

"The Town Fathers"

The governing body of the various hamlets first fell under the helm of King Township administrators. Records in the clerks office date back as far as 1809 and disclose many interesting facts.

In 1810, Benjamin Pearson was first district assessor, followed by William Hugher (1814), Enos Dennis (1816), Thomas Ferguson (1820) and Joel Lloyd (1834) was the first town Warden.

The first known trustees of our village in the 1920's were Mr. H. Wellar, Mr. H. Cain and Mr. H. Pringle.

Since the '20's many men have held offices of trust in our community, some of whom will well be remembered such as K. Mac-taggart, Howard Wellar, Forrest Kaake, Murray Kaake, H. Pringle, Dr. R. Kenny, H. Long, Cyril Flinders, T. Ellis, Lyman Copithorn, R. Snider, H. Cain, Gilbert Faris, L. Goodfellow, Jojn Bragg, Roy Wilson, Bruce Clark and others.

The first minutes recorded show that Nobleton was declared a police village in 1957 with 3 commissioners namely Harold Long, Arthur Hill and Melville Sampson and acting as secretary, Mrs. Hazel Hill, who held this position until 1968 when it was taken over by Mrs. Ruth Flatt.

Mr. Percy Hill was appointed on a part-time basis as public utilities officer, followed by Wilfred Calvert and in 1967 it became a full-time position, complete with a new mobile unit and was assigned to Gilbert Fuller.

Many interesting events took place in 1958; namely ten acres of land was purchased adjacent to the cemetery on the old Bolton Road, from Lorne Sheardown and on it now stands the stand-pipe for the village water tank.

Water bills were sent out to all residences and business establishments for the first time. These rates did not increase until 1969 and water has never been restricted in useage.

Ten new street lights were installed in the village proper. The new utilities office first shared it's premises with the Imperial Bank, located at that time on the west side of Concession 9 and later, in the residence of Mrs. Hill, eventually in 1968 it was moved to the upper floors of the fire hall.

Local meetings were held in this office.

The census of the village before 1939, showed a population of 250 persons, and in 1966--1100 persons increasing steadily until 1970 it showed 1298 persons.

As growth became more evident, so also did business and industry as well as new subdivisions, five in number: namely Diana Drive to the South, Wood King Estates to East, Faris, Talak, and Ashton to the West, as well as Care of Village Regional Government incorporated all the small communities of King Township into six municiple governing bodies, each defined by set boundaries and was to have an elected mayor and councillors.

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When it finally became a reality in January 1971, our first elected Mayor was Kenneth Mactaggart and his Councillors were Murray Sheardown (Nobleton), Roy Wilson (Nobleton), Donald Findlay, John Van Luyk, R.H. Bough, Leonard Osin.

The schools of the village are administered by an elected school board of citizens from our community.

As times change, with the passing of time, no doubt will the boundaries, population and face of our village and its economics change for the better.

In the future, one can foresee great changes, but it is with a certain nostalgia that to date Nobleton has retained a few of its old ways such as private refuse collection, septic tank sanitation overhead amenities and the homes remain known only by their occupants and we still have many unpaved streets.

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