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YOU CAN RELAX - FOR THE TIME BEING, ANYWAY

Those of you who have been particularly steamed up about the cloverleaf question or the commercial-zone question, or both, can relax - for the moment anyway.

Town council has annulled the by-law calling for a referendum on the proposal to deepen and extend the commercial area west of Morgan Rd. The original by-law was passed as a result of the previous council's belief that the cloverleaf in the spot reported was a sure thing, if not immediately, certainly in the future. While that still may eventually be the case, Montreal Metropolitan Commission officials have informed the town through Ald. George Bain that the new trans-island highway and a cloverleaf, if any, are still very much in the future, and they would indeed welcome any Baie d'Urfée views on the whole situation.

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And so far as an extended commercial area is concerned; the company particularly interested in it has withdrawn for the time being its application for the extension.

So don't panic. In fact, be assured that both town council and the Citizens' executive committee have both subjects very much in their collective minds.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS COMING UP

The November meeting of the Citizens' Association would normally have been held Friday, Nov. 11, but was deferred a week because of Remembrance Day. But then, since The Coop had been otherwise booked

Our Next Meeting

FRIDAY, DEC. 2 - 8:15 P.M. - THE COOP

SUBJECT: FINAL BUSINESS MEETING OF 1955--
NOMINATIONS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE, ETC.

for the following Friday, it was decided to have a joint November-December meeting Friday, Dec. 2. This will be followed, some two weeks' later, by an Association Christmas party, specific plans for which will be announced at a later date.

The Dec. 2 meeting will wind up, businesswise, affairs for 1955. Chairman Jack Mitcham will also explain that a special committee will be preparing nominations for the various Association executive posts, and nominations from Association members will be welcomed. It must be borne in mind that no one can hold the same executive post for more than two years or sit on the executive more than three.

COME ON FELLOWS, LET'S NOT SPOIL IT

Another hallowe'en has come and gone, with a good time had by most, but with the occasional examples of sheer stupidity and plain destructiveness.

Fun is fun, but placing heavy boulders across a busy highway like the Lakeshore at night, is criminal when one realizes what could happen if a car or a bus plowed into them.

Fun is fun, but do the kids who held the rope across the highway realize what could happen to them if a speeding car came upon the rope suddenly.

Fun is fun, but the wrecking of a stone fence, the ripping down of signs identifying residences, the breaking of street lights, the deliberate smashing of six window panes in one home, is sheer vandalism.

The above acts are no tribute to the mental capacity of those who committed them. These people, who are known, certainly set a poor example for the younger kids. All kids are fortunate to live in Baie d'Urfée where community spirit is high, where homeowners are keen workers in the interests of the kids. The few to whom this editorial is addressed should take care they don't sour it for everybody.

ADDENDA AND WHATHAVEYA

Gary Cape suffered a fractured skull when in collision with a motorcycle on the Lakeshore Rd. recently. He's okay again.

Parking of cars on the extremely narrow Lakeshore highway is selfish, dangerous and against the law. Council would be well advised to have provincial police do a periodic check and crackdown.

A Presbyterian Church in Baie d'Urfée is being mooted, with a site reported already purchased.

Reg Vidler, the hydro and the department of Transport have been in huddles recently over the noise interfering with local radio reception. It is reported to have been caused by local lights and transformers.

All Baie d'Urfée Anglicans are being canvassed to contribute to the building of a new St. George's Church to replace that burned down. Any non-Anglicans interested in contributing should contact Doug VanLoan.

The rebuilding of Morgan Rd. is urgently required, Ald. Bill Corbett told council recently, and council decided to approach Quebec for an appropriation of \$20,000 said previously allocated toward the job. Mr. Corbett said re-building of the road would mean an average widening of about six feet.

WEST END RECREATION PARTY, NOVEMBER 18
FEATURES BOX SOCIAL AND HOE-DOWN

Business and pleasure will be combined at a West End Recreation gathering at the Coop on Friday, November 18, when a short business meeting will be held during the course of an evening of square dancing and similar entertainment. Bob Higman will be on hand to call some square dances, including some that are easy going, to initiate those who are unfamiliar with the country-style art of Terpsichore.

Business of the meeting includes the appointment of a vice president to succeed Peter Smith, who has resigned after many years of steadfast service to Baie d'Urfée parks and playgrounds, among his many other community activities. Plans of the executive for 1956 will be circulated to all residents of the district in advance, and they will be asked to approve or suggest amendments at the meeting.

Party refreshments will take the form of an old-fashioned box social, with each lady asked to bring along a light lunch for two. Clytie Moore, who is in charge of the party, is not saying just how her committee plans to mix the couples up, but the distaff members of the community have been told that as a reward for bringing the lunches, they will not have to share them with their own husbands.

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ANNUL REFERENDUM BY-LAW, SEEK CLARIFICATION
OF CLOVERLEAF PLAN, COMMERCIAL ZONING NEEDS.

Baie d'Urfée's new town council met for the first time Oct. 11 with Mayor Dr. Harvey Cruickshank in the chair. Town Secretary-Treasurer H.A. Soucy swore in new councillors Barney Rider and George Bain. The mayor had previously been sworn and the third new councillor, Ron Whiteside, was out of the country, and will be sworn later.

After Mr. Soucy had read official election results, Mayor Cruickshank expressed his pleasure at having such an able council with which to work. He had hoped ex-Mayor Gelinas, and ex-aldermen Christie, Macleod and Smythe would be present so he could express the town's appreciation. All had been invited to attend; only Harry Smythe did, and Mayor Cruickshank praised his continued devotion to the town. On motion of Alderman Bain, seconded by Ald. Brookhouse, Mr. Soucy will send all former members a formal letter of thanks.

Mr. Soucy said Longley and Co. couldn't do the town chimney sweeping this year, so he had contacted another company whose rates are \$2.25 per flue, or \$2.00 each if there are more than one. Last year's rate was a straight \$2. per flue. Ald. Bill Corbett moved, seconded by Ald. George Jost, that the company be hired.

When Mr. Corbett raised the question of dutch elm disease possibly being within Baie d'Urfée, Reg Vidler said if a tree were diseased it must be cut down, and if used for firewood it must be specially treated. Macdonald College, he said, would like Baie d'Urfée, Senneville and Ste. Anne's to come in on a joint spraying scheme, cost being about \$3 per tree. It was explained that if a small sample of suspect wood were sent to Ottawa, it would be diagnosed. Mrs. H.J.C. Darragh, of the Horticultural Society, has already written Ottawa asking inspection of Baie d'Urfée trees, and best action to take, if necessary. Council will await results of this letter.

Don Macdonald said as far as he knew there was no federal or provincial law requiring a diseased tree to be destroyed. It was a matter for the municipality. The best method to combat the disease was to destroy all dead elm. The bark beetle is the big offender, he said, and it likes dead wood. So whether an elm died of dutch elm's disease or not, it might harbor the bark beetle and jeopardize all trees.

"It costs about \$100 to cut a tree down but to spray one costs only \$3 - the College proposal seems like a good deal", said Ald. Jost.

"It could be very expensive for some people if we ordered them to cut all their elms down," noted Ald. Corbett.

Ald. Jost, speaking of painting the barns, said the color would be decided in consultation with the Citizens' Association.

September building permits totalled \$194,800, for 11 houses, two alterations and one garage.

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Mayor Cruickshank referred to the referendum scheduled for Oct. 20 in connection with the proposal to enlarge the commercial zone. He said any referendum must be held not more than 40 days after passage of the by-law calling for same. In this case, 30 days had already passed, and the new council couldn't possibly study the entire situation and come to any conclusion within the remaining 10 days. Couldn't council, he wondered, just let the referendum date come and pass, and lapse, so to speak.

Town Solicitor John Long said the referendum had to be held unless, of course, council decided to annul or change the by-law.

Ald. Bain said it would be premature to hold the referendum now, without studying the whole situation.

"The people aren't fully informed yet," agreed Ald. Brookhouse. "I don't know myself what it's all about."

Ald. Corbett said the by-law was passed at the Sept. 13 meeting on the assumption the cloverleaf was reasonably certain and therefore the commercial zone had to be protected. Secondly, the proposed extension of the commercial zone was negotiated between ex-mayor Gelinis and Lakeview Gardens, Ltd., and involved a piece of property adjacent to The Coop in which the Citizens' Association was said interested for recreational purposes. The deal was that this land would be deeded to the citizens, free, provided Lakeview Gardens could have their commercial area doubled.

Of course, continued Mr. Corbett, if the cloverleaf is not going in the reported spot, then increasing the depth of the commercial zone would not be necessary. The first thing to do is to determine if the cloverleaf were going there, and act accordingly. "Then, with regard to extension of the commercial zone, council has to decide if they feel the swap worthwhile. The property is said worth \$10,000. This way, it's free; if we don't want to do it this way, but do want that property, then we'll have to buy it."

"It's most important that we settle the cloverleaf position first," insisted Mr. Bain.

Mayor Cruickshank agreed that the property adjacent to The Coop was most desirable, but he didn't think the town should compromise or prejudice its future development for another piece of land.

"If the cloverleaf is not going in that spot, what are the other options?" asked Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Soucy said there were no official communications at all concerning the cloverleaf other than the preliminary plan given to council.

Murray Campbell said he'd been down to the Montreal Metropolitan Commission offices and obviously a lot of study and planning had been done in connection with the cloverleaf. However, he could get no one to admit that a definite plan existed.

Acting on Mr. Long's advice, Ald. Brookhouse gave notice of motion to introduce a by-law to annul the by-law concerning the cloverleaf and commercial areas.

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Council's No. 1 problem is to get concrete information concerning the cloverleaf.

Mayor Cruickshank outlined the various portfolios the various aldermen would hold. He explained that Alderman Bain in his Town Planning Portfolio will be supported by Alderman W.C. Corbett.

Alderman Jost in his Roads Portfolio will be supported by Alderman Brookhouse.

Alderman Rider in his Building Portfolio will be supported by Alderman Whiteside.

In brief, portfolios include the following activities:-

1. Building Permits - This portfolio will include the review and approval of all building and occupancy permits in accordance with the building by-law. It will also include the supervision of building inspection.
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3. Town Planning - This portfolio will include the checking of sub-divisions for lot sizes and frontage, street names and the assurance that new sub-divisions conform with the master Town Plan and blend suitably with adjacent sub-divisions. This portfolio will also assume the responsibility for metropolitan road planning.
4. Parks and Playgrounds - This portfolio will include responsibility for park development and maintenance, Liaison with the Citizens' Association in all matters pertaining to beach, park and playground development will be included in this portfolio.
5. Finance - This portfolio will include all items related to budget, tax rate, assessments, bond sales, etc. All expense items, other than regular, from other portfolios will be cleared with the Aldermen in charge of this portfolio before presentation for approval.
6. Public Relations - This portfolio will include liaison with the Citizens' Association and with other municipalities, newspapers, etc. All public releases concerning council will be cleared through this portfolio.

To the extent desirable all portfolios will be supported by active Citizens' Committees.

On motion of Ald. Brookhouse, seconded by Ald. Corbett, Ald. Bain was elected pro-mayor for the next three months.

Mr. Soucy was instructed to get the best deal he could on a cab for the town tractor. It will cost between \$646 - \$717, Ald. Jost reported that taxes were about 85 per cent collected. Mr. Soucy will ask W. Aalders to quote on helping Reg Vidler with ditch-cleaning, and Mr. Corbett stressed the citizens had a responsibility to ensure that their ditches were not plugged.

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Following the request of Bayview citizens, council decided to spend up to \$100 putting a culvert at the west end of Essex road to facilitate passage to a park area there where a rink is contemplated. Mr. Corbett recommended completion of the paving in Oak Ridge subdivision No. 2, and announced there was to be a review of the town's entire paving problem.

Mayor Cruickshank said the postmaster, Mr. Davies, had tendered his resignation, complaining he wasn't getting the remuneration he understood he would get. Ald. Brookhouse said Mr. Davies before appointment, had been told he'd get about \$1200 annually from Ottawa, and possibly the Citizens' Association would have care-taking and other jobs for him that might mean another \$600 a year. Mr. Davies apparently has said he understood he would be getting something in the \$250-\$280 per month bracket.

Mr. Long said the resignation was not a town matter, anyway, but one for Ottawa. Mr. Brookhouse said he had to stay until a replacement could be found, and perhaps that was the way the matter should be left.

Mr. Brookhouse said Davies' postoffice pay was based on the business he handled. Reg Vidler said Davies had to remain open 44 hours.

"For the money he gets, that's slave labor in this day and age," commented Ald. Corbett.

"You couldn't get a satisfactory man at that rate of pay unless he were a philanthropist," agreed Mr. Bain.

Council will let the resignation take its course.

Ald. Brookhouse said some citizens wanted to store their sailboats in the cowbarn over the winter. Council okayed it, but there will be a proper contract which will absolve the town of any liability and will set out the boat owner's. It will also state that "dead" storage only, is permitted - no working on the boats, no gasoline, etc.

Reg Vidler complained some boatowners had already put their boats in the barn, breaking into the building over the weekend to do so. The door had been forced, the tractor moved and four boats put in, he said. Bill Norcott denied that the building was not forced.

Ald. Brookhouse said he didn't know what was the score in connection with the new hockey cushion at The Coop, other than apparently Ernie Dewitt had wrangled use of the land, the necessary grading and was currently working on a free well. Council should do nothing, he said, as all this was taking place on land not owned by the town.

"If we don't watch out," warned Ald. Corbett, "we'll get ourselves in a position where if the by-law and referendum don't go through we'll have to buy that piece of property."

Chairman Jack Mitcham, of the Citizens' Association, said this was not an Association undertaking; but a particular group's.

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"We have no official interest in it," suggested the mayor.

"Not at the moment," agreed Ald. Brookhouse.

"But we probably can anticipate certain requests," interjected Ald. Corbett.

Council increased its grant to the VON from \$100 to \$150.

Mr. Soucy said he had Citizens' Association expense vouchers totalling \$633.74, but the Association had only \$354 left of its original \$1200 grant. Mr. Corbett said council wasn't justified in further boosting the already substantial deficit budgeted for. Mr. Mitcham said the Association was quite satisfied with what the town had already done for it and didn't want to be asking more; he would ask Lars Firing, treasurer, to confer with Mr. Soucy.

Mayor Cruickshank said he favoured future council meetings starting at 8 p.m. and ending at 10.30, any unfinished business to be carried over. Mr. Long said perhaps the time had come when there should be at least two meetings a month, perhaps an additional one in committee in mid-month.

Next meeting is Wed. Nov. 2.

Mr. Mitcham congratulated the new members of council on behalf of the Association, and pledged the Association's support and cooperation.

Suggestions of Chester Ellis concerning park areas, particularly in the west end, will be considered. The CNR wrote it no longer wanted to be responsible for right-of-way fencing where its tracks passed through the community. Mr. Soucy is investigating.

Al Loke said ex-mayor Gelinis, in his campaign, had promised to have the minutes of each council meeting produced for all citizens, so they might be fully informed. Ald. Brookhouse said News and Views carried reports of council, either first-hand or taken from the minutes. All the pertinent material was there. Mr. Loke said he was quite prepared to pay to get complete minutes. He said he didn't think News and Views provided extensive enough reports.

PLAN RAFFLE TO RAISE COOP FUNDS

Another raffle similar to last year's may be held to raise funds to operate The Coop, Chairman Jack Mitcham told the regular meeting of the Citizens' Association Oct. 14.

The resignation of Barney Rider as Association corresponding secretary was accepted, Mr. Rider having been elected to council.

The annual Association membership campaign will take place in January, and the chairman hoped it would be as successful as last year's, chairmanned by Ginny Higman.

He said The Coop would be even more active next year and new caretaking arrangements were being made.

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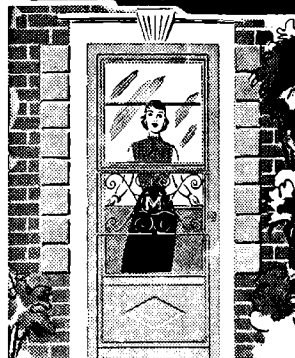
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Reporting on school affairs, Will Spriggs said the school was just about full up. What would be done if more children came into grades 1, 2 and 3, he didn't know, he said. Right now there isn't one class with fewer than 40 pupils.

The 1956 budget, he forecast, would be around \$250,000.

He noted with regret the death of Col. V.H. Graham, secretary-treasurer of the Central Board, Baie d'Urfée-Senneville board and Ste. Anne de Bellevue board. L.G. Kettlewell is now filling the first two positions.

Mr. Spriggs praised Col. Graham for his many years' devoted service to education in this area.

When it was suggested school taxes here seemed rather high, Mr. Spriggs said it cost about \$180 to educate one pupil, and Baie d'Urfites paid just a bit higher than that. Baie d'Urfée and Senneville were carrying Ste. Anne's, he agreed, but Ile Perrot and Dorion were pretty well looking after themselves. However, he noted, Baie d'Urfée and Senneville also get bigger grants.

Mr. Spriggs said we could appeal to Quebec, "but I don't think it would be the proper thing to do."

"Senneville have a heavier load than we have," said Chairman Mitcham. "They're paying at around \$500 per child. As long as we're paying average, or less, we haven't much of a case."

When the new school on Ile Perrot opens it will ease the pupil strain here, said Mr. Spriggs, but the new school there will mean higher taxes here. Questioned, he said if Macdonald College became part of Baie d'Urfée it would add no tax benefits to the town.

Mr. Spriggs said he hoped Baie d'Urfée's new school would be operating in 1957 or 1958. Five new schoolrooms were required already, he said, as a result of pressure in the early grades.

He said one of the big problems was lack of uniform basis for assessment among the various municipalities within the school area. Some were way out of line, he said, but it was hoped this would be remedied following a spot-check survey now being made by assessors.

Ald. George Jost suggested "New England Barn Red" with white trim, for painting the barns. Perhaps it could be tested on one of the smaller buildings. The executive will huddle with Alderman Rider on the matter.

Chairman Mitcham brought the meeting up to date on the new council's action with regard to the commercial area and cloverleaf problems. Murray Campbell said the Metropolitan Commission professed to know nothing of this particular sketch, but they had 40 or so cloverleaf drawings, all showing it in the

west end of town, and one showing it extending two or three times further into Bayview. A lot of expensive survey work had obviously been done, he said.

Alderman George Bain said the town hoped to make official representations to the Metropolitan Commission within a week or 10 days and perhaps Campbell could be named the Association's official representative on the committee. The meeting agreed.

Chairman Mitcham said a special committee would study what part the Association should play in future elections. Past practice would be looked at, he said, with particular reference to the undesirable aspects which cropped up in the recent election.

Mr. Mitcham said it was also time to be thinking over possible candidates for next year's Association executive. He invited suggestions, explaining that no one could fill the same post more than two years, nor be on the executive more than three years.

The chairman introduced the new mayor, Dr. Harvey Cruickshank, and two of the new aldermen, Bain and Rider. The mayor paid tribute to ex-mayor Gelina and former members of the council, and invited the only one present, Al Christie, to stand up and take a bow.

Mayor Cruickshank said council felt all portfolios should be supported by active citizen committees. He hoped the Association would continue to assist and cooperate in the town's affairs as before.

He revealed he had just attended his first civic function in his new capacity-touring the St. Lawrence seaway development in this area with Hon. Lionel Chevrier. The only thing he could find out, he said, was that the Lac St. Louis level here would not change.

When speeding within the community was mentioned, Mr. Mitcham said a lot of new traffic signs were about to go up. Chester Ellis urged better marking of streets so provincial buses, and their passengers, would know where to stop. He also called attention to "a certain structure" which stood at the corner of Morgan Road and the Metropolitan Boulevard, contrary, he said, to our by-laws.

Frank Booth invited suggestions as to recreational plans for next year. A budget had to be prepared now, he said. Bill Norcott said the beach should be extended at least another 50 feet. It was getting overcrowded and unsafe. Too many visitors, too, he said, suggesting some system of identification for those entitled to use the beach. Maybe a commissioner should be hired. Perhaps, he suggested, it was time citizens should consider paying more for the development, maintenance and use of these unsurpassed privileges.

Ald. Jost said an overall survey of parks and playground facilities was being contemplated.

Ernie Dewitt said a record number of boys would be playing hockey this year. He said Lakeview Gardens had permitted use of the area near The Coop for a rink, and lights had been bought from St. George's Church. Chairman Mitcham said the Association itself had nothing to do with this particular enterprise but had

been kept informed by the group arranging it. The Association couldn't put any money into it, he said, as the land wasn't the Association's.

"The land is available" he said, "but there's a price on it - \$12,000 or a successful referendum."

"We have to be careful we're not compromised," warned Chester Ellis.

"That's why we're not putting any money into it," said Mitcham.

T.R. Lee.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OCTOBER, 1955

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

This year, in addition to the regular repair and replacement work carried out every summer, a planned annual schedule of redecoration has been started. The old building was redecorated during the summer as the commencement of this schedule.

NEW CLASSROOMS AND ROOM CHANGES

The junior girls' playroom and the senior recreation room have been fitted out as classrooms. The locker room in the basement of the old building has been modified for use as a music room. The men's cloakroom at the Maple Avenue entrance is in use as a teacher's work room.

The school has begun, in a small way at first, to provide some Guidance work, both class and individual. In order to provide Guidance office space, the Health office has been relocated in the women's cloakroom near the Maple Avenue entrance.

NEW SCHOOL ON ISLE PERROT

Preliminary plans for a 16-room elementary school have been prepared by the Architect, A. Leslie Perry, and are now being studied. It is hoped to make formal application to Quebec for approval of preliminary plans within the next few weeks. The building simply has to be ready for use by next September.

BUDGET

The Budget for 1955/56 is now being prepared, and as soon as all Municipal valuation rolls are received, it will be possible to study the tax rate problem. There will, of course, be some increase in the estimated budget as compared with last year due to:-

1. Regular annual increase in salaries.
2. Additional teachers
3. Additional furniture.
4. Redecoration and fitting up of classrooms.

W.Spriggs
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"MUST ATTRACT SELECTED INDUSTRIES"

The following clipping from "Headlines", publication of the U.S. National Association of Real Estate Boards, would seem most appropriate so far as our town is concerned:

HOMES AND INDUSTRIES

A good many of the nation's finest residential communities must attract and make room for selected industries or else face either unbearable taxation or a marked reduction in standards of community service, according to a study recently conducted in San Mateo County, Calif., by the Industrial Council of the Urban Land Institute.

The Council concluded that high income residential communities like San Mateo County must review their zoning requirements to protect land suitable for industrial use from encroachment by residential or other uses.

The county was also advised to conduct an organized campaign of public education to convince its people that the right sort of industries can be good neighbors.

REQUEST FOR SHOPPING AREA ENLARGEMENT WITHDRAWN

Town Secretary Treasurer H.A. Soucy informed Town council at its regular meeting Nov. 2 that while five or six Baie d'Urfée boat owners had put their craft in "dead" storage at the barns, only one had signed the required agreement with the town. Other owners will be notified to sign agreements forthwith.

"We accept no responsibility for those boats," stressed Councillor Brookhouse.

When Mayor Cruickshank enquired if there was anything new concerning the commercial zone, Mr. Soucy read a letter from Lakeview Gardens expressing regret that the question of an enlarged commercial zone had become an issue in the recent election. Their only interest, wrote the firm, was the best interests of the town, and they had no wish to be part of any controversy. Therefore, the firm wrote, they were withdrawing their application for an enlarged commercial area for the time being.

Ald. George Bain said the town should reply stating the whole matter was under review and perhaps the town would have something more concrete to say in the not too distant future. The door should be left open, he said. He assumed, he said, that the proposed swap for the four lots adjacent to The Coop also lapsed for the time being.

"That is a most desirable property" said Ald. Corbett. "We've got to get it soon or perhaps not at all. Whether the cloverleaf goes through or not, we could have a referendum for extension of the commercial zone, and perhaps be given this property. Or we could go to them with a straight cash

deal, although the price might be out of our reach at this time". The value has been mentioned as at least \$12,000.

Mayor Cruickshank observed that now, then, there was nothing officially before the building committee concerning use or development of the commercial zone. Mr. Soucy said there had been no written application for enlargement of the area; it was a verbal arrangement between ex-Mayor Gelinas and Lakeview Gardens. However, he re-read a letter of last June from Lakeview Gardens saying they were all set to go ahead with their shopping centre, subject to the referendum with respect to the 66-foot service road.

Council quickly gave three readings to by-law 97 which annulled by-law 96 which called for a referendum on the proposal to double the commercial area.

Mayor Cruickshank reported there had been quite a few complaints about the chimney sweeping, most complainants feeling they got a pretty skimpy job for the money paid out.

Mr. Soucy read the by-law empowering the town to arrange chimney-sweeping, arrange the price, and compel citizens to have chimneys swept. Ald. Corbett felt this was probably a very necessary by-law when coal or wood were the main fuels, but nearly everyone used oil today. However, with the lack of fire protection in the community, perhaps council would be sticking its neck out if it didn't insist on chimneys being swept regularly.

Ald. Brookhouse suggested perhaps Reg. Vidler could hire a couple of men and supervise the job. In other communities town employees did the job. Ald. Bain suggested that the insurance people be asked if rates in the town would jump if chimney sweeping were not insisted upon.

Town Solicitor John W. Long will look into the town's responsibilities in the matter.

16 PERMITS ISSUED

Ald. Barney Rider, buildings chairman, reported 16 permits issued in October for an estimated value of \$243,547. The permits included 14 residences and two alterations.

Mr. Rider asked council backing for his committee's interpretation of the by-laws whereby a building permit would be required for major interior alterations. Ald. Ron Whiteside said certainly if electrical and plumbing changes were being made, or basic structural changes, the buildings committee would have to know. The assessors would want to know too. It was agreed the matter of alterations requiring permits should be left to the building committee's discretion. Mayor Cruickshank agreed, however, that the present by-laws could be misleading.

Ald. Rider read a petition from Sunny Acres residents calling for filling of an unsightly, dangerous excavation in the area. The petition said the hole frequently contained enough water to be a menace. Mr. Rider said apparently there was no immediate intention to build on the site. Mr. Soucy said the town could have it filled in, then apply the cost to the owner's taxes.

Ald. Corbett said the town's general financial situation was satisfactory. General tax collections exceeded \$23,000 of a budgetted \$25,000, but payment of taxes on local improvement by-laws was not nearly so satisfactory. If the situation didn't improve, action may be required to enforce collection.

Mr. Corbett said the town's expenditures were in line in some categories but overexpended in others. The town had grown to where its present bookkeeping system was inadequate and out of date, and also, because of continual interruptions by phone or at his office, Mr. Soucy had difficulty in finding 20 consecutive minutes to do his book work, Mr. Corbett continued. There was now enough clerical work to warrant some extra help for Mr. Soucy, he suggested.

Ald. Corbett suggested that the town hall be closed either in the morning or the afternoon, whichever Mr. Soucy preferred, to give him a chance to work. He moved that a notice be posted announcing Mr. Soucy's office would be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. until noon, and closed in the afternoon. The new hours will not take effect, however, until sufficient notice has been given, perhaps over a week or two.

"My heart bleeds for Mr. Soucy" laughed Mr. Long, former secretary treasurer, "I know exactly the position he's in."

Council approved expenditure not exceeding \$160 to enlarge the town hall beach 75 feet to the east. Councillor Brookhouse said now was the time to do the work. The cost will be considered part of the Citizens' Association 1956 budget.

Mr. Brookhouse said Mr. Davies had resigned as postmaster and Mrs. D.G. Owen has been appointed to succeed him effective Nov. 1. Ald. Corbett suggested council wouldn't object if Reg. Vidler helped Mrs. Owen get started off on the right foot. Mr. Davies was apparently supposed to stay along for two weeks, to familiarize Mrs. Owen with the routine, but didn't.

Storm windows for the post office, costing \$36.50, were approved. Council approved use of a small barn as a dressing room with the new rink, also a new electrical entrance to cost about \$200. This too will be applied against the Citizens' Association's 1956 budget.

Reg Vidler said the entire electrical system at the barns should be checked. Wire ends were hanging out everywhere, he said, and many switches were faulty. Reg also complained that the barns were being broken into; he didn't know what he could do about keeping them locked.

Ald. Brookhouse said Ernie Dewitt had made arrangements for a well to be dug at the new rink, and would it be okay to have it dug on town property. Council approved. Mr. Rider said Chester Ellis had suggested to Ernie that perhaps The Coop's water facilities could be utilized for the rink, and the donated well could be transferred to another park. Ernie, having wrangled this himself, naturally demurred.

Ald. Whiteside reported attending a meeting of the anti-pollution committee of the Quebec Federation of Fish and Game Associations. He read a statement concerning pollution in Lake St. Louis. Tests had been made at 45 sampling stations. The situation was getting worse and the greatest cause was public apathy, the meeting

was told.

Mr. Whiteside said while perhaps Baie d'Urfée wasn't contributing to the pollution, it was being affected by it, and the community would likely be very definitely affected by any across-the-board legislation to combat it. Baie d'Urfée might, for example, be forced to install a sewage disposal plant. Or failing that become part of a community with one. "We should be aware - be prepared," he said. "Our immediate consideration is the effect of the pollution on our swimming, etc. If everybody doesn't act on this pollution soon it is going to be too late.

SAY NOT ENOUGH DIRT

Ald. Bain, when a new subdivision plan was up for approval, said doubts had been raised whether there was sufficient soil in certain sections to provide proper drainage and septic systems. Perhaps before any approval were given these doubts should be proved or disproved. Council decided to have an expert look the situation over, and if the doubts are confirmed, will ask the subdivision promoters to have thorough tests made. Mr. Long said it was council's duty to take whatever steps they felt necessary to protect the public interest.

Councillors and the town engineer are also going to tour the area.

Ald. Bain said he had conferred with Pierre Desmarais, chairman, and Hugh Hanson, vice chairman, of the Montreal Metropolitan Commission, and their chief engineer, in connection with the cloverleaf. He said the cloverleaf was strictly an engineer's contemplation; it wasn't before the commission proper yet, though it could be a possibility for the future. If and when a cloverleaf is definitely in the works, then all communities on the island will be informed, Mr. Bain said.

However, he warned, Baie d'Urfée shouldn't wait until then to present its views. Baie d'Urfée should make its representations now, one way or another. Mr. Bain said the committee would prepare a report with any ideas, plans or recommendations they might have for presentation to council, then to the metropolitan commission.

"The engineer told me they consider the plan we've seen as the most feasible from every angle, but they're keen to get any ideas we may have", he said.

Mayor Cruickshank referred to the destruction of St. George's Anglican church by fire, and the donation of \$1,000 made by the town of Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

Mr. Long said in the past where there has been a private canvass for any cause, the town has made no donation. Mr. Corbett said he didn't see how the town could or should make a contribution. There was the question of precedent, and the likelihood the town would be henceforth deluged with requests.

"I think this is different", said Mr. Bain, who mentioned he was not an Anglican either. "This church seems to reach into so many homes in Baie d'Urfée."

"I go along with Bill (Corbett) part way, but on the other hand I'm sort of persuaded by George (Bain)" said Mr. Rider.

"Rather than make a small donation, perhaps it would be better to abstain," suggested Ald. Whiteside.

"Our general policy is against such a donation", insisted Ald. Corbett.

"How can you set a policy on tragedy?" asked the mayor.

"It's not entirely a tragedy," replied Mr. Corbett. "They were going to need a bigger church eventually anyway. And besides they're not simply replacing the old church but building one with a lot of improvements. As a council member, I feel there are not enough Baie d'Urfites directly concerned."

"I can't overlook the fact that the church plays an important part in the life of this community," said the mayor.

The matter was deferred.

Mr. Soucy said the assessors are preparing the evaluation roll and it should be ready in December. He also said that a body for the trailer bought for \$272 would cost another \$150. According to Mr. Vidler, the trailer was useless without a body. Mr. Soucy said the combination of the post office safe was now known to at least six people and perhaps it should be changed. Ald. Corbett said he was an expert in such matters and he would confer with Mrs. Owen.

Council endorsed Beaurepaire's rejection of the CNR's request that they be relieved of the responsibility of maintaining fencing along their route through the town.

Council decided to meet twice a month henceforth, the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

GINNIE SAYS:

WE HATE TO LEAVE anyone out, so for the last time: are there any potential square dancers in Baie d'Urfée who'd like to join the Shout 'n' Shuffle Club but don't know how to go about it? Call us up and we'll give you the low-down (telephone Ste. Anne's 4863).

TICKLED PINK is Betty Jaques and her committee who dreamed up the idea of having local artists draw local scenes to be made into Christmas cards and sold hereabouts. The project, which benefits the St. George's Anglican Church building fund, seems to be going over in a big way. If you haven't put your order in yet, the Gym Gift Shop in Ste. Anne's has generously volunteered to sell them, sans commission. However, it'll be a couple of weeks before the finished cards will be on sale, so wait a bit before going down, eh? Already over \$800 worth of orders have been taken! Baie d'Urfée artists who have donated their talents to this project are Polly Barrable, Betty Jaques, Hugh Valentine, Joyce Hartnell, Percy Ritchie, Bob Buckham, Doris Smythe, Leslie Case and Harriet Thomson.

PERHAPS "SWIPED" isn't the right word, because if a small one picked it up he wouldn't know he was stealing. At any rate, if any College Green parent

has noticed 300 feet of mason's line (a heavy twine with a stick on the end of it) which his youngster may have brought home with him, will you phone Reggie Vidler? It belongs to the Town! Reggie and his helper were measuring and left the line alongside a ditch in the College Green area when they went in for lunch. When they returned, the line was gone.....

IF YOUR CHILD has outgrown his electric train set, phone Mary and Ron Barrett at Ste. Anne's 2537. They wish to purchase a "beginner's" set for two of their small fry.

THERE MUST BE more new babies in Baie d'Urfée than we have listed in our little black book! The only one we've heard about being born recently is Mary and Cam Scott's young son, William Douglas, born October 2. The Scotts have one other son, Robbie, three.

ONE YOUNGSTER we neglected welcoming to Baie d'Urfée was Denise Lamartigny, born this summer right on the day her family moved to Baie d'Urfée! Denise has another sister, Anne, and two brothers, Charles and Michel. Her parents, Frances and Michel Lamartigny moved from the Town of Mount Royal to their new home on Cambridge Road. Besides their four children, they have a lovely red setter, "Red", and "Fluffy" a gray kitten.

OUR CAMBRIDGE ROAD REPORTER met the R.E. Taylors the other day, who moved from Montreal in August. The Taylors have been apartment house dwellers for several years and are looking forward to having their own house and garden again. Mr. Taylor is with C.P.R. and, according to Mrs. T. their hobby is their family - two grown children and four little grandchildren, all living in Montreal.

PUTTING SOME OF the older Baie d'Urfée residents to shame is Frank Collins who with his wife, Eleanor, moved to Cambridge Road from Toronto this summer. Frank is an avid gardener whose lawn (so it appeared to his envious neighbors) sprang up over night!!! The Collins have three girls, Joan, Susan and Nancy, and a cute little Cocker called "Taffy".

IT'S A TOUGH BREAK to move into a house and have to go to the hospital a month later, so here's wishing a speedy recovery for Mrs. Forester, who took over the Iverson home in Bayview in mid-September. Mrs. Forester has four sons: Donald, 22, John, 16 and Rickie and Fred, 15-year-old twins.

WE CAN SEE PROBLEMS coming up, what with another Mary and Peter Smith moving into the neighborhood! But the competition in names doesn't end there...for within a stone's throw of the new Peter and Mary Smith are Mary and Larry Smith!!! The Peter Smiths moved from Montreal to their new home at 89 Churchill Road Oct. first. He is a Claim Adjuster with Chubb & Son, insurance brokers, and skiing is their favorite sport.

MARY AND LARRY SMITH moved to their brand new home at 90 Churchill Road Nov. 1st along with one year old Carol. Larry's from Montreal and is in the Sales Development Department of Aluminum Union Ltd. Mary is a Vancouverite.

FROM QUEBEC CITY to Baie d'Urfée came David and Barbara Oliver

who moved to their new home on Somerset, Oct. 1st. David's a Lt.-Commander in the Navy and they have three children: Michael, 16, Stephen, 12 and Jennifer, eight. Playing the Recorder (a flute-like instrument) are hobbies of both David and Michael.

WE SHOULD GET THEM together with John and Marian Robinson who moved to their new home at 668 Victoria Drive two weeks ago. The Robinsons are bagpipe players with Margo age eleven, and Nancy, nine, experts on Highland dancing. Ross, four, is their no. 1 audience. John is District Manager of Robertson Irwin Company.

ANOTHER LAKEVIEW GARDEN newcomer is Leo Menard, who, with his wife, Rae, moved to their home on Westchester the middle of September with their three year old son, Philip. The Menards are from Montreal where he is Sales Representative with Building Products, Ltd. Gardening is one of Leo's hobbies and--hold your hat Jack Mitcham--he's interested in getting on some sort of committee for the Citizens' Association.

A MONTH AGO from Montreal, Warren and Gladys Boyd with Larry, 11, Linda, five, and Malcolm, two, moved to their new home at 87 Morgan Road. Warren is a T.C.A. man and their favorite recreation is bowling.

WE HANG OUR HEAD in shame... Somehow or other we missed Stewart and Bessie Weldon when they moved to their new home at 86 Morgan Road way last January! The Weldons' "family" consists of Kai T. Sun, a purebred Pekinese, and a very talkative Budgie named Pat. Bessie is a career gal, owning her own business and Stewart is an agronomist.

FROM POINTE CLAIRE came Phyll and Bill Twirlwall the middle of last month to live at their new home at 76 Morgan Road with their three boys, Lee, eight, Stephen, six, and David, two. Bill is an engineer with the Bell Telephone and at present, their hobby is finishing their house. Besides their boys, a very important member of the family is an adorable Bassett Hound named Sammy.

AHA! WE DO HAVE another new Baie d'Urfite to add to our list... Christina Linden, three weeks old, joins big brother Nicky, two, and her parents Rosemary and Olgerd at their home at 35 Morgan Road. Both the Lindens are Doctors of Medicine, Rosemary being attached to the Ste. Anne's Veterans Hospital and Olgerd at the Institute for Special Research at the Montreal General Hospital. Dr. Olgerd Linden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaw Dabrowski reside with them. The family have been in this country for a year, having come from England.

NALIE AND WILLIAM HARLAND with their two little boys, Richard, three, and Bruce, four months, moved from Lachine to their new home at 29 Morgan Road early in October. Bill is a civil engineer with Shawinigan Engineering. Though photography used to be their hobby, until their gardening gets in hand any thoughts along the picture line have been put high on the shelf. "Butch" that cute little brown dog, new to the Morgan pack, belongs to the Harlands and is pure bred "Heinz".

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