

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
1885

Half yearly meeting opened on May 5th. 21 Councilors answered to their names.

Read statement from Prov. Secy's office following sub-division of road grant; Pictou County's share \$3982.39.

Read letter from J.C. McIntosh, Halifax, offering to loan the County the amount of its indebtedness to the Board of Public Charities.

Coun. Dwyer read report of Committee appointed in January term to ascertain the existence of a public landing at the south end on Kempt street; Pictou. Received.

The Committee on public property were authorized to negotiate with the town council of New Glasgow respecting the leasing of the Market House and grounds on that town.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. Met and adjourned to allow Committee to get to work.

Met Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Warden read letter from Prov. Secy. charging the Council with \$280.48 for old iron supplied by Dom. Gov't for the building of the Springville Bridge. Referred to report on in January.

Read notice of action by J. McGillivray, solicitor on behalf of Donald McDonald of Lower Sutherland's River for damages sustained by his wife on a bridge alleged to have been out of repair. Referred to Road Board.

Sir Dwyer called attention to the unsafe condition of Barry's mill bridge (so called).

Resolved on motion of Clrs. Kitchin and McHardy that said bridge be put under the Bridge Act.

Report on Committee on Public Property read and resolved.

Council adjourned for Committee work.

Met again at 2 o'clock.

Road Board 3 recommended the municipality contest the action threatened by D. McDonald. Agreed to.

Report on committee on appeals read and received. Also report on Committee of Finance.

Moved by Clr. Kitchin, seconded by [?] Fraser and resolved that the Government be requested to proceed with construction of Bridge at Baillie's, Cape John; also with the bridge at Perry's mill.

Moved by Clr. J.D. Fraser, seconded Clr. R. McDougall, and resolved that government be requested to proceed with construction of Bridges at Lwr. French River South Barney's River, Upper French River, Garden of Eden, and at Gun's St. Mary's.

Met at 10 o'clock a.m. Thursday.

Amended report of Committee on Finance read and adopted.

Also additional report of Committee on Public Property in reference to Big Island Wharf. Received.

Report Committee on poor read, and received.

Report of Commissioners for building county asylum read. Moved by Clr. McHardy, seconded by Clr. Kitchin: That said report be received, and that the Council authorize the Commissioners to expend on necessary farm and building a sum not to exceed \$12,500; and that said Comrs. Accept the lowest tender, and proceed, if such tender gives satisfactory security to complete said building.

Moved in amendment by Clr. McDougall, seconded by Clr. McColl that the request of the Commissioners as set out in their report be granted. Report is as follows:

“The plans have been prepared, and tenders received for the building. The size of the proposed building is 46 X 100, two stories high, with attic and basement. To complete and furnish this thorough, will require and expenditure with the view of providing accommodation for certain classes of poor as well as for the harmless insane – otherwise the rooms for the poor cannot be now furnished.

Amendment passed.

Resolved that the money granted by the Legislature be expended under the supervisors of Roads and Bridges.

Following bridges were put under Bridge Act: Boat Harbour Bridge, Stellarton, Main River Bridge, Big Gut Bridge, New Glasgow Bridge, bridge lower end East Branch River John, River John Bridge.

Report on Com. on Roads received.

Petition of inhabitants Trenton for supervision of streets, and private statute labor. Added to road limits 337.

Petition for road from Archibald’s sawmill, St. Paul’s, to main road. Deferred to January term.

Petition for pent road, Daniel McKenzie, Big Meadows, Rogers Hills; Granted Jas. S. Fraser, committee.

Petition freeholders, 4 Mile Brook, for road to Cemetery; granted. Jas. S. Fraser, committee.

Petition. Samuel Simpson and Peter McEwan, Merigomish, for closing old road: Partially granted.

Petition for pent road from Jonah Langille’s near Railway Station; granted; J. S. Fraser com.

Petition of James B. Henderson, Grant on, for redress from infringement on lands; Order that supervision Public grounds take action at once.

Petition for alteration of road between Glengarry Station and Concord in Poll. Section 18; Granted; J.S. Fraser, com.

ROAD CONFIRMATIONS

Alteration of road between Concord Mills and Glengarry Station. Confirmed.

Pent road for Saml. Cameron, Elgin, E. R. Confirmed.

Pent Road from Beeches road to shore: not confirmed.

Precept to Supervisors Township of Pictou to define limits of road leading to Seaview Cemetery. Confirmed.

Report of Supervisors in re Sheed encroachment Pictou Island. Deferred to January term.

Report Committee on roads and bridges and report of Com. on Public Property, received.

Resolved that the Overseers of Poor for districts of the county render their accounts at or on the 31st December of each year, and that the notices or resolution passed in January meeting as public led in the proceedings of council ordering such Overseers of Pictou and render their accounts at the May meeting be rescinded.

Restored that \$500 be assessed in Poor Section 4 instead of \$475.

Adjourned until 2 o’clock met at that hour.

Supplementary reports from some committee read.

Street in Stellarton from Main Street at Halifax Co's office to railway station: Confirmed to the railway of the Acadia Coal Co.

Read report of nominating som. Adjourned *sine die*.

Robert McNeil, *Warden*

D.W. Matheson, *Mun. Clerk*.