

Extract from the Minutes of the Counties' Council, 19th June, 1877.

"Moved by G. H. MacGillivray, seconded by John N. Tuttle, that a Committee be formed to examine and report upon the By-Laws of this Council with a view to the Consolidation of the same in a convenient form, and that said Committee be composed of Captain Farlinger, Mr. Peter Kennedy, Mr. Finlay McNaughton, and the mover and second.—Carried."

Extracts from the Minutes of the Counties' Council, 23rd June, 1877.

"Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. MacGillivray, that the report of the Committee appointed to examine and report upon the By-Laws of this Council be received and read.—Carried and report read."

WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS :

"The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the By-Laws of the Council beg leave to report as follows :—

A cursory attempt to perform the duty assigned to your Committee has been sufficient to show that urgent necessity exists for the adoption of some plan by which a collection and if necessary a revision of certain By-Laws be made. It has been customary to enter the By-Laws in the Records of the Council and to print them in the proceedings. Neglect to number or indorse them, however, made it difficult in course of time to ascertain what regulations were in force, and was the cause of the constantly increasing confusion which follows.

At present the only means of ascertaining what By-Laws are actually in force is by an examination of the County Records or the printed proceedings extending over a period of twenty-seven years; and from the facts that in the former all By-Laws have not been numbered and that an unbroken collection of the latter cannot be procured, it is impossible even by such tedious process to ascertain what the Municipal Law relative to certain matters really is.

Those By-Laws that had a temporary effect only have ceased to be of any importance, while others that were intended to legalize and make known Municipal Regulations which are continuous, should be embodied in a form accessible and intelligible to those who are required to act under their provisions.

1.—Your Committee recommend that a collection and arrangement in convenient form be made of all By-Laws which as a Record or in any other way may effect the interests of this Municipality, or of any Municipality within the United Counties, and be indexed and filed with the Records of this Council.

2.—That authority be given for employment of professional services to do the work suggested, also for the Consolidation of the By-Laws operative at present, or if it should appear more practicable to draw out a set of By-Laws giving effect to the regulations intended to be enforced by this Council, and that the work be completed and submitted at the October Session.

3.—That the system of numbering and endorsing By-Laws be adopted."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER KENNEDY,
Chairman.

Committee Room, 23rd June, 1877