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ELECTION DAY
IS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
TOWN HALL
9 AM -- 8 PM
IT IS YOUR
PRIVILEGE
AND
DUTY
TO
VOTE

Our Next Meeting

Here are the candidates, with those you selected in the Association mail ballot underlined:

For Mayor:

1. W. H. Cruickshank, physician,
21082 Lakeshore Rd.
2. Jean Gelinas, warehouseman,
20386 Lakeshore Rd.

For Alderman - Seat 2

1. B. D. Rider, works manager,
5 Morgan Road
2. L.J. Tait, sales representative,
26 Morgan Rd.

For Alderman - Seat 4

1. H.G.S. Bain, sales executive,
47 St. Andrews Rd.
2. A.M. Christie, salesman,
20713 Lakeshore Rd.

Each property owner has 3 VOTES SATURDAY, one for mayor, one in each aldermanic contest.

A STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE POLICY

The Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Association has, by custom and by Constitution, accepted the responsibility of securing worthy candidates to run for public office. Once again it has discharged that obligation to the Town in which its members make their homes. It has nominated, by popular ballot, a full slate of qualified candidates by clear majorities over a similar number of equally well qualified selectees who failed to gain sufficient support, or saw fit to withdraw. This is the democratic way of deciding any public issue and the fact that the four successful candidates are evenly divided in their opinions bears witness to the soundness of that principle.

The Association, in the opinion of its Executive Committee, would have been more than satisfied to see its nominees, divergent as their views may be, acclaimed at the polling booths without opposition as custom has established. It would feel that it had provided Council with qualified legislators with minds of their own.

The re-entry into the field of two candidates defeated in the Association ballot presents the possibility of a reversal at the polls of the opinion already expressed by the Association. To run again is, of course, the candidates' privilege and we must respect it as such but it is up to the voters to decide on election day whether or not they support such action. A third candidate's entry into the

aldermanic race for Seat No. 2 is justified by the desire of certain Association members to implement, by independent action, the Association's principle of providing at least two candidates for an office left uncontested through a last minute resignation .

In view of conditions precipitated by the circumstances detailed above and the fact that the customary acclamation has not been accorded the Association's slate in this instance, the Executive Committee is disposed to take neither side in the point at issue. It is the ultimate responsibility of the electors to decide whether they should change their minds and of the candidates to convince the electors that they should or should not do so. Your Executive Committee can best serve your interests by maintaining close vigilance over the Council you eventually elect.

J.E. Mitcham, Chairman.

EACH ELECTOR HAS 3 VOTES

Balloting in Baie d'Urfée's municipal election will take place at the town hall between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 1.

An election is necessary because certain individuals rejected the Citizens' Association slate and nominated additional candidates for the mayoralty and two aldermanic seats. This is, of course, perfectly proper, but not traditional in this community. The slate chosen via the straw vote has ordinarily been accepted as the peoples' choice, and final.

Those entitled to vote Saturday are property owners--those people in whose name a particular property is registered. They must be on the electoral list as of August 26, 1955, or possess a deed or title papers showing that they had acquired the property on or before August 26, 1955.

Each qualified elector will be entitled Saturday to three votes--one for mayor and one for an alderman in each of the two aldermanic seats. The third aldermanic seat, No. 6, has been declared to R.H. Whiteside, manager, 20031 Lakeshore Rd., by acclamation.

Returning officer for the election is the town's secretary-treasurer, H.A. Soucy. He has appointed Reg Vidler as his secretary, and he must also appoint three deputy returning officers for each of the three polling booths, plus a secretary for each DRO. These are all paying jobs, the rate being set by council. Mr. Soucy must post his list of deputy returning officers and secretaries at least 48 hours before the polls open, so that candidates and any other interested parties may be aware in good time of the authorized officials.

Each candidate, for his part, is entitled to name two scrutineers.

The polls open at 9 a.m. at the town hall. Originally the balloting was going to be held at THE COOP, but it had been reserved some weeks previously for private purposes. Ballots will be provided at each booth, and each would-be voter will be checked against the electoral list. There can, of course, be only one vote from each home (the person in whose name the property is) except in the rare case of a property being in two names, both being on the deed. Should a

would-be voter not be on the electoral list, he must produce for Mr. Soucy official title papers to the property, effective on or before Aug. 26. Mr. Soucy will then certify such a person as qualified to vote.

The polls close at 8 p.m., at which time DRO's and secretaries will compile the votes at their booths and report the results to Mr. Soucy. Mr. Soucy will officially proclaim the results at his office, 10 a.m. Monday, October 3, but there is no doubt the results will be known long before then.

This is said to be perhaps only the second full-fledged election Baie d'Urfée has had since its incorporation some 44 years ago. Notwithstanding the provision that private nominations could be made on nomination day, it has been the custom that the Association's slate, reflecting the choice of the people, was automatically the new council.

However, decision of two candidates to try again even after defeat by the people's vote, plus the nomination of an additional candidate, has forced a second vote. Thus those property owners who voted on the mail ballot--and they totalled almost 65 per cent of those qualified--should not feel that they have done their voting, and needn't do so again. They must vote again on Saturday.

T. R. Lee

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON VOTE CHOOSING SLATE

The Nominating Committee sent out a total of 808 ballots to determine the Association's slate of candidates for the forthcoming election. Returns on the two ballots averaged 65%, indicating the widespread interest of the citizens as a whole.

Following are the results of the count by the scrutineers elected at the Association meeting September 16:-

For Mayor:-

<u>Cruickshank, Dr. W.H.</u>	352
Gelinas, Mayor J.	159

For Alderman - Seat 2 -

Costigan, Harry T.	Withdrew
<u>Tait, Leslie J.</u>	By acclamation

For Alderman - Seat 4 -

<u>Bain, George S.</u>	311
Christie, Allan M.	194

For Alderman - Seat 6 -

Barnes, Reed H.	221
<u>Whiteside, Ron H.</u>	283

Spoiled ballots - Mayor	19
Alderman	11

The scrutineers were assisted and checked by six individuals appointed for this purpose by candidates and the chairman of the Association.

F. E. Kinmond
G. Ewing Tait

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The June meeting of the Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Association appointed a nominating committee consisting of S. D. Black, A. W. Loke, C. H. McGuire, W. Norcott, W. H. Parker, R. D. Powrie, chairman, in order to continue the practice of submitting to the citizens a slate of at least two candidates for the Mayoralty and each Aldermanic seat whose term of office expires at this time. So that all citizens would be able to exercise their privilege of voting on these candidates the balloting was to be done by mail.

At the initial meeting of the nominating committee it was decided that before any prospective candidate was contacted, a member of the nominating committee would advise the mayor and each alderman whose term of office expires at this time of the responsibility of the nominating committee to secure two candidates for each position, and ascertain if the sitting member wished to have his name included. In each case this was done.

In selection of aldermanic candidates, every attempt was made to equalize the distribution throughout town.

Meetings of the nominating committee were held frequently throughout the summer but because of business and vacations it was impossible to obtain a full committee meeting at any one time. In addition, many possible candidates the committee sought to interview were out of town, sometimes for a week or longer. As a result, the selection extended over the whole summer. Many potential candidates were contacted, the aim being to find persons who combined the ability to do a job and the willingness to do so.

Although the committee fully realized its responsibility to provide a second mayoralty candidate, it had been unsuccessful up until the time of a committee meeting Sept. 1. With nomination day only three weeks away it was decided to print the ballot showing only a single name for mayor and two for each aldermanic seat. Accordingly, the ballot was printed and was in the mail Sept. 12. On Sept. 13 a second name for the seat of mayor was received.

A meeting of the nominating committee was called for Sept. 14 to consider the second name. As the candidate was an excellent choice and agreed to allow his name to stand, it was decided that a second, supplementary ballot should be sent out. This enabled all citizens to make a choice, as had been intended in the first place, and also enabled the nominating committee to carry out to the letter its terms of reference; its instructions from the Citizens' Association. The so-called "Straw Vote" has always been considered as expressing the citizens' wishes without, at the same time, subjecting the town to the heavier expenses of a formal election.

Before the supplementary ballot was actually mailed, the endorsement of the

executive committee of the Citizens' Association was obtained for such action.

On Friday morning, Sept. 16, the chairman of the nominating committee visited Mayor Jean Gelinus, originally the only name on the mayoralty ballot, and informed him of the decision to send out a second, supplementary ballot.

R. D. Powrie,
Chairman.

AN EXPLANATION

An explanation is required in connection with the Sept. 23 meeting of the Citizens' Association.

Originally it was intended simply for the counting of the ballots in connection with the Association's ballot by mail. However apparently when candidates were invited to speak at the meeting the week before Mayor Jean Gelinus did not get an official invitation. All candidates but Mayor Gelinus attended.

This was a boob, of course, and a grave piece of discourtesy, no matter if completely unintentional. Chairman Jack Mitcham went down to the mayor's, Monday, apologized, and said if the mayor felt his non-appearance at the Sept. 16 meeting prejudiced his chances, the Association would be pleased to have him address the vote-counting meeting.

In addition, Chairman Jack suggested to the mayor's committee that if the mayor desired to withdraw his name from the ballot, the withdrawal would be accepted and the ballots would not be counted. Dr. Cruickshank would, of course, get an acclamation, but on the other hand Mayor Gelinus would not have run the risk of being defeated, and would not carry into the election Oct. 1 the handicap such a defeat might mean. This offer was declined.

Mayor Gelinus accepted the invitation to attend the Sept. 23 meeting, and was able to get his views across to what must have been the largest Citizens' Association meeting in the town's history. As a similar courtesy, Dr. Harvey Cruickshank, the other mayoralty candidate was also invited to speak.