

# CENTURY OLD BRADFORD TOWN HALL REJUVENATED

Bradford's town council has completed this Centennial year in a very suitable manner by doing a very complete "face-lifting" job at the venerable town hall.

A complete and permanent refinishing of the exterior of the building, together with a few needed repairs, and a paint job, where paint can be applied, has worked wonders.

The entire project was very carefully planned to provide a change which would be becoming to the age and architectural design of the building and to ensure this the advice of a professional architect was sought.

The colouring, as well as the finish, is as recommended by him and the result is a well-kept property finished to maintain the dignity suitable to the use and age of the building. Council is to be congratulated upon this work.

In addition to the tremendous improvement to the building, the new sign indicates to all the services to be found within. The sign was needed and it too is becoming to the property.

Bradford firemen plan park improvements at the hall, and with the fine new fire hall, this municipal property is being made a credit to the town.

Built In 1862

The Witness was fortunate in obtaining the old by-law providing for the erection of the town hall and market place, which was read in 1862. A number of years ago the interior of the building was given a major renovation and at that time the long unused section of the building, which had been used as a market, was converted into much-needed offices for the several municipal departments.

And here is the by-law of 1862, which provided for the erection of that building, for the sum of \$4,000, and which serves the town so well today.

## By-Law No. 37

To raise the sum of \$4,000 by debentures for the erection of a Market House and Town Hall in and for the Village of Bradford.

Whereas it is expedient and necessary to raise by loan the sum of Four Thousand Dollars, payable within twenty years from the time this By-Law shall be finally passed and take effect, with interest at the rate of Six Per Cent per Annum, to be applied to the erection of a Market House and Town Hall in and for the Village of Bradford.

And whereas, for the payment of interest upon, and for the creation of a working fund for liquidation of the said sum of Four Thousand Dollars, the sum of Four Hundred and Forty Dollars will be required to be raised annually, according to an act respecting the Municipal Institution of Upper Canada (22 Vic. chap. 89).

And whereas the assessed annual value of the whole rateable

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property of the Village of Bradford for the last preceding financial year was Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Dollars,

And whereas to raise the said sum of Four Hundred and Forty Dollars yearly, the annual rate in the dollar upon the rateable property aforesaid, will require to be Six and One-Half Cents on the Dollar,

Therefore the Corporation of the Village of Bradford, by its Council, enacts as follows:

1. That the said sum of Four Thousand Dollars be raised by loan upon the credit of the Municipality;

2. That debentures in sums of One Hundred Dollars each be issued by the Council, not exceeding in the whole the said sum of Four Thousand Dollars;

3. That the debentures be made payable on the First day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two, and bear interest at the rate of Six per cent per annum, payable on the first day of July and the first day of January in each year;

4. That the debentures, both as to principal and interest, be made payable at any place in the province and be expressed in the lawful currency of this province;

5. That the said sum of Four Thousand Dollars, being the amount required for the purpose in the recital mentioned, and necessary to defray the expenses thereof, be laid out and expensible in the erection of a Market House with Town Hall in and for the Village of Bradford;

6. That the said annual special rate of Six and One-Half Cents in the Dollar upon the said assessed value of all the rateable Village property in the said Village for the last preceding financial year — over and above and in addition to all other rates whatever — should be raised, levied and collected in each and every year from the first day of January, 1862, until the first day of January, 1882, both years inclusive, for the purpose of paying the said sum of Four Thousand Dollars with interest thereon as aforesaid;

7. That this By-Law shall come into operation and take effect upon and from the Eleventh day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two;

8. That the votes of the Electors of this Municipality upon this By-Law shall be taken on Tuesday, the Fourth Day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Two at Thompson's Hall in the Village of Bradford, by Robert Stewart, who is hereby appointed Returning Officer for that purpose — and that the poll for the taking thereof shall be opened at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon of that day.

Read the first time 4th February, 1862.

Read the second time, 4th February, 1862.

Read the third time 4th February, 1862.

Adopted 11th March, 1862.  
Robert Stewart, Town Clerk  
D. James George, Reeve  
Clerk's certificate relating to By-Law:

I hereby certify that the By-Law for the raising of the sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the purpose of erecting a Market House and Town Hall in the Village of Bradford (and which By-Law was submitted to the Electors of the said Village, under the formalities required by the Statutes) received the approval of the said Electors, at the close of the poll it has thereon, the number who vote for the passage of same 87 against its passage 47. Majorities in favour 40.

R. Stewart, Clerk

Bradford Witness

June 7, 1967

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