VIEWS ON COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Two years ago a pre-election issue of this paper stated some of the criteria which should be kept in mind in selecting the new Town Council. It will be useful to mention them now that elections are in the offing again.

The Council should be broadly representative of the people in the town and their various interests. The character and outlook of its members should be such that the town will feel that their property investment is being protected and that their ideas are being given fair consideration.

As far as possible, the Council should reflect the best wisdom and ability of the citizens in the various aspects of town management including finance, road development and administration of by-laws. Wisdom in human relations is another highly desirable attribute.

Continuity should be provided by retaining some portion of the membership of the previous council. Since the work of the Council is increasing, and people, however self-sacrificing, should not be asked to carry on the duties of office for too long, several new members should be included in each new slate. A generous infusion of new blood is desirable also because of the new ideas which go with it.

John Windebank

THE RECORD

The regular monthly meeting was held on Friday, April 13, 1951, with the chairman residing. There were 50 members present including a number of young people of the community who had been invited by the Recreation Committee to hear the guest speaker. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted. In the absence of Mr. Waverley, Mr. Perks presented the report of the membership committee which showed that membership now stands between 115 and 120. This increase reflects the industry of the committee. New members introduced to the meeting were Mrs. J.B. Mitcham, Mr. K. Miller and Mr. E. Yan, all of Lakeshore Rd., and Mr. Selby MacLeod of Sunny Acres. Progress is reported by the recreation committee on the matter of baseball diamonds. There was no report on school affairs. Mr. Harry Smythe, liaison officer between our Association and Council for Town Planning affairs, reported that an agreement has been reached between Council and Morgans on the exchange of lots on Morgan Rd, so lots set aside for recreation will soon be available and the work of levelling off, etc. can start. Last of the children's movies will be shown on April 21. The Birthday Party will take place on Friday, April 27, with Mr. Bjorn in charge. Mr. Vidler reported on prices of peat moss and took orders from the members on behalf of the Horticultural Society. Mr. Evans reported correspondence with Council re appointment of Mr. Smythe as liaison and concerning the Recreation Committee's request. Mr. Perks, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of $278.37 with between $60 and $70 received at this meeting in membership fees.

The Chairman stated that the Executive recommended that the Auction Sale be dropped this year but asked for an expression of opinion from the meeting. Following discussion a vote was taken by show of hands and there was a small majority in favour of holding the auction. The Executive will therefore discuss it further. Mr. Fry asked if the sale of cigarettes and chocolate bars might be permitted at the Baie d'Urfe P.O. in order to increase the revenue. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the present by-laws do not permit such a shop in the Town but the matter will be looked into. The V.O.N. have informed us that they would arrange a Well-Baby Conference in this Town if it were desired. An expression of opinion will be detained from the citizens, probably through the membership Committee's zone chairmen. Announcements were made that a new set of recordings of Mrs. Peters' C.B.C. talk on Baie d'Urfe has been made and filed with the Association; that nominations for members of the Town Council will be presented at our June meeting; that
copies of the Association’s Constitution are available upon request to the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Lionel Evans; that the Executive is desirous of obtaining a copy of the Charter of Incorporation of the Town. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Waverley and his Membership Committee for their efforts in contacting old and new members of the Association. At the close of the business, Mr. Fred Ritchie took charge of the meeting for the Recreation Committee and introduced the speaker, Mr. Ron Maurier, who talked on sport in the Community. Refreshments were served with Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. DeWitt and Mrs. McGuire acting as hostesses.

Ruth Tait,
Recording Secretary.

MORE ELECTION DATA

Your executive is confronted this spring with the biennial problem of selecting the slate of nominees for Town Council office which is to be presented to the June meeting of the Association.

Several persons in the community have declined the dubious honour of acting as chairman of the nominating committee and have returned the compliment to the Executive of the Association.

In accepting the responsibility of preparing a slate, the Executive are seeking advice from residents of the town who are experienced in town affairs and they would like to hear from any citizens who have names to suggest. If you have in mind an individual whom you would like to propose, please let us hear from you. Proposals should be submitted in writing over the signature of persons making them and they should include definite assurance that the individual suggested would be willing to stand as a nominee for office. Such proposals should be mailed or handled to Lionel Evans (Bains Burfe P.O.), corresponding secretary of the Association by May 21st.

Following are the districts and the number of aldermen to be chosen from each:

Lakeshore Road West  -  2
College Green        -  1
Lakeshore Road East  -  1
Morgan, Lakeview,    -  2
Sunny Acres          -  1

John Windebank,
Chairman.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our fourth birthday party which took place at the Town Hall on Friday, April 27th, began and ended to the tune of the bagpipes and was voted by all a decided success. There were over 100 present and everyone participated to the full in the many games and contests arranged by Mr. Bjorn and his able assistance, Bob McBride and Brad Proudfoot. The event which drew most laughs was the orange passing contest between teams captained by Mrs. McBride and Mr. Allen. The orange had to be passed down the team and back again by means of chins and nothing else. The contortions which resulted were really funny. Delicious refreshments supplied by fourteen ladies of the Association were served at 11 o’clock around a table prettily decorated with four pink birthday cakes and cut spring flowers. Mrs. Fred Dorion and Mrs. Peter Smith poured tea. The birthday cake was cut by Mayor Case to the swirl of bagpipes while Reg. Vidler photographed the scene for
Prizes were generously donated by Eatons, Simpsons and Ogilvys and our own Smiths Florists. We understand too that Ogilvys had lent their cooperation at a number of points during the preparations for the event. To everyone who helped make the occasion so memorable, and especially to Mr. Bjorn for his creative masterly management and planning, thanks.

Mildred Proudfoot.

NEXT MEETING

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Fred Ritchie.
Recreation Committee.

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Newcomers on St. Andrews Road are Mr. and Mrs. Davidson to whom a welcome is extended.

And congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacNaughton on the birth of a son.

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At the last meeting of the Central School Board, the proposed salary scale for Montreal school teachers for the year 1951-52 was adopted. This means that local salaries were increased to equalize Montreal salaries on the main items though some considerations, such as pensions are still not in line. The new scale will be in effect in Hudson, Pointe Claire and Valois also. An additional grant from the Province has been received this year. This amounts to $3500 and will be applied towards operation and maintenance expenses.

There are a number of changes in staff becoming effective at the end of the term. An additional Grade III is planned for the Fall and a new teacher has been appointed to meet this demand. There will be new art and music supervisors next term to replace the present staff who have resigned.

The composition of the Central School Board has returned to the original arrangement which means that there are three members from Baie d'Urfe - Senneville, one from Ste. Anne de Bellevue and one from Dorion-Ile Cadieux. Ile Perrot will be represented by one of the members of the Board whom they shall so designate.

It is expected that the specifications for the new school will be completed and sent up to Quebec early in May.

E.B. Fry,
School Affairs Committee.