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1949

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BAIE d'URFE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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The objectives of the Baie d'Urfé Citizens' Association were listed in the constitution as follows:

- A. To enlist the interest of the residents of Baie d'Urfé in all matters affecting the community and to foster and promote among them a stronger spirit of citizenship.
- B. To further the economic, social, recreational, cultural, and other interests of the Town.
- C. To provide a means for the dissemination of information on all matters affecting the interests of the residents of the Town.
- D. To provide an organization through which the residents of the Town may communicate collectively with the Town Council and other authorities.
- E. To co-operate with the Town Council in promoting the general interests and welfare of the community.
- F. To co-operate with other organizations engaged in or supporting endeavours similar to the objectives of the Association.
- G. To invite all candidates for municipal office to address an open meeting of the Association.

Since its organization in 1947 the Association has been very active. It has enjoyed the valued support of the great majority of the citizens of the Town, and can boast of a long list of successful achievements.

The executive committee for the year 1949 has endeavored to maintain this high level of interest and activity and has endeavored to carry out the objectives of the Association as set down in the constitution; we hope to your satisfaction.

The fiscal year of the Association ends December 31st, and the annual meeting will be held on January 13th, 1950. As laid down in the constitution a general election of officers will be held at this meeting. One month prior to the annual meeting the executive committee must appoint a committee to receive nominations in writing signed by two members in good standing. The chairman and members of the nomination committee will be announced at the December Meeting.

Your chairman has appreciated the support and co-operation of all members of the Association during his term of office. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking, in particular, the members of the executive and chairmen of standing committees whose constant support have made my year in office most pleasant.

In retiring from office at the end of this year I would like to emphasize the importance of maintaining a high level of participation by spreading the responsibility of leadership widely within the Association. The regular introduction of "New Blood" into the executive positions will assist in maintaining the high level of interest which the Association has enjoyed. I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community during the current year.

Harvey Cruickshank, Chairman

The regular meeting took place on Friday, November 11th, at 8.00 p.m. There were 38 persons present. It was reported that signs are being placed along Lakeshore Road and the general impression was that speeding has been reduced. It was suggested that letters be sent to local tradesmen pointing out to them that their truck drivers are the chief offenders. It was proposed to get the Sunday School started immediately, as Mrs. Creates had kindly offered to act as teacher. The Harrington's road problem was discussed again, and as a majority of the council members were present it was felt that it was unnecessary to write a further letter to the Council. Mrs. Windebank and Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney were introduced to the meeting. So far this year

the movie club shows a slight profit and the Barn Dance also showed a profit; final figures not yet to hand. It was suggested that we recommend to the new executive the wisdom of a course in First Aid. It was asked that letters be sent to both railway companies pointing out the bad condition of the crossings at the station, also asking C.N.R. for better lighting. The programme chairman announced that Dr. Leo Walker will address the next meeting on "First Aid". The Town Planning Committee then took over the meeting after which refreshments were served.

Patricia Laird, Secretary

TOWN PLANNING: Following the business of the last monthly meeting, Dr. Hanson, acting as chairman of the Town Planning Committee in the absence of Mr. Dawson, took over the meeting. First a film was shown depicting the contrasts between life in a crowded industrial area, with its soot, mud, noise, overcrowding and insanitary housing conditions, and life in a rural community -- a garden city -- with the houses amongst woodlands and fields and rural pathways for youth on bicycles. The film acted as an introduction to a few words spoken by Mrs. Case to inform the citizens that her project for a "safe-way" was still under consideration. Mr. Laird told of the Town Council's proposal to obtain an accurate aerial map and survey of the Town. Mr. P. Smith spoke on the proposal to bring before the taxpayers for their consideration a new building By-Law which would replace the small red book. It was stated that this By-Law must be approved by a referendum of the taxpayers, therefore it was urged by the meeting that all taxpayers be provided with a copy of the new By-Law, and time given for its proper study before the referendum is taken. Dr. Hanson stressed the fact that the Town Planning Committee were amateurs and could only go so far, and that expert advice was now needed. It was mentioned that the Town Council would probably invite an expert to act as consultant in this matter of Town Planning.

It is everyone's business and duty to take an interest in Town Planning and come forward with their suggestions.

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The next meeting of the Association will be held on Friday, December 9th at 8.00 p.m. After the business the special speaker for the evening will be Dr. Leo Walker, a new resident of this Town. He is an Orthopaedic Surgeon and his subject will be "FIRST AID". How many of us really know what to do in the emergency caused by an accident in the Home or on the road? A recent accident to a small child brought home to those who were present how little they did know. It will be to our advantage to turn out on December 9th and hear what Dr. Walker has to tell us. He will no doubt answer questions afterwards.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: At the time of going to press temporary permission has been given for the use of the Town Hall for Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Creates has generously offered her services as teacher and will have the help of some of the mothers whose children will attend. At the next meeting of the Association members will be asked to vote their support to this new venture which will be of great benefit to the younger children at the centre and east of the Town. Our gratitude goes to Mrs. Creates for volunteering her services and we are sure she will have all the support she needs.

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SKATES -- SKATES -- SKATES: The arrival of the snow reminds us that skating will soon be on the minds of all the children. Would it be possible to work out a skate exchange? Has anyone an outgrown pair of skates for girls size 13 or a pair for boys size 11? Please phone 2611.

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SCHOOL AFFAIRS: The Central School Board met on Thursday, November 17th at 9.00 p.m. Four persons attended from Baie d'Urfé. It was disappointing to hear that the agreement with McGill had not been signed, but the chairman Mr. R. Angus stated that new proposals had been made which might change the situation to the advantage of our board. It was expected that this matter will be settled shortly. It was reported that Ile Perrot was now officially admitted to our Central Board and authority was given to purchase a reconditioned Provincial Transport Bus at a cost of \$1,000.00, to be used at a later date to carry the children of Ile Cadieux and Ile Perrot. It was stated that an attempt would be made to educate the public with regard to the law of the Motors and Vehicles Act which states that it is unlawful to pass a school bus (or any

bus for that matter) in either direction if the bus is unloading passengers. A notice is to be painted on the back of our bus as a start. Citizens of Baie d'Urfé please note and see that you do not pass the bus. One item of interest to taxpayers mentioned at the meeting was that a considerable sum of money had been paid in as grants from the Department of Education made up as follows:

\$8,520.00	--	General Grant
330.00	--	for Library Books
500.00)	towards Salaries for Art and Music
500.00)	
600.00	--	for Teaching Household Science

This is a considerable improvement on last year's grants. After the meeting an open discussion took place on the behaviour of children in the Senneville school bus. Mr. Davies emphasized that the drivers can and must insist on proper behaviour in the bus.

There will be a meeting of the school trustees on December 12th at the Town Hall, after which no complaints with regard to tax assessments can be considered. The tax roll is now on view at the home of Miss Margery Walkinshaw, 20625 Lakeshore Road. It was questioned at the recent meeting of the Association whether the tax bills could be sent out before this meeting of December 12th, but it has been ascertained that this is quite in order. Any further questions will be answered, if possible, by the following:

Mr. W. Spriggs	-	Chairman, School Trustees
Mr. Harry Smythe	-	School Trustee
Mrs. W.D. Laird	-	Chairman, School Affairs Committee
Mrs. Ernie DeWitt	-	Member
Mr. John Evans	-	Member
Mr. Kai Bjorn	-	Member

Patricia Laird

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SPEEDING: Since the last meeting the Provincial Roads Department seem to have completed the placing of proper road signs throughout the Town. These signs are very prominent. All we need now is for drivers to obey these signs. The provincial police car has been sent patrolling our road as promised.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 2.15 p.m. and ending at 5.15 p.m. It is the intention of the committee in charge to transport the children by car and deliver them safely home again. A fine programme has been planned with a real Santa and plenty of refreshments.

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The Hospitality Chairman thanks all those who kindly provided the cookies for the meeting. Thanks also to those who helped out in the emergency for refreshments at the Barn Dance. Thanks to Mr. Labrosse for his generous gift for a prize. The party was a great success. Mrs. Peter Smith and Mrs. Cruickshank were the lucky prize winners.

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This issue of News and Views is the last that can be published in time to remind you to send in your nominations for a new slate of officers. After the next meeting on December 9th when the nominations committee will be announced, it will be in order for any two members in good standing to send in nominations to fill any office. This includes the position of Editor of News and Views who wishes to be relieved of this duty. It is important that we have an executive which truly represents the different areas of the Town, in order that members of the committee will be familiar with the various local problems and points of view. We need a stronger representation from the east end of the Town. As emphasized by the chairman, "New Blood" is an important requirement so that we shall have new ideas and not stagnate. We hope that all members will take an active interest in the annual meeting and election of officers and lose no time in sending in their nominations. If more than one nomination is sent in for any one office a vote, of course, will be taken.

Heather Gray, Editor

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