

Pictou N.S. In Municipal Council May Term 1886

First Day Morning Session

The half yearly meeting of Municipal Council held at the Court House Pictou this Tuesday the fourth day of May, A.D. 1886

The Warden on the Bench, Council opened by prayer by the Warden. Roll called. 19 Councilors answered to their names.

Clerk handed to Council Petitions and other papers which accumulate in the office since last Meeting of Council. The Warden addressed the Council read the Endorsements of different papers and handed them to the respective Committees for consideration. Warden read half yearly report and statement of County Treasurer. Councilor Dwyer asks for information respecting Barry's Mile Dam Bridge. Read Report of Provincial Engineers in respect once thereto after a lengthened discussion. On motion it was resolved that a committee be appointed to investigate the whole matter in dispute in reference to this Bridge.

The Clerk submitted the Bonds taken from the several collection of County Rates for the ensuing year for approval, referred to committee to examine and report.

Afternoon Session

Council met this 4th May, A.D. 1886 at 2 o'clock p.m. pursuant to adjournment. Minutes of a.m. meeting read approved and adopted. Read petition for organizing Vale Colliery into on Police District. Referred to Finance Committee.

Committee on Nominations report, appointing as Committee on Barry's Mill Bridge and Bridge and Bailey's Cape John's Cr. Alex McHardy, John D. Fraser and John McDougald. And as Committee to examine County Collectors Bonds, Councilors James Kitchin, Thomas McDonald, and Alex McHardy.

Moved by Councilors Jeffrey McColl and seconded by Robert Maxwell. State the Town Councils of Pictou and New Glasgow be invited to visit the County Asylums in company with the County Council on Thursday afternoon 6th instant.

Carried, Moved seconded and resolved that in order to let the various Committees proceed with their work that this council do stand adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m.

Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Second Day Morning Session

Council met this Wednesday morning 5th May at 10 o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. Council opened in the usual way on the Roll being called. 22 Councilors answered to their names. Minutes of yesterdays p.m. meeting read and adopted. Road Petitions received since adjournment yesterday and memo of Provincial Road Grant for 1886 amounting to \$8045.24. Handed to Council By – Laws for the Management and regulation of the Pictou County Asylum read by the Clerk. Ordered to be on the table till this afternoon.

Committee on Assessment directed to report what is to be done with names handed in by revisers to be added to the Assessment Rolls.

Read letter from J.W. Bartlett agent for the Pictou Coal and Iron Company asking for a subsidy for Railway leading to the Iron deposits. Ordered that this matter be referred to Finance Committee, moved seconded and resolved that in order to allow the several committees to proceed with their work then Council do stand adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session

Council met this 5th day of May A.D. 1886 at 2 o'clock p.m. pursuant to adjournment. Minutes read of a.m. meeting read approved and adopted.

County Asylum By-Laws taken up and after discussion on some minor points moved by Councilor Kitchin, seconded by Councilor McDonald, sec. No. 16. That the said By Laws be received and sanctioned by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Supplementary Report of Supervisors for Egerton read as amended in papers of 1885. Moved, Seconded and resolved that this Council do stand adjourned till tomorrow at 9 o'clock a.m.

Thursday Morning Session

Council met this Morning 6th May A.D. 1886 at 9 o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. Council opened in the usual way. On the roll being called 25 Councilors answered to their names. Minutes of yesterday p.m. read and adopted. Read Report Committee on Poor, Received and read clause by clause as marked interim by the Warden and filed.

Moved by Councilor McKay No.17, seconded by Councilor McColl and Resolved that the Bridge at Eureka Mills, West Branch, West River be placed under the Bridge Act.

Passed. Moved by Councilor McKay, No. 5, Seconded by Councilors McDonald, No. 6, That the Bridge at Loganville West Branch River John be placed under the Bridge Act. Passed.

Road Report of Committee on Barry's Mill Dam Bridge and Bridge at Bailey's Cape John, received adopted and filed.

Read Report, Finance Committee on Petition on Petition Pictou Coal and Iron Company. Moved by Councilor McDonald No. 16. Seconded by Councilor Grant that the same be received and laid on the table till tomorrow morning.

Councilor McColl gave notice of amendment of said report.

Read report on Statute Labour, received, adopted and filed.

Read Report Committee on Short Line Railway damages, moved, seconded and resolved that said report be received and lay on the table till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Read report of Finance Committee on Petition of Inhabitants of Vale Colliery for the formation of Police District.

Referred back to Committee.

Read Report of Committee on Collectors Bonds, received, adopted and filed.

Read Report of Commissioners for the building of the Lunatic Asylum with headcount and vouchers.

On motion handed to committee on finance to report.

Councilor Dwyer introduced claims of James McDonald, West River, for refundment of money for Statute Labour. Agreed that he should have the same as the extent of his Statute

Labour for this year. Read Report of Committee on Revision of the By-Laws and ordinances of the Municipality of Pictou County.

Passed unanimously and ordered to be sent to the Governor in Council for approval and then to be printed. Read Report of committee on Roads and Bridges, Received.

Confirmations

- 1.Road from Main Road near Stellarton Station Eastwardly Confirmed \$6.60
- 2.Alteration in Road West Branch, East River near Hopewell, deferred from Annual Meeting. Not confirmed.
- 3.Alteration of Stewiacke Road to Gairloch Church. Confirmed. \$10.40
- 4.Alteration of Pent Road through the Lands of Alexander Ross, Poll, Sect. No. 11 into a Public Road – Confirmed \$59.00

Petitions

- 1.Petition for Committee to lay off Road from West River RR Station to County Line – Granted, James S. Fraser, Com
- 2.Petition Rate Papers, Poll Sec. 13 & 14 for Road from River Road Churchville to the Island Road – Granted D.W. McDonald, Com
3. Petition for Committee to lay off Road for John Munro and others from Rear of Marshy Hope Settlement to a point at or near George Sutherland – Granted F.W. McKenzie, Com
- 4.Petition Inhabitants of Toney River for alteration in McKay’s Road (so-called) – Granted, J.S. Fraser, Com.
- 5.Petition Rate Payors Rocky Mountain & Greenville for Committee to lay off Road – Not granted.
- 6.Petition of Isabella Stewart of McGraths Mountain Poll Sec. No. 24 for Committee to lay off Pent Road to connect with McLeod’s Road – Granted, F.W. McKenzie, Com.
- 7.Petition Rate Payors up Settlement East River St. Mary’s and Up Settlement of Barney’s River for Committee to lay off Park Road, connecting over Settlement – Granted, F.W. McKenzie
- 8.Petition Duncan Fraser Sunny Brae for Pent Road – Granted, James S. Fraser, Com.
- 9.Petition for Committee to lay off Rod leading from Archibald’s Mill, St. Paul’s to Main Road – Granted, D.W. McDonald, Com.
10. Petition Frederick McDonald Sunny Brae for Pent Road – Granted, James S. Fraser, Com
11. Petition Inhabitants Scotsburn respecting a Water Course on to the Road, recommended to Supervisor of District affected.

Closing Old Roads

- 1.Petition to close old Road from Charles Graham’s West River to Road leading from Lime Rock to Roderick McKenzie’s law not being complied with – not granted
- 2.Petition Duncan Fraser, Lorne for closing old Road from Chisholm’s Crossing Glengarry to Glengarry Station, Law not being complied with – “not granted
- 3.Petition Daniel Rankin and others to close old Road from Sutherlands River Bridge to Pine Tree Gut. Not with being complied with – Not Granted.

The Provincial Grant is apportioned as follows:

By Grant	1886	9,092.00
“ Undivided	1885	<u>280.45</u>

	9.372.45	
Less Interest on Bridge a/c	<u>1,016.13</u>	
	8,355.42	
Road Dist. No. 1,	\$2,460.00	
“ “ No. 2	1565.00	
“ “ No. 3	2738.00	
“ “ No. 4	<u>1592.72</u>	<u>\$8,355.72</u>

Moved, Seconded and Resolved that in order to allow the Councilors to proceed to view the Lunatic Asylum at Stellarton, this Council do stand adjournment until tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Fourth Morning Session

Council met this 7th day of May A.D. 1886 at 9 o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment – Council opened in the usual way. On the Roll being called 25 Councilors answered to their names.

Minutes of yesterday's a.m. meeting read and adopted, Councilor H.S. Fraser of Nominating Committee read Report proposed changes and additions to Lists of Town Officers, Passed.

Moved by Councilor John McDougald, seconded by Councilor Thomas McDonald that the words ears and scalp be expunged from Section six of Bye Laws instant and the word Snout inserted in lieu thereof - Passed

Warden read letter from Town Clerk New Glasgow impressing upon what terms the Poor are to be admitted and kept in the County Asylum. Referred to Committee on County Asylum.

Read Report of Committee on Short Line Railway Damages, moved, seconded and resolved that the Report be adopted as marked by the Warden and filed.

Moved by Councilor McColl, seconded by Councilor McLellan, Resolved that Arbitrators chosen by the County on the Short Line Railway be instructed to report to the Council his estimate of the Damages to the value of Lands purported to be taken for the said Railway in the County of Pictou outside of the location offered by the Governor General in Council. Passed.

Moved by Councilor Colin Fraser, seconded by Councilor McKay, Resolved that the members of this Council after their first visit to the Pictou County Asylum and inspection of the premises express their satisfaction with the arrangements of the Institution and its successful completion desire to record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Commissioners and Committee in the execution of the work.

Councilor McHardy read resolution in reference in Road Leading to Vale Colliery and asking for Committee to examine into the Premises and report to Council at next Council Meeting. Passed. Com to be Councilor George McKay, Robert Dewar and Colin Fraser.

Read Report Committee on Finance respecting Petition Free Holders Vale Colliery for Police Division, Resolved that W. Scott Fraser of McLellan's Brook and Alex Campbell of Sutherlands River and D.A.F. Holmes of Springville be a Committee under Chapter 129 Revised Statute Third Series in the matter of the Petition for creating a Police Division at Vale Colliery, Passed.

Moved by Councilors McDougald seconded by Councilor Grant – that Resolution filled yesterday in the Pictou Coal & Iron Com'y be passed. Not passed.

Moved in amendment by Councilor McKay and seconded by Councilor McDonald that further consideration of the matter in Re. to the Pictou Coal & Iron Com'y be postponed till next annual meeting. Passed 13 to 7.

Read Report – Com on Nominations appointing John D. McSween, Little Harbour as Arbitrator Under Chap 25 of Statutes of 1883 for the Appraisements of Land Damages, Passed
Moved by Councilor McColl, seconded by Councilor McDougald that the Provincial Road Grant – for the County be expanded by Supervisors appointed by the County Council. Passed.

Ordered that the Municipal Treasurer pay to Wm. Haggart – Piedmont Valley the sum of \$2.81 on demand from the County. Passed.

Moved by Councilor H.S. Fraser, Seconded by R. McDougall and resolved that Councilor Donald Fraser, Robert Dewar & John McDougald be a Committee on behalf of the County in the matters of the Land Damages for the Pictou Town Branch Railway.

Moved, Seconded and resolved that its ministers as read and as read from day to day be passed and adopted.

Council adjourned

Robert McNeil *Warden*