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RECREATION THEME OF NEXT MEETING

Recreation will be the main theme of the coming meeting of the Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Association at The Coop, Friday, Oct. 14. Frank Booth, recreation committee chairman, will lead the discussion which will bring old-timers up to date and enlighten newcomers as to recreational plans in the community. Films will be shown and there will be the usual social evening and get together.

The town's new mayor, Dr. Harvey Cruickshank, will be introduced to the meeting.

Ninth Year
No. 93

Originally it had been hoped to have at this meeting an official explanation of the commercial zone and cloverleaf issues, and perhaps further discussion. However, the brand new council, sitting for the first time Tuesday, has not had the opportunity to go into the matter, but is expected to have a report for the citizens at a later date.

THE COMMERCIAL AREA AND THE CLOVERLEAF

A few facts might help to clarify the knowledge and the thinking in connection with the controversies surrounding the town's commercial zoning and the proposed cloverleaf and overpass.

The commercial area particularly involved lies roughly speaking between the hydro lines west of Morgan Road westerly to Churchill Road, to a depth of 300 feet south from the Metropolitan Blvd.

Our Next Meeting

FRIDAY, OCT. 14 - 8:15 - THE COOP

SUBJECT - RECREATION, plus MOVIES, plus SOCIAL EVENING

When the shopping centre was first broached, the promoters asked if the 66 feet for a contemplated service road paralleling the highway could not be additional to the 300 feet. They felt that if the 66 feet were taken out of the 300, the remaining area would be inadequate for a modern shopping centre.

Having received assurance the shopping centre was a definite plan, council agreed with the promoters' request and announced a referendum of the property owners concerned.

However, before this referendum could be held, and the ratepayers could say yes or no town council was presented with a plan for a cloverleaf and overpass that the Montreal Metropolitan Commission had in mind for Baie d'Urfée in connection with a long-considered new trans-island highway.

The proposed plan requires a strip 150 feet wide south of and parallel to the Metropolitan Boulevard and stretching roughly between Morgan Road and the Cemetery.

The councillors say they haven't been told the cloverleaf - overpass is definitely going here, but the best betting is that it will. From the viewpoint of the Montreal Metropolitan Commission this is apparently the natural spot; obviously they don't go to the trouble and expense of surveys and plans if they haven't something definite in mind. Whether Baie d'Urfée is indeed the place where the cloverleaf should go, and whether the spot chosen within Baie d'Urfée is the best, are interesting topics for debate, but obviously our council was pretty certain the plan would eventually go through, and acted accordingly.

At the Sept. 13 meeting they passed a by-law which in the first instance would extend the depth of the original Zone D (west of Morgan Road) by an additional 150 feet, plus 66 feet for the service road. This was simply following through on their original shopping centre plan, but making allowance for the 150 feet the cloverleaf would require. In effect, it means moving the commercial zone a further 150 feet south into residential area.

But the by-law called for a further step. It extends the west zone D easterly to Morgan Road, or actually to the back of Morgan Road lots, and to the same 516-foot depth. This was done, it was said, with an eye cocked to the future. If really adequate commercial area were not available, grown-up Baie d'Urfée would have a number of smaller, semi-adequate business sections scattered about instead of one or two larger areas which would enable modern, concentrated development. The third thing the by-law does is extend the depth of the commercial area east of Morgan Road from 300 to 366 feet.

However while council has passed this by-law, it still has to be approved by the property owners affected. A referendum was set for Oct. 20 but this has been indefinitely postponed until the new council has had a chance to go into the entire matter.

So far as the cloverleaf and overpass are concerned, it boils down to one main question:

Why is it in Baie d'Urfée?

Aldermen who have considered the matter stress these points: The proposed new trans-island highway is being designed to facilitate traffic in and out of Montreal, and on the island generally, and this includes getting on and off it. Thus a second bridge comes into the picture, and naturally, all other factors considered, it will be erected where the water crossing is narrowest. This is invariably beside the original bridge, i.e., at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Thus the traffic from this new highway has to be funnelled in and sorted out as near as possible to the bridge. Intelligence and the matter of expense dictate that a clover-leaf site be one that causes least disruption, heartache and expense to existing development, even though it may hurt some.

Certainly a cloverleaf as called for in the plans could not be built in Ste. Anne's, nor in the Senneville area. In either case it would mean the razing of homes and disruption of a built-up community. Macdonald College needs what it has. The only suitable area the councillors continue happens to be within Baie d'Urfée. Well, then why not north of the highway? The railroad tracks not to mention the hydro sub-station. Why not east of Morgan Road? It would mean the tearing down of existing homes and depreciation of a second section of town. And further east? Too far away. With all due sympathy to those Baie d'Urfites who would find the highway some 150 feet closer than they anticipated, say councillors, it is quite understandable to see how the Metropolitan Commission decided upon the spot it did. Baie d'Urfée could say no, we don't want it, but with one vote in 30-odd, it's difficult to see what good might come of it. It might even have the opposite effect on Baie d'Urfée's future interests. It would appear to be a situation to which one of Confucious' best-known axioms could be well applied.

WHOLESALE SHUFFLE IN COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

With a new mayor and three new aldermen, there has been a wholesale shuffle in council portfolios.

Here is the lineup:-

Finance - Ald. Bill Corbett (formerly held by Ald. Jost)
 Roads - Ald. Jost (formerly Ald. Corbett)
 Parks and Playgrounds- Ald. Herb Brookhouse (formerly Selby MacLeod)
 Buildings - Ald. Barney Rider (formerly Al. Christie)
 Public Relations - Ald. R.H. Whiteside (formerly Ald. Brookhouse)
 Town Planning - Ald. George Bain (formerly Harry Smythe)
 Final, official figures for the Oct. 1 election are:

For Mayor:

<u>Dr. H. Cruickshank</u>	190
Mayor Jean Gelin	151

Seat No. 4

<u>H.G.S. Bain</u>	197
Ald. A.M. Christie	137

Seat No. 2

<u>B.D. Rider</u>	192
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R.H. Whiteside (Acclamation)

Town Secretary-Treasurer H.A. Soucy was chief returning officer for the election, and works superintendent Reg. Vidler his secretary. Deputy returning officers (one for each polling booth) were: Wm. Perks, Harry Dixon and Lars Firing. The three election clerks were: Mrs. Clarey McGuire, Mrs. H. Smith, and Mrs. Bob Higman.

COUNCIL APPROVES BY-LAW TO EXTEND COMMERCIAL AREAS

Twenty-five building permits totalling \$316,275 were approved during August, Ald. Al Christie told town council meeting Sept. 13.

On motion of Ald. Bill Corbett, seconded by Ald. Christie, the town engineer was authorized to go ahead with construction of roads totalling \$52,162 in the 3rd Oak Ridge subdivision, and roads totalling \$43,949.80 in the 1st Vistarchi subdivision.

J.C. Desjardins, town engineer, tabled a copy of a plan from the Montreal Metropolitan Commission pertaining to a proposed cloverleaf overpass to be located west of Morgan Road. Mayor Gelinias suggested that the plan be submitted to the Citizens' Association for their consideration and study.

The proposed cloverleaf and overpass involves a strip of land 150 wide, south of the Metropolitan Boulevard and stretching roughly from Morgan Road to the cemetery.

With this plan before them, council unanimously gave first, second and third readings to a new by-law, No. 96,

At present, Zone D, or the commercial zone, comprises those parts of lot numbers 311 and 312 (west of Morgan Road, lying roughly between the hydro lines and Churchill Road) and 322 and 323, to a depth of 300 feet south of the Metropolitan highway.

The new by-law, subject, of course, to vote of the taxpayers immediately concerned, would enlarge the west commercial zone to include those parts of lots No.311, 312, 316, 317, 318 and to a perpendicular depth of 516 feet south of the Metropolitan Boulevard, and in the east section, would take in those original parts of lots 322 and 323, but now to a depth of 366 feet south of the highway.

This by-law, however, requires the approval of the taxpayers in the areas affected, and Mayor Gelinias set Oct. 20 as the date for a referendum. (The referendum has been postponed, pending clarification of the issues involved to the satisfaction of the incoming council).

The resolution for the new by-law, proposed by Ald. Christie and seconded by Ald. Corbett, said it was advisable to increase the area and extent of the present Zone D to provide for future expansion.

On motion of Ald. Corbett, seconded by Ald. MacLeod, it was decided to

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buy a four-wheel trailer wagon on rubber, cost \$272. It will be used for town sanding, etc. Bid of George Donaldson to provide a new septic tank for the town hall at \$1212 was accepted. Aldermen Brookhouse and Jost were instructed to confer with the Citizens' Association regarding painting of the Barns, color to be left to their discretion.

Ald. Brookhouse was authorized to buy a space-heater for the post office, cost not to exceed \$100. Secretary-Treasurer Soucy was told to make arrangements for sweeping of Baie d'Urfée chimneys. Town Solicitor John Long reported that Caron Point Road was not, in his opinion, a town road, but private property on which there is reciprocal right of passage enjoyed by certain landowners. He suggested the town should not take any official cognizance of the road as constituting frontage.

On motion of Ald. Jost, seconded by Ald. MacLeod, R.C. Vidler, works superintendent, will be paid \$325 monthly, effective Aug. 19. Monthly rent for the town hall living quarters the Vidlers occupy was set at \$25.

Baie d'Urfée Horticultural Society asked for a by-law concerning destruction of dead elm trees. Mr. Soucy will enquire as to the town's jurisdiction in such matters.

The following accounts were passed: H.J. O'Connell Ltd. - \$4982; Town of Pointe Claire - \$187; W.A. Aalders - \$95; Canadian General Electric - \$2459.73.

T.R. Lee.

PICKUP FOR RUMMAGE SALE ON NOV. 2

The Rummage Sale by the Benevolent Society of St. George's Anglican and the United Churches will be held in Harpell Hall, 1:45 P.M. Thursday, Nov. 3. Pickup will be Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the morning. Following is the list of helpers where rummage may be left:-

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A STATEMENT FROM MAYOR CRUICKSHANK

To have been elected Mayor of Baie d'Urfée is a great honor. I hope I may be able to justify the confidence in me indicated by the Citizens' Association ballot Sept. 23 and the property owners' vote Oct. 1.

In this message I am sure you would first want me to express our appreciation to Mayor Jean Gelinus and the retiring Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the town and its people. Mayor Gelinus has unselfishly devoted a great deal of time, effort and personal expense to Baie d'Urfée over many years. While some did not always agree with his decisions, I am sure there is no one who did not admire him for his great devotion and hard work while in office.

Ald. Al Christie has a long record of service to the Town. As Chairman of the building committee in the recent council he devoted endless hours that we might have a community of which to be proud.

Harry Smythe has been a tireless worker on Council, on the School Board and in the Citizens' Association ever since I have known him. His ability and sincerity are known to all.

While I am not personally familiar with the work of Alderman MacLeod I am sure he discharged his duties with distinction.

May I, on behalf of all citizens, express deep appreciation to all these men.

During the election I enumerated several principles which I felt were most important. My convictions that these principles must be upheld led me in the first instance to agree to stand for office. These principles, which formed the basis of my platform, are as follows:

1. The views of all citizen groups should be welcomed in formation of town policy.
2. Citizen participation in town administration should be fostered by use of committees to supplement the work of unpaid aldermen.
3. Community development should be directed in the interest of the residents. Long-range town planning should be revived to accomplish this objective.
4. Exploitation of the town by external groups should be opposed.
5. Every effort should be made to maintain the town's residential nature, to make it a safe place for children and a community of homes, parks and playgrounds.

These are the basic principles which will govern administration of Baie d'Urfée during my two-year term of office. It is with these principles in mind that your Council will approach the study of such problems as:-

1. The effects of commerce and industry on the town.
2. The superhighway cloverleaf, and shopping centre.
3. Building permit fees

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I would not like to close this message without expressing my personal appreciation to those who campaigned on my behalf. In general they were people convinced of the need for a town administration based on citizen participation. I would like to assure all citizens of my dedication to this fundamental objective.

W. H. Cruickshank.

APPROXIMATELY 93 PER CENT OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS VOTED

Here are election statistics as compiled by Ewing Tait.

Names on Voters' List at August 26, 1955		446
Deduct - Incorporated companies	18	
Known to have moved	19	
Non-British citizens	<u>10</u>	47
Add - Names added Election Day through production of deeds		<u>57</u>
Total names known eligible to vote		<u>456</u>
Resident taxpayers who voted		318
Resident taxpayers known out of town		7
Resident taxpayers believed in town but did not vote		<u>16</u>
		341
Non-resident taxpayers who voted		34
Non-resident taxpayers who did not vote		<u>81</u>
		115

Approximately 93% of the resident taxpayers and 30% of the non-resident taxpayers voted.

Actually there were probably more than 456 people eligible to vote but there is no way of checking the number of people who may have bought property in recent months and who did not have their names added to the list by producing their deeds.

These figures are not official.

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The Baie d'Urfée Hockey club is getting ready for another active season, according to Ernie DeWitt, OC.

Boys between eight and 16 who wish to play hockey this coming season will be registered at THE COOP, Saturday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. Ernie urges fathers to attend this meeting with their sons.

A house league will operate again, with at least four teams, perhaps more. Lads 8 to 10 are eligible.

Peewee and Bantam teams for the Lakeshore Minor Hockey League will be organized, and if there is enough support a midget team will also be entered. Boys must be between 14 and 16, with birthdays of the 16-year-olds not having fallen before July 30 of this year.

GINNIE SAYS:

RECENTLY A PANICY FEELING struck us. There're too many new people moving into Baie d'Urfée and we can't keep up with the influx. Even with the help of a couple of top-notch assistants, we're fast falling behind...

SINCE THE DEPARTURE of Joanne Boyle and Anne Tivy (spark plugs of the Oak Ridge and Bayview districts) to Asbestos and Moncton...with Pearl Godfrey's forthcoming move to Hamilton and Vera Wighton's involvement with the Home and School program, we've reached a real void in "information getters". We need one gal from Oak Ridge, two to take care of the upper and lower sections of Bayview, another to help Jan Martin cover Lakeview Gardens, and someone for Morgan Road. Babs Avey can handle Sunny Acres and we'll pick up the odd strays, plus Lakeshore Road.

ALL THAT'S INVOLVED is to call on newcomers, get a few "vital statistics" for News & Views, tell 'em about our Citizens' Association, (cheques may be made out to the Association and mailed to us --V. Higman, Baie d'Urfée), and go away with one more friend to add to one's growing list. It's a wonderful way to get acquainted!

WE'RE TERRIFIC BAIE D'URFEE boosters, and part of it, we're sure, is the fact we've met more than our share of newcomers and are absolutely charmed by all of them.

TAKE GEORGE FRITZ, for instance. We cornered him on Flatbush's Glorious Day sitting on his sun porch taking in the Game. So instead of a 10-minute interview, we stayed two hours chatting about horses...the ball game...children...sports...horses again...and what a fine place the Lakeshore district is in which to live. Mr. Fritz is a Michigander who came to Canada as a temporary resident, and after 13 years in Beaconsfield and now here, thinks it's about time the "temporary" status was dropped. His prime reason for buying the Binz estate and moving to Baie d'Urfée was Beaconsfield's much-too-rapid growth. He'd like to help all he can to keep Baie d'Urfée from making the same mistakes. Professionally, Mr. Fritz is a business analyst and administrator, but his real love is

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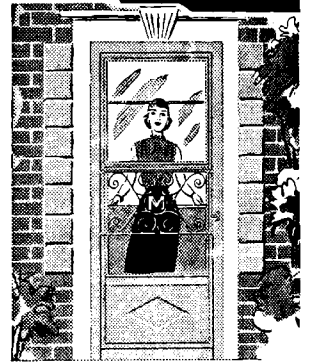
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SUNNY ACRES, LONG dormant, has had an upswing in building. Newest of Sunny Acreites are Nancy and John Fullam who moved into 27 Sunny Acres Sept. 29 along with six-year-old daughter, Senga, and two-month-old Pamela. Though they've lived in Montreal for the past eight years, the Fullams are from England. And talk of efficiency: they moved in on a Thursday, Nancy made their drapes over the weekend and was all organized to accompany her husband, an engineer for Jarry Hydraulics on a business trip to Miami the following Tuesday! John's hobby is designing and making livingroom furniture, and both are enthusiastic skiers.

MOVING INTO BETTY Davies' house at 3 Sunny Acres end of August were Lee and Wally Ward. Wally, though new to Baie d'Urfée, knows more about this area than 99/100% of the older residents for he was born and brought up in Ste. Anne's. His father watched Macdonald College being built and was on the staff for some 40 years! Wally, who began his newspaper career as a cub reporter at 16 and has been plugging away in various capacities ever since, is editor of The Montrealer magazine. Lee, his charming wife, is also steeped in the world of newsprint, her family publishing a weekly paper in Ontario. Both Wally and Lee are fishing-crazy, Wally being an avid hunter as well. The "family" includes Sunny and Su-Su, two beautiful (smart as a whip, too) Siamese cats.

WAY LAST JUNE from N.D.G. came Charlie and Edie Kirby to their new home at 42 Sunny Acres, with Billy, nine, and Louise, five. Edie's mother, Mrs. Taylor, still in business in Montreal, also lives with the Kirbys. Charlie's an engineer with Bell Telephone and both the Kirbys love sports of all kinds-- especially bowling.

THOUGH THEY NOW LIVE at 29 Sunny Acres, but when Victoria Drive goes through, Johnny and Barbara Weston will probably have that street for an address! Moving to Sunny Acres September first with Lyn, seven, and Willie, two, the Westons (Torontonians originally) came from Seven Islands, Quebec. Johnny is a pilot for Timmins Aviation Company and when he's not flying he keeps himself mighty busy shoving dirt around on their new lot. Barbara, on the other hand, has the very profitable hobby of making her own rugs.

OAK RIDGE'S SAND PITS, delight of all the small fry of that district, are being built upon, with three new families moving in the latter part of September: Eric and Pamela Hyde, 114 Victoria Drive; Phyllis and Bruce Robinson, 107 Victoria Drive, and Arne and Elsa Hollum, 109 Hawthorn Drive.

WE INTERVIEWED EIGHT year old Neils who was holding down the Hollum fort while mother was shopping, and a very serious, courteous little boy we found him. We learned his mom and dad are both from Norway and are very fond of skiing. Christian, his 12 year old brother was also born in Norway but Neils and five year old Ingrid are Canadians. Before coming to Montreal the family lived in Arvida.

DIRECTLY BEHIND THE Hollums are Phyllis and Bruce Robinson who moved Sept. 26 from the Town of Mt. Royal. Bruce, who works for the Bathurst

Power and Paper Company, sounds as though he's a very community-minded soul, serving as president of The Town's Junior Chamber of Commerce last year. Sports in general interest both the Robinsons and besides a very sweet little Corgi pup, the Robinsons have two lively youngsters, Lynn, six, and Craig Amory, four.

IMMEDIATELY to the west are Eric and Pamela Hyde who will be interviewed for next month's issue. . . .

STRADDLING ONE OF those very modern sling chairs, we talked a half an hour to Marg Beatty in her ultra-modern home at 26 Apple Hill Road while her husband, Don, and a friend--both T.C.A. pilots--slapped on paint around us. The Beattys, lucky people, lived for a number of years in Ste. Adele right in the heart of the Laurentian ski area. Naturally one of their favorite sports is skiing, while summer time Don golfs and both like archery. Woodworking is a hobby of Don's and what Margaret does beside raising eight year old Paul, two year old Michael and eleven month old Laura, we forgot to find out!

NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS, at 28 Apple Hill, are Gordon and Lucille Fletcher who moved to Baie d'Urfée from Brockville Sept. 17. Gordon's a salesman for Hall Engineering and sailing is a big MUST with them. The Fletchers three children are Jim, six, Joan, four and Kathy, two.

ALSO HAVING THREE CHILDREN are Jim and Nadine Blake who moved into their new home--formerly belonging to Sidonie and Larry Marshall--Sept. 15. Coming from Vancouver, via Calgary, the Blakes, along with Miss Betty Harrison who lives with them, are rapidly getting settled at 6 Apple Hill. . . the Marshalls, in the meantime, are renting in the Bayview area. Jim's an insurance broker with Marsh & McLennan and is very interested in sports, particularly badminton, tennis and golf. The three little Blakes are Terry, six, Malah, four and Jimmy George ("Jaygee"), fifteen months.

WHERE BAYVIEW ENDS and Lakeview Gardens begins, we haven't found out, but Lakeview Gardeners for sure are Brenda and Joe Pal, 669 Victoria Drive. The Pals moved to their new home the middle of last month along with Joey, three, and Timmy, 7 months. As every football fan knows, one of the Alouettes' shining stars is Joey Pal, their flying wing, and we're mighty pleased to welcome him into the community. The Pals have been residing the last four years at Macdonald College while Joe's been finishing up with his schooling. Besides playing football, Joe's in charge of the executive training program for Molson's Brewery. But Joe's not the only sportsman of the household; Brenda (besides liking to watch her husband play football on TV) loves badminton. Hometown for the pair is Hamilton, Ontario.

A GOLF ENTHUSIAST is Ronald Shaw, third member of the Shaw family to move to Baie d'Urfée within the last half year. Ronald and Margaret Shaw with Joanne, two, and Douglas, four months, live at 78 Churchill Road, moving there last July. Ron is with Imperial Trust Company of Montreal.

MOVING DATE FOR Roy and Em Brown was the end of August and by now they feel fairly well settled in their new home at 715 Victoria Drive. Roy is Zone Manager for the Ford Motor Company and besides their son, Royal, twelve, and their daughter, Tamanie, two, Em's mother, Mrs. Wilson, lives with them. Em, we're told, loves to bowl and is very interested in I.O.D.E. work.

IF YOU'D LIKE to see what a Samoyed looks like, visit Joyce and Fred Munger at 682 Victoria Drive. A Samoyed is a white dog resembling a husky. The Mungers moved to Baie d'Urfée the first week in August from Toronto. Fred, or "Sunny" as he's known, is an accountant for the Calumet Investment Company. And disappointed were we that Joyce didn't display her very unusual cushions--shaped like various fruit--in the recent Arts and Crafts show down at The Coop. Next year perhaps?

WE CAUGHT YVETTE Kinapen taking a breather out in the sunshine in her back yard at 714 Surrey Drive. Yvette and Alfred, with eleven year old Camille, came from Niagara, Ontario, Sept. 1. Yvette emphatically stated gardening was going to be a "hobby", with swimming taking second place until their landscaping was completed. Alfred is with the Dominion Engineering Company.

TAKING OVER THE R. Harold Brown home at 66 Somerset Road are Norman and Kay Todd, formerly of Drummondville, P.Q. The Todds moved into Bayview just before school started, school being Norman's livelihood, he in turn being the new 8th grade teacher at Mac. The Todds are particularly fond of curling and golf.

FROM TORONTO TO their new home at 107 Devon Road came Lillian and Peter Rintoul Sept. 7. Lillian, whose invalid mother will be coming to live with them right after Thanksgiving, is interested in bowling and playing bridge, while Peter, plant manager for the Gair Company of Canada, is particularly interested in blind people and has spent a great deal of time as chairman for the committee for the blind for the North Avenue Road Lions Club in Toronto.

BAIE D'URFEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMPETITION

Results as announced at presentation of prizes at the "Coop" Sept. 10, 1955.

GIRLS - 8 to 10

1st - Sandra Willets
2nd - Patsy Ware
3rd - Linda MacDonald

HONORABLE MENTION - Heather Edward

ALSO COMPLETED - Susan Booker	Margaret Glen	Valerie Booker
Alison Fisher	Judy Hutt	Janice Burrige
Patricia Irving	Elizabeth Hutt	Bronie Evans
Lizette Gilday	Janet Menzies	Susan Crostan

BOYS - 8 to 11

1st - Stuart Kinmond
2nd - Douglas Menzies
3rd - Malcolm MacDonald

HONORABLE MENTION - Douglas Van Loan

ALSO COMPLETED - Charles Bury	David Brown
Tom Bolton	Stuart Frew
George Frew	

GIRLS - 11 to 17

1st - No award
2nd - Janet Smith
3rd - Peggy Lee Crostan

ALSO COMPLETED
Frances Bolton
Leslie Bain

BOYS - 12 to 17

1st - Stewart Parker
2nd - No award
3rd - Joseph Holton

MRS. H.J. DARRAGH and MR. CECIL COULTER acted as Judges during the summer months with MRS. D.G. EDWARD and MR. HERB BROOKHOUSE acting as final Judges.

THE EWING TAIT TROPHY for highest point total was won by STUART KINMOND.

The contestants who have qualified for gardeners badges in their respective classes will be notified by their leaders.

F.E. KINMOND, Chairman.
(Children's Garden Competition Only).

CITIZENS JAM, OVERFLOW COOP AS BALLOTS COUNTED

The Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Assoc. met in the Coop Sept. 23 to count the ballots cast in the straw vote.

There were about 180 present, some outside the Coop. Chairman Jack Mitcham allowed a short period for anyone to deposit his ballot. Asking if there was any further business before counting ballots, Mr. Mitcham said he would conduct the meeting along constitutional procedure, and where there were situations not covered by the rules he would have to make arbitrary decisions. If anyone disagreed he would vacate the chair in favour of the vice-president or any other member of the executive they might choose.

Harry Costigan submitted his resignation as an aldermanic candidate and Chairman said his only alternative was to declare Les Tait a candidate by acclamation.

He asked for nominations of scrutineers to assist the returning officers, Ewing Tait and Erskine Kinmond, in counting the ballots. Several members volunteered and the Chairman read the rules for counting the ballots.

Mr. Mitcham said the C.A. had adopted a resolution some years ago, not to re-nominate a candidate who had served two consecutive terms. Under the circumstances, however, since Mayor Gelinas had been named a candidate by the nominating committee, he would ask for a resolution waiving the above regulation for this particular meeting. A motion was offered by Chester Ellis, seconded by Al Loke.

Fred Dorion said regardless of the C.A. rules, a candidate could stand for office in accordance with the Provincial Cities and Towns Act. The motion of waiver was carried.

While the ballot counting went on, the Chairman explained that Mayor Gelinas had unfortunately not been invited in time for the last meeting since up until a day or two before he had been the only candidate. He had apologized and had offered to waive counting of the straw ballot vote if Mayor Gelinas wished to withdraw as a nominee of the C.A. The mayor had chosen to let matters stand. Mr. Mitcham invited Mayor Gelinas to speak.

The Mayor said he knew of the last meeting but it was then too late to cancel plans for a hunting trip for which he felt responsible. The Mayor expressed his willingness to answer any questions regarding town affairs.

Question: Why had the Mayor decided to by-pass the C.A. in running for office?

Mayor: Why didn't the Nominating Committee ask me to run. Bill Parker came to me early in the year and asked me if I was going to run, not would I run - there's a difference. I replied that I didn't know yet, it was too early to decide. The Mayor said one committee member came back later, but he did not regard that as a proper invitation to run.

Al Loke: Could people owning property in both Zone A and B vote in the proposed referendum (re the Commercial Zone)?

Mayor: Yes.

Question: At the last meeting did the C.A. show us a road plan, and was it a proposal or an accomplished fact?

Mayor: The plan is a proposal, which I handed to the C.A. to let the people consider before voting. If a majority of citizens seem to be in favour a referendum would be held.

Question: At the last meeting I got the impression that the referendum would only be for a shopping centre.

Mayor: If there is a referendum it will be on commercial zoning, not a shopping centre.

Question: What size is the present commercial zone?

The Mayor explained that the present commercial zone was 900 ft. long and there was a proposal to extend it to the rear of lots on Morgan Rd., thus approximately doubling its length. The Mayor read a letter from a group of citizens protesting against the location of the overpass and circle. He explained he had obtained the plan recently, very early in planning stage.

Question: Why do we have to have it?

Mayor: The Metropolitan Commission planned it there.

Question: Why must we have it in that location?

Mayor: You don't have to accept it. Discuss it and decide.

The Mayor explained that in talks with the chief engineer of the Metropolitan Commission he had suggested the area between the college and Morgan Road to limit the area of depreciation.

J. Wighton: Why not locate it further east?

Mayor: Houses on Morgan Road would be affected.

In response to further protests, the Mayor said he would write a letter to the Metropolitan Commission protesting against any cloverleaf or turning circle in Baie d'Urfée, but he thought the town would lose much by doing so.

Question: Why is it proposed to enlarge the commercial zone to twice its present size?

Mayor: Because the land adjacent to the cloverleaf would become commercial in nature.

Question: Is it proposed to increase the commercial area to permit a larger shopping centre?

Mayor: With more space a larger centre could be built and also parking space would be required.

Question: Can we say "No" to the shopping centre?

Mayor: We cannot stop a shopping centre in a commercial zone.

Question: Is there any connection between the shopping centre and the cloverleaf?

Mayor: Our proposition shows a relation between the two, because there must be access to a shopping centre.

Question: Isn't a referendum on the commercial centre putting the "cart before the horse"?

Mayor: The referendum can be postponed.

Question: Is the circle there for the shopping centre or vice versa?

Mayor: They are being considered together, but the citizens can decide about that.

Chester Ellis: There is a rumour of widening Morgan Road. Is this connected with this new development?

The Mayor replied in the negative.

Question: What benefits would these proposals bring?

The Mayor said there wouldn't be time to discuss all these things fully at this meeting, but he would inform the chairman of these things so they could be discussed by the C.A.

Harold Ross: Would the shopping centre produce more revenue?

Mayor: It probably would.

Question: Why not move circle and shopping centre West?

Mayor: That could be considered.

Mrs. Wighton asked about the location of the elevated portion of the road, and the Mayor explained it.

Question: Will the road be at surface level at Surrey Drive?

Mayor: Yes.

Question: Is there any possibility of the Metropolitan Commission changing its plans once a proposal to integrate the roadway and commercial zone were okayed?

Mayor: The two projects are independent but there would be advantages in grouping them.

Chairman: Our impression from the last meeting was that the proposal to extend the commercial centre was to accommodate the roadway.

Mayor: If this referendum were cancelled there would be another one proposing the extension of the commercial zone by 66 ft. to allow for a service road.

Chester Ellis asked whether the Mayor concurred that his administration was responsible for good building controls, no mass housing development, community centre, etc. as claimed by his election committee.

The Mayor described the part he played in preparation of building rules, obtaining parks, the community centre, rinks, with special reference to Bertold Park which he said was valued at \$30,000. Chester Ellis expressed disagreement, and the Chairman said he should confine his remarks to questions.

The Chairman asked if Dr. Cruickshank wished to speak. Dr. Cruickshank

said there hadn't been an election for eight years so the time was ripe for one. He thought the action of Mayor Gelinas in running for an extra term was a breach of faith, but hoped that the C.A. decision would be sustained.

The Chairman then asked for people who wished to sign the nomination papers of the selected candidates. In the meantime, the returning officers had completed the ballot count with the following results, as announced by Erskine Kinmond:

Dr. Cruickshank	352	Geo. Bain	311
Mayor Gelinas	159	Al. Christie	194
Ron Whiteside	283		
Reid Barnes	221		

J.L. Marshall, secretary.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

ELECTIONS

At July elections Ron J. Baker, Oxford Rd., College Green, and W. F. Dawson, Senneville, were elected to the Baie d'Urfée-Senneville local School Board for a term of three years.

W.E. Butler (Senneville), R.J. Baker (Baie d'Urfée) and W. Spriggs (Baie d'Urfée) were appointed by our Local Board to represent Baie d'Urfée-Senneville on the Macdonald Central School Board for a term of four years.

SCHOOL BOARDS

A brief explanation of the organization of the Protestant School Authority in our district may be of interest to newcomers in Baie d'Urfée.

The Central Board system, under which we operate, consists of a number of local boards elected by the property owners and a Central Board appointed by the local boards. This arrangement provides the maximum of autonomy for individual sections of the district.

A Local Board is responsible, subject to Central Board approval, for procuring of land and the building, ownership, and operation of schools within its area. It is also responsible for collection of taxes, for bus transportation, for preparation of a local budget and for appointment of representatives to the Central Board.

The Central Board exercises general financial control, supervises local board budgets, sets the tax rates, engages all teachers, and, in our case, hires the secretarial and building staff and operates and maintains the school.

The district served by our school includes Baie d'Urfée, Senneville, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Ste. Anne de Bout de L'Isle, Isle Perrot, Dorion (Vaudreuil), Isle Cadieux and Belle Plage. To cover this district we have four Local Boards:-

Baie d'Urfée-Senneville (includes Ste. Anne de Bout de L'Isle)
Ste. Anne de Bellevue
Isle Perrot
Dorion-Isle Cadieux

Local Board members are elected for three years (two at a time) and
Central Board members are appointed for four years (all at the same time).

Our Baie d'Urfée-Senneville School Board consists of:-

W.E. Butler	Senneville	10 years service - Chairman
W.F.R. Angus	"	5 years service
W.F. Dawson	"	New member
W. Spriggs	Baie d'Urfée	21 years service
R.F. Baker	"	New member

The Macdonald Central School Board members are:-

W. Spriggs	Baie d'Urfée-Senneville	8 years service - Chairman
W.E. Butler	" "	8 years service
R.F. Baker	" "	New member
F.H. Farmer	Ste. Anne de Bellevue	2 years service
J.M. Cornett	Isle Perrot	New member

W. Spriggs.

CITIZENS HEAR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

The Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Association met Sept. 16 with about 150 people present, and Jack Mitcham, Chairman, in the chair,

Treasurer's Report: Lars Firing reported that the credit balance was \$1361. He reported that Baie d'Urfée Day was a success financially.

Chairman Mitcham read a letter from Town Secretary Soucy asking for a written copy of his submission to Council for appointment of a permanent building inspector. The Chairman, at a recent Council meeting, had declined to provide a written statement, an exact copy being unavailable, but the May issue of News & Views contained the substance of his remarks.

Membership: Two new members reported by Ginny Higman.

Coop: Bill Perks reported there wasn't much summer activity, except for the visits of the French Boy Scouts. However, the Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, and Brownies were starting up.

Baie d'Urfée Day: Chairman Mitcham reported this event had been a great success; also that the Handicraft Show and Horticultural Society Show were equally successful.

Town Council: Coun. Herb Brookhouse reported that the contract had been let for the new septic tank at the town hall and additional toilet facilities would be available next year.

New Business

Painting Bee: The Chairman announced that there would shortly be a bee to paint the Town Barns which he hoped would be a social and artistic success.

Nominating Committee: Chairman stated that this committee had worked hard and had many meetings to select suitable candidates. He also announced that this committee had issued a supplementary ballot with the name of a second Mayoralty candidate, in addition to the principal ballot paper recently circulated. The supplementary ballot was now in the mails.

Clary McGuire then announced his resignation from the Nom. Committee and was followed by Shaun Black and Bill Parker.

Bill Parker gave his reasons for resigning: After issuance of their first list of candidates and ballot he felt that the committee's work was done, and he had told Chairman Powrie this after the last committee meeting, which he was unable to attend. He said he received the impression from Mr. Powrie that he and Shaun Black were the only dissenters concerning the proposal of a second candidate for Mayor, which later appeared contrary to the facts. He felt, therefore, that he had been improperly induced to make a majority.

Chairman Jack Mitcham stated that the executive committee of the C.A. had endorsed the Nom. Committee's decision.

Al Loke reported that at a recent Nominating Committee meeting at Parker's home at which four members were present, there was 100% agreement on a secondary ballot.

Bill Parker said he disagreed with the "approach" of the Nom. Committee.

Bob Powrie, Chairman of the Nominating Committee said it was the purpose of the committee to obtain two candidates wherever possible and accordingly the committee deemed it advisable to take advantage of this new "name" for the Mayoralty seat. At most of the committee meetings it had been impossible to get full attendance. He had thought that Clary McGuire favoured two candidates and that he would approve of the new "name" proposed. He reported that Shaun Black was disinterested in the last committee meeting and had not attended the previous two meetings. Mr. Powrie believed that the only way to avoid an election was to obtain two candidates.

Shaun Black and Bill Parker expressed disagreement with this statement. Clary McGuire stated that he considered the work of the committee finished with the circulation of the first ballot. He did not object to the new candidate but objected to the technique used by the committee. Ewing Tait stated that the committee had fulfilled its function by obtaining two candidates. He moved that the action of the Nominating Committee and its endorsement by the Executive Committee be approved by the Association. Seconded by John Windebank.

Sid Nagley stated that in view of the disagreement amongst the committee, a new committee should be formed to include the remaining members, and a new straw ballot taken.

Elliott Bolton said there were two questions at issue:

1. The actions of the committee and 2. The candidates. Mr. McGuire was evidently in favour of two Mayoralty candidates, but differed with other members of the committee regarding the second ballot. Therefore, he should only make a motion to censure the committee members with whom he differed. Frank Booth said that the Association constitution had been followed; the Nominating Committee was formed to provide candidates and this had been done and approved by the executive.

Shaun Black said the minority opinion was being disregarded. Chairman Jack Mitcham replied that Mr. Black couldn't represent the minority because he had missed the last three committee meetings. Al. Loke said that the committee had followed constitutional procedure and should be approved. Ewing Tait repeated his motion of approval and the motion was carried.

Chairman Jack Mitcham then asked for nominations of two returning officers for counting ballots Friday, Sept. 23. Ewing Tait was nominated by Bernice Ellis, seconded by Pat Laird. Erskine Kinmond was nominated by Les Tait, seconded by Chas. Cavell.

Referendum on Zoning: Chairman Jack Mitcham described briefly the proposed new highway and intersection and also a proposed shopping centre. He said the executive committee had not reached a decision on the question and he wanted to put it before the meeting so they could give it consideration and express their opinions at the general meeting the second Friday in October.

The Chairman explained that the party interested in developing the shopping centre had made an offer of four lots to the town; and said that while this should not influence voting in the referendum, it would be a result of a favourable vote.

Harry Dixon explained that only residents in Zones B and D were eligible to vote.

Geo. Bain remarked that in the March 1954 issue of News & Views it was reported town council said the citizens would have adequate time to protest any action concerning the clover-leaf area. It now appeared they were getting very little time to do anything about it. Councillor Christie said every municipality of the Metropolitan Commission had a vote regarding the new intersection and the majority would vote for it. Baie d'Urfée Council had succeeded in getting the over-pass moved west so it would be grouped with other low assessment features, namely the sub-station and power line.

Councillor Christie said the shopping centre would provide more tax revenue per unit area than residential properties.

Furthermore, one large centre would obviate the growth of several scattered small stores, perhaps of inferior quality.

Question: Why not build the road system further east where there were fewer houses?

Coun. Christie: That is substantially what was done.

Question: Can't the citizens zone the town and control the establishment of stores?

Coun. Christie: The town cannot refuse to permit a commercial enterprise in a commercial zone if it meets all regulations.

Doug. Laird recalled that several years ago it was agreed that a localized shopping centre was preferable.

Question: Couldn't the shopping centre be located on the north side of the railway tracks?

Doug. Lairs: There has been no access prior to this new proposal of an over-pass.

Question: Is the town going to make any tax concessions to the promoters?

Coun. Christie: Commutation of taxes is illegal.

Chester Ellis: Could not the road system be located on the College property?

Coun. Christie: The Provincial Government would not allow the Metro. Commission to do so.

Question: If the new highway intersection is not yet approved why cannot it be moved to a less inhabited area?

Chairman: The project had not been approved yet.

Question: Why not put the new road on the north side of the tracks?

Coun. Christie: Because the Metro. Comm. want it on the south side to meet the proposed new St. Anne's bridge.

Al Davis: Since compensation for lost commercial area was being sought in the form of encroachment into residential areas, could property owners affected likewise claim compensation for devaluation of their property?

Coun. Christie: The owners of the commercial property owned contiguous residential property.

Question: Why wasn't the new road routed through Senneville where it had been previously planned?

Chairman Mitcham: Perhaps Senneville had more influence than we have.

Pat Laird: Why not put the cross-over on Ile Perrot where there is much uninhabited space?

Coun. Christie: The Metro. Commission has jurisdiction only on the Island of Montreal.

Mr. Martin said we should defer expansion of the commercial zone until the new road materializes.

Coun. Christie: The commercial zone is independent of the road.

J. Barrable: What kind of firm and what kind of building can we expect in the commercial building?

Coun. Christie: This will not be known until the referendum is passed.

Question: Why was the cross-over moved west from a non-built-up area to an area with many houses?

Coun. Christie: The road system in the former position would have made a difficult situation at Morgan road and the railway station.

Ewing Tait: What park area, if any, is being set aside?

Coun. Christie: Lakeview Gardens has given Bertold Park and has sold the town the barns for \$15,000.

Ewing Tait replied that the park was in connection with a housing development, and a reasonable price had been paid for the barns.

Chairman: We shall entertain a few more questions but then we must allow time for the candidates to speak. The Chairman asked whether Mayor Gelinas was present, He was absent, so the chairman called upon the second Mayoralty candidate, Dr. Harvey Cruickshank.

After Dr. Cruickshank addressed the meeting briefly, the following candidates for council seats spoke:

- Seat 2. Mr. Costigan and Les Tait
- Seat 4. Geo. Bain and Al Christie
- Seat 6. Reid Barnes and Ron Whiteside

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