

History of Ryde Council Officials
Ryde Township Incorporated January 20 1879

Year	Reeve	Councillors
1879	Moses McClelland.....	Henry Long, Alexander Ego, Geo. Taylor, Richard Rusk, Clerk/Treasurer- Anthony Fletcher Assessor Jas Redmayne
1880	"	.....Richard Rusk, James Housey, Geo. Taylor, Alexander Ego Clerk/Treasurer- Anthony Fletcher, Assessor Charles Tingey
1881	"	.....R.Rusk, J. Long, John Fleger, James Redmayne Clerk/Treasurer-Anthony Fletcher, Assessor-John Taylor
1882	"	.....J. Redmayne, R. Rusk, J. Fleger, Mr. Brooks Clerk/Treasurer- Anthony Fletcher, Assessor- Joshua Long
1883	"	.....R.Rusk, Henry Edwards, Chas. Brooks, Wesley Ruttan Clerk/Treasurer- Anthony Fletcher, Assessor- Joshua Long
1884	"	.....J. Redmayne, Wm Lowe, John Fleger, Wesley Ruttan Clerk/Treasurer- Anthony Fletcher, Assessor- J. G. Taylor
1885	"	.....Wm Merkley, Wm Lowe, John Fleger, John Miller Clerk-J.G.Taylor, Treasurer-P.J.Brace Assessor- Chas Tingey
1886	"	.....Chas Brooks, Wm Lowe, John Fleger, A. Ego same as year before
1887	"	.....Wm Ruttan, Wm Lowe, J. Irving, A. Ego same as year before Assessor - G.P.Carr
1888	"	.....Wesley Ruttan, Wm Lowe, John Irving, ? James same as year before
1889	A.C.Fletcher	.....A. Ego, Jas Allan, Robt Irwin, Isaac Lowshaw Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey Assessor- H. Edwards
1890	Wm Lowe	.....John Irving, Jas Allan, H. Bush, Isaac Lowshaw same as year before
1891	"	.....John Irving, Chas Brooks, H. Bush, James Allan same as year before Assessor Ira Davey
1892	"	.....W. Ruttan, Jas McDonald, H. Bush, James Allan same as year before
1893	"	.....John Irving, Jas McDonald, H. Bush, James Allan same as year before
1894	"	.....John Irving, John Miles, H. Bush, James Allan same as year before
1895	James Allan	.....John Irving, Robt Benn, Christopher Ruttan, H. Bush Clerk- Walter Tingey Treasurer- Ira Davey Assessor-H.Edwards
1896	A.C.Fletcher	.....John Irving, Robt Benn, Henry Long, Chas Brooks same as year before
1897	Wm Lowe	.....James Allan, A. Bush, Chas Brooks, Herman Bush Clerk-Walter Tingey Treasurer- John Rebman Assessor H. Edwards
1898	Wm Lowe	.....James Allan, Andrew Bush, Chas Brooks, Herman Bush same as year before Assessor - John Irving
1899	Wm Lowe	.....Andrew Bush, Louis Norman, Henry Edwards, James Allan Clerk-Walter Tingey, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor-John Irving
1900	Wm Lowe	.....Henry Cook, Louis Norman, John Griffin, James Allan Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor- John Irving
1901	"	.....Henry Cook, Louis Norman, Henry Rebman, James Allan Clerk - Walter Tingey, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor-John Irving
1902	"	.....Henry Cook, Louis Norman, Henry Rebman, James Allan Clerk-Walter Tingey, Treasurer-John Rebman, Assessor- John
Irving		

1903	"	.....Henry Cook, John Fox, Henry Rebman, James Allan Clerk Walter Tingey, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor- John Irving
1904	"	.....Henry Cook, Henry Edwards, Henry Rebman, James Allan Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor John Irving
1905	Louis Norman	.....Henry Cook, John Fox, Henry Rebman, P.H. Brace Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor-John Irving
1906	"	..... Henry Cook, George Goheen, Henry Rebman, Freeman Plewis Clerk- Wm Lowe, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor - Ira Davey
1907	"	.....Henry Cook, Geo Goheen, Henry Rebman, John Fox Clerk- Wm Lowe, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor - Fred Ruttan
1908	"	.....Henry Merkley, John Rebman, Henry Rebman, James Allan Clerk- Wm Lowe, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor- Fred Ruttan
1909	"	.....Henry Merkley, Henry Cook, Marshal Davey, Geo. Smith Clerk- A.C.Fletcher, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor- Ira Davey
1910	"	.....Henry Merkley, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, Marshal Davey Clerk- A.C.Fletcher [WmLowe] Andrew Fleger, Assessor - Ira Davey
1911	"	.....James Allan, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, Marshal Davey Clerk- Wm Lowe, Treasurer - Andre Fleger, Assessor Ira Davey
1912	"	.....Same as year above same as year above Assessor - Fred Ruttan
1913	P.H.Brace	.....James Allan, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, John Hill Clerk- Wm Lowe, Treasurer- John Rebman, Assessor Fred Ruttan
1914	"	.....James Allan, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, J. E. Taverner Clerk - Walter Tingey, Treasurer- James Lowe, Assessor- Fred Ruttan
1915	"	.....Andrew Fleger, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, J. E. Taverner Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- James Lowe, Assessor- Fred Ruttan
1916	J. E. Taverner	.....Henry Merkley, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, John Rebman Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor-Fred Ruttan
1917	"	.....John Hill, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, John Johnson Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor-Fred Ruttan
1918	"	.....John Hill, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, James Lowe Clerk- Walter Tingey, Treasurer- Andrew Fleger, Assessor-Fred Ruttan
1919	"	.....John Hill, Henry Cook, Henry Rebman, Arthur Tingey Clerk- P.H. Brace, Treasurer-Andrew Fleger, Assessor - Fred Ruttan
1920	"	.....H. Rebman, J. W. Hill, John Johnson, H. Smith Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey, Assessor-A.F.Ruttan, Collector-J.McWade
1921	P.H.Brace	.....James Lowe, J. W. Hill, John Johnson, H. Rebman Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey, Assessor-Collector- Harry Hill,
1922	John W. Hill	.....Jacob Rebman, James Lowe, Josh Short, H. Rebman Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey, Assessor/Collector- A.F.Ruttan
1923	J.E.Taverner	.....Jacob Rebman, James Lowe, John Rusk, Henry Smith Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey, Assessor/Collector John Lowe
1924	"	.....same as year before Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey, Assessor/Collector Emmerson Smith
1925	James Lowe	.....Jacob Rebman, Henry Rebman, H. Hill, Henry Smith Clerk/Treasurer- Walter Tingey, Assessor/Collector A.F.Ruttan
1926	H.H.Hill	.....Jacob Rebman, Wm Kitching, John Ruttan, Henry Smith Clerk- A.F.Ruttan Treasurer P.H. Brace Assessor/Collector J. E. Smith
1927	"	.....Henry Rebman, Wm Ketching, Samuel Cook, John Rusk Clerk/Treasurer- A.F.Ruttan, Assessor/Collector Emerson Smith
1928	"	.....Henry Rebman, Geo. York, Samuel Cook, John Rusk Clerk/Treasurer- A.F.Ruttan, Assessor/Collector- Emerson Smith
1929	"	.....Henry Rebman, Geo. York, Sam Cook, Henry Smith Clerk/Treasurer- A.F.Ruttan, Assessor/Collector- Wm. Ketching

1930	same Reeve, Council and Clerks as 1929
1931	same Reeve, Council and Clerks as 1929
1932	H.H. Hill .....Henry Rebman, Geo. York, E.J.Cook, Henry Smith Clerks etc..same as 1929
1933	Wm Ketching .....Geo. Seehaver, Geo. York, E. J. Cook, James Lowe Clerk/Treasurer- A. F. Ruttan, Assessor/Collector-Bradley D. Smith
1934	"Josh Short, Geo York, Henry Rebman, James Lowe Clerk/Treasurer- A.F.Ruttan, Assessor/Collector- Bradley D. Smith
1935	"Jack Clement, O. Bush, A Pilger, H. Rebman Clerk/Treasurer etc same as 1934
1936	Jack Clement ...Geo. York, Henry Smith, John Rusk, H. Rebman same as 1934
1937	Jack Clement .....O. Bush, Henry Smith, J. Short, H. Rebman Clerk- Lorne McWade, Treasurer A.F.Ruttan, Assessor B.D.Smith
1938	Wm Ketching .....Robert Benzinger, Jim Lowe, Wes Rebman, O. Bush Clerk etc same as 1937
1939	Robert Benzinger.....John Rusk, Jas Lowe, A. Johnson, Wes Rebman Clerk etc unchanged
1940	Robert Benzinger.....Jas Lowe, H. Rebman, A. Johnson, W. Rebman Clerk B.D.Smith, Treasurer-A.F.Ruttan Assessor H.M.Duggan Collector O.Bush
1941	J.E.Clement .....E. Merkley, Josh Short, James Lowe, Russell Ruttan Clerk B.D.Smith, Treasurer-A.F.Ruttan Assessor F. A. Wing Coll. O.Bush
1942	"Same as 1941 Clerk/Treasurer same, Assessor/Collector Bradley D. Smith
1943	"E. Merkley, Sam Cook, James Lowe, Russell Ruttan Clerk/Treasurer same, Assessor Leslie Plewis, Collector B.D.Smith
1944	same as previous year all positions
1945	same as previous year all positions
1946	"E. Merkley, Sam Cook, J.P. Ruttan, Russell Ruttan Clerk/Treasurer etc. same as previous year
1947	" same as previous year Clerk/Treasurer same Assessor/Collector - B.D.Smith
1948	"E. Merkley, Sam Cook, Levi McWade, Leslie Plewis Clerk Treasurer etc. same as 1947
1949	" E. Merkley, Sam Cook, Russell Ruttan, Leslie Plewis Clerks etc..same as 1947
1950	"E. Merkley, Les Ruttan, Russell Ruttan, Leslie Plewis Clerks etc. same as 1947
1951	J. E. Clement.....E. Merkley, Oscar Speicher, Geo. Cook, Leslie Plewis Clerk- Lorne McWade, Treasurer- B.D.Smith Assessor/Collector Harold
Cooper	
1952	Leslie Plewis.....E. Merkley, Oscar Speicher, Geo Cook, Wesley Rebman Clerks etc. same as '51
1953	"E. Merkley, Oscar Speicher, Osborne Bush, Wesley Rebman Clerk- Lorne McWade, Treasurer- Marion Austin, A/C H. Cooper
1954	"Henry Jones, Oscar Speicher, Osborne Bush, Wesley Rebman Clerk etc. same as 1953
1955	Osborne Bush.....Ernie Merkley, O. Speicher, Russell Ruttan, Wesley Rebman Clerks etc unchanged
1956	"Tom James, O. Speicher, Russell Ruttan, Wesley Rebman Clerks Lorne McWade 2 mths. Fred Pilger 10 mths. Treasurer Irene Lowe, Assessor H.Cooper Collector Lorna Smith

1957 Osborne Bush.....Tom James, O. Speicher, Russell Ruttan, Ernie Merkley
 Clerk Bernice Merkley, Treasurer Bradley Smith, Assessor Bernice Merkley
 Collector- Bradley Smith

1958 "John Ketching, Archie Fitchett, Russell Ruttan, Ernie Merkley
 Clerk-Bernice Merkley, Treasurer- Geo. Vanner, Assessor- Earle Fraser,
 Collector- Bernice Merkley

1959 Russell Ruttan.....John Ketching, Archie Fitchett, Tom James, Wes Rebman
 Clerk- Bernice Merkley, Treasurer/Assessor- Geo. Vanner, Collector Bernice
 Merkley

1960 "Wes. Rebman, Oscar Speicher, Archie Fitchett, J. Ketching
 Clerk/Collector- Bernice Merkley, Treasurer/Assessor- Geo. Vanner.

1961 " Councillors unchanged
 Clerk etc. unchanged

1962 "Ernie Merkley, Wesley Rebman, Archie Fitchett, J. Ketching
 Clerk etc unchanged

1963 John Ketching.....Ernie Merkley, Aubrey Seehaver, Archie Fitchett, Tom McNab
 Clerk etc unchanged

1964 Osborne Bush.....Ernie Merkley, Aubrey Seehaver, Wes Rebman, Tom McNab
 Clerk etc remained unchanged

1965 Reeve, Councillors and Clerk etc. unchanged

1966 Osborne BushErnie Merkley, Wm Price, Wes Rebman, Tom McNab
 Clerk etc remained unchanged

1967 "Ernie Merkley, Wm Price, Wes Rebman, Ross Melhuish
 Clerk etc remained unchanged from 1960

1968 Same as year before

1969 Osborne Bush..... Ernie Merkley, Harold Ellis, Albert Acherman, Wm Price
 Clerk same, Treasurer same, Assessor same, Collector Dorothy Brettel

1970 Ernie Merkley.....Bruce Ketching, Wes. Rebman, Wm. Price, Ross Melhuish
 Clerk- Bernice Merkley, Road Superintendent Oscar Speicher; Welfare
 Officer- Elsie Merkley; Collector - Dorothy Brettel; Dump Attendant -
 Clifford Fitchett; Building Inspector- Osborne Bush; Caretaker of hall-
 Harold Taverner; Caretaker of Cemeteries- Wilson Speicher; Fire
 Wardens:- Oscar Speicher, Larry Speicher, Carl Cook, Norman Brettel;
 Dog License Collector- Geo. Vanner (1969)

Equipment for Office:- Typewriter and Adding Machine & Filing Cabinet

Equipment for Road:- 1 Pony Grader
 1 Adams Diesel 610
 2 drags

Equipment for fires:- 5 Wajax Hand Pumps
 10 Shovels

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