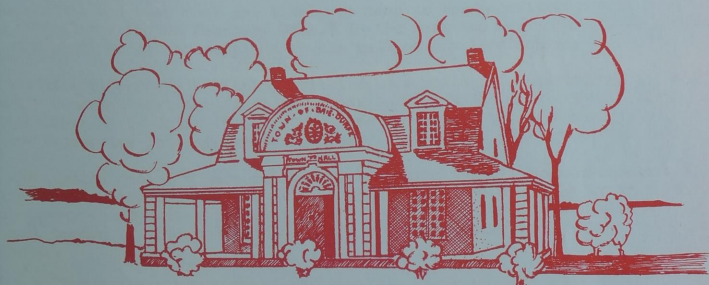


NEWS & VIEWS



1951

YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS

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GROWTH AND US

Baie d'Urfe now has about two hundred households and a population rapidly approaching one thousand, a very large percentage of whom are children. It stretches over nearly five miles of roads.

The most significant characteristic of the town at present is growth. It has doubled in population in the past few months and it will double again in the next few; this is a fact which anyone who considers town affairs needs to keep upper most in his mind.

Growth has been responsible for the strains of various experiencing; the strain on the peace and order of the Town Hall, (which gave rise to the Post Office problem) and the heavy strains on the finances of the town council and the school board, which have given rise to a good deal of head-scratching. The population growth is also having effects on the character and function of the Citizens' Association. These effects and what they are likely to mean to the organization will be discussed at our next general meeting on February 25th. In the meantime we should all be thinking about it and examining our own conceptions of the role of the Association.

One councillor, perhaps a little irritated by a spate of requests from the Association, recently remarked that the first thing you know we won't need a town council, the Association will be doing it all. The question raised by the remark is a good one. What are the respective jobs of the two bodies? What is the real job of the Association?

The Association can be a mere vehicle for complaints about town administration; it can be a pressure group existing to push the council in one direction or another; or it can be an agency which unites the residents of Baie d'Urfe in a common will and purpose. The job most needed of the Association in the present circumstances seems to include the following:

- (a) spotlighting the particular problems which the community is facing and is going to face;
- (b) finding out what the people of the community really want done about them and working out from the various points of view objectives which have the support of the citizens as a whole;
- (c) developing a general policy that will accomplish these objectives, submitting the policy to the council for action and giving such help as the council requests in carrying out its program.

Town development (such as tree planting), playing facilities for children, meeting rooms, roads and community services of various sorts are all matters about which each of you has opinions and which each of you eventually has to pay for or work for or do without or enjoy. The problem is to develop a common understanding about needs of this sort and a common effort toward satisfying them. The question is, can the Association do this, can we build the sort of Association that will do it? Everyone who lives here, consciously or unwittingly will be working out the answer in the next few months.

John Windebank,
Chairman.

THE RECORD

The annual meeting was held on January 12th, 1951, with twenty five members present. The minutes of the previous meeting and the annual report were read by the recording secretary and approved. Mr. Perks presented the Treasurer's report which was also approved. Correspondence with the Council regarding garbage collection and the ordering of playground equipment, and a letter to the Postmaster General and a reply from him were read. New residents introduced to the meeting were Mr. Charles Cavell, and Mr. and Mrs. Kinmond of Morgan Rd. and Mrs. Willett of Lakeview Rd. Since it has been discovered that Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance for the association might be secured through an additional clause to the insurance already carried by the Town Council, and at a very nominal figure it was agreed that this matter should be explored with the town before other action was taken in this direction. Mr. Smythe expressed regret that because of ill health Mr. Nagley had not been able to complete his year as chairman of the association in which he is so keenly interested and for which he has worked so hard, and then thanked those who had accepted special responsibilities during the past year. Mr. D. Allan presented the slate of officers prepared by his nominating committee and when there were no further nominations from the floor, the slate (as it appears on the cover of this issue) was declared elected.

The position of recording secretary had not been filled and a motion was approved that the choosing of a suitable person should be left to the new executive. In taking the chair, Mr. Windebank expressed the appreciation of the Association for the very good services of Harry Smythe who has been active in the Association since its inception. There was considerable discussion regarding the decision to move the post office from its present location in the town hall. A motion was approved that when a new site is chosen for the post office, it be as close to the Town Hall as possible. The executive is asked to keep in close touch with the situation in order that the best service possible may be obtained. Mr. Vauthier agreed to be chairman of a committee which will follow up this matter. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that there is no light on the Lakeshore Road between Morgan and Lakeview Roads. This is a regular bus stop and it was felt that the lack of light at this point was dangerous. It was the general feeling of the meeting that the roads are not being adequately sanded and the executive was asked to give these points suitable attention. The record of the broadcast on Baie d'Urfe which was made by the CBC International Service was played again for the benefit of those members who had not heard it. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Powrie and helpers.

Doris Cape - Recording Secretary

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

Because all members of the Association are in receipt of News and Views, and it has become the practice to include notice of meeting and proposed agenda in the paper, it was agreed that mailing of separate notices of meetings would be discontinued. The editor was asked to time the circulation of the paper to give adequate notice. You are therefore requested to watch the paper for notice of meeting, date of which has been agreed by the executive to be the second Friday of each month in the year with the exception of July and August when meetings are not held. The executive saw this step as a conservation of time and money, and trust that you will take the arrival of News and Views as a reminder that a meeting is about due. It has been suggested that there may be some people who do not read this news sheet thoroughly and at once. We can only hope that they will become reformed characters or that they have friends and neighbours who do read it and will remind them that a meeting is in the offing.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE

We present some pertinent facts which will help you know your committee for 1951

John Windebank - Chairman, 41 Oxford Road - Industrial Relations, Canadian International Paper Co. - moved to Baie d'Urfe 1949 - on last year's executive as chairman of Recreation Committee and Movie Club. See leading editorial for attitude!

Stewart Duncan - Vice Chairman, 7 Lakeview Road - General Commercial Manager, Bell Telephone Co. In town about a year - joined executive last year filling the vice-chairman vacancy and presented the case for mail delivery to the Postal Department - is continuing the quest.

Ruth Tait - Recording Secretary - 20821 Lakeshore Road - moved to Baie d'Urfe three years ago - wife of the president of the Horticultural Society 1950-51 - president of the St. George's Church Evening Guild. This last point is not considered advertising, but an invitation to interested Anglican newcomers to speak to her at the meeting.

Lionel Evans - Corresponding Secretary, 52 Morgan Road - works for the Sun Life - moved to Baie d'Urfe 1949 - was on Christmas Party Committee 1950.

Bill Perks - Treasurer, 15 Lakeview Road - is in statistical department of C.P.R. and brought us through the latter part of 1950 in an excellent financial position.

Fred Ritchie - Recreation Committee Chairman, 39 St. Andrews Road - Assistant to Sales Manager, Quebec and Maritimes Division, Dominion Textile Co. - moved to Baie d'Urfe 1949 - more later.

Ray Waverly - Membership Committee Chairman, 69 Station Road - manufacturer's agent - moved to Baie d'Urfe 1950. Wants to hear of new arrivals (adult) in the town.

Mary Coulter - Editor of News and Views 1950 and 1951, 58 Oxford Road. - wife of C.G. Coulter. Is looking for an editorial assistant and would be glad to hear from or of someone who would enjoy working on this community paper.

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NEXT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Friday, February 9th, at the Town Hall at 8.15. After the business meeting which will include announcement regarding developments on the Post Office and other issues, a panel discussion is being presented by the past chairman of the Association and covering it's origin, history and achievements. In his editorial in this issue, the present chairman has raised some pertinent points regarding the function of an association such as ours which should stimulate thinking and bring the membership out in large numbers to share in setting goals. We are looking forward to having Messrs. Holliday, Cruickshank, Nagley and Smythe with us on this occasion and it promises to be a particularly worth-while session.

DEVELOPMENTS IN POSTAL SERVICE SITUATION

It is generally known that a proposed location for the Post Office towards the west end of the town was felt by the majority of those getting their mail in Baie d'Urfe to be too inaccessible. Correspondence has gone forward to the Town Council and to the Postmaster General asking that their decisions be reconsidered. At the time of going to press there has been no further development to report but it is hoped there will be something to report at the February meeting.

Stewart Duncan, Tom Vauthier

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Since the list of chairmen for the year is not yet complete, the whole list will be published in next month's paper. We would draw your attention to the fact that the Membership and Recreation Committee posts have been assigned to members of this year's executive in order that these important matters may be kept at the executive level of interest.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

A few news items gleaned from the last meeting of the Town Council...Lakeview Rd. is to be taken over by the town from the Veterans Land Administration, the latter body having fulfilled its commitments by way of ditching. Negotiations to acquire the Morgan lots on Morgan Road for a playing area are proceeding. The C.N.R. has promised remedial action against the misuse of the station. Arrangements are completed with Scott to do snow-plowing on Sunny Acres and Caron Point Roads. The Council will request the Provincial Government to add a Tarmac shoulder at the Morgan Road turn-off on the transisland boulevard. Word was left with Mr. Robertson by a deputy inspector that the Post Office would be transferred to another location. A list of Quebec holidays which fall on Wednesdays or Saturdays on which garbage will not be removed is to be forwarded to our Corresponding Secretary upon request of the Association executive. The recommendations of the executive concerning playground equipment will be given consideration and discussed further in relation to budget requirements at a future meeting. A town budget is to be developed for discussion purposes.

John Windebank

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Assessment Values - One of the more difficult problems that school boards have to wrestle with is the question of assessment values. The Central Board and the Local Boards are still working towards a uniform basis of property assessment throughout our whole area which stretches from Belle Plage in the West to Baie d'Urfe in the East. Relatively little property remains to be studied and co-ordinated in this respect. The Baie d'Urfe Senneville Board have, as a result of recent detailed studies and report by our assessors, found it necessary, for school tax purposes, to make drastic revisions to the Ste-Anne de Bout de L'Isle municipal assessment values. In comparing assessed values (for school purposes) with real values one has to remember that it makes no difference whatever to the school authorities or to the tax payers whether the assessment values are all high or whether they are all low. The important thing is to have them all on the same basis. A certain definite amount of money has to be raised to run the school and from a given total overall valuation a mill rate is calculated which will produce it.

How the School Tax Dollar will be spent during 1950-51 makes an interesting list: -

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Janitor Service	4.58
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New Desks, Repairs, Maintenance	4.15
Light, Heat, & Water	3.96
Miscellaneous (10 items)	3.67
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New School Extension - Things are coming along well with arrangements for the New School Extension. The Sword of Damocles which, these days, is hanging over the heads of our Commissioners and Central Board Members is the Rising Cost of Construction. The rate is now 80 cents per cu. ft. compared with 65 cents when studies first began. Any considerable delay now, either in trying to get a bigger grant or in cutting down on school size would almost certainly see the savings swallowed up in higher building costs next fall or winter.

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We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs John Scott, for many years a resident of Lakeshore Road. She is survived by a son, Bud Scott, Mr. Scott having died a few months ago.

Mr and Mrs Miller of Toronto are the new owners of the Richardson house, Lakeshore Road.

An interested reader sent in an interesting poem which space may not permit including in this issue. With the Multilith Department, be it! Such contributions are welcomed.

Are You an Active Member?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed;
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock;
Or do you only stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along;
Or are you satisfied to be
the kind that just belong?

Do you ever go to help
A member who is sick;
Or leave the work to just a few,
And talk about the clique?

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That you must hear about;
And we'll appreciate it if
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