for this year, when an examination of the statements herewith connected, showing the purposes for which the said sum is required, must produce the conviction, that hereafter the taxes may be largely reduced.—Therefore, your Committee recommend the passage of a By-Law, requiring the said sum of £7825, to be raised by assessment this year.

Fourthly,—That the financial condition of the County may be perfectly understood, your Committee have prepared Schedules exhibiting :

1st. The cost and value of the County Buildings, and Works connected therewith.

2nd. The Floating Debt, or amount of County Debentures, with the dates upon which they mature.

3rd. The available Assets of the County.

4th. The present Liabilities of the County to be provided for this year.

5th. The estimated expenditure up to July 1857.

6th. The Gross Amount required to be raised by Assessment this year.

Fifthly,—Regarding the Auditors' Report, your Committee would remark, that inasmuch as an abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, showing the Receipts and Expenditures has been published, special reference to said Report is not necessary.

Sixthly,—Your Committee observe, by the Treasurer's Report that the sum of nearly £1000 is required immediately to enable the Treasurer to replace the Non-resident Land Fund, Lunatic Asylum Fund, Indemnity to License Inspectors' Fund, and to return Money borrowed by that Officer for the County.

Your Committee are also of opinion, that at least £1000 will be required for Gravel Road purposes, for expenses in connection with the administration of justice, and for contingencies, before any portion of the Assessment for the year can be collected: And therefore recommend, that the Treasurer be authorised to open an account with, and borrow the sum of £2000 from such Banking Institution, Association or Individuals, as may afford the best terms for the County—the same to be borrowed for no longer a period than Six Months, and the Rate of Interest to be as shall be agreed upon by the Warden and Treasurer for the County and the lender.

Schedules referred to in Section No. 4 of this Report, showing the Cost and Value of the County Property.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

Paid for Site for Buildings,.....	£200	0	0
County Buildings, and Expenses connected therewith, 7973	14	11½	
Law Expenses,.....	143	13	6
Furniture,.....	423	15	4
Wall around Jail,.....	815	15	6

Total Cost and Present Value,..... £9556 19 3½

SCHEDULE No. 2.

Showing the Amount of County Debentures unpaid, and the time of Maturing.

Debentures of 1852, due 7th Sept., 1856,.....	£300	0	0
“ “ “ 1857,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1858,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1859,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1860,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1861,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1862,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1863,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1864,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1865,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1866,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1867,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1868,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1869,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1870,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1871,.....	300	0	0
“ “ “ 1872,.....	300	0	0
	£5100	0	0
Deben't's of 1855, due Jan. 1st, 1857, £300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1858, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1859, 300	0	0	
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“ “ “ 1869, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1870, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1871, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1872, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1873, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1874, 300	0	0	
“ “ “ 1875, 300	0	0	£5700 0 0.
Total Unpaid,.....	£10,800	0	0

Provide now for payment of Debentures maturing
7th September and 1st January next, £600 0 0

Balance unpaid, £10,200 0 0

SCHEDULE NO. 3.

Shewing the available Assets of the County.

Amount of Mortgages for balance due on the County

Lands sold last year, viz., £ 745 6 3

SCHEDULE NO. 4.

Present Liabilities of the County unprovided for.

Balance in the Treasurer's Books against the County, £ 919 9 1½

Note discounted in May, 300 0 0

Audited accounts unpaid, 30 0 0

Total, £1249 9 1½

SCHEDULE NO. 5.

Estimated Expenditure up to July, 1857.

Interest on Debentures, 1st July, 1856, £171 0 0

“ “ 1st Jan'y, 1857, 171 0 0

“ Provisional, 7th Sept., 1856, 153 0 0

“ “ 7th March 1857, 144 0 0

Fourth Instalment, Debent's of 1852, 300 0 0

2nd do do 1855, 300 0 0

Balance for Scugog Bridge, 68 15 3

Amount for Gravel Roads, 2350 0 0

County Engineers Report erecting Water Closets, .. 40 0 0

Constables Fees, 165 0 0

Grand and Petit Jurors, 375 0 0

Sheriff for Sundry Services, 400 0 0

Clerk of the Peace, 300 0 0

Crier of Court, 50 0 0

Gaoler's Salary, including Turn-key, 270 0 0

Gaol Supplies, 300 0 0

Printing, 150 0 0

Members' Wages, up to July, 1857, 130 0 0

Inquest Expenses, 30 0 0

Insurance of County Buildings,.....	35	0	0
Wolf Bounties,.....	7	10	0
Stationery,.....	30	0	0
Postages,.....	10	0	0

SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

Treasurer,.....	£150	0	0
Clerk,.....	100	0	0
Engineer,.....	50	0	0
House keeper.....	40	0	0
Auditors.....	25	0	0
	£365	0	0
Gaol Physician, Law Expenses, Indi- gent Witnesses and Contingencies.....	300	0	0

AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

Local Superintendents.....	111	0	0
Payment of Teachers.....	776	16	3
Mileage Members of Board Public Instruction.....	20	0	0
Per centage collecting above.....	45	7	10
		953	4

Total Expenditure estimated at..... £7568 9 4

COUNTY DEBT UNPROVIDED FOR, VIZ :

Balance in Treasurer's Books.....	£919	9	1½
Note discounted in May.....	300	0	0
Sundries,.....	30	0	0
		1249	9

Total..... £8817 18 5½

SCHEDULE No. 6,

Shewing the gross amount to be raised by Assessment this year.

For general County purposes,.....	£2957	0	0
Less payment on Mortgages due on the 1st July next,.....	£293	0	0
From Government for administration of Criminal Justice.....	£600	0	0
From Magistrates Fines.....	100	0	0
		993	0
Balance for County Purposes.....	£1964	0	0

For Local Superintendents Teachers of Schools and per centage collecting...				953	0	0
For payment of Debentures.....	£600	0	0			
Interest on do	639	0	0	1239	0	0
Balance for Scugog Bridge.....	68	15	3			
Road appropriations.....	2350	0	0	2418	15	3
County Debt not provided for.....				1250	0	0
Total amount.....				£7824	15	3

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. FAREWELL,

Chairman.

Committee Rooms,
14th June, 1856.

No. 11.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the County Treasurer and County Clerk, beg to report :

That your Committee have examined the Petitions, and their claims, and would recommend that the prayer of the Petition of the Clerk be granted, so far as the same relates to the purchase of a Fireproof safe, which was purchased by him in the suggestion of the late Warden, for the safe protection of the Books, Papers, Deeds and Special Documents, the property of this County, and that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to refund to the Clerk, the sum of £37 10s. being the amount paid by the Clerk for said safe. Also, that the further sum of £15 be paid the Clerk, being in full for his claim against the County for rent for the County Clerk's Office.

In regard to the application of the Treasurer, for an increase of salary, your Committee recommend that the salary of the Treasurer for the present year should be fixed at £250.

Also, that the salary of the County Engineer be fixed for the present year at £75.

Your Committee would further recommend the propriety of appointing H. J. Macdonell, Solicitor, for and in the behalf of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HAM PERRY,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June, 1856.

No. 12.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The Special Committee appointed to consider the complaint of Mr. Higgins of the 'Reporter,' against the Clerk of this Council, beg to report :

That having heard the statements of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Macdonell, as well as that of Mr. Shier, the Engineer of this County, who was present when the circumstance complained of took place, do not consider that Mr. Macdonell has refused the use of the documents in his hands, belonging to the Council, for the use of the press, at any time consistent with his duty to the Council.

The particular circumstance complained of, took place after the breaking up of the Council, when the Committee consider they have no control over the actions of the Clerk.

Your Committee understood Mr. Higgins to admit, that hitherto Mr. Macdonell had habitually afforded him every reasonable accommodation, and the Committee have full confidence, the Clerk will continue to do so in every way consistent with the safe custody of his papers, and the forms of his office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. G. HEWETT,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June, 1856.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER ON THE NARROWS BRIDGE.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The Reeve of Mara and Rama having been appointed a Commissioner in charge of the Narrows Bridge, on behalf of this County, with instruction to appoint a Bridge Keeper, and to expend the sum of £5 in temporary repairs in conjunction with the Warden of the County of Simcoe, in view that the Council of the County of Simcoe, on behalf of that County, would pass a similar resolution to one passed by this Council, instructing their engineer to meet the Engineer of that County, to examine the state of the Bridge; and report thereon, begs to report:

That the Council of the County of Simcoe passed a similar resolution, and advanced the money for temporary repairs, and Bridge Keeper's salary, which, as well as the grant of this County, has been expended. But the Council of the County of Simcoe have not authorized their Engineer to meet the Engineer of this County, to take the action recommended by this Council, and declined to do so, on the ground that they do not wish to assume the Bridge and Roads connected with it.

In consequence of delay in this respect, the Bridge is suffering decay and damage to a serious extent, and is at this time impassable for carriages or foot passengers, by which the inhabitants on both sides of said Bridge are greatly inconvenienced; and business is entirely suspended.

Your Committee would therefore beg respectfully to recommend such immediate action to be taken in the matter as regards the unwillingness of the County of Simcoe, as in the judgment of this Council shall seem expedient and necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. G. HEWETT,
Commissioner.

BYE-LAWS.

BYE-LAW No. XXXI.

A Bye-law providing for the assumption of Scugog Bridge as a County work.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, as follows :

1st. That the Bridge now in the course of construction across Scugog Lake, upon the line between the 5th and 6th Concessions of Reach, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be assumed as, and shall become a County work, upon the payment to the Treasurer of this County, the amount of assessment raised in the Township of Scugog, for the purpose of assisting in the construction of said work.

JOHN HALL THOMPSON,

Warden.

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H. J. MACDONELL,

County Clerk.

BYE-LAW No. XXXII.

To amend By-law No. 28, passed February 2nd, 1856.

[Passed June 12, 1856.]

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario,

That Bye-law No. 28, passed February 2nd 1856, be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the name of David Mitchell, and inserting the name of William Ward instead thereof, and also by striking out the name of Joseph Gould, Esquire, and inserting instead, the name of John P. Plank, and striking out the name of George Smith, and inserting the name of John Grant.

And be it further enacted that the above names inserted are hereby appointed Commissioners, and are hereby authorized and required to act in place and in stead of those as above stated.

JOHN HALL THOMPSON, 
Warden.

H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BY-LAW NO. XXXIII.

To raise by Assessment the several sums required for balance of charges for County Purposes, for discharging the County Debt, not provided for, for School purposes, for balance of Scugog Bridge and Road appropriations, and for retiring Debentures, and paying interest.

[Passed June 14th, 1856.]

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same,

That there be raised, levied and collected from, and upon the rateable property of the County of Ontario, liable to be assessed during the present year.

For general County Purposes.....	£1964
For payment of Teacher's Salaries, Local Superintendents, and per Centage collecting.....	953
For payment of Debentures and Interest.....	1234
For balance for Scugog Bridge and Road Appropriations for 1856.....	2419
County Debt unprovided for.....	1250

Total, £7825

The said sum to be paid by the several Municipalities of the County of Ontario, as set forth in the Schedule to this By-law annexed, and forming part of the same, and shall be specified in each and every of the Collector's Rolls in said County, in separate columns and to be paid over by the several Collectors into the hands of the proper officers as provided by Law—

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing By-law and forming part of the same, showing the amount to be collected in each Municipality under the several heads mentioned in the same :—

	Brock	Mara & Rama	Pickering	Reach	Seugog	Scott	Thorah	Uxbridge	Towaship of Whitby.	Town of Whitby.	Oshawa	Totals
For County Purposes.....	180	54	503	208	15	68	55	124	560	126	68	1964
Educational do.....	132	47	255	151	14	42	43	80	189			953
Seugog Bridge and Roads.....	222	66	623	258	19	84	68	152	689	156	82	2419
Debentures and Interest.....	114	34	320	127	10	44	34	78	354	80	44	1239
County Debt unprovided for....	114	33	321	132	9	43	34	78	355	88	43	1250
Totals.....	762	234	2025	876	67	281	234	512	2147	450	237	7825

JOHN HALL THOMPSON,
Warden.

H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BYE-LAW No. XXXIV.

To assume in conjunction with the County of Simcoe the Narrows Bridge.

[Passed June 14, 1856.]

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Bridge called the Narrows Bridge on Lake Simcoe be, and the same is hereby assumed as a County work, under the authority of the Counties of Simcoe and Ontario.

It is hereby enacted that this Bye-law shall not come into operation until a similar Bye-law shall have been passed by the County Council of Simcoe.

JOHN HALL THOMPSON,
Warden.

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H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BY-LAW NO. XXXV.

To Repeal so much of By-law No. 19, as relates to fixing the salary of the County Treasurer, and also so much of By-law No. 21, as relates to fixing the salary of the County Engineer and Surveyor, and to fix the Salaries of the said officers.

[Passed June 14th, 1856.]

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, that so much of By-law No. 18, as relates to fixing the Salary of the County Treasurer be and the same is hereby repealed, and also that so much of By-law No. 21 as relates to fixing the salary of the County Engineer and Surveyor 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 £250 currency, in lieu of all fees and percentages chargeable or to be chargeable upon any moneys collected for any purpose in the said County.

And be it further enacted that the yearly salary of the County En-

gineer and Surveyor of the County of Ontario, shall be £75 currency.

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 hereinbefore mentioned, and also to pay to the Engineer and Surveyor quarterly, the proportion of his salary out of the General Treasury of the County, such salaries to be computed from the 1st day of January, 1856.

JOHN HALL THOMPSON,
Warden.

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H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BY-LAW NO. XXXVI.

A By-Law to erect the Village of Beaverton into a Police Village.

Passed July 12, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Municipality of the County of Ontario, that the Village of Beaverton be, and is declared to be a Police Village.

And be it further enacted, that the limits of the said Village are hereby declared to be as follows:—commencing where the allowance for Road between the 6th and 7th concessions, of the Township of Thorah, enters the lake; thence East, along the said allowance for road, in the rear of the 6th concession, to the North East Angle of Lot Number 12, in the said concession; thence South, along the Eastern limits of said Lot No. 12, in the 6th concession, to the South East Angle of Lot Number 12, in the 5th concession; thence West along the allowance for Road, between the 4th and 5th concessions, to the South West Angle of Lot Number 16, in the said concession; thence along the Western limit of said Lot Number 16, in the 5th concession, to the front of the 6th concession; thence along the front of the 6th concession, to where it strikes the lake, thereby including.

Lots Numbers 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, in the 5th and 6th concessions of the said Township of Thorah.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Town Hall, in the said Village of Beaverton, shall be the place at which the first election of Trustees of such Police Village shall be held.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that Charles Robinson, Esq., shall, and he is hereby appointed to preside at, and hold such first election as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the first election of Trustees for such Police Village, shall take place at the Town Hall, in the said Village of Beaverton, on the Second Monday in the month of January next, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

JOHN HALL THOMPSON,

Warden.

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H. J. MACDONELL,

County Clerk.

MINUTES
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY
OF ONTARIO.

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**SPECIAL SESSION, JULY, 1856.**  
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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, *July 10th*, 1856.

Special meeting of the Council, called by order of the Warden, met at the Court House, in the Town of Whitby, on Thursday the 10th July, 1856, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Warden in the Chair.

Roll called, Members all present.

The Warden stated the object of the Meeting and read the following communications.

1st Communication from the Warden County of Simcoe in reference to the Narrows Bridge.

2nd Report from the County Engineer, in reference to the necessity of providing a Cistern for the Gaol.

3rd Communication from the Solicitor of the Council in Re Pim vs. County Council, accompanied with statement and Bill of Plaintiff's Attorney in this Cause.

4th Communication from the Treasurer of the County with reference to finance.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Hewett moves, That the Report of the Special Committee, relating to the construction of Gravelled Roads in this County, and all the proceedings of this Council thereon at its late session be read by the Clerk.

Carried.

The Report, Votes and proceedings of the Council, were then read by the Clerk.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves, That the papers

and documents presented by the Warden, relative to the Finances of the County, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Carried.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that a committee, to be composed of Messrs. Hewett, Gamble, Smith, Perry and the Mover, be appointed forthwith to report to this Council on the advisability of assuming and constructing a leading Road or Roads through this County.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks, that the Committee be not named but that a Committee of Five be appointed by Ballot instead thereof.

The yeas and nays being called there appeared in favor of.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Byer,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Dryden,	Ewers,
Fairbanks,	Gamble,
Farewell,	Hewett,
Hamilton,	McDougall,
Lumsden,	Perry,
Paxton,	Rowe.—7.
Smith.—8.	

The Amendment was pronounced carried and the original motion adopted as amended.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Warden declared the following as composing said Committee, namely: Messrs. Brabazon, Gamble, Hewett, Lumsden, and Perry.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Rowe, That a special Committee of three be appointed by the Warden, to enquire into and report upon the manner in which the Inspector of Weights and Measures for this County performs his official duties.

Carried.

And the Warden named Messrs. Dryden, Hamilton and McDougall.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Of Henry White and others, praying that Beaverton may be incorporated a Police Village.—[Mr. McDougall.

Of Edward Cooper and others, praying for a grant of £25 upon the Bridge between the Municipalities of Whitby and Oshawa.—[Mr Farewell.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, That a Special Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Fairbanks, Hewett and the Mover, be appointed to report on the Petition of the inhabitants of the Village of Beaverton, praying to incorporate said Village as a Police Village.

Carried.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves, That all papers and documents presented to the Council during its present session, be referred to the Standing Committees having charge of the matter to which said petitions and documents relate.

Carried.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. McDougall, That the Council do now adjourn.

Carried.

The Council Adjourned.

(Approved.)

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

COUNTY CLERK.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, July 11th, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Roll called—members all present.

Minutes read and approved.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol Management brought up their report, which was read,

And on motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Brabazon in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported Report without amendment.

Report received and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up their report, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Byers in the Chair.

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

Granted and Committee rose.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the propriety of incorporating Beaverton, in the Township of Thorah as a Police Village brought up their Report, accompanied with By-Law, which was read,

And on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Ewers in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendment.

Report received and adopted.

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, for leave to introduce a By-Law to erect the Village of Beaverton into a Police Village, in conformity with report just read.

Leave granted.

And the By-Law was read a first time.

And on the motion of Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall to suspend the 34th Rule being carried, the By-Law was read a second time.

The 34th Rule being again suspended on above motion, the By-Law was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Ewers, the Warden left the Chair until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Select Committee appointed to report on the advisability of as-

suming and constructing a leading line of Road or Roads throughout the County, brought up their report which was read.

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

Mr. Farewell in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report with some amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Perry, the Council adjourned.

(Approved,)

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONNELL,

COUNTY CLERK.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, *July 12th*, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Minutes read and approved.

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

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

Mr. Gamble in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report with amendments.

On the question for the reception of the Report.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves—That the Report be not now received, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole with instructions to restore the “third” clause struck out which make provisions for paying interest upon the Verdict against the County by Mr. Pim.

The yeas and nays being called, there appeared in favor

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Dryden,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Ewers,	Byer,
Farewell,	Fairbanks,
Hewett,	Gamble,
Lumsden,	Hamilton,
Rowe.—6.	McDougall,
	Paxton,
	Rowe,
	Smith.—9.

—Lost.

And the Report was then adopted.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves—That the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Special Committee on Gravelled Roads be received.

On the question being put,

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. McDougall—That the Report be not received, but referred back with instructions to amend their Report by expunging the clause engrafted therein, moved by Mr. Fairbanks and seconded by Mr. Dryden, and insert the following resolution instead thereof :

Be it resolved,

That the Road scheme, as adopted in June last, referred to in this Report shall not in any way be considered binding upon this municipality especially so far as it relates to the East and West roads therein mentioned until after the final passage of a By-Law, or otherwise providing a sufficient amount of funds as required by the Statute in such case made and provided for the completion thereof, and that this Council would further recommend that previous to the final passage of any By-Law an expression of opinion of the Rate-payers residing within each municipality be obtained either by a Poll to be taken at a general meeting called for that purpose or in any other manner that may be thought most advisable by the members composing each municipality within this County with regard to the propriety of the final passage thereof.

And be it further resolved.

That instead of the sum of £1200 apportioned upon the line of

Road leading from Manchester, throughout the Township of Scott, that this Council assume the same as a County Work, and that the sum of £ be inserted thereof, which in the opinion of the Council would be sufficient to complete the same, as the law requires.

And be it further resolved.

That the Special Committee, selected by ballot, to bring in this Report is hereby instructed to prepare one By-Law including the several amounts set forth in their Report as required by Statute for raising a loan and Report the same to this Council at its earliest convenience.

The Warden left the Chair for an hour.

On the Council resuming.

The decision of the Warden on a question of order, under Rule 16, on motion of Mr. Ewers, was appealed from to the Council, and the Chair was sustained upon the following division :

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Brabazon,	Messrs. Ewers,
Byer,	McDougall,
Dryden,	Perry,
Fairbanks,	Rowe—4.
Farewell,	
Gamble,	
Hamilton,	
Hewett,	
Lumsden,	
Paxton,	
Smith—11.	

Mr. Ewers seconded by Mr. Perry, moved the previous question.

Shall the Main question be now put—being moved from the Chair,

The Yeas and Nays were called for—

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Brabazon,	Messrs. Byer,
Ewers,	Dryden,
Hewitt,	Fairbanks,
McDougall,	Farewell,
Perry,	Gamble,
Rowe—6.	Hamilton,
	Lumsden,
	Paxton,
	Smith.—9.

The Warden declared the motion Lost.

Question on Mr. Ewers, amendment to Mr. Perry's motion on the Reception of the Report upon the Gravel Road— Scheme was then put from the Chair.

Division being called, the Yeas and Nays stood thus :

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Barabazon,	Messrs. Byer,
Ewers,	Dryden,
McDougall,	Hamilton,
Perry,	Fairbanks,
Rowe,	Farewell,
Smith—6.	Gamble,
	Hewett,
	Lumsden,
	Paxton—9.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The Original Motion of Mr. Perry for the reception of the Report was then put.

And it was moved by Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden in amendment that the Report be not now received but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole with instructions to recommend that no final action shall be taken upon any Gravel Road scheme to be adopted by the Council, until after the next Municipal Elections, with the view of giving the Rate-payers of the County an opportunity of expressing their wishes upon the subject.

The yeas and nays being called for, stood as follows :

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Byer,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Dryden,	Ewers,
Farewell,	Fairbanks,
Hamilton,	Gamble,
Lumsden,	Hewett,
Smith—6.	McDougall,
	Paxton,
	Perry,
	Rowe—9.

The Motion declared "Lost."

On the question for the reception of the Report again being put,
 Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, in amendment moves,
 That the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the
 Special Committee, with instructions to amend the same by striking
 out all after the first clause, and inserting the following :

That this Council adopt one uniform system of improving the lead-
 ing roads of the County, which, in the opinion of this Council, should
 be strictly adhered to, except in special cases ; and that system should
 be as follows :—

That a Joint Stock Company be formed by persons and localities
 most interested in the proposed improvements, who shall raise a por-
 tion of the funds necessary for the construction of the proposed work
 after which, in the opinion of the Council, the County ought to grant
 a loan for the completion of such work upon taking security upon such
 work to indemnify the County.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.

Messrs. Dryden,
 Farewell—2.

NAYS.

Messrs. Brabazon,
 Byer,
 Ewers,
 Fairbanks,
 Gamble,
 Hamilton,
 Hewett,
 Lumsden,
 McDougall,
 Paxton,
 Perry,
 Rowe,
 Smith—13.

The question for reception of Report again being put,
 Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, in amendment moves, That
 the Report be not now received, but that it be referred back to the
 Committee of the Whole, with instructions to recommend that before
 the final passing of any By-law to be based upon any gravel road scheme
 to be adopted by the Council, during the present Session, the propriety

of the final passage of such By-law shall be submitted to a direct vote of the rate-payers of the County, and that a majority of the rate-payers who may choose to vote upon the subject shall decide the question of the final passage of such By-law.

The yeas and nays being called for, there appeared in favor of

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Byer,	Messrs. Brabazon,
Dryden,	Ewers,
Fairbanks,	Gamble,
Farewell,	Hewett,
Hamilton,	McDougall,
Lumsden,	Perry,
Paxton,	Rowe,—7.
Smith,—8.	

The Warden pronounced the amendment carried.

And the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the above amendment as instructed by the Council.

Mr. Farewell in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without the amendment, as instructed by the Council.

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

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

Mr. Hamilton asked for leave to present the petition of Z. Burnham and others, stating that petitioners were prepared to convey, by deed the Whitby Grammar School to the Council, upon condition that the Council would without delay place funds in the hands of the Board of Trustees to put said School House in a proper and efficient state of repair.

Granted, and the petition was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves, that the Council do now adjourn, and do stand adjourned until Monday morning.

Carried.

And the Council adjourned until the hour of 10, a.m., on Monday next.

Approved.

H. J. MACDONELL, *Clerk.*

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, July 14th, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair,

Minutes read and approved.

Orders of the day called.

On the order of the day, for the reception of the Report of the Special Committee on gravel roads being put from the Chair,

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves in amendment, That the Report be not received, but referred back to the Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same by striking out the eighth clause and all thereafter, and insert the following Resolution :

RESOLVED,—That the leading road from Manchester, in Reach, to the village of Uxbridge, thence northerly to the town-line between Uxbridge and Scott, and thence westerly on said town-line to the western boundary of the Township of Scott, is of that general importance as to justify this County in assuming and gravelling the same upon similar conditions before mentioned as to certain other leading roads throughout the County.

That this Council learns with pleasure, in order to speedily carry out the foregoing resolution, the Port Whitby and Lake Scugog, Simcoe and Huron Road Company is prepared and has expressed its willingness to assume and construct that portion of road between Manchester, via Utica and Epsom, to Uxbridge Village, or from a point on the Centre road to Uxbridge Village via Epsom, providing the County will complete said line of Road from Uxbridge Village to the western line of Scott as aforesaid.

That this Council repeats its firm conviction, that in the adoption of any comprehensive scheme for the improvement of roads throughout the County liberal appropriations for the Townships of Mara, Thorah and Scugog are of the first importance to those Townships and of general benefit to the County; and that not a less sum than £1000 should be appropriated to the Township of Mara for the improvement of the Centre Line of Road from the Town-line between Thorah and Mara and the Narrows Bridge; the sum of £300 for opening and to Turnpike the Centre line of road between Thorah and Mara; the sum of £500 to the Township of Scugog for improving the Main Centre Road from the Scugog bridge to the northern part of that Township, and the further sum of £250 to the said Township of Scugog to make good any deficiency in the costs of the erection of Scugog Bridge from thenon-payment of subscription or otherwise; and to apply the surplus of the said £250 (if any) on the said road in Scugog as aforesaid. The furthur sum of £200 to be appropriated for the improvement of the East Reach road, between the village of Borelia and to a point where the same enters on the Town Line between Reach and Mariposa; and a further sum of £250 on the Town Line between Reach and Mariposa and Brock and Mariposa.

That this County pass a By-law, assuming the following Roads, for the purpose of Gravelling the same, viz., That a portion of the Centre Line Road, between Manchester in the Township of Reach, and to a point between Lots 10 and 11 in the 5th Concession of Thorah, at an estimate cost of £11,000; and the Road commencing at the Village of Uxbridge, thence northerly to the Town Line between Uxbridge and Scott, and thence westerly on said Town Line to the south west corner of the Township of Scott, at an estimated cost of £500.

That a By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of £18,500, to spread over a term of twenty years, be at once introduced in this Council to carry out the foregoing object and appropriation.

That in the opinion of this Council, that any resolutions referring the subject to the people different to that expressly provided for in the Statutes, might have a tendency to invalidate the well understood wishes of the majority of this Council, and as the Statutes make no

provision other than giving publicity through the Public Press for a period of three months, previous to the final passage of any By-law creating a loan for the information of the ratepayers residing within the County, which provisions provided by Statute, in the opinion of this Council, will sufficiently enable the Reeves and Deputy Reeves to obtain all the information necessary, through the different Municipalities with regard to the propriety of the final passage of the aforesaid By-law.

Resolved,—That so soon as a Public Company is formed to Gravel a line of Road from the front of Pickering to the Village of Uxbridge, and sufficient security given that the work will be satisfactorily proceeded with and completed, it is the opinion of this Council that County assistance should be extended to said Pickering Road to Uxbridge Village to the extent of £3,000, making the total sum of County assistance to the Western Road £8,000, as recommended in the June report.

Moved by Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, That the Warden leave the Chair for one hour.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

The decision of the Warden on a question of order under Rule 10, on motion of Mr. Fairbanks, was appealed from to the Council; and the Council decided against the Chair upon the following division, the Yeas and Nays being called for.

YEAS.

Messrs. Brabazon,
Ewers,
Gamble,
Hewett,
McDougall,
Perry,
Rowe.—7.

NAYS.

Messrs. Byer,
Dryden,
Fairbanks,
Farewell,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
Paxton,
Smith.—8.

It was then moved by Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks,
That this Council do now adjourn *sine die*.

Yeas and Nays being called for, there appeared in favour of—

YEAS.

Messrs. Byer,
Dryden,
Fairbanks,
Farewell,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
Paxton,
Smith,—8.

NAYS.

Messrs. Brabazon,
Ewers,
Gamble,
Hewett,
McDougall,
Perry,
Rowe,—7.

The Warden pronounced the motion carried, and adjourned the
Council as directed in the motion.

(Approved.)

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,
COUNTY CLERK.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

SPECIAL SESSION, JULY, 1856.

No. 1.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY
AND GAOL MANAGEMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

Your Committee most respectfully beg leave to report,

That they have had under their consideration, the Presentment of the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions, held on the 2nd of this month, recommending certain changes to be made in the Gaol Building, to which the attention of the County Engineer is requested.

Your Committee recommend that a suitable Rain Water Cistern be constructed for the use of the Gaol, as approved of in the County Engineer's Report, hereunto annexed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. LUMSDEN,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
July 11th, 1856.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The County Engineer begs leave to report,

That since the last meeting of the Council, his attention having been called by the Governor of the Gaol, to the necessity of supplying the Gaol with soft water for washing, and other purposes, he would

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respectfully recommend that a suitable Rain Water Cistern be constructed, the expense of which would be about £6.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHIER,
County Engineer.

County Engineer's Office,
Whitby, July 10th, 1856.

No. 2.

REPORT OF THE BEAVERTON POLICE VILLAGE COMMITTEE.
To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of certain inhabitants of the Village of Beaverton, praying to have the same declared a Police Village, beg to report by By-law.

(See *By-Law No. 36.*)

S. B. FAIRBANKS,
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room,
July 11th, 1856.

No. 3.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:

Your Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, most respectfully report, as follows:

Your Committee learn, that notwithstanding the praiseworthy exertions of the Warden and Treasurer, to effect an arrangement with the Banks and monied men, for the accommodation and temporary relief of the County, they have found the money market too stringent to be able to effect any satisfactory arrangement.

Meantime the Treasurer is almost daily pressed for the payment of certain sums due for various purposes, and in view of the necessity ex-

isting for the speedy payment of those sums, your Committee are of opinion the Warden and Treasurer should continue their efforts, and that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be associated with them.

Your Committee find that the first payment upon the Mortgages given for the County Lands, sold last Summer, will mature before the next Meeting of the Council, and recommend that, unless the same be paid within ten days after maturity, said Mortgages be handed over to the County Solicitor for collection, and that notice of the above be forthwith transmitted by the Clerk, to the parties interested.

Your Committee also learn that the purchasers of Lot No. 11, in the 7th concession of Uxbridge, (200 acres) have not executed the Mortgage as the terms of the sale required, and recommend that the County Solicitor write to the parties at once, calling upon them, so to execute said Mortgage.

A. FAREWELL.

Chairman.

Committee Room,
July 11th, 1856.