



News & Views

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1954

NOTES ON THE PAD of a brand new editor -
Boy, what a month-

First, Molotov's atom
then Duplessis' income tax
and Macdonald's school tax
then Ellis' Bomb!

Eighth Year
No 76

A STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE:

One of the principal functions of "News and Views" is to keep you informed of current developments affecting the Town and to provide everyone with an opportunity to express his views on such developments. I believe that our very useful monthly has served its intended purpose well, and we are all very indebted to a few people who have devoted so much of their valuable time to its publication. Since our paper is a comparatively small effort, produced by a few voluntary workers, the suitability of the material submitted for publication must, for the most part, be left to those few who publish it on our behalf. It follows that occasionally, and very occasionally, the time available does not permit the desired careful consideration of possibly contentious material, with the result that many readers may find that they are quite in disagreement with the manner in which a subject has been presented.

The last meeting of the Citizens' Association indicated quite clearly that the article in the January issue on the building permit issued to Mayor Gelinas was a case in point. (Page 3 of January 1954). The meeting as a whole went so far as to pass a resolution disassociating the Citizens Association with the article, and the Executive Committee agreed that in the interest of all concerned it should take the necessary steps to repudiate any incorrect inferences contained in the article. Accordingly it is

FRIDAY, FEB. 12 8:15 p.m. TOWN HALL

HEAR MISS FRANCES MAUNSELL, librarian of McLennan Travelling Libraries. She will also show a film.

Our Next
Meeting

the intention of this writing to make such repudiation and to express to Mayor Gelinas the regrets of the Association for any suggestion of impropriety concerning him.

While anyone is free to express an opinion on any development affecting the welfare of our Town, it should deal with the person or persons responsible. Unfortunately, in this instance the writer of the article in question failed to realize that the Town Council and not the applicant is responsible for issuing building permits, with the result that the article created the false impression that the Mayor and not the Council had arrived at an acceptable interpretation of the Building Code on which the permit was issued. Since anyone can criticize Council action with respect to the issuance of any permit, including the Mayor's, the subject of the article is not out of order. However, since the article is critical of what is presumed to be the Mayor's interpretation of the Code, and not the Council which issued the permit, it is out of order. The Association regrets this oversight of correct procedure which reflects unfavourably not only on our Mayor but on all members of the Association, and the Executive Committee will do its best to avoid similar recurrences.

--E. W. Johnstone

BASIS OF GRANTING MAYOR'S PERMIT EXPLAINED AT COUNCIL MEETING

MAYOR JEAN GELINAS' much-talked about garage was considered an accessory building with living quarters above, and the permit for its construction was granted on that basis.

So explained Buildings Chairman A. M. Christie at council meeting Feb. 2. He said the property on which the mayor's house stands and his property directly across the road were considered as a lot, and the garage was considered as accessory to the home on the lakefront.

The discussion arose when Secretary-Treasurer John Long read a letter from Roy E. Cochrane, corresponding secretary of the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' association requesting details concerning the permit, as per the Association vote at its last meeting. Mr. Long also read his reply, which mentioned that the permit had been dealt with in the usual way, although there seemed to be some misconception concerning it.

Chester Ellis, who precipitated the controversy by alleging in the January issue that the garage was contrary to at least the intent of the town's building code, asked for further details.

Mr. Ellis contended the mayor's property below the highway and the piece above, on which the garage is built, could not be considered the same lot. Therefore either an accessory building had been built without main building to be accessory to, or a single family dwelling had been erected that did not comply with Baie D'Urfee's building regulations.

Mr. Christie said he had considered the property as one lot through which the highway ran. The garage was an accessory to the mayor's home across the road. He pointed out that if the land above the highway were sold, the garage could not be used as a residence; it would either have to be modified to comply with the town's

specifications, or a main residence would have to be constructed.

When Mr. Ellis referred to a specific by-law amendment dealing with servants quarters, it was explained that was to prevent use of servants' quarters as a main residence, in the event the property on which they sat was sold as a separate lot.

This matter all revolves around one question, said Councillor Corbett, "and that is whether the property on which the garage is built is the same as that on which the house is built."

"That's the way I interpret it," said Mr. Christie.

"The definition would seem to bear your interpretation out," agreed Councillor Corbett, after reading it. It says: "a lot is a plot of land, separately cadastered or not, and serving or destined to serve as a site for a building."

The mayor charged Mr. Ellis had shown no impartiality in his editorial, and added: "You have not hurt me so much as you have hurt the town." Mr. Christie, replying to Mr. Ellis, said the mayor had obtained a permit for occupancy.

HOPE TO CLEAR UP CONFUSION CONCERNING MAYOR'S PERMIT

IN ACCORDANCE with instructions of the Association, the Executive is investigating and will report on the manner in which building permits are dealt with by council, with particular reference to that concerning the Mayor. The action follows an article in the January issue of News and Views dealing with the mayor's garage. Considerable controversy, confusion and ill-feeling has resulted from publication of the article, and it is felt that in order to clear up any misgivings, and in the best interests of the mayor, the council and the community, the facts should be placed on record.

TOWN GETS A NEW CHARTER AND KIDS GET NEW ROUTE

It might be hard to believe, in view of all the foregoing, but other things of interest to Baie d'Urfites have been happening too. For instance:

We (the town) have a new charter (full details next issue)

After 2 1/2 years' negotiations, some 80 youngsters are no longer going to have to walk along the Lakeshore highway to get to school. (Full details of Mayor Gelin's successful negotiations next issue)

Our new School Tax bills*came out. (ouch! more next issue)

Plans are being completed for a full-scale membership drive on

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GINNY REPORTS

IT'S HIGH TIME we said "Hi Neighbour!" to all Baie D'Urfee's newcomers. We feel like quite the pioneer, having been a Baie d'Urfeite for going on three years, and considering the host of families who've moved in after us. Do you know that Reggie Vidler's post office record shows an increase of over forty families for the year 1953? That, plus the dozen or so babies who've made their appearance, has increased the Town's population by nearly two hundred people!

BUT, QUEL DOMMAGE!, space is so tight this issue we haven't room to spare for a decent introduction of some of these new families to the rest of the Town, so that'll be number one on our agenda for next month.

ALSO SCHEDULED FOR next month (we're awfully sorry there isn't room for it now, but it'll take a full page) is a new idea we have in presenting a monthly calendar listing as many activities affecting Baie d'Urfeites as we can dig up. Any group who has a regularly scheduled monthly, bi-monthly or even weekly meetings, or any group who has a special tea, dance, fashion show, bridge party etc. who would like that date registered on our calendar, please call Joy Millar (Ste. Anne 2377) and give her the information. In time it might help groups decide on meeting or party dates when they can see Baie d'Urfe's monthly activities all down in black and white.

FIRST THEIR DOCILE cows disappeared from the scene and now we hear that Maxwellton Farm itself has been sold, to be subdivided into building lots, the last of the actual working farms in Baie d'Urfe. Such is the way of civilization. We hope, however, that the Yates will remain in their beautiful big old stone house on top of the hill. What would Baie d'Urfe do without that energetic and very charming Sue around?

"ENERGETIC" IS THE word for one of Sunny Acres' newcomers, Carol Davidson (how confused can it get, having two Carol Davidsons in the community, each of whom's husband's initials start with "G") who took it upon herself to organize the Baie d'Urfe Brownie and Guide mothers into a Group Committee to meet the third Monday in every month to further the Guide and Brownie program for the Town. On the 19th of January all of the interested mothers met at Davidsons, nominating Carol as the group's Chairman, "Sis" Bryson, secretary; Janet Fisher, treasurer; Betty MacLeod badge secretary; Rose Nairn, publicity; Elsie Vidler, Brownie representative; Edith Jackson, membership; Gwen Irving and Elsie Vidler were appointed in charge of the uniform exchange. With a promise practically "in the bag" for a Baie d'Urfe Guide troop next fall, with Jean Ross and Evelyn Newton and (unofficially because she's in

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charge of the Beaufort Brownie pack) Babs Avey doing such a bang-up job with the younger fry, it looks like the changeover from Ste. Anne to Baie d'Urfe for our Town's girls is almost completed.

THERE'S A BIT of confusion as to the next meeting date for the Baie d'Urfe Group Committee of the Canadian Girl Guides (see above). Elsie Vidler is hosting the next affair which will be held at the Town Hall, Monday, February 15.

GREETINGS TO "POP" Ware who came home from the Royal Vic Hospital the 29th and is feeling lots better!

THE WINTER CARNIVAL seems ages ago, and as there's a write-up elsewhere in this paper regarding the events we'll not say anything except a hearty "thanks" to Trudy Richter who made the big poster you may have seen in the Town Hall advertising same. Ten minutes is all it took Trudy, who did it all by free hand, yet look at what beautiful work she did!

AS FOR NEXT year's carnival, we heard that a TV truck and all its equipment were out at the rink for the evening "do" and the only reason Baie d'Urfe's Winter Carnival wasn't televised was because the lights weren't strong enough...now if that situation is corrected, we'll be in pictures next year!

BERNICE ELLIS, phone 2024, says newcomers are particularly welcome to Union Church W.A., which meets first Wednesday of every month, 8 p.m. at the church hall, Maple St., Ste Annes. If interested, give her a call.
-Jinny Higman

SECOND ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL PROVES BAGS OF FUN FOR ALL

Despite near-arctic temperatures, the second annual winter carnival Jan. 23 at Morgan Rink was a whopping success from the standpoint both of fun and games and financially.

Credit goes to the committee which organized it, the many citizens who bought their \$1 tickets, those who donated labor, food, prizes or other necessities, and the multitude of kids and adults who turned out and had a whale of a time. All expenses were made, and in addition, the ticket sales paid for the hockey nets and the extra lighting to go around the rink.

At evening's close, with everybody enjoying baked beans and coffee, Roy Cape (with Brad Proudfoot, a chairman of the carnival) thanked contractors Claude Renaud and Ernie Morrison for the temporary shack, and announced it was hoped by next year to have permanent quarters.

Members of the committee, also thanked by Roy were: ticket sales-George Moore; lights and sound-Bob Higman; hockey - Ernie DeWitt; rink - Tom Vauthier; speed skating; figure skating - Mary-Louise Avey; refreshments-Ginny Higman; evening - Ross Davidson and Jack Mitcham; close harmony - Brad Proudfoot; broomball - Tom Penrice; publicity - Tommy Lee; bonfire - Phil Amys and Ross Davidson, not to mention the youngsters who delivered the

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programs home to home, and Miss Trudi Richler, the handsome poster.

The program got underway before noon with hockey, and the kids were thrilled to death by the presence of Bobby Frampton, of the Montreal Royals, who donated an autographed hockey stick, won by Jimmy DeWitt.

Event winners, who got crests, were: skating races - boys and girls, 4,5 - Guy Windebank, Mary Jane Brookhouse; girls 6,7 - Bunny Edward and Anna McLeod; boys 6,7 - Stew Kinmond and Ellis Floyd; girls 8,9 - Marlynne Burns and Braunie Evans; boys 8,9 - Jeff Albulet and Hugh Avey; girls 10,11 - Eleanor Vidler and Heather Lothian; boys 10, 11 - Ian Edward and Phil Amys; girls 12, 13 - Misses Avey and Lorraine DeWitt; boys 12,13 - Michael Cruickshank; girls 14,15 - Susan Poe and Margaret Brookhouse; boys 14,15 Doug Proudfoot and Bryan Ross;

Relay races, mixed: 9, 10, 11 - team of Heather Lothian, Ellie Vidler, Ian Edward and Eric Walter, and 2, team of Judy Corbett, Pixie Lothian, Jimmy Higman and Bagger Proudfoot; 12,13,14 - team of Susan Poe, Beverley Smith, Peter Bjorn and Bryan Ross, and 2, team of Misses Avey, Lorraine DeWitt; Ted Fry and Michael Cruickshank; 15, 16, 17 - team of Susan Poe, Beverley Smith, Peter Bjorn and Bryan Ross, and 2, team of Phyllis Moore, Margaret Brookhouse, Bernie Vidler and Doug Proudfoot;

Figure skating, girls: 8 and under - Ann McLeod, Judy Hutt and Braunie Evans; 9-11 - Judy Corbett, Pixie Lothian and Ellie Vidler; 12-16 - Misses Avey, Susan Poe and Marilyn Brown. East End hockey Team won by default over West End, which failed to put in an appearance. The Count d'Urfee Trophy (spelled P-O-T) was won by College Green, after some hair-raising activities on the ice described in the program as broomball.

The names of every boy and girl who competed in the various events were tossed in a hat, and two draws made; Vicki Lee won two tickets to the ice follies and Teddy Yates won 2 tickets to an NHL game at the forum.

Adults won their share of special prizes during the evening, when activities included moccasin dance (it says here), square dance on skates, and so forth. And folks, last but not least, we were almost televised.

WATCH THAT SCHEDULE, PLEASE

Morgan Rink is for the use and pleasure of all skating enthusiasts, big, small and tiny. To make sure that all ages and sizes get their turn either for just skating or hockey, Tom Vauthier has worked out a schedule. This is to ensure particularly that the little tadpoles can flop about without the added risk of being hit by puck, hockey stick or hockey player. So, puleeze observe the schedule.

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SMART BRAND OF HOCKEY SEEN IN PEEWEE LEAGUE GAMES

Ernie DeWitt's Peewee Hockey League was in the throes of play-offs at press time.

Referees were Jim Nairn, Brad Proudfoot, Tom Penrice, Bryan Ross and Tom Vauthier for the 12-game "season" at Morgan rink, and the teams were as follows:

<u>"GORILLAS"</u>	<u>"ROYALS"</u>	<u>"BOMBERS"</u>	<u>"CANADIANS"</u>
<u>1st Team</u>	<u>2nd Team</u>	<u>3rd Team</u>	<u>4th Team</u>
Ian Edward	Allan Hale	Ted Fry	Eric Walter
Corky Winters	David Lint	Michael Cruickshank	Stewart Proud-
Stewart Parker	John Greenfield	Ian Valentine	foot
Robert Taylor	Robert Wells	Hugh Avey	Sandy Ross
John Brookhouse	Phil Amys	Bruce Davidson	Bob Trodd
Jeff Albulet	Nick Nikolaiczuk	Jimmy DeWitt	Tony Dawson
Trevor Kinmond	David Moore	Malcolm MacDonald	Gary Smith
Terry Higman	Ted Wickson	Gary Cape	Ricky Lint
			Steve Lee
Coach -	Coach -	Coach -	Coach -
Jimmy Nairn	Doug Newton	Bryan Ross	Doug Proudfoot

EVERY FAMILY A MEMBER IS HOPE OF NEW CHAIRMAN

The fact that attendance at meetings of the Citizens' Association seemed to be getting slimmer and slimmer was deplored by retiring chairman Clary McGuire at the Association's annual meeting January 8.

The entire slate of new officers as presented by Bill Perks, chairman of the nominating committee, was adopted by acclamation. The new chairman, Charlie Johnstone, took the chair after presentation of annual remarks and remarks by the retiring chairman.

While the town was growing steadily, meetings were getting quite small, said Mr. McGuire. If Baie d'Urfee was to continue to be the desirable community that it is, he said, every citizen must take an interest in it and play his or her part. "We MUST have an association, to ensure that the interests, wishes and suggestions of citizens are kept before the authorities, and that the best interests of the community are at all times kept to the fore"

Mr. McGuire said one outstanding matter to be settled was the question of fire protection for Baie d'Urfee, and he hoped that the new executive find some solution. Interest seemed to blow hot, then cold, but surely the recent fire at Oakridge would inspire some action. It is a shame to have it hanging in mid-air, he said, and it couldn't rest that way. "We must decide on something".

Peter Smith moved, seconded by Bill Norcott, that Reg Vidler be given the customary Christmas present. Vic Willetts reported that John Long, secretary treasurer of the town, had not replied to the question concerning under what authority Reg Vidler had circulated a questionnaire recently. Mr. Vidler, however, wrote that the information had been asked partially by the postoffice, partially by Mr. Long and partially by Mr. Vidler, in the interests, he thought, of the Association. No further action was taken pending receipt of a reply from Mr. Long.

Mr. McGuire said he didn't think the citizens would want individuals going around asking questions of them. Harry Dixon suggested that no one could be stopped from asking questions; it was entirely up to the citizen whether he desired to answer or not. However, the Association could protest any questionnaire going out over the signature of "your town representative."

Mr. McGuire reviewed the year's activities, suggesting that the new beach and lifeguard, Baie d'Urfee Day and the Winter Carnival were outstanding accomplishments.

Peter Smith moved, seconded by Sid Nagley, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the retiring executive, and Bill Norcott suggested that council be written and thanked for their assistance and cooperation during the year.

Taking the chair, Charlie Johnstone asked for suggestions concerning future meetings and actions. Chester Ellis suggested that committees be named to council, school board, etc and report back to the association. Peter Smith urged a "welcoming committee" to greet new residents and make them feel at home. Mrs. Ellis suggested something along the line of a Junior Citizens' Association to get teen agers interested in the town's affairs. George Jost offered to show colored movies taken by himself.

Chairman Johnstone urged everyone to take part in the membership campaign and try to have every Baie d'Urfee family in the Association. The fee is \$3, \$1 being specifically for the lifeguard and swimming instruction at the beach, and the \$2 for general community betterment activities, including News and Views. "The money is needed," he declared.

EDITORIAL RE MAYOR'S GARAGE CAUSES GREAT COMMOTION

An editorial concerning Mayor Jean Gelinas and his now-famous garage (see News and Views, January issue) was the main topic of discussion at the annual meeting of the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association January 8.

As the tumult and the shouting waxed and waned, members, in standing votes, disassociated themselves from the editorial in question, asked the incoming executive to look into the matter and seek any remedial amendments seen necessary, and declined to censure the editor, Chester Ellis, for his editorial.

The Association took these steps after Chester himself brought up the matter of "our orphan garage." Members seemed much more concerned with the tone of the editorial than the actual veracity of the allegations.

"I was horrified when I read it," said retiring chairman Clary McGuire, "and I wish to disassociate myself and the executive from it. They were the views of the editor, not the association."

"The editor should be censured," moved Sid Nagley.

"It is the editor's duty and responsibility to bring these matters up, not just let them lie," asserted Mr. Ellis.

"I am not concerned at the moment with the technical details," said Mr. Nagley. "My censure is directed at this strongly-worded personalized attack on our mayor."

"The mayor's garage is perfectly legal, I am told," put in Mr. McGuire.

"It makes our building by-law look rather foolish," suggested Bill Norcott.

Councillor Al Christie, buildings chairman, said the mayor's application for a permit was submitted, considered and granted in the ordinary way.

"I doubt if anyone but the mayor could have gotten away with it," charged Chester.

Councillor Christie said it was perfectly in order for the mayor to build such an accessory building on his own property. The garage was an accessory to his home, which happened to be separated from it by a road.

"There are precedents", commented Mr. McGuire.

The number of Baie d'Urfee residents with homes separated by the highway from their Lakefront sections, was noted. It would be incongruous, it was suggested, to rule that such an owner could not, for example, build a boathouse.

"This building of the mayor's strikes at the very roots of the building by-law we have built up and strengthened over the years in the interest of a better Baie d'Urfee" complained Mr. Ellis. "If his garage comes within the by-law, then there is a loophole that should be filled."

Mr. Nagley said the editorial "was definitely not written as a purely objective comment on something that might be out of line."

"I saw no slurs or slander in it," said Bill Norcott. "I thought it a perfectly straight-forward editorial."

Harry Dixon pointed out that the editor was subject to no direction or supervision, in fact had complete responsibility for the paper, thus it would be neither proper nor fair to censure him. The Association could, however, disassociate itself from any matter or views it did not see eye to eye with. In a standing vote the Association did.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORTS SHOW A VERY
ACTIVE YEAR

(Following are highlights of annual reports presented by
officers and committee chairmen at the annual meeting)

Corresponding Secretary - Vic Willetts

A review of correspondence recalls a few of the problems with which we were faced during the past year and some of the highlights:-

Bill Fielding's objection to alleged inequalities in assessments, which resulted in a committee being formed to investigate.

Roy Foss and Sid Nagley expounding at great length the many reasons why Baie d'Urfee should not have fire-fighting equipment.

The avid interest expressed by the Department of National Health & Welfare in the formation of a "Women's Fire Brigade" in Baie d'Urfee.

The exchange of many letters with the C.N.R. in connection with the blocking of passage across the railroad tracks at Morgan Road by C.N.R. freight cars.

Voluminous correspondence with the Town, which elicited replies from Mr. Long, in his usual patient and helpful manner, on subjects ranging from snow removal and sanding of streets to a proposed new Community Hall and from requests for \$100.00 for Baie d'Urfee Day to \$1,000.00 for recreation facilities.

Probably the most important job was arranging a vote-by-mail for selection of a single slate of nominations for the Town Council. Only through the help of Una Grimm, Polly McGuire, Marion Amys and Isobel Perks was it possible to mail the forms on time. I cannot thank these ladies too highly for their wonderful help.

Membership Committee - Lars Firing

The Membership Committee is pleased to report a total of 162 members in good standing in 1953. This compares with 123 members in 1951 and 180 members in 1952.

Total revenue was \$322, with expenses of \$7.30, leaving a net return of \$314.70.

Treasurer's Report

Following is the Financial Report for 12 months ending August 31, 1953.

Receipts for year ending Aug. 31, 1953:

Memberships	\$322.00	
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Baie d'Urfe Day (net)	69.58	
Winter Carnival (net)	7.42	
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Election Costs	42.79	
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		<u>1081.42</u>
Deficit for year		<u>273.92</u>
Surplus from Previous year		<u>337.38</u>
Surplus Aug. 31/53		63.46
Accounts Payable Aug. 31/53		161.90
<u>Bank Balance Aug. 31/53</u>		<u>\$ 225.36</u>

Submitted by: Lars J. Firing Jan. 6th, 1954
Certified Correct: S.A. MacLeod.

Town Planning - Charles W. Johnstone

Considerable effort was put into providing assistance in the amending of the Town Charter - this work actually commenced in the fall of 1952 and was carried forward. The Association was blamed for having delayed the presentation to Quebec; however, in the presence of most of the facts we do not believe this to be so. Messrs. Lacroix Viau & Poupart were appointed by Council as attorneys for the Town. Mr. Viau revised the Charter to maintain some special powers and also obtain new ones. Application was made to Quebec for an Act to make all the foregoing changes legal. The revised Charter as presented has been accepted with only two exceptions.

Meetings were held with representatives from Town Council in connection with an amendment to the Building by-laws, mainly concerning the use of the words "group" and "superficial variations". Section 302 (a) was rewritten and a referendum voted on and passed. It is now the opinion that our building by-laws on this particular score are sound. Jurisprudence produced indicated that Council has the power to decide on the intent of the by-laws and the Court will support them as long as there

has been no fraud or injustice involved in its decisions.

New roads were built last summer on the Bayview and Oakridge projects which tie in nicely with the overall Town plan. Cambridge Road was built and Oxford Road widened in the College Green area.

It is suggested that a better liaison between Town Council and the Citizens Association on Town Planning be set up.

NEWS AND VIEWS - C.R. Ellis, Editor.

News and Views was published twelve times during 1953 and, in line with the policy of past years, was sent to all residents of Baie d'Urfee regardless of membership in the Association. It is felt that this is quite important because with the growth of population, the proportion attending the Association's meetings has steadily declined. For the second year a directory was published in August, giving street numbers, postal addresses and telephone numbers for all town residents. As a result of a vigorous campaign at the end of last year to sell an increased amount of advertising at higher prices, revenue of News & Views for 1953 was something more than \$300 higher than previously. Offsetting this to some extent was an increase in production costs and an increase in the postage rate. Editorial material for News & Views was gathered with the generous co-operation of a wide group of member-reporters, assistance which was very much appreciated by the editor.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS - Wm. Spriggs

The new school building was occupied about Easter. Because of the rapid growth in the number of students, the Board did not feel justified in retaining special rooms for typing, commerce or music and these were finished as regular classrooms. In the old and new buildings 24 "regular" classrooms are available. Further increases in school taxes are due to rising costs, of which teachers' salaries are the largest component. The school enrollment is now nearly 800 and is taxing the capacity of the enlarged facilities. The continued growth has also brought transportation problems and it became necessary to purchase a new bus along with various re-arrangements of schedule.

WINTER CARNIVAL - George Lint, chairman

In lieu of other social events in the winter time a Winter Carnival was organized on Feb. 28. The program included speed and relay races, figure skating competition, hockey and broom ball games, with dancing, skating and other entertainment in the evening. Crests were given to winners with the idea that they could be collected from year to year. The Carnival was financially successful to the amount of \$9.00 net.

BAIE d'URFEE DAY - Phyl Amys, Chairman

Baie d'Urfee Day followed the pattern of previous years with races in the morning for the younger children and water sports in the afternoon for everyone. In the evening the Mayor repeated the reception and cocktail party as in previous years, followed by dancing on the lawn. Innovations were a handicraft display in

the Town Hall and the Horticultural Society being represented by citizens who supplied handmade corsages for the dance.

HOSPITALITY - Mrs. Elizabeth Delmar, Convener

Refreshments were served at the close of ten meetings. At the Winter Carnival hot chocolate and doughnuts were served in the afternoon to the children and coffee and doughnuts in the evening. On Baie d'Urfee Day under the convener-ship of Mrs. F. Pinkney and Mrs. H.D. Brown coffee and sandwiches were served to 300 people. Tea used during the year was kindly donated by Mr. E. Osborne and Mr. G. Jost.

RECREATION - Bill Norcott - chairman

Town Council was asked to budget for \$1,000 for building up our recreation facilities. The first project was a sand beach at the Town Hall Park, and the beach was in operation in the very early summer. As lifeguard and swimming instructor we were fortunate in acquiring the services of a teacher from Macdonald High School. A copy of safety rules was sent to each family in our association. The beach with its wharf, rafts, and life guard was the envy of all the other Lakeshore Communities. The services of our lifeguard were appreciated by all but I think this service was inadequate to cope with any large weekend crowd.

A grading and ditching job was done on St. Andrews Road Park. This park was also raked, fertilized, and grass seeds sown. By next fall it should be an excellent park for baseball, football, or any other sports. It was found the water supply for the Oxford Road rink was inadequate, a well was drilled and a gasoline pump acquired. This rink is now in operation.

The Park on Morgan Road was graded and therefore the quality of the rink improved. A grant of \$1,000. each year for the two-year period was spent on the following:

WEST END

Grading and ditching of Park on St. Andrews Road	\$377.00	
Concrete pipes	21.00	
Grass seed	45.00	
Well for rink on Oxford Road (approximately)	<u>150.00</u>	\$593.00

MORGAN ROAD

Pump & well	\$550.00	
Electrical work	175.00	
Hose	100.00	
Graded (approximately)	100.00	
Paint for the boards	<u>48.00</u>	\$973.00

TOWN HALL PARK

Levelling of beach	\$ 42.00	
Sand	362.00	
Miscellaneous, including rowboat for lifeguard	<u>86.00</u>	\$490.00
		Overall Total \$2,056.00

In addition some \$450. was paid to the lifeguard from Citizens Association funds.

Our town is growing by leaps and bounds and it will not be too long before existing facilities will be overcrowded. May I suggest the following points for consideration during the coming year:

1. That the beach be enlarged. With the population increase this year the present beach will be overcrowded and lead to an unhealthy condition. (There are approximately 348 youngsters between the ages of one and nineteen to use this area). The swimming area should also be thoroughly cleaned of rocks and weeds and the wharf and rafts repaired and painted.
2. That the present lifeguard set-up be supplemented by a qualified helper especially on week-ends.
3. That a shelter be built at Morgan Road rink to accommodate skaters.
4. That a start be made in developing one of the Sunny Acres parks as a play area.

I wish to thank all those of the Association who assisted in developing our facilities and also Mayor Gelinas for his assistance and kind co-operation.

Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Association

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Vice Chairman:	J.E. "Jack" Mitcham	2059
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Members at large:	E.R. "Ted" Trodd	4545
	Frank M. Booth	4386
	H.F. "Harry" Dixon	2036

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Recreation:	Frank Booth	
School Affairs:	Wm. Spriggs	2929
Town Planning:	Harry Dixon	
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	Mrs. R.J. "Ginny" Higman	
	R.C. "Reg" Vidler	537
	Thomas R. "Tommy" Lee	4335
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WHAT COUNCIL DID

After two and a half years' negotiations some 80 youngsters are no longer going to have to walk along the Lakeshore highway to get to school.

Council was informed by Mayor Gelinas January 12, that church authorities had granted permission for youngsters to cross Cemetery Lane, and Macdonald College have approved a gate in the steel fence surrounding their property, cost to be borne by the town of Baie d'Urfée. It will cost about \$125 to cut the fence and install a gate.

Now youngsters will be able to cut overland to school and not go near the highway. Appreciation for the rights granted was extended by Mayor Gelinas to both the college and the church authorities.

Council accepted the bid of A.E. Ames and Co. for the \$55,000 debenture issue for the roads in Oakridge. Councillor George Jost said seven bids had been received. The Ames bid was \$92.43.

Mayor Gelinas extended greetings to the new officers of the Citizens' Association, wished them all success, and promised full co-operation as in the past. Chairman Charlie Johnstone replied in kind.

Council learned that town hall repairs cost 50% more than expected; donated \$20 for a wreath to honor the war dead; granted four building permits, three in Oakridge and one in Bayview; heard Councillor Jost report that 75% of taxes had been collected, and only 17% of the recreation allocation remained unspent; heard Mayor Gelinas suggest jocularly that Baie d'Urfée might solve its problems arising out of the proposed new highway route by annexing both Ste. Anne de Bellevue and Senneville. The two latter communities are apparently urging re-routing of the new highway to bring it out through Baie d'Urfée approximately opposite Bayview.

Councillor Bill Corbett reported that street lights were needed for the top end of Sunny Acres, and on Cambridge, Somerset and Devon roads in Bayview, and an order was placed. He said that as a result of Baie d'Urfée's growth the present transformer was no longer sufficient. One double the size should replace it, total cost being estimated at \$4,000. While the town hall grounds were suggested as the most convenient spot for the new installation, council asked Mr. Corbett to further investigate the matter of sites, having in mind such factors as appearance, safety and cost. The town now has 137 lights.

The Junior Girl Guides were granted use of the town hall each Wednesday.

Alderman Herb Brookhouse was designated to attend a meeting concerning proposed diversion of contemplated new highway.

Motorists were urged not to park on streets and roads during snow clearing. In Sunny Acres particularly, the plow can't clear any circles for example if cars are parked outside.