

Municipal Hall, Jan 25th 1884

At a special meeting of the Council convened by the Reeve, to consider a ditch or canal scheme, for the development and improvement of the lands on the Kensington Prairie

All members present, Reeve in the Chair

After the meeting was called to order, Mr J B Henderson the clerk read a communication from representing the Dominion Sawmill Co Limited, which contained a request that the said Dominion Sawmill Co Limited be granted permission to construct a ditch as follows commencing at a point, near the high on the half section line running North and South in section 20 Township 7 and following the trend of said high land in a N^W by W^W direction to a point on the section line one mile west of the Coast Meridian near where said section line strikes the high land, running south a distance of two miles and an half more or less, thence returning east to the Coast Meridian thence due North to the Piconek River the several ditches to be of the following dimensions, 10 feet wide on the surface six feet six inches deep and four feet wide on the bottom, commencing the work at once and have

the whole completed on or before the 1st day of June 1884

Mr John Gendry also handed in a communication requesting permission to construct & maintain a ditch on the west side of the Coast Meridian line to extend from Picouche River south to the intersection of sections 24 and 25 Tp 1 and sections 19 and 20 Sp 7, Ditch to be eight feet wide on surface four feet six inches wide on bottom and five feet deep, and the exclusive right to run logs down the same for a period of ten or fifteen years

Coun W. C. McDougall retired from the Council Board, and handed in a communication requesting permission to construct a ditch not less than nine feet wide and four feet deep on the section line running south from the Picouche River, between sections 35 & 36 Sp 1 to the North east corner of section 25 Sp 1 thence in a South easterly direction across sec 25 to the North west corner of section 19 Sp 7, will engage to complete ditch by 1st of September 1884 and allow the settlers on Kensington Prairie to have the use of ditch for three days each week as a means of draining their lands

After considerable
There was also a resolution from the settlers on
Kensington Prairie handed in, as follows

Kensington Prairie Jan 24th 1884
To the Mayor and Council
of the Municipality of Surrey
Gentlemen

We the undersigned respectfully
submit for your consideration, a resolution, passed this day
by the settlers on the above Prairie, respecting certain ditches
we are informed, certain Lumber Mill Companies, are
negotiating with the Govt and Municipal Council for
privilege of running through certain parts of said Prairie
We as settlers do not object to the ditches, provided they are
not allowed to be dammed and kept full of water
we therefore submit, the water shall be kept to a depth of
18 inches below the surface, otherwise our lands will be
overflowed with water and consequently useless

Respectfully yours

W. C. Loye

E. Loren

Edward Parr

David Marshall

Q. G. Hornum

Kenneth McKay

Robert Beveridge

After considerable discussion, as to the merits of the several schemes

Coun Shannon handed in a notice that he will at the next regular meeting of the Council introduce a bylaw, to confer the right, to construct, and maintain, for a term of five years, a ditch or ditches on the Gensington Prairie, on the Dominion Sawmill Co Limited

The Council then adjourned
Arthur Milton Reve