

Municipal Hall

Clouerdale P.O.

11<sup>th</sup> March, 1939.

At 10 a.m.

Council met in Special Meeting called pursuant to Section 36 of the "Municipal Act" for the purpose of further discussing the Extraordinary estimates of the School Board, and to give final consideration to "Indemnities By-law, 1939, no. 600" and "Lands Sale By-law, 1939, no. 601."

Present.

Reeve John Hunter and all Councillors.

The Surrey School Board represented by Chairman Brantkin, Trustees Mr. Intyre, Wilkinson and Wedgewick, and Secretary Swaffer, were present and took part in the ensuing discussion on School estimates.

"Indemnities By-law, 1939, no. 600" was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Councillor Binnie.

Seconded by Councillor Johnston.

That "Indemnities By-law, 1939, no. 600" be finally adopted, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate seal.

Carried.

"Lands Sale By-law, 1939, no. 601" was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Councillor Binnie.

Seconded by Councillor Frank.

That "Lands Sale By-law, 1939, no. 601" be finally adopted, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and sealed with the Corporate seal.

Carried.

The matter of the Extraordinary estimates of the School Board was then taken up.

The Reeve explained that it was unfortunate that these estimates had been presented, as provided in the "School Act" before the 15<sup>th</sup> February, at which date no definite grant by the Government in aid of buildings had been promised, nor had it been decided whether or not money could be obtained under the "Municipalities Improvement Aid Act" at 2%, while at the same time it appeared from correspondence with the Department of Education that no government grants would be forthcoming until the fiscal year of 1940-1941, which would necessitate the financing of the whole estimate by the municipality in the meantime. In these circumstances the Council had no alternative but to formally disapprove of the estimates in order that these matters might be cleared up before the Council is called upon to submit a loan by-law to the Electors.

Chairman Brantkin reported having had an interview with Mr. Weir, Minister of Education, at which the latter had advised him that a grant of 40% of the cost of buildings was assured and that a definite undertaking in writing as to this would be given upon application by letter to the Department, but that the date at which such

grant would be available was not yet certain. Mr. Brantkin stated that the required letter had been forwarded to Victoria, but owing to D. Weir having been called away and the Superintendent, D. Willis, being in hospital, no reply had yet been received.

Mr. Brantkin also stated that it was possible that a grant in aid of establishment of the new curriculum would be made by the Department while in the event of the Junior High School system being inaugurated further grants for domestic science, industrial arts etc would be available.

He pointed out that, with savings on transportation costs to the Junior High system would mean an increase over the 1938 School Rate of three quarters of a mill, while to continue under the present system and provide the necessary accommodation, <sup>transportation</sup> and teachers to take care of the increased enrollment would necessitate an increase of 1 1/4 mills in the rate.

Pending further communication from the Department of Education it was arranged to meet the School Board again at the next meeting of the Council for a final decision on the matter.

The meeting then adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

John L. Tanner  
Clerk

Richard  
Treasurer