

Motion Passes That Library Be Transferred To Public Library

Two weeks ago these columns reported on procedures required to convert Bradford's Association Library into a Public Library, according to advice from Mr. Mowat, Director of Public Libraries for Ontario, at a meeting held here. Upon request from a publicly called meeting a Council can change the status of a library without a vote, but, if Council does not see fit to do this, a petition requesting the transfer from association to public library status, signed by 30 municipal voters, demands that a vote be taken at an early date.

Mr. Mowat was back to Bradford for Monday's evening's meeting and reviewed existing library conditions and told of the success of public libraries in other small towns.

Reeve Allan was present at this meeting and when questioned stated that Bradford Council will require that a vote be taken before transfer to public library be made.

To go into details regarding such vote, conditions of grants, and costs associated with a Public Library would only be repeating what appeared in these columns two weeks ago. However, a question by B. M. Evans, Q.C., elicited some interesting information regarding the possibility of the township joining with Bradford in supporting a Public Library, and, as a result, acquiring free use of the library. If a township's or school area board's grant to a public library is equivalent to the 50c per capita minimum, the residents of that township or school area board's territory are entitled to free use of that library and that township or school area board receives a government grant, thus permitting two grants to one library.

Two members of the Association Library Board, C. T. S. Evans, Q.C., and F. C. Cook, moved and seconded the following motion, which was carried: "That the Bradford Library Association declares its desire that the library of the association be transferred to a Public Library Board appointed in the manner provided in Part 1 of the Public Libraries Act."

The Public Library Board will include three members of Council, three members of the Public School Board, two members of the Separate School Board, and the reeve.

On motion of F. C. Cook, seconded by C. T. S. Evans, Q.C., a petition was drawn up at the meeting and signed requesting Council for Bradford's Association Library to be transferred to a Public Library.

Mr. J. C. Wood, chairman of the Association Library Board, was chairman for the meeting.

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