

Minutes of Pakenham Council.

Tuesday, July 1st, 1862.

The Council met at ten o'clock A. M.

Present all the Councilors, and the Reeve in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Burrows, That the name of John Hudson be added to the list of Overseers of Highways, and that he be appointed to that office.

W. Lawson, and T. McManus do their utmost labor on 7th con. line. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Forsythe, seconded by Mr. Snedden, That whereas a mistake has occurred in the specification for building the range wall around the Bay, between the

Christ Hill and the Taney, resolved, That the time for receiving tenders be extended until Monday, the 7th inst., at ten o'clock.

Carried.

Mr. McDougall gave notice that he would introduce a By-law during the present session of Council for the stopping up of a certain portion of the travelled road, leading from Pakenham village to White Lake Road.

Moved by Mr. Burrows, seconded by Mr. Snedden, Ordered, That the Clerk do give to Daniel Ross an order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$40, expended by him on the 8th line of Pakenham. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burrows, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Resolved, That the Clerk do give the notice required by law for the stopping up and sale of a certain portion of the White Lake Road. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Burrows, That the By-law for the stopping up and sale of a certain portion of the White Lake Road be now read a first time.

The By-law was read a first time.

The Council now adjourned until the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock.

Monday, July 7th, 1862.

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

All the Councilors were present, and the Reeve in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last sitting were read, approved and signed by the Reeve.

Moved by Mr. Burrows, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Ordered, That the Clerk do give an order to James Hendrick for the sum of \$50, being for road work done by him by contract, on the 4th con. line, at the White Lake. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Forsythe, seconded by Mr. McDougall, Ordered, That the Clerk do give an order upon the Treasurer to Messrs. Scott and Burrows for \$23.33, being to pay off a contract for road work done on the 12th con. line. Carried.

The Council now adjourned until half past 2 o'clock.

At half-past 2 the Council resumed; all present.

Four Tenders were received for building the Range Wall around the bay.

Moved by Mr. Snedden, seconded by Mr. Burrows, That the Tenders for building the Range wall be now opened with closed doors. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burrows, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, That the Tender of Mr. Bernard Donohue be accepted, it being the lowest, and that Mr. Donohue be notified to execute the contract forthwith, and that the Reeve do sign and execute the same. Carried.

Mr. Forsythe moved, seconded by Mr. Burrows, Resolved, That the Clerk of this Council do write to the publishers of the map of these United Counties, to have one copy sent to this Council, and that the amount be paid out of the Township funds, when the map is received. Carried.

Mr. Burrows moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall, Ordered, That the sum of \$40 be granted from the Township funds to be laid out upon the White Lake Road, and the mover and seconder be commissioned to expend the said amount accordingly. Carried.

The Council now adjourned until Thursday, the 21st day of August next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

JAMES CONNERY, TOWN CLERK.

County Council.

Perth, June 23, 1862.

The Council met this morning at ten o'clock A. M., the Roll was called, a quorum present, and the Warden in the Chair.

The Minutes of proceedings of Saturday, were read, approved, and the Warden signed them.

Resolved, On motion of Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Houston, the By-law to raise by way of loan, a certain sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was received and read a first time.

The Council then adjourned to two o'clock P. M.

Perth, June 23, 1862.

The Council met, per adjournment, the Roll was called, a quorum present, and the Warden in the Chair.

Mr. Byrne submitted the report of the Committee for revising the Assessment Rolls which was read, on the clause in reference to the Township of Montague being read.

Mr. Chambers moved, seconded by Mr. Shields, That the Report of the Committee appointed by this Council to revise the Assessment Rolls, be now adopted or received, but that it be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

In amendment to the amendment, Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Purdon, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Revision Committee be now discussed, each Township separately, and that the Reeve of each Municipality be first allowed to state his objection to that part of the Report bearing upon his Municipality, if he has any objections to make, and confine his remarks to his own Municipality.

In amendment, Mr. McAdam moved, seconded by Mr. Roman, That whereas the principle on which the Committee on Revision have based the County Assessment for 1862, is unjust, by making all lands of equal value. It is therefore resolved that the Assessment for County purposes be based upon the different Assessments within the United Counties for the current year, and that the Report of the Committee be not adopted. Lost.

Capella Chambers demanded the yeas and nays upon Mr. McDougall's amendment, and they were,

Yeas—Messrs. Paris, Scott, McGregor, Ryan, Taylor, Brady, Brown, Barton, Ryan, Murray, McArthur, Houston, Guthrie, McLean, Furlan, McDougall, Haggarty, Lyan, Connelley, Connelley, 26.

Nays—Messrs. O'Rourke, Warren, Ross, McAdam, Moore, Stone and Shields, 7.

And so the original motion was lost, and the clause in the Report in reference to Montague was carried.

Mr. McAdam moved, seconded by Mr. Roman, That whereas the Assessment of the Township of Pakenham, has a fair proportion to the highest Rolls within these United Counties, notwithstanding the Committee on Revision has thought proper to add a percentage thereto, it is therefore resolved that

the percentage be struck off, and the Roll assessed as it was when taken by the Assessor.

The several clauses of the Report having been put and separately carried, it was then put as a whole and adopted.

Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Assessment Rolls for the year 1862, with a schedule of rates, and the equivalent of real property in the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

To the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, in session assembled.

Your Committee, upon whom was imposed the onerous duty of revising and equalizing the Assessment Rolls for the several Municipalities in these Counties, beg to report as follows:

That they deemed it their duty to devote more time to revise the Rolls than has been customary with former Committees, in order that they might, if possible be enabled to arrive at a more just and equitable conclusion with regard to the equalization of property throughout the Counties, and although your committee has, at much labor and expense, ascertained the average value of land per acre in each Municipality, together with the number of acres of resident and non-resident lands, and the aggregate quality of each, compared with the assessed value in each Township, for the year 1860, showing the increase or decrease. Still we must confess that it is almost impossible for any committee to ascertain and determine correctly the real and accurate value of the several Townships within these Counties.

The Council has been kept in session at least three days longer on account of the Revision Committee not being able to get through their arduous duties sooner. We also beg to remark that a great deal of time has been caused this year, on account of the Assessment Rolls not being sent to our committee in proper order, one-half of the Roll not having even the amount of personal property added up, and the difficulties your committee experienced in collecting together the non-resident Rolls, which were not attached, as they should have been, to the resident Rolls. The delay thus caused is at a cost of \$100 to the Counties. We, therefore, avoid the difficulty in future, your committee would recommend your Council to instruct the Clerk to procure a box or cupboard with shelves, for each Township in the County of Lanark, and have them marked and numbered, so that the Rolls for each Township can be kept in its own place, and under a distinct heading. We, therefore, recommend the Clerk of this Council to carry out the former instruction given him, and have a schedule prepared for each June session of your Council, in the following order, viz: 1st, the name of each Township in the Counties; 2nd, the total number of acres of resident lands; 3rd, its value; 4th, its average value; 5th, total number of acres of non-resident land; 6th, its value; 7th, its average value; 8th, total number of acres assessed; 9th, total assessed value of land; 10th, total average value; 11th, taxable income; 12th, personal property other than income; 13th, total value of real and personal property, including income; 14th, a comparison between the former year and the year for which it is prepared; 15th, showing the deficiency or excess.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

EDWARD BYRNE, Chairman.

S. G. LYNN, JOHN SMITH, ABRAHAM CODE, T. M. CAESWELL.

Committee Room, June 23.

Mr. McDougall submitted the report of the Finance Committee, which was read and adopted.

Report on Committee on Finance and Account.

To the Warden and Council of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, in session assembled.

After a careful examination of the various documents and accounts referred to your committee, we recommend that the following be paid:

R. Kellock, Gaoler, \$ 9 05

W. Gilmore, salary as keeper of lock up at Almonte for year ending June 1, '62 40 00

Mileage of members of Board of Public Instruction, Renfrew 22 60

Board of Public Instruction, Perth 17 00

Board Public Instruction Lanark, section 9 02

Cairns & Scott, advertising Notice to Contractors for new Jail, &c. 5 20

Cairns & Scott, publishing list of Tenders received 5 10

Tender to build Registry Office at Almonte 25 10

T. P. French, expenses to Quebec 33 25

William Gill, Messenger to Council 7 57

John Hart, Painter, fitting up frame of Royal arms 3 00

John Hart, for Stationary, and Seal 32 56

With regard to the account of George Ross, for \$3.75 for three days' services as member of the Board of Public Instruction for Renfrew, from June 29 to December 21, 1861, your committee cannot recommend any alteration in the decision of the Finance Committee of the January session of 1861, on similar account furnished at that time.

On the information that can be obtained, George Ross was not a member of the Board at that time, but the paid Secretary thereof. Neither is the account certified by the chairman of the Board.

The accounts of Cairns & Scott already referred to, for advertising and publishing notices for new jail, &c. also \$3 for the account rendered by W. Gill, for attendance on gaol committee, should be charged to account of County of Lanark, only inasmuch as Renfrew has to provide for similar accounts of his own resources.

Your committee think that the allowance of \$4.75 to the keeper of the lock up at Almonte too much for the work performed. They would suggest that the Council would require every keeper of lock-up houses throughout these Counties to furnish to this Council a yearly report of the duties performed, in order that a proper estimate might be arrived at, of the amounts to be paid for such services.

Your committee command that the defaulting Corporation referred to in the Treasurer's report, be legally dealt with forthwith.

Your committee recommend that a special column and rate be placed on the Collectors' Rolls, for the amount to be raised for the creation of the new gaol, gaoler's house, &c., and also that the same come be adopted relative to the special rate to be imposed to meet the interest on the monies advanced to the Brookville & Ottawa Railway, which has been demanded by the Government.

With reference to said interest and costs, and for which the Sheriff holds a writ, we recommend that Council to empower the Warden and Treasurer to borrow from the Banks the requisite amount, and lodge it to the credit of the Sheriff in the Bank, until the amount shall be raised from the Municipalities at the time of collecting the usual taxes, or until the Brookville & Ottawa Railway pay said amount.

Your committee recommend that the lands in answer for "taxes" of which has been furnished by the Treasurer, should be advertised for sale by the Sheriff forthwith; but as to whether unimproved lands will be included your committee would not presume to advise.

The Treasurer must be guided by the laws of the country on that point.

From the statement of receipts and disbursements from 1st January to 17th June, it appears there are but \$104.40 in the Treasurer's hands, and that from \$20,000 will be required to meet the obligations of the County funds until the October session of the County Council, your committee recommend the Council and Treasurer to borrow money from the Bank as it may be required for County purposes, until the rate for County purposes is levied and collected.

Your committee recommend that the balance of the main debt, these Counties have incurred against the late Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas and County Clerk, should be pressed upon the heirs and sureties of said clerk.

We recommend that the sum of \$4,000 be raised by special rate to be levied on the rateable property in the County of Lanark, for the year 1862, towards meeting the amount to be raised for the creation of the new gaol, gaoler's house, &c., in the Town of Perth.

In accordance with the estimate made, upon the aggregate assessment of the United Counties, your committee recommend that an assessment by-law, authorizing the levy of \$13,648, for ordinary County purposes, be now introduced and passed.

Your committee recommend that all disbursements, relative to the new gaol, gaoler's house, &c., be charged to account of County of Lanark only, and that the Treasurer keep a separate account for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McDUGALL, Chairman.

A. MCARTHUR, W. MCADAM.

The Council now adjourned to ten o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Perth, June 24, 1862.

The Council met this morning by adjournment from yesterday, the Roll was called, a quorum present, and the Warden in the Chair.

The following were submitted, viz:

An Account from the Board of Public Instruction Lanark.

An account from John Hart, contracted by Board of Public Instruction, which were read and ordered to lie over until next Session.

The Warden read a letter from Donald Fraser, Esq., in reference to the debt due by the late Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Clerk of the County Court.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Houston, and

Resolved, That the By-law to raise by way of loan a certain sum of money for County Buildings for the County of Lanark, which has been filed up, and was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Code, and

Resolved, That the By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Lynn, and

Resolved, That the By-law to pay money grants and allowances, and the blanks filled up in accordance with the Report of the Finance Committee, and was read a second time.

Resolved, On motion of the same gentleman, the same By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Smith, and

Resolved, The Rules of Council were suspended for the remainder of the Session.

Mr. Lynn moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, That as much valuable and useful information is contained in the Reports of the several Committees and as it appears to be the rule adopted by other Municipalities to print and publish the same, your committee recommend that the minutes of this Council, together with the various Reports made to the Committees, be printed in Pamphlet form, and that copies be sent by the Clerk of this Council to the Reeve of each Municipality, for the use and information of the Rate-payers, and that the Committee on printing be instructed to receive tenders and contract for the printing of the same, if the same do not exceed \$30.00.

Mr. Guthrie moved, seconded by Mr. Purdon, and

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Session be published in the Perth Courier, provided it be so published free of charge to these Counties.

Moved by Mr. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Murray, and

Resolved, That having heard the letter read from Mr. Fraser respecting the claim due by the late Mr. Sache, that this Council have no objection to comply with the request made in behalf of Wm. Sache, Esq.

Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Houston, and

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Council do notify the Clerks of the various Municipalities in these Counties, to place on the Collectors' Rolls a special column for the Railway Rate to be levied, and also a special column on the Rolls of the County of Lanark for the Rate to be levied for the New Jail, Jailers' House, Shields, &c.

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, and

Resolved, That inasmuch as there are now several Lock-up Houses established within these United Counties, and the keepers thereof paid out of the County funds, it is desirable that the keepers of such Lock-up houses should furnish this Council with a yearly statement of the duties performed by them as keepers of such Lock-up houses.

Be it therefore resolved,

That the Keepers of all Lock-up houses appointed by this Council, be and they are hereby required, to furnish a yearly statement of the duties performed by them, showing the number of persons committed to their charge during the year, the names of the Justice or Justices who committed those persons, with the number of days each were so committed and the offence for which they were committed; and that such statement be sent to the Clerk of this Council, by the 1st day of October, in each and every year.

And the Clerk is hereby instructed to send a Copy of this Resolution to each of the keepers of Lock-up houses within the United Counties.

Mr. Lynn moved, seconded by Mr. Paris, and

Resolved, That the Warden be instructed, to carry out all the motions, Reports, and By-laws of this Council, passed during the present Session, according to their true spirit and intent.

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Houston, and

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Council do, and he is hereby instructed, to publish a certain By-law introduced during the present Session of Council for the purpose of raising by way of loan, a certain sum of money for to meet the payment of the estimates for the work due on the County Buildings, in accordance with the law in such case provided if found necessary.

On motion of Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Smith, and

Resolved, That the By-law for levying and providing for County Rates, had the blanks filled up in accordance with the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Assessment Rolls and was read a second time.

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