

The minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the Village of Beiseker, held on Saturday, the 11th day of February, A.D. 1956, in the Village office at 12:30 P.M.

Present;

Mayor L.L. Schmaltz
Councillor Velker
Councillor Lavoie

Mayor Schmaltz reported that Mrs. Lavina Ross had asked him for some form of relief. The Mayor stated that he had authorized Mrs. Ross to buy some groceries.

After some discussion, the Sec-Treas. was instructed to write the Dept. Public Welfare, giving them the action taken so far, and quoting their letter of July 27, 1955.

Assessor;

Pursuant to Section 70 of the Town & Village Act, 1952, the Council passed a resolution to petition the Dept. of Municipal Affairs for the assistance of a government assessor in the Annual assesment for 1956.

The Sec-Treas. was instructed to advise the Department of the resolution as soon as possible.

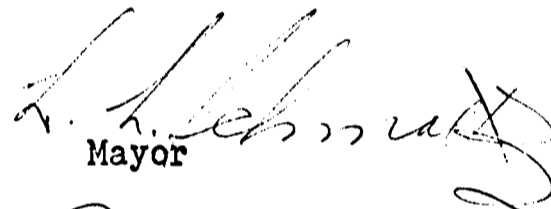
Returning Officer;

The Sec-Treas. advised the Council that in accordance with Section 123 of the Town and Village Act, 1952, a returning officer should be appointed for the election about to be held.

Mayor Schmaltz put forth the name of Mrs. Elaine Bunyan and her appointment as returning officer was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss at this time the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councillor Velker.

Time 1:30 P.M.


Mayor


Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER FOR THE YEAR 1956

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:-

This is the sixth annual report of the Calgary Rural Municipal Hospital District No. 63 and it is my privilege as the member for Ward No. 3 to give it to you on behalf of the Board.

The plan of hospitalization started in 1951 is still carrying on on a satisfactory basis and providing necessary service to the taxpayers of the district.

The Board finds that the introduction of the Special Services in addition to the standard ward accommodation provision was a welcome addition to the service which the Hospital District was able to give to the ratepayers. In supplying this additional service it has meant that while the daily cost to the person who is sick is almost doubled that he then is in the position to leave the hospital with the knowledge that his bill is paid in full as far as he is concerned. In our opinion it is a very worthwhile plan. In this connection I would like to draw to the attention of the people that the contribution of the Provincial Government, through its Department of Public Health, and the Honourable W. W. Cross - Minister of Health, represents 60% of the cost of standard ward and special services charges to the Hospital District. This contribution is therefore substantial and very much appreciated by us. We hope that the Minister may be able to continue his percentage of contribution having regard to the increased cost of hospital services which the operating Hospital have to contend with. In the meantime we do want to say, publicly, thanks to the Minister and his Department on behalf of the Government.

In 1956 we had a total of 19072 patient days for which we were responsible for under the hospital plan. This was 401 lower than in 1955 and 791 lower than in 1954. It therefore seems to indicate that our average number of patient days for our area is stabilizing itself

around an average figure of about 19470. A break down of the 1956 patient days shows that there was 15336 days for those who were 16 years of age or over; 3661 for those under 16 years of age and 75 for those classified as infants or newborn. The 1955 figures were for patients 16 years of age and over 15,287; under 16 years of age 3,965 and new born or infants 221 to bring the total to 19,473. Likewise the 1954 figures were - patients 16 years of age and over 15,460; those under 16 years of age 4,331 and for newborn infants 72. There is not a great deal of difference in the three years mentioned. That is why we suggest that we seem to be stabilizing the number of patients at around an average of 19,470 in total.

The average cost of hospitalizing a patient for one day in all hospitals with which we have agreements for the year under review was \$10.81. This was an advance of \$1.73 per patient day over our 1955 costs. It is therefore a creditable showing that our cost has only increased by that amount when it is considered that the service to the patient has practically tripled. In the past we found that the extras on the average hospital bill represented around two thirds of the total account. When we were only paying the public ward accomodation charge it left the patient with the bukk of the bill still to be met from his own resources. Now that special services take care of the extras it means a substantial relief to the patient. We trust that this condition may continue.

Our relations with the Hospitals serving our patients has been good in the years that we have been dealing with them. They have tried at all times to give the best possible service and we on the other hand have tried to meet their needs as best we can. This has lead to harmonious working with them and we hope it may long continued.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.