

NEWS & VIEWS



July 1947

YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE

Chairman - P. Holliday
Vice-Chairman - G. G. Hudson
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Treasurer - H. B. Smythe
Members - Miss F. Kruse
Mrs. P. H. H. Gray

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BAIE D'URFEE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

OUR ASSOCIATION

Baie d'Urfee is perhaps the most delightful spot on the Island of Montreal. Grow it must and will. Have it grow as you want it to grow. It is your Town; make it reflect you, your character and in a sense your home which is confined within your own four walls. Get behind your Association, come to the front at the Meetings, give us your ideas, tell us your problems and support us visibly by your presence at our Meetings.

One of the main objectives of this Association is to promote and maintain interest in Civic Affairs, rendering the Governing body any assistance possible and reporting to them any problem or project as we may be authorized so to do by our regular meeting and offering constructive criticism when necessary.

There is, of course, another important side to the work of the Association, namely, to provide a common meeting place for Business or Pleasure, an opportunity to get to know each other, learn the other fellow's viewpoint and knowing him realize, that regardless of Race, Creed or Colour, under the skin we are all mere human beings.

If you are a Member keep on turning out to support us. If you are not yet a Member, this is another invitation. You will be welcome, you can help us with the Good Work by devoting one evening a month to a common cause, the welfare of the Town with its logical sequence "The welfare of every Citizen living within its boundaries".

Phil Holliday, Chairman.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed for the purpose of checking the Electoral Roll and ensuring that names of all Tenants and Property Owners, qualified to vote, were included. The Committee called on those who, it appeared, were qualified to vote but whose names had been omitted and as a result several names were added and the Electoral Roll now in effect includes 160 names.

The Mayor and Aldermen elected by acclamation are: Mayor, F.W. Case. Aldermen: K.C. Brown, D.H. Allan, S.L. Kerr, A. Martin, J. Gelinas, W. Spriggs, Jr. All well known, highly respected, year round residents and Members of your Association.

Mr. Case and Mr. Kerr have served well on your Town Council for a number of years and with the able assistance of the new Aldermen it would appear that the affairs of the Town are in excellent hands.

Miss F. Kruse, Executive Member,
G. G. Hudson, Vice-Chairman.

THE RECORD

For a long time in Baie d'Urfee various people have been expressing in one way or another some of the community needs; "Our road is full of holes"; "They should do something about weeds"; "I was snowed in for days". The Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association has grown out of the desire of people to start doing things for themselves; to begin taking part in the organized life of their community.

Is it not true that any vital community group grows out of the needs of the people in the community, whether the need is for a safe swimming place, or for better ditches. In its ideal form such a group attempts to use the human resources in the community for the benefit of all.

The Association came into being at an organizational meeting on April 18th, 1947. Then a constitution was adopted, an executive elected and a fee proposed. At a second meeting on May 2nd, the setting up of the administrative machinery was completed, including the formation of Committees on: Recreation and Culture, Public Service, Membership and Publicity. The Association is more than machinery- many things have been stirring, positive things are emerging from the organized action of the Citizens.

A morning train, Montreal bound, now stops at the Baie d'Urfee Station for the Saturday shoppers. Action has been taken to solve the problem of the Veterans' Road. It appears that this new road has not been constructed according to the standards required by the Town and the prospective residents are facing a winter without benefit of garbage collection, snow removal and the necessities of life such as milk, bread, the delivery of which is impeded if the roads are not plowed. After exploring the matter fully, a letter was written to the Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Veterans' Affairs, who has replied to the Association promising to give the matter his personal attention.

Assuming the democratic responsibility for own self government, Your Association nominated a slate of officers for the municipal council. This is the Record of your Association and the record speaks for itself.

Eleanor Sim, Secretary.

The next General Meeting of Your Association will be July 11th, at 8:00 p.m. Come early and join in the Evening's Program.

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Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Alex Sim, Director of Adult Education, Macdonald College.

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To the retiring members of the Town Council goes our sincere vote of thanks for their services on our behalf in the past years.

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Your Town Council has purchased FIFTY new chairs which, we hope, will be given a real try-out at the next meeting and many more to come.

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We are indebted to G.G. Hudson for the following interesting items: Of the 160 Voters in Baie d'Urfee, 120 are property owners and 20 tenants or 87.5% are Home Owners. It is doubtful if any other municipality on the Island can boast of such a high percentage. The last Election other than by acclamation took place in 1931.

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We take pleasure in welcoming the following new comers to Baie d'Urfee
E. M. DeWitt and Family, Veterans Road
W. Parker and Family, Veterans Road.

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We are informed that Messrs. Vidler, Creates and Park are in the midst of trying to join our town as residents. We trust that their building problems will soon be a thing of the past.

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A Committee under the Chairmanship of Miss Joyce Hartnell is now compiling a complete list of names for the community Veterans Roll of Honour.

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Prof. Arthur L. Phelps, who gave us such a thought provoking talk at the last General Meeting has hit the Headlines of our leading weekly, "The Standard" and the article is well worth reading, to be found in the Magazine section, June 21st. Our congratulations and best wishes on his new appointment.

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We note that Cemetery Road has been closed and a smart Stone Fence makes it official.

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SITTER PROBLEM: Apparently this town is short of sitters; anybody with an idea as to the solution should most definitely bring this up at the next meeting, July 11th. Let us see what we can do to help those that need this assistance.

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How about those with cars trying to arrange to give their Fellow Members and Friends a LIFT to the meetings. Any suggestions to facilitate this idea will be welcome. May we suggest your Membership Directory. It will help.

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Due to the lack of space in this issue, we were obliged to curtail some of the material offered and among the casualties was a most interesting article prepared by your executive chairman, Phil Holliday. However, we are looking forward to publishing this in our very next issue and feel sure you will all really enjoy his contribution.

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It has been suggested that we adopt a SLOGAN for our Monthly NEWS AND VIEWS and as this is your Association it would be up to all of you to submit your suggestions at the next meeting, July 11th.

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Any complaints regarding the abuse of our SPEED LIMIT through this Town should be addressed to your Association's Public Service Committee.

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This is your means of reaching all your fellow citizens and any News or Views will be most welcome for insertion in the next issue.

BAIE D'URFEE DAY JULY 19th, 1947.

A Lawn Social and Sports Outing will be held at the Town Hall, Saturday afternoon July 19th, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. weather permitting; otherwise, the programme will be postponed until the following day, Sunday, July 20th.

All residents and their friends are most welcome to participate in any or all the Sporting Events and Social and this is YOUR opportunity to help make it a big success by joining in the fun, entering all the events and generally having a good time.

First and second prizes will be given for each event and the PRIZE PRESENTATIONS will take place immediately following the final COMPETITIVE Event.

No Entree Fees Are Required

"Mothers" you need have no fear for the safety of your children as the events will be in shallow water and qualified Life Guards and Supervisors will be in attendance.

A limited number of boats are already available, but additional Verchere Row-boats and Canoes could be used. (Contact "Bob" McBride or R. E. Cape)

Please complete the enclosed ENTRANCE FORM and mail as soon as possible to;

Mr. Bob McBride,
2080 1/2 Lakeshore Rd.,
Baie d'Urfee, P.Q.

RECREATION SOCIAL & CULTURAL for FUTURE GET TOGETHERS

This Committee have undertaken to organize and bring to us all, beneficial get to-gethers. To do so, they must know what you would be interested in. Will you, therefore, give serious thought to the following suggestions and either contact one of the Committee or come to the next general meeting prepared to discuss same.

Would you participate in any of the following if they were available and organized on the Town Hall property?

TENNIS.....SAILING.....CROQUET.....LAWN BOWLING.....
PUTTING CLOCK.....BADMINTON.....DECK TENNIS.....SWIMMING LESSONS.....
LAWN SOCIALS.....CORN ROASTS.....DANCES.....CARD PARTIES.....
FILM SHORTS SUMMER.....WINTER.....WINTER DISCUSSION GROUPS.....
OTHER SUGGESTIONS.....

The Committee will be looking forward to assistance from you and if you can help organize or contribute in any way to your favourite pastime, step forward and tell your Committee.

Bob McBride, Chairman.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A public spirited, local resident has donated all the prizes. It is up to you to PITCH in and do your bit by sending your ENTRY TO-DAY.

This Committee has planned and worked hard to prepare a real Baie d'Urfee Day. They need all your co-operation.

Editor.