

MINUTES
OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF HURON,

HOLDEN

AT GODERICH, THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1847,

In pursuance of the Act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, and the Act 9 Victoria, chap. 40.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., J. P., WARDEN.

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MINUTES
OF THE
HURON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 5th October, 1847.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., WARDEN.

CONSTANT L. VAN EGMOND,	CHARLES GIRVIN,
GEORGE HYDE,	DAVID H. RITCHIE.
JAMES RANKIN,	JOHN HOLMES,
DANIEL MCPHERSON,	JAMES MURRAY,
ROBERT LAMB,	JOHN SPARLING,
RICHARD BALKWELL,	JAMES SIMPSON,
ROBERT HAYS,	JOHN HAWKINS,
JAMES BARBOUR,	JOHN LONGWORTH,
ROBERT DONKINS,	JOHN HICKS,
WILLIAM PIPER,	W. F. McCULLOCH, ESQUIRES.

1. Daniel McPherson laid before the meeting his Oath of Qualification — Oath of Allegiance — Certificate by Warden — Oath of Chairman — and Intimation by the Chairman to Mr. McPherson.

2. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Simpson, that the minutes of the meeting of February last be now read.— Carried.

The minutes were accordingly read by the Clerk.

3. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that all correspondence between the Government Offices and this Council be read in Council and laid on the table for consideration.—Carried.

The Clerk then read the following correspondence, viz. :—

4. Letter by the District Clerk to the Provincial Secretary, of date 13th February, 1847.

5. Letter by the Warden to the Provincial Secretary, of date 15th February, 1847 ; with a memorandum of two separate letters of the same date, inclosing a petition and memorial.

6. Letter by the Provincial Secretary to the Warden, of date 6th February, 1847.

7. Circular to the Assessors in the district, 20th February 1847, inclosing a certified list of Assessors.

8. Letter by the Provincial Secretary to the Warden, of date 26th February, 1847.

9. Letter by the Provincial Secretary to the Warden, of date 17th March, 1847.

10. Circular from the Education Office, of 17th January, 1847.

11. Letter by the Warden of the Newcastle District to the Warden, of date 29th September, 1847.

12. Letter by D. Lizars, Esq., to the Warden, of date 2nd July, 1847.

13. Letter by the Warden to D. Lizars, Esq., of 12th July, 1847.

14. Copy of Memorial to his Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the By-Laws, of date 19th August, 1847.

15. Letter by D. Lizars, Esq., to the Warden, of date 5th October, 1847, enclosing aggregate statement of the assessment valuation of property and amount of rates to be collected in the Huron District, for the year 1847.

16. Letter by John Strachan, Esq., to the Warden, of date 27th August, 1847.

17. Letter by the Warden to John Strachan, Esq., of date 13th September, 1847.

18. Letter by T. M. Jones, Esq., to G. Brown, jun., Esq., Treasurer of the District, of date 28th August, 1847.

The Auditors then laid before the meeting—

19. Treasurer's account to 1st April, 1847.

20. Classified statement of Treasurer's account.

21. Auditor's report thereon.

22. Treasurer's account to 1st July, 1847.

23. Auditor's report thereon.

24. Treasurer's account to 1st October, 1847.

25. Account of receipts and disbursements, as per abstract of Treasurer's account.

26. Auditor's report thereon.

27. Debts and liabilities of the district to 1st October, 1847.

28. Aggregate statement of amount of taxes due the Huron District, up to 1846. Also two volumes, marked A. and B., containing a list of taxes in arrears since 1842, &c.

29. Letter by the Auditors to the Warden and Councillors, of date 5th October, 1847, all of which were remitted to the Finance Committee, to be appointed.

30. Mr. Holmes gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would bring in a By-Law to prevent delays in the finishing of public works.

The Council then adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,
Warden.

6th October, 1847, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Warden in the chair.

PRESENT:

Mr. VAN EGMOND,	Mr. SPARLING,	Mr. RITCHIE,
" HYDE,	" SIMPSON,	" HOLMES,
" RANKIN,	" McCULLOCH,	" MURRAY,
" McPHERSON,	" HODGINS,	" LONGWORTH,
" LAMB,	" BARBOUR,	" HICKS,
" BALKWELL,	" DONKIN,	" HAWKINS,
" HAYS,	" PIPER,	" HELMORE,
	" GIRVAN,	

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved of.

31. Petition of Landholders of the 5th and 6th Concessions, Goderich (No. 241 of last session).—Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

32. Account, Lachlin McIntosh, 13*l.* 3*s.* 1½*d.* (being No. 242 of last session).—Referred to the Finance Committee.

The following documents were then laid before the meeting, and remitted to a Committee on Finance, viz. :—

33. Statement of the number of days each Councillor sat in Council in February last.

34. Account, H. E. Fraser, for preparing maps as per order of Council, 5*l.* 10*s.*

35. Account, Ainslie & Jaffray, printing, 11*l.*

36*a.* Account, George Beatty, 1*l.* 5*s.* and 2*l.* 12*s.*; certified by D. H. Ritchie.

36*b.* Account, Lawrason & Co., for Township Manual, 12*l.* 10*s.*

37. Account, James Gilmour, 11*l.* 17*s.*; certified by D. H. Ritchie and James Murray.

38. Account, Benjamin Parsons, 10*s.*; certified by District Auditors and District Clerk.

39. Account, Jacob Latcherad, 14*s.* 4½*d.*; certified by Auditors.

40. Account, Daniel Gordon, 4*l.*; certified by Auditors.

41. Account, H. Rowsell, 1*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

42. Account, H. Rowsell, cheque book, 2*l.* 5*s.*

43. Letter (R. Lauchlin) to Warden, postage, 1*s.* 6*d.*

44. Petition of William Hicks, for compensation.

45. Petition of Henry Young, as to his contract.

46. Petition of the Township Warden of the township of Colborne.

47. Petition of the inhabitants of Hibbert.

48. Petition of Alexander Wilson, for compensation.

49*a.* Petition of J. J. E. Linton, inclosing account 6*l.* 5*s.*

49*b.* Two accounts certified by John Sparling.

The following documents were then laid before the meeting, and referred to a Committee on Common Schools, viz. :—

50. Account, John Sparling, Superintendent of Common Schools in Blanchard.

51. Petition of the School Trustees of School Section No. 1, McGillivray.

52. Petition of the School Trustees of School Section in Fullarton, with two enclosures.

53. Petition of the School Trustees of School Section No. 5 of Downie, enclosing draft of a bond.

54. Petition of the Settlers in Hibbert.

55. Petition of A. F. Morgan, Teacher of School No. 1, Goderich.

56. Petition of David Bell, to the Council.

57. Petition of James Campbell and others.

58. Petition of Charles McTavish and James Menzies.

59. Petition of Donald Stewart and others.

60. Moved by Robert Hays, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the District Clerk do obtain from the District Superintendent of Common Schools a list of the several schools now in operation in the district, with the names of the Trustees of the several schools; and that the Clerk of the Council do write to the several Trustees, to ascertain under what title the lands of such school houses are held, except those schools where the title is already in the possession of the Council; and that in future this Council shall take no cognizance of any school, the land belonging to which is not deeded to this Council in terms of the Act 9 Victoria, chap. 40.

61. Petition of the Trustees of No. 1 School Section of Goderich.

62. Petition of the Trustees of No. 1 School Section of Goderich.

63. Moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Van Egmond, that Mr. James Hill be appointed by this Council to call a meeting for the election of Trustees for the School Division in the village of Mitchell.

The following documents were then read, and referred to a Committee on Roads and Bridges, viz. :—

64. Report of the District Surveyor.

65. Abstract of the public works.

66. Two parcels of tenders.

67. Papers connected with the contract for building the bridge, &c., at Van Egmond's Mills.

68. Papers relative to the contract of Patrick Flanagan and John Hodgins.

69. Papers connected with the contract for the bridge over the Sable, London road.

70. Petition of Hugh McCann and others, inhabitants of Hibbert.

71. Petition of John Allen and others, of Colborne.

72. Petition of Alexander McWhining, of Logan.

73. Petition of Matthew Black, of Goderich.

74. Petition of Peter Robertson, on behalf of the settlers in Colborne.

75a. Moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that a Committee of five be appointed for Roads and Bridges. The Committee to consist of Messrs. McPherson, Ritchie, Holmes, Van Egmond, and Hays.—Carried.

75b. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that all Committees to be appointed shall be selected by open voice, without reference to the right of the mover and seconder of any motion being so selected.—Carried.

76. Moved by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Hicks, that any member of this Council shall not be appointed on more than one Committee.

On the yeas and nays being taken, the motion was lost by a majority of 14.

77. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that Thomas Hodgins, of lot 13 in the 2nd concession Biddulph, be nominated by this Council to hold the school meeting in the new school section in the said township.—9 Victoria, chap. 20, sec. 17.—Carried.

78. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Murray, that a Finance Committee be now appointed, to consist of Messrs. McCulloch, Van Egmond, Longworth, Donkin, and Ritchie.—Carried.

79. Moved by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that a Committee on Schools be appointed, to consist of Messrs. Hays, Holmes, Sparling, Rankin, and Piper.—Carried.

Mr. Holmes gave notice, verbally, that he will, to-morrow, introduce a By-Law for the repairing of sudden breaches on certain roads.

The Council then adjourned for two hours.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,

Warden.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

80. Return by the late Superintendent of Common Schools for Goderich Township, accompanied with the Minute Book.

81. Petition of Patrick Paton.—Referred to the School Committee.

The following documents were then read and referred to the Road and Bridge Committee, viz. :—

82. By-Law to prevent delays on public works in the district, given in in terms of the motion of yesterday.

The usual rule was waived, and the Council agreed to receive the following, viz. :—

83. By-Law to authorise Councillors to repair sudden breaches in public roads.

84. Petition of Francis Fishlugh, along with a certificate.

85. Petition of the inhabitants of the western division of Colborne.

The following documents were then read and remitted to the Committee on Finance :—

86. Certified accounts by Charles Girvin, in favour of James McConnell, 8*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

87. Certified accounts in favour of James Fowler, 7*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

88. Petition of Styles Stafford and Frederick Stafford.

The Superintendent of Schools, in Ashfield, delivered his Minute Book to the Council.

The Council then adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,
Warden.

7th October, 1847, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

PRESENT:

Mr. VAN EGMOND,	Mr. SPARLING,	Mr. RITCHIE,
" HYDE,	" SIMPSON,	" HOLMES,
" RANKIN,	" McCULLOCH,	" MURRAY,
" McPHERSON,	" HODGINS,	" LONGWORTH,
" LAMB,	" BARBOUR,	" HICKS,
" BALKWELL,	" DONKIN,	" HAWKINS,
" HAYS,	" PIPER,	" HELMORE,
	" GIRVIN,	

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved of.

89. Account, Jacob Sugmilton, 12*l.*

90. Account, Duncan McDonald, 5*s.*

91. Report of the District Surveyor to the Warden.

The above were referred to the Finance Committee.

The following documents were then read and remitted to the Road and Bridge Committee, viz. :—

92. Petition of the inhabitants of Ashfield.

93. Petition of Duncan McDonald.

94. Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Goderich.

95. Petition of Benjamin Milton and others, for assistance to build a bridge.

96. Report of the District Surveyor, on the site of the bridge.

97. Guarantee by B. Miller and J. Stewart, to the Warden and Council.

98. Petition of Balshazar Smith and others, of North Easthope.

99. The Chairman of the Committee on Common Schools reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.—Granted.

100. Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, that the District Surveyor be instructed to inspect the lake road, from the town line of Stephen, through Hay and Stanley, to the village of Bayfield, and report on the same to this Council at its next sitting.—Carried.

101. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that a By-Law be passed by this Council, obliging the several Collectors of this district to pay over to the Superintendent of Common Schools, in accordance with the Act 9 Victoria, chap. 20, sec. 8, all school monies collected by them.—Carried.

102. Moved by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. McCulloch, that the District Surveyor be authorised by this Council to examine the Huron Road, from the post office in McKillop to the Wilmot line, and report upon the same to the Council at their February meeting.—Carried.

103. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the Clerk of the Council will, on to-morrow, lay before this Council the names of the eight Councillors who are to retire from the Council in January next, being one-third of the Council, being in accordance with the Act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, sec. 19.—Carried.

The Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.—Granted.

104. Moved by Mr. Van Egmond, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, that a Special Committee of five be appointed to decide on the establishing of a new road in Colborne, as prayed for by Peter Robertson and others. The Committee to consist of Messrs. Holmes, Longworth, McPherson, Piper and Sparling.—Carried.

105. Moved by Mr. Sparling, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the District Surveyor be directed by this Council to examine the state of the road leading from the village of Mitchell to the village of St. Mary's, Blanchard, and report upon the same, and state the probable expense of making it travelable, by the next sitting of Council.—Carried.

106. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that this Council do petition the Governor General in Council, praying that they will be pleased to erect a bridge over the river Maitland, at the junction of the lines of road between Goderich, Hullett, Colborne and Wawanosh, those lines of road being about 26 miles, part of which was cut out by the Canada Company, and thence by the government; and that the mover and seconder of

this motion, along with Mr. Girvin, be empowered to draft the petition.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till 5 o'clock, P. M.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,

Warden.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

107. The Chairman of the Select Committee for establishing a new line of road in the township of Colborne, reported progress by reading the report, which was unanimously received, approved of, and confirmed; and the compensation, 32*l.*, to be taken into consideration in the money estimates in February next.

108. Petition of Henry Cato.—Remitted to the Road and Bridge Committee.

109. The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; which leave was granted.

110. Moved by Mr. Piper, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, that Mr. John Johns be appointed to call the first meeting in the second school section in the township of Colborne.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow, at 9 o'clock. A. M.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,

Warden.

8th October, 1847, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

PRESENT :

Mr. VAN EGMOND,	Mr. SPARLING,	Mr. GIRVIN,
" HYDE,	" SIMPSON,	" RITCHIE,
" RANKIN,	" McCULLOCH,	" HOLMES,
" McPHERSON,	" HODGINS,	" MURRAY,
" LAMB,	" BARBOUR,	" LONGWORTH,
" BALKWELL,	" DONKIN,	" HAWKINS,
" HAYS,	" PIPER,	" HELMORE.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved of.

111. Account, Alexander McLean, 2*l.* 10*s.*

112. Account, John McDonald, 3*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

113. Account, D. Smith, for men's wages, 7*l.* 5*s.*—Referred to the Finance Committee.

114. Account of John Bulger, 2*l.*; certified by Mr. Van Egmond.

115. Account of John McLean, 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; certified by Mr. Piper.—Referred to the Finance Committee.

116.—Moved by Mr. Piper, seconded by Mr. Girvin, that the District Surveyor be directed to advertise for Tenders for ——— Scrapers, for the use of the district; that the shoe of the Scraper be boiler plate, with a good substantial wooden frame.

117. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Donkin, that 54 Scrapers be obtained for the use of the district, to be distributed in accordance with the following list, viz. :—

Township of Goderich.....	4
“ Downie	4
“ Blanchard	4
“ Ashfield	2
“ Wawanash	2
“ Colborne.....	2
“ Hullett	2
“ McKillop	2
“ Logan.....	2
“ Ellice	2
“ North Easthope	4
“ South Easthope	3
“ Hibbert	2
“ Fullarton.....	2
“ Biddulph	3
“ McGillivray	2
“ Stephen	2
“ Hay	2
“ Stanley	2
“ Tuckersmith	4
“ Usborne	2

Carried.

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118. Moved by Mr. Donkin, seconded by Mr. McCulloch, that the Scrapers belonging to each township be under the care of the Councillor or Councillors of each township.—Carried.

119. Moved by Mr. Sparling, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the sums of money granted for the culverts on the Mitchell Road, Blanchard, be appropriated to make an approach to the frame bridge over the Thames, at the west side of the village of St. Mary's, now in an impassable state.—Carried.

120. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that this Council do petition the legislature, praying that the township of Williams be taxed for the proportion of the debt contracted in erecting the gaol and court-house of this district.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,

Warden.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

121. Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges having been read, it was unanimously received, and remitted to a committee of the whole.

122. Report of the Committee on Finance was read; it was unanimously received, and remitted to a committee of the whole.

123. Report of the School Committee being read, it was unanimously received, and remitted to a committee of the whole.

124. Moved by Mr. Sparling, seconded by Mr. Van Egmond, that William P. Smith be appointed by this Council to call a meeting for the election of Trustees for School Section No. 6; J. H. Eglestone, for Section No. 3; Johnston Armstrong, for Section No. 4; William Stark, for Section No. 5; and George Weston, for Section No. 7; to carry out the provisions of the School Act.—Carried.

125. Moved by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Donkin, that the letter of T. M. Jones, Esq., respecting taxes, be now read.—Carried.

The letter of Mr. Jones to Mr. G. Brown (No. 18) was again read.

126. Moved by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Donkin, that the proposition contained in the Canada Company's letter of 28th August, 1847, be acceded to.

127. Moved in amendment by Mr. McCulloch, seconded by Mr. Longworth, that we do not accept the terms as proposed by the Canada Company, in their letter to our Treasurer of the 28th August, 1847, inasmuch as the sum of 175*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, as laid out by them on the Zorra Road; and as to the debentures, they ought not to be paid out of their turn, inasmuch as this Council has no power to make a compromise.

On the votes being taken, there voted for the motion 13, for the amendment 6. Motion carried by a majority of 7.

128. Moved by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Piper, that the Clerk of the Council do write to the Commissioners of the Canada Company for the vouchers relating to the Zorra Road contract, on purpose that they may be submitted to the Auditors.—Carried.

129. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that this Council, at its next meeting in February, do take into consideration the propriety of gravelling about $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles of the Huron road, from Lorenzo Sharp's corner to the east of Mr. McDonald's land, and from Mr. Edwards' house to R. Papst's inn.

On the yeas and nays being taken as to whether the above be considered in the next sitting, in February, 1848, or not, it was lost by a majority of 3.

130. Notice by Mr. Van Egmond, that to-morrow he will move for a repeal of By-Laws Nos. 9 and 22, passed in February last.

On the verbal motion of Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that the usual rule be dispensed with, and the following petitions received.—Carried by a majority of 5.

131. Petition of Henry Haache.

132. Petition of William McLaggan.

133. Petition of Joseph Wheatly.

All of which were remitted to the Finance Committee.

The Council then adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.
(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,
Warden.

9th October, 1847, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

PRESENT:

Mr. VAN EGMOND,	Mr. SPARLING,	Mr. GIRVIN,
" HYDE,	" SIMPSON,	" RITCHIE,
" RANKIN,	" McCULLOCH,	" HOLMES,
" McPHERSON,	" HODGINS,	" MURRAY,
" LAMB,	" BARBOUR,	" LONGWORTH,
" BALKWELL,	" DONKIN,	" HAWKINS,
" HAYS,	" PIPER,	" HELMORE.

The yesterday's proceedings were read and approved of.

134. Supplementary Report of the Finance Committee was read and unanimously received, and remitted to a committee of the whole.

135. Moved by Mr. Van Egmond, seconded by Mr. Helmore, that the By-Laws, chapter 9 and 22, passed in the February session, 1846, be now repealed.

136. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that the Council do go into committee of the whole, on the motion of Mr. Van Egmond, for the repeal of By-Laws Nos. 9 and 22, passed last session.—Which was carried.

The Council then went into committee of the whole on Mr. Van Egmond's motion.

The Warden vacated the chair, and nominated Mr. Longworth to take it in committee of the whole.

Mr. Longworth in the chair.

The motion of Mr. Van Egmond (No. 135) having been read again, it was unanimously approved of and confirmed.

Mr. Longworth then reported progress to the Warden in the chair in Council, by reading the above entry, which was unanimously confirmed and adopted.

137. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Piper, that the Clerk of this court do write to the Treasurer, stating that the last clause of By-Law No. 1, passed in February, 1844, is in operation; and that he is hereby required to conform to the same.—Carried.

138. Moved by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the Council do go into committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.—Carried.

The Warden then left the chair.

The Council then went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Holmes in the chair, in committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Holmes then reported progress to the Warden in the chair in Council, by reading—

139. Report of the Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges, which was unanimously received, adopted, and confirmed.

The Council then adjourned for one hour.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,
Warden.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Warden resumed the chair.

The usual rule being dispensed with, the following was read, viz.:—

140. Petition of George Elliott, jun.

141. Report of the District Superintendent, as to School Sections and Trustees.

142. Duties of Overseers of Highways was laid before the meeting.

Ordered, that 500 copies of the same be printed, and distributed throughout the district before the 1st January next.

Moved verbally by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Hyde, that the Council go into committee of the whole on Schools.—Carried.

The Council went into committee of the whole on Schools.

Mr. McCulloch in the chair, who reported progress to the Warden in the chair in Council, by reading—

143. Report of the committee of the whole on Common Schools, which was unanimously received, confirmed, and adopted.

144. Moved by Mr. Donkin, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, that Mr. Henry Comlin be appointed to call the first School Section meeting in the new section of Hibbert and Logan.—Carried.

145. Abstract of returns of land assessed and unassessed, 1847.

146. Statement of the Finances of the Huron District, to October, 1847.

Moved verbally by Mr. Longworth, seconded by Mr. Simpson, that the Council resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on Finance.—Carried.

The Warden then left the chair, when the Council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Sparling in the chair, who reported progress to the Warden in the chair in Council, by reading—

147. Report of the committee of the whole on the report of the Finance Committee, which was unanimously received, adopted and confirmed.

148. Moved by Mr. Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Hays, that the Surveyor be directed to give the old crossing of the Sable Bridge to the Pathmaster on the 3rd concession Biddulph, to cover the bridge across the Little Sable, as the value to be got for it if sold would not be much, and it would mend the bridge.—Carried.

149. Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Piper, that the road leading from Goderich to Wawanosh be included in Mr. Holmes's motion, authorising the Councillors to expend certain sums on the leading roads in the district.

On the yeas and nays being taken on the foregoing, the motion was lost by a majority of two.

150. Moved by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Helmore, that the sum of 2l. 10s. be allowed to Mr. Rattenbury, for fuel and candle, &c., in the council room, for the present sitting of Council.—Carried.

151. Moved by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Helmore, that the Surveyor be instructed to examine, and report at the next meeting of this Council, upon the road through Colborne, from the residence of the late H. Hyndman, Esq., to the town plot of Albert; and also the bridge in said town of Albert.

On the yeas and nays being taken as to whether or not the foregoing motion be received, it was lost by a majority of two.

152. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Piper, that the Clerk of this Council do write to the District Superintendent, stating that unless he complies with our order of Council, passed last session, relating to his account, the Warden shall not sign a debenture for his salary.—Carried.

153. The Clerk then read over to the meeting a list of the Councillors who go out by rotation this year, viz. :—

MR. H. K. JUNK,	MR. HELMORE,
" HYDE,	" HOLMES,
" MCCULLOCH.	" LONGWORTH,
" SIMPSON.	" BARBOUR.

It was ordered that the Warden do sign debentures for all salaries due, and that hereafter he shall do so quarterly; and also that he shall sign debentures for such sums as shall have

been regularly passed through the Council and Auditors on any former session, when debentures have not been signed.

It was also ordered that the proceedings, and any documents connected therewith, be printed for distribution.

The Council then adjourned till the next statutory meeting, in February next.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CHALK,
Warden.

A P P E N D I X .

*Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements, as per Abstract of the Account of the Treasurer of the Huron District,
as audited for the quarter ending 31st March, 1847.*

1847.		£	s.	d.	1847.		£	s.	d.
January 1.	To amount in hand at last audit	940	0	0	March 31.	By Roads and Bridges	470	7	4
	" Amount received from Collectors for McGillivray, North Easthope, and Downie	403	16	10½		" Township Clerks	72	0	0
	" Amounts paid by private individuals, on wild lands, &c.	17	13	9		" Contingent expenses—sweeping chimneys	0	10	0
	" Amount proceeds of Bill for £600. discounted at Bank of Upper Canada	590	16	6		" Office rent	17	10	0
May 31.	" Balance	35	11	7		" Assessors	23	19	11
						" Collectors	28	12	5
						" Wolf Certificates	3	0	0
						" Wild Land Road Tax	368	16	7½
						" High Constable and Constables	42	6	3
						" Gaol furnishings	8	1	9
						" Surveyor	63	9	7
						" Carriage of parcels	0	13	9
						" Lunatic Asylum	52	2	6
						" Treasurer's Fees	105	17	2
						" Law expenses	11	8	5
						" Township Superintendents	30	0	0
						" Fuel and Light for Council Room	3	0	0
						" Gaol debt	35	9	0
						" Auditors	35	0	0
						" Postage	9	12	0½
						" Indigent Witnesses	1	18	9
						" District Superintendent	50	0	0
						" Wood for Gaol	24	7	6
						" Insane and Destitute	7	7	7
						" Medical Men at Inquests	4	5	0
						" Office furnishings	1	13	9
						" Crier	2	13	0
						" Coroner	4	7	6
						" Sheriff	51	0	0
						" Gaol Surgeon	17	0	0
						" Clerk of the Peace	145	8	11
						" Interest Account	18	10	3½
						" Education Grant	255	12	2
						" Councillor's Fees	21	17	6
£1987 18 8½					£1987 18 8½				

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1847.		£	s.	d.
	By Balance overpaid by Treasurer	35	11	7
	" Constables	5	3	4
	" Wild Land Road Tax	105	7	3
	" Law expenses	17	10	0
	" Railroad Debenture on account	25	0	0
	" Jail for Digging Well	1	10	0
	" Conveyance of Prisoner to Penitentiary	17	0	0
	" Insurance of Jail	15	5	0
	" Coroners	13	7	0
	" Wood for Jail	3	7	6
	" Bank of Upper Canada (per discount)	9	3	6
	" Jail Surgeon	4	0	7½
	" Postage	7	14	5
	" Postage	0	7	2
	" Overcharge of Assessment returned	45	0	0
	" Treasurer's Salary and per centage, to 1st April	6	0	0
	Interest account	6	0	0
		£468	18	04

*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, as per Abstract of the Account of the Treasurer of the Huron District,
as audited for the quarter ending 30th September, 1847.*

1847.		£	s.	d.	1847.		£	s.	d.
July 1.	To Balance brought forward	156	18	0½	Sept. 30.	By Wild Land Road Tax	308	13	5
	“ Received of T. Carter, taxes on lots 31 and 32, 1st concession of Tuckersmith					“ Bank of Upper Canada for discount	12	6	8
	District tax .. £0 16 8					“ Office furnishings	1	14	3½
	Road tax .. 0 2 1					“ Gaol Surgeon	17	2	6
				0 18 9		“ Law expenses	2	10	0
	“ Magistrate's fine, per W. F. McCulloch, Esq.			0 5 0		“ Crier	4	16	6
	“ Amount of government warrant for the balance allowed by government for criminal justice for 1846			18 13 11		“ Maintenance of Prisoners	18	18	3
Aug. 10.	From John Kirkpatrick, arrears of taxes on lots 17, 20, and W. of 26, 1st concession Wawanosh, 3 years, 500 acres; and lot 18 and W. ½ 26, 2nd concession, 3 years, 300 acres					“ Contingent expenses	0	2	6
	District tax .. £10 0 0					“ District Clerk	15	0	0
	Road tax .. 1 5 0			11 5 0		“ Treasurer quarter's salary, to 1st July	50	0	0
Sept. 5.	Of W. B. Rich, taxes on lot 18, C. con. Goderich, 10 acres, 5 years, with surcharge, 5s. 3d. & 9d.			0 6 0		“ Interest account	0	5	6
15.	Of John Tomlinson, taxes on lot 21, 1st concession Stanley, 100 acres, 5 years, with surcharge					“ Insane and Destitute	0	7	6
	District tax .. £2 12 8			3 0 3					
	Road tax .. 0 7 7								
18.	Of Robert Patterson, taxes on lots 18, 19, and 20, 1st and 2nd concession Hay, 600 acres								
	District tax .. £5 0 0			5 12 6					
	Road tax .. 0 12 6								
21.	“ Of D. Girvin, arrears on lot W. ½ 11, 2nd concession and E. ½ lot 11, 3rd concession Ashfield East, 150 acres, 4 years, with surcharge								
	District tax .. £2 13 4			3 1 8					
	Road tax .. 0 8 4								
28.	“ Of Rev. H. Cooper, lots 29 and 30, 1st concession Tuckersmith, London Road, 3 years, with surcharge for lot 29								
	District tax .. £1 13 4								
	Road tax .. 0 4 1½								
	Lot 30, 2 years, 100 acres, District tax, 16s. 8d.; Road tax, 2s. 1d.			0 18 9					
				2 16 2½					
	“ Balance due the Treasurer	228	19	9½					

*Statement of the Finances of the District of Huron,
October, 1847.*

	£	s.	d.
Amount of taxes in arrears, from the year 1842, to December, 1846, viz.:—			
For roads, at $\frac{1}{8}$ of a penny per acre.....	599	16	$2\frac{1}{2}$
“ District purposes*	4330	4	$6\frac{1}{4}$
	4930	0	$8\frac{3}{4}$
Amount of assessment for 1847 £1937 0 $0\frac{1}{2}$			
Less amount per Lunatic Asylum 95 14 $1\frac{3}{4}$			
	1841	17	$9\frac{3}{4}$
Amount of wild land taxes on all unassessed lands in the district, for the year 1847, viz.:—			
574,971 acres, at 1d. and 1-20th penny per acre, for district purposes £2515 9 $11\frac{1}{2}$			
574,971 acres, for road purposes, at $\frac{1}{8}$ d. per acre, by 59 Geo. III. 299 9 $3\frac{1}{2}$			
	2814	19	3
	9586	17	$9\frac{1}{2}$
Less amount of district debt, principal and interest, to 1st October, 1847	4573	16	$2\frac{1}{4}$
Balance in favour of the district	5013	1	$7\frac{1}{4}$

* See aggregate statement, next page.

AGGREGATE STATEMENT

*Of Amount of Taxes due the Huron District, for the Years
1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, and 1846.*

NAMES.	ROAD TAX.			DISTRICT		
	1 ^d . <i>per Acre.</i>			PURPOSES.		
	£.	s.	D.	£.	s.	D.
Township of Ashfield.....	28	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	210	15	8
Town of Albert	0	3	7		1	8
Township of Biddulph	14	19	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	110	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ Blanshard	20	17	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	156	11	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
“ Colborne	35	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	243	13	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ Downie	32	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	219	0	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
“ Easthope (North).....	15	10	5	110	13	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
“ Easthope (South).....	11	12	6	85	19	0
“ Ellice.....	45	6	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	337	9	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ Fullarton	24	4	10	182	11	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
“ Goderich	42	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	283	5	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
“ Hay	29	9	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	229	18	1
“ Hibbert	20	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	161	5	8
“ Hullett	27	4	7	213	17	6
“ Logan	49	6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	385	8	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
“ McGillivray	42	11	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	328	10	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ McKillop	29	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	206	2	0
“ Stanley	28	8	7	205	3	5
“ Stephen	46	11	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	241	18	6
“ Tuckersmith.....	19	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	145	9	1
“ Usborne.....	21	9	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	167	19	6
“ Wawanosh	6	10	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	50	12	6
“ Williams	10	4	1	61	15	0
	£ 601	3	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	4339	17	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Deduct amount since paid:						
Ashfield, Road Tax, 8s. 4d.; Dis. do., 2l. 13s. 4d.						
Hay, “ 12d. 6d.; “ 5l. 0s. 0d.						
Tuckersmith, “ 6s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; “ 2l. 0s. 0d.	1	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	9	13	4
	£ 599	16	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	4330	4	6 $\frac{1}{4}$

*Auditor's Office,
Goderich, 5th October, 1847.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

COMMITTEE.

MR. McCULLOCH,
" VAN EGMOND,
" LONGWORTH,

MR. DONKIN,
" RITCHIE.

Your committee, having carefully examined the different papers submitted to them for their consideration, beg leave to report as follows:—

From 19 to 29. The running numbers, commencing with 19 and ending with 29, contain a great deal of valuable and useful matter submitted by the Auditors for the information of the Council, which we recommend to the careful perusal of the different members.

By No. 27, the debts and liabilities of the district are stated to amount to the sum of	£4573	16	2½
By No. 28, the taxes due to the district, from 1842 to the 1st January last (1847), amount to	4330	4	6½
The amount of road tax due up to the above period, is.....	599	16	2¼
And the amount due to the district by the government, for its proportion of the administration of justice, up to July last, is.....	205	19	5

£5136 0 1¾

And if to this sum the taxes for the present year were added, we would have a very considerable amount due to the district.

32. An account from Lauchlin McIntosh, for work done in Michigan for the Gaol Building Committee, amounting to	£9	10	0
Interest on the above	3	13	1½

£13 3 1½

We beg to refer the same to the Auditors.

34. The account for binding and fitting up the maps of this district we recommend for payment, and refer the same to the Auditors.

35, 36a, 36b, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42a.—The same as last.

42b. Petition of William Hicks, for compensation for land taken up by a new road, we can take no action on, as the same should be taken under consideration by a special committee.

45. We recommend that the petition of Henry Young be not entertained, and that he will have to abide the terms of his tender.

46. We recommend that a By-law be made for assessing the inhabitants of the township of Colborne in the sum of 20*l.*;

agreeable to the prayer of the petition of the Town Wardens, and a majority of the inhabitants of the township.

47. The petition of Matthew Ward and others, asking for a small grant for the improvement of a road, we recommend to lie over till February next.

48. The petition of Alexander Wilson, for compensation for damage done to his land in consequence of a drain being cut through his field. We recommend that the sum of 1*l.* be allowed him for the same.

49*a.* We refer the accounts of R. Dickie and Charles Sparling, for work done in the township of Blanshard, to the Auditors.

49*b.* The petition of J. E. Linton, for 6*l.* 5*s.* for copies of the *Galt Reporter*, &c. As the same was done without any order from the Council, and as it is presumed that Mr. Linton and the Editor of the *Reporter* published these articles for the benefit of themselves, we cannot think of misapplying the public funds for any such purposes.

86 & 87. Remitted to the Auditors.

88. We cannot think of recommending the Council to allow any more than the amount contained in the tender of Styles Stafford.

89. Jacob Siegmiller's account remitted to the Auditors.

90. Duncan McDonald's account remitted to the Auditors.

91. Report of the District Surveyor on part of the London Road, and for a bridge over the south branch of the Sable, we recommend to lie over till February session, on purpose that appropriations may be made at that time for completing the same.

112. Account to be paid when audited.

113. Account of the District Surveyor, for Assistant's wages, be recommended to be paid after being sent to the Auditors with the necessary vouchers.

114 & 115. Accounts to be sent to the Auditors and paid.

116. The account of Alexander McLean, for extra work done on the 1st and 2nd concessions Goderich. After carefully examining the case, we do not think that he is entitled to any recompense.

All which is respectfully submitted by

D. H. RITCHIE,
Chairman.

October, 1847.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

131. We cannot recommend that any advances be made on unfinished works; but in the case of H. Haache we would pro-

pose that the Warden be authorised to grant a debenture for the amount of his contract, provided the contract is finished and reported upon by the District Surveyor, or the Councillor or Councillors who let the work, by the 16th of the current month. This rule to apply to all other unfinished contracts at present in progress. The accounts of course to be first audited.

132. There was an appropriation for the road in question at the last February session, on the understanding that the settlers were to finish it at their own expense.

133. The same answer as in 131.

D. H. RITCHIE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE FINANCE
COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Sparling in the chair.

32. L. McIntosh's account.—Report confirmed.

34, 35, 36*a*, 36*b*, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44.—Report confirmed.

45. Petition of Henry Young.

1. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Girvin, that H. Young do receive 2*l*. for a culvert in his contract, if completed on or before the 25th instant to the Surveyor's satisfaction.—Carried.

46, 47, 48, 49*a*, 49*b*, 86 & 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.—Report confirmed.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

131. Petition of Henry Haache.

1. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Piper, that the time for completing works now under contract be extended to the 25th October current.—Carried.

132. Petition of Wm. McLaggan.

2. Moved by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Chalk, that the petition lie over till February sessions.—Carried.

133. The above motion of Mr. Holmes applies to this.

JOHN SPARLING,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. McPHERSON,
 " RITCHIE,
 " HOLMES,

Mr. VAN EGMOND,
 " HAYS.

31. Your Committee recommend that no action be taken on the petition of Joseph Edwards and others, of the township of Goderich, until February next, when the Council will be better able to judge of what state the funds of the district will then be in.

64. The Report of the District Surveyor, shewing the contracts finished and the amount due to each contractor, we beg to refer to the Auditors.

70 and 71. The same answer as No. 31 applies to these.

72. The petition of Alexander McWhining, praying that certain timber, the remains of a hewn crossway, be given to him, we beg to recommend may not be complied with, as the same is likely to be useful for repairing and finishing other parts of the road.

73. The petition of Matthew Black, of the township of Goderich, asking 50 per cent. upon certain works done and in progress of being finished by him—we cannot recommend that any advances be made to him at present, as there appears to be no return by the District Surveyor of the works contracted for by him as having been finished. And we would further recommend this as a general rule to be practised in future, that no partial payments be made on unfinished contracts, unless under very particular circumstances.

72. The petition of Peter Robertson for laying out a new road through part of Colborne, cannot be entertained by this Committee, as there is an existing By-law of the Council requiring a special Committee for such purposes.

82. We approve generally of the principle contended for in the copy of the By-law prepared by Mr. Holmes, excepting the second clause: and while upon this subject, your Committee would earnestly recommend that the most stringent means may be adopted towards contractors failing to complete works by the time agreed upon.

83. We recommend the adoption of the By-law relating to sudden breaches in the highways, with the addition that all post roads, or post roads to be hereafter established within the district, be included as public highways; and also that not only the respective Councillors of each township be empowered to contract for the repairs of the same, but in the event of their neglecting to do so, or their not knowing that the same may be required to be done, the nearest adjoining Councillor may get the same repaired.

84. The petition of Francis Fishleigh, wanting an approach made from a recent-made embankment to his driving-house: we cannot think of admitting such a principle, as it might in a short time, if it were followed up, have a tendency to stop further improvements elsewhere.

85. The same answer as No. 31.

92. The petition of Ross Robertson and others, for a grant of money to improve the Lake road through the township of Colborne: the same answer applies to this as to No. 31.

94 and 95, 96 and 97.—The same as No. 31.

98. The petition of Balthazar Smith and others, asking for the alteration of a road in North Easthope, cannot be entertained by the Council, as it is necessary in the first stage that a requisition be made by twelve freeholders, in terms of the statute.

108. The petition of Henry Cole, we recommend to the consideration of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. L. VAN EGMOND,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE REPORT
OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Holmes in the chair.

31. Petition of the landholders in the 5th and 6th concession Goderich.

64. Report of District Surveyor.

70. Petition of the inhabitants of Hibbert.

71. Petition of the inhabitants of Colborne.

72. Petition of A. McWhining.

The report of the committee on the foregoing confirmed.

73. Petition of Matthew Black.

Report confirmed: reference being had to the report of the committee of the whole on the supplementary report of the Committee on Finance, on matters similarly situated.

81. By-law to prevent delays on public works in this district.

Report confirmed by a majority of nine.

83. By-law as to repairing sudden breaches on certain roads.

Report confirmed.

84. Petition of Francis Fishleigh.

1. Moved by Mr. Donkin, seconded by Mr. Simpson, that the valley formed between the Goderich road and F. Fishleigh's house and stable, at Mitchell, be filled up at the expense of the district.

2. Moved by Mr. Sparling, seconded by Mr. Girvin, in amendment, that the filling up of the vacuum between the Goderich road and the premises of F. Fishleigh, be referred to the next sitting of this Council in February next, for further consideration.

The motion was then carried by a majority of 15.

85, 92, 94.—Report confirmed.

95, 96, 97. Petition of Benj. Miller.—Report confirmed.

98. Petition of the inhabitants of North Easthope.—Report confirmed.

108. Petition of Henry Cole.

3. Moved by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Longworth, that Henry Cole be allowed 3s. 9d. per rod for his contract in sections 3 and 4 Tuckersmith, instead of 2s. 6d. as tendered for by him. This motion not to alter any other terms of the contract; and that the Surveyor be directed to calculate his work at the above rate.—Carried.

JOHN HOLMES,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMON SCHOOLS.

COMMITTEE.

MR. HAYS,
" HOLMES,
" SPARLING,

MR. RANKIN,
" PIPER.

No. 11. The letter from the Warden of the Newcastle District being under consideration, your committee beg leave to report, that we consider their views in relation to the powers vested in the District Council, for the purposes of raising funds for erecting school-houses, to be incorrect; and therefore contrary to the act 9 Vic. chap. 20, sec. 10, and the 4th clause of sec. 27. Your committee beg further to remark, that they are sensible of the difficulties and trouble there are in carrying out the provisions of the School Act. At the same time, your committee feel that to recommend the alterations or abolitions proposed by the Newcastle District Council, would in their opinion be dangerous. Your committee beg further to remark, that we consider the powers vested in the Trustees, empowering them to raise funds for the repairs of school-houses, to be rather undefined.

Your committee beg leave to suggest that the Warden, in reply to the circular received from the Warden of the Newcastle District, do state that we cannot enter into their views on the subject of education.

52. Your committee recommend that the prayer of this petition be granted.

53. Your committee recommend that the prayer of this petition be granted, and that the Clerk of the Council be directed to get the deed executed as soon as possible.

54. Your committee recommend that Mr. Donkin be heard in committee of the whole on this matter.

55 and 61. Your committee recommend that the adjustment of this matter be referred to the Chief Superintendent when here, and that all documents in the possession of the Council relating to this affair be submitted to him.

56. We recommend that the prayer of this petition be granted.

57. We recommend this petition to be rejected.

58. We recommend the prayer of this petition to the notice of the Council.

59. That the prayer of this be granted, if the parties are not connected with any other section.

80 & 81. Your committee have examined Mr. Paton's account, and find it correct, and recommend that his bond be given up by the District Clerk.

60. Your committee have examined Mr. Sparling's account, and find it correct.

62. Your committee cannot recommend the prayer of this petition.

51. Your committee recommend this petition to the notice of the Council, when Mr. Hodgins and Mr. Barbour are required to explain.

63. We recommend this motion to be adopted.

JOHN SPARLING,

Chairman.

October, 1847.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE REPORT OF
THE COMMITTEE ON COMMON SCHOOLS.

Mr. W. F. McCulloch in the chair.

Nos. 11, 52, 53.—Report confirmed.

54. Petition of Avery Stinson and others, Hibbert.

1. Moved by Mr. Donkin, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, that the new school section in the townships of Hibbert and Logan do commence at the boundary of the Mitchell school section on the west, and to extend to the line between Logan and McKillop, and the line between lots 15 and 16, in the 1st concession Hibbert, then to be continued to the line between the 4th and 5th concession of Hibbert, and go back to the line between the 4th and 5th concession of Logan.—Carried.

55 and 61, 56, 57.—Report confirmed.

58. Petition of C. McTavish and others.

2. Moved by Mr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Hyde, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; that is, to be attached to school section No. 2.—Carried by a majority of eight.

59, 80 & 81, 60, 50, 62, 51, 63.—Report confirmed.

W. F. McCULLOCH,
Chairman.

District Clerk's Office,
Goderich, 17th November, 1847.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies.

D. DON, *District Clerk.*

BY-LAWS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE DISTRICT OF HURON,
PASSED DURING THE SITTINGS IN OCTOBER, 1847.

William Chalk, Esq., J. P., Warden.

CHAPTER I.

By-LAW to Repeal Chapters IX. and XXII. of last Session
of Council.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient that the By-law Chapter IX., passed at the sitting of the Municipal Council for the District of Huron, in February last, intituled "By-law to refund certain taxes illegally collected within the year 1843;" also By-law Chapter XXII. passed at the same time, intituled "By-law to provide for the repayment of certain taxes which were illegally collected in 1843," be repealed: *Be it enacted*, by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chapter 10, and the act 9 Victoria, chapter 40, and be it enacted by the authority of the same, that said By-laws, Chapters IX. and XXII. passed at the sittings of the said Council in February last, be and are hereby declared to be repealed.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, 11th Oct., 1847.

CHAPTER II.

By-LAW to prevent delays on Public Works in this District.

WHEREAS the travelling public suffer much injury and inconvenience by contractors neglecting to complete their contracts within the specified time; and whereas contractors in most instances endeavour to justify their delays by attributing to the District Surveyor changes from the original plans and specifications, and extra work; and whereas it is expedient and necessary that a stop be put to such proceedings in future: *Be it enacted*, by the Warden and Municipal Council for the District of Huron, by virtue of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chapter 10, and the act 9 Victoria, chapter 40, and it is hereby

enacted by the authority of the same, That whenever this Council shall order or direct any public work or works to be performed, the expense of performing which shall exceed twenty pounds, it shall be the duty of the District Surveyor to make out a clear and distinct specification of such work or works, stating the time such work shall commence and the time when the same shall be completed.

2. *And be it further enacted* by the authority of the same, That in the event of any alteration of the original contract, such alteration shall in no wise alter the time specified for the completion of the same.

3. *And be it further enacted* by the authority of the same, That any person or persons about to enter into a contract for any work or works, shall enter into a bond, with two sufficient sureties (to be approved of by such persons as shall be authorised by this Council to make such contract) in a sum at least fifty per cent. over the Surveyor's estimate for the same, in which bond it shall be specially mentioned when such work shall be commenced and when to be completed.

4. *And be it further enacted* by the authority aforesaid, That any contractor failing to commence a work at or before the time specified, shall be considered to have forfeited his contract; and the District Surveyor, or the party holding such bond, shall place the same in the hands of the Solicitor of the Council, so that proceedings may be taken thereon.

5. *And be it further enacted* by the authority of the same, That in case of any contractor having commenced his contract within the specified time, and not having completed the same by the time appointed, it shall be the duty of the District Surveyor, and he is hereby required, to employ as many persons as he may think proper to complete the same, at such wages as are current in the vicinity of such contract, and the amount of wages of such men so employed shall be by the District Surveyor deducted from the amount of such contract, together with any other reasonable costs that may arise from the same, and such contractor shall be liable to receive only the balance.

6. *And be it further enacted* by the authority of the same, That should the expense of the parties employed by the District Surveyor to finish any such work exceed the amount specified in the tender, the bonds of such contractor shall be dealt with in the same way as parties failing to commence within the prescribed time.

7. *And be it further enacted* by the authority of the same, That 500 copies of this By-law be printed separate, and that three copies be put up in every township in this district.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER III.

By-Law to provide for the immediate repair of sudden breaches in the leading roads of this District.

WHEREAS sudden breaches often occur in the leading roads of this district, by which travelling is greatly impeded, and it is expedient that they be kept in travelling order : *Be it enacted*, by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chapter 10, and the act 9 Victoria, chapter 40, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the respective Councillors of each township in this district, or the nearest adjoining Councillor, shall have authority to expend any sum requisite for the repairing of any breach or other impediment on the leading roads in this district, providing the expense do not exceed ten pounds.

2. *And be it further enacted* by the authority of the same, That any Councillor expending money on any such work shall lay a correct account of the same before the Council at its next following session, and it shall be the duty of the Warden, if such account be found to be correct, to grant an order on the treasurer in favour of the party performing such work.

3. *And be it further enacted*, by the authority of the same, That the road from Port Albert by Goderich to Wilmot, and the road from Mr. William Rattenbury's to the township of London, and all post roads and post roads hereafter to be established in the district, be the roads that come under this By-law.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER IV.

By-Law to raise the sum of £20 currency for the support of two Orphans in Colborne, over and above the expense of levying and collecting the same.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the prayer of the petition of the Township Warden and the qualified voters of the township of Colborne : *Be it enacted*, by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, and the act 9 Victoria, chap. 40, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the sum of Twenty Pounds currency be levied and collected on the taxable property in the township of Colborne, in the said district ; the said amount, when collected, to be applied towards the support of two destitute orphans of the late James Kerr.

2. *And be it further enacted*, by the authority of the same, That the said sum of £20 shall be free of all charges of levying and collecting the same.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden*.

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER V.

By-Law to raise the sum of 28*l.* 7*s.* 1½*d.* for the erection and furnishing a School house in School Section No. 1, in the township of Fullarton, and for defining the limits of the said School Section.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the petition of the Trustees of School Section No. 1, township of Fullarton: *Be it enacted* by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, by virtue of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, the act 9 Victoria, chap. 40, and the act 9 Victoria, chapter 20, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the sum of 28*l.* 7*s.* 1½*d.* currency be levied and collected on the inhabitants of No. 1 School Section in the township of Fullarton, free of the expense of levying the same, to be applied in the erection and furnishing a school-house in the said school section.

2. *And be it enacted* by the authority of the same, That the limits of the said school section shall be as follows, viz.—bounded on the south by the townships of Blanshard and Downie; on the east, by Downie to Lot No. 1 on the line between the 8th and 9th concessions; on the north, by the said line, to Lot No. 10; on the west, by the line between Lots 15 and 16, east of the Mitchell Road, and by Lots Nos. 15 in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th concessions in the said township of Fullarton.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden*.

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER VI.

By-Law to raise the sum of £30 currency, for the erection and furnishing a School-house in School Section No. 5, in the township of Downie.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the petition of the Trustees of School Section No. 5, township of Downie: *Be it enacted*, by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chapter 10, the act 9 Victoria, chapter 40, and the act 9 Victoria, chapter 20,

and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the sum of £30 currency be levied and collected on the inhabitants of the said school section, to be applied in the erection and furnishing of a new school in the said school section.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER VII.

By-LAW to establish a new School Section in the Townships of Hibbert and Logan.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the petition of Avery Stinson and others, for the erection of a new school section in the townships of Hibbert and Logan: *Be it enacted* by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, the act 9 Victoria, chap. 40, and the act 9 Victoria, chap. 20, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the new school section in the said townships shall be bounded as follows, viz., commencing at the boundary of the Mitchell School Section on the west, and to extend to the line between Logan and McKillop and the line between lots 15 and 16 in the 1st concession Hibbert, then to be continued to the line between the 4th and 5th concessions of Hibbert, and to go back to the line between the 4th and 5th concessions of Logan.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER VIII.

By-LAW to annex Lots 19 and 20 in the 6th Concession of North Easthope, to School Section No. 2 in the said Township.

WHEREAS certain inhabitants of the township of North Easthope, having petitioned to be transferred from School Section No. 3 into School Section No. 2, in the said township: *Be it enacted* by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, the act 9 Victoria, chap. 40, and the act 9 Victoria, chap. 20, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the inhabitants of lots 19 & 20 in the 6th concession of the township of North Easthope, be transferred to School Section No. 2 in the said township.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

CHAPTER IX.

By-Law to attach Lots No. 25 to 38 (both inclusive) of the 1st and 2nd Concessions South Easthope, to School Section No. 1 North Easthope.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the petition of Donald Stewart and others, praying that certain lots in South Easthope be attached to School Section No. 1 North Easthope: *Be it enacted*, by the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Huron, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the act 4 & 5 Victoria, chap. 10, the act 9 Victoria, chap. 40, and the act 9 Victoria, chap. 20, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Lots No. 25 to 38 (both inclusive) of the 1st and 2nd concessions South Easthope, be and are hereby declared to be and form a portion of School Section No. 1, North Easthope.

WILLIAM CHALK, *Warden.*

Goderich, Oct. 11, 1847.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are correct copies of the By-Laws forwarded to Montreal on the 21st October, the receipt of which is acknowledged on the 25th October, 1847.

DAVID DON, *District Clerk.*

District Clerk's Office,
17th November, 1847.

