

# MORRILL SHIPYARD BY-LAW TO BE VOTED ON IN JANUARY

## WILL NEW EXHIBITION BUILDING BE MADE A RINK? COUNCIL IN SESSION FOR FOUR HOURS.

Oratory prevailed to no small extent at the monthly gathering of the town council on Monday evening, nevertheless when the proceedings of the evening are sifted it will be found that considerable business of importance was disposed of.

The Finance Committee recommended payment of a number of accounts which included lights on wharf \$51.26, lighting at the exhibition buildings.

The committee recommended that no further grants than that of one month of \$33.33 be given the Band as up to the present little benefit has been derived from that source.

The committee reported the sale of the debentures amounting to \$71,000, and the receipt of a premium amounting to about \$880. The debentures are four and one-half per centers.

It was also recommended that \$118.75 be paid to U. S. S. Nos. 21 and 17.

The report also contained this clause: That as no authority was given to the Water & Light Commission to put in any material other than that bought by the Commission for extensions on Albert, Huron and Niagara streets, but not installed, this committee while willing to pay for the installation of said material, is not inclined to pay for something not ordered to be done.

The Town Property Committee had the usual grist of accounts, all of which were passed.

The question of the use of the exhibition building for a rink was introduced by the chairman.

What will it cost to fit it for a rink? asked the mayor.

\$600 or \$700, replied the chairman.

Where is the money coming from? queried His Worship.

From the rent and next year's council, said the chairman.

Mr. Peterman thought that before the council advertised for a rink it should be learned whether the Pine street rink would be converted to ice. It is not fair to go into the rink business in opposition to private enterprise. They pay a business tax.

The reeve thought the council should go into the rink business, regardless of anything.

Mr. Henderson moved that the matter be left over, the Town Property Committee to have plans and specifications prepared and an estimate of cost secured and report at a special meeting to be held in a fortnight. This was agreed to.

The chairman reported that the exhibition building had been inspected by Lt.-Col. Galloway and pronounced satisfactory for an armory. The Department of Militia had since written regarding the matter to Colonel Bruce.

The chairman reported that the G. N. Exhibition had paid its rent, and that the office for the Water & Light Commission was about completed.

The Fire & Police Committee had a list of accounts that were passed.

While this report was under consideration a lengthy debate ensued in regard to some matters pertaining to the police and the license inspector. An account of this appears elsewhere.

The Board of Works reported a number of accounts which were passed.

The committee reported that in regard to the engineer's report re the decayed condition of the decking on the canal on Oak street, that repairs be made that will make the bridge safe for this year; that no action be taken re bridge on Fifth street over Underwood Creek.

The License Committee reported that they had continued the advertisement for Canada Machinery for October and that it shall be continued until December inclusive. Several accounts were ordered to be paid.

The Sewer Committee reported a number of accounts and recommended that the Water and Light Commission be instructed to put in service pipe off road leading to the Meat Co.'s property and the Corporation pay for the same, and also furnish the scavenger with 50 feet of hose.

A draft by-law to give certain concessions to R. J. Morrill for the establishing of a shipyard here was read the first and second time and referred to the ratepayers to be voted upon at the municipal elections.

The by-law and agreement was ordered to be published in The Bulletin the required number of times.

Wilson Bros. Limited asked for permission to extend G.T.R. siding to Second street. The siding is already part of the way. The council agreed to the request.

Mr. Oecomore reported on the electric light wiring in the municipal buildings. According to the report it is very unsatisfactory, if the underwriters' regulations are to be lived up to. The Town Property Committee will report.

The Town Engineer reported re the works pertaining to roads. He listed work requiring an expenditure of \$1,425, for which \$1,077 is yet required to be provided. Referred to the Board of Works to report at a special meeting.

## Wanted---Money For Roads

The town engineer finds the town appropriation is already falling short of the requirements and he has appealed to the powers that be to remedy the trouble.

In a letter to the council he says: When I took over the department I was informed by the Chairman of Public Works that there was a balance of \$691.00 left of the appropriation for that department. Since then there has been spent \$283.77, leaving a balance of \$407.23. I am informed that the following work will have to be done this year:—

Two blocks completing Pine St. (road grading).....	\$ 523.00
Excavating for culverts rock, Elm and First Sts.....	240.00
Grading Sixth St. (township work).....	150.00
Repairs to bridges and culverts.....	100.00
Street cleaning.....	75.00
Repairs to roads, cleaning canal and ditches.....	200.00
Road foreman's salary.....	180.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,445.00</b>
Balance on hand.....	407.23
<b>Deficit.....</b>	<b>\$1,037.77</b>

Under the present weather conditions I would strongly recommend that I be allowed to finish Pine St., as it needs it very badly. Bridges and culverts must be kept in repair and at present they need it very badly. The canal and ditches must be cleaned out now to provide for the spring flood. The money on hand will not be enough for the necessary maintenance and unless a thousand dollars is provided it will be impossible to do any additional work.

W. G. Begg visited the world's fair at Feversham and reports it the best yet. The horses shown would do Toronto credit, taking from 6 o'clock to 6.30 o'clock to judge same. Feversham deserves credit.

C. R. Agnew, manager of the roller rink, asked for a reduction in the license fee. Referred to the License Committee.

S. W. Babcock, chief of the fire brigade, called the attention of the council to the objections raised by employers to their employees being called to attend fires during the day and presented a petition from a large number of ratepayers asking the council to consider the erection of a fire hall. The Fire & Police Committee will go into the question.

The town engineer asked that a telephone be installed in his office. The Finance Committee will report.

A petition for a sewer on Fourth street between Maple and Beech streets was granted if it is sufficiently signed.

The Water & Light Commission wrote that the Shipbuilding Co. were desirous of having the water mains extended to their yards at their expense which would be granted if the council agreed. The council did so.

The roller rink, Lyric theatre, Wonderland and Geo. Mulholland asked the council to make the payment of their license fees payable half-yearly. Referred to the License Committee.

The Orangemen asked for the loan of a few tables from the exhibition building for the opening of their new hall on November 5th. The Town Property Committee was given power to act.

The Poultry Association asked for a grant of \$100. Mr. Walter Nettleton, secretary, addressed the council and gave a history of the Association's financial position. It was now in debt for which members had given their personal security. The Finance Committee was asked to report.

The Water & Light Commission submitted a statement to September 30. The balance in the bank on October 1 was \$1,238.54. The statement was filed.

P. Doherty wrote asking the council to sell him a site, gores 5 east Beech street and 5 west Birch street, as he has to move owing to the Shipbuilding Co. requiring the land. The Harbor & Wharves Committee will investigate the matter and report.

In the closing hours several motions were offered and passed. These were as follows:

That a special bank account be opened by the treasurer for the deposit of all moneys received for sewer connections and that all accounts for material and labor be paid by the treasurer from this account on the certificate of the town engineer.

That the petitions re Westrumite road on Second and Third streets that were filed at the last meeting be recalled and laid on the table for further consideration. The yeas and nays were recorded on this as follows:

Yeas—Patton, Peterman, Brown, Tom, Gilpin, Mayor—6.

Nays—Clark, Henderson, Climes—3.

That the opera house be granted free of charge to the local option people and also those interested in the liquor traffic for the purpose of discussing the by-law, each side to be granted four meetings.