

Short History of Ryde-

Pencil written papers found in township clerk Bernice Merkley's records

January 20 1879- Twp. of Ryde Incorporated. Moses McClelland - Reeve; Anthony Fletcher- Clerk; Council- Richard Rusk, James Housey, Geo. Taylor & Alexander Ego.

1879 Bridge built over Koshshebog River on Ryde Road.

Aug 11 1879 Burial ground purchased from Henry Matz

1887- Ryde became part of Dist of Muskoka [prior it was Victoria County]

June 12 1916 By-law 217 passed to provide assistance to aid 122nd Muskoka Overseas Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. \$100.00 given Sgt. B. Henry had requested same for 122nd

1919 Wooden bridge built over Kahshe River at Housey's Rapids

April 15 1922 By law 260 Ryde Municipal Telephone System.

1927 Dept. of Northern Development 1700.00 Roads

June 25 1931 "A bridge over the river at Housey's Rapids collapsed, the centre span of 100 feet falling into the water. Fortunately no one was on it at the time. The bridge was only 12 years old but the timbers were rotten."

April 13 1942 Lowe-Merkley---that an agreement be drawn up between Laurence Rebman & R.T. for a road across Lot 15 Con 11 on wd or rod wide & said road for a period of 20 years for \$50.00

May 17 1948 - Plewis-McWade---That we authorize our Reeve and Clerk to sign an agreement between D.H.O. & R.T. giving the Dept. the authority to develop a road from Lots 30 Con 14 to Lots 25 & 26 Con 8

Jan 12 1953- Rebman-Bush --- That the Road Overseer contact Fowler Con. Co. with regards to an estimate on blasting the road at Lorne McWades bend.

March 7 1955- Rebman-Merkley--That we request the D.H.O. to straighten the bad curve on No.15-16 side road just north of Barkway at Lot 15 & 16 Con. 11

June 6 1955- Ruttan-Merkley--That we purchase a right of way for road around the bad hill between lot 16 & 16 Con 11 Purchase price to be \$150.00. Township to fence both sides of the right of way and pay for all necessary writings. Existing right of way as it now stands to be turned over to Lorne McWade in lieu of the one being purchased. -carried

1958- Fall...Bridge at Housey's Rapids was wrecked when a heavy transport went through it. A settlement of \$5,000 dollars was paid by the insurance company for the transport company.

July 23 1960- Bridge at Housey's Rapids officially opened by Honorable Matthew B. Dymond M.D. Minister of Health. Built at the cost of \$56,000.00 the Dept of Hwy's paying 80% of the cost.

September 10 1962- Sam Coad & Chas Speicher- That we transfer ownership of the Barkway School to the Township of Ryde for the sum of \$1.00 and the township to bear the legal costs of the transaction...Cooper 3864 to go to see lawyer.

May 1963- New school officially opened

1983- Main road paved to Barkway