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NOMINATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL

A recent issue of News and Views published a letter from Mr. Allan outlining suggestions for the selection of a slate for the new Council. Your nominating Committee composed of the following members, Syd Nagley, Eldred Godwin, Harry Saythe, Alex Poe, Al Christie & Ted Pilkey (chairman), having given his suggestions careful study, and in line with them, have prepared a list of names for presentation to the Association at the June meeting. His Worship Mayor Case has signified that he is prepared to accept a further term of office, and no other nominations for the Mayoralty have been received.

To give all districts of the Town representation on the Council, the ballot has been prepared in four sections:

1. Lakeshore Road east of the Town Hall.
2. Lakeshore Road west of the Town Hall.
3. Lakeview and Station Roads.

To provide approximately equal representation from all districts it is suggested that two nominees each be selected from sections 1 & 2, and one nominee each from sections 3 & 4. The gentlemen whose names appear on the ballot have all consented to have their names balloted on in this manner and are duly qualified for nomination under section 12(h) and other pertinent sections of the Cities and Towns Act.

In case your committee have overlooked any names or you wish other names added, provision will be made for further names in each section of the ballot and these may be added before balloting actually takes place. If you have further suggestions please contact the chairman of your nominating committee in advance of the June meeting. No municipal election has been held in the Town of Baie d'Urfe for over 20 years, and the June meeting of your Association will provide an opportunity for the equivalent of an election without expense to the Town. Come to the meeting prepared to cast your ballot and select a slate which, in due course, will be nominated by the Association. Should other nominations be made on nomination day by non-members of the Association, an election will, of course, be necessary and the Association will rely on its members to support its candidates.

The list of names we expect to present to you on this ballot follows:

Section 1. Lakeshore Road east of Town Hall.
Select (Mr. K.S. Bjorn
Two (Mr. E. B. Fry
(Mr. J. Gelinas
(Mr. E.W. Yates

Section 2. Lakeshore Road west of Town Hall.
Select (Mr. F. Hanson
Two (Mr. W.D. Laird
(Mr. A.R. Wilson
(Mr. R. A. Winters

Section 3. Lakeview and Station Roads.
Select (Mr. F. Holliday
One (Mr. W. H. Parker

Section 4. College Green.
Select (Mr. F. Smith
One

E. Pilkey, Chairman, Nominating Committee.
REPORT ON TOWN PLANNING

GENERAL PLANNING. It is difficult to evolve an over-all plan for the Town as there is still much farm land. We have been advised that until such time as this land is opened up for building purposes, no over-all plan can be made; that it is a question of dealing with problems as they arise. However, we believe that some provision should be made for park areas - small in size - and this question is receiving serious consideration. Inasmuch as this takes time and that haste often results in mistakes, we will not have much to report on this phase for some time to come.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION. Let us have your ideas on this subject. We feel strongly that much can be done to improve the appearance of our Town. There are quite a number of spots which need tree planning. Something can be done to make the approaches to the Town more attractive. We believe that the sides of roads can be kept in neat condition. However, we need your ideas and cooperation. It may be possible to buy trees in large quantity for Fall planting, some of which could be placed at the disposal of interested property owners. We would like to see a tree-planting day organized. Phone your ideas to us soon.

BUILDING PERMITS. It is now the practice for two representatives of Town Planning to meet with two representatives from the Town Council for the purpose of scrutinizing applications. This results in a double check and the whole Town benefits. We are not concerned with style of house or floor plans, but more with safe-guarding our Town from poorly placed buildings which might result in increased fire hazards, and, of course, increased insurance rates; the creation of unsanitary conditions; poor street lines; and the destroying of privacy. Most people seem to take up residence here because they wish more privacy and more space in which to live. Also, people building here usually come from urban communities where conditions are different from that of the country. We believe that we can be of help and service to prospective residents by acting as a clearing house of information relating to conditions peculiar to our district. Some prospective builders have already contacted us for advice. We feel that the 'good neighbour' policy is very worthwhile.

PAMPHLETS. In considering methods of offering service, we came to the conclusion that the best basic method is that of issuing pamphlets of two or three pages on subjects connected with town planning and building in a country district. Tentative plans included pamphlets on such things as wells and sewage disposal; landscaping in general; lists of planting materials; a primer of house design; parks and playgrounds; fire hazards; insurance, etc. In spite of the enormous amount of work entailed, we thought the project worthwhile. The C.A. Executive presented the idea to the Council asking for $125.00 for financing, but the request has been turned down. The project has been shelved for the time being.

YOUR ROLE. This is your Town - you have the right to express your ideas. Without your help, Town Planning will remain a theoretical project. Come and talk to us direct. If we haven't the answers, we will try to get them.

Frank Hanson, Chairman.
the Citizen's Association to propose suitable persons for membership in the Town Council, announced that the main business of the June meeting will be a full discussion on this matter. Mr. Pilkey gives a complete explanation of his plans elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Allen, for the membership committee introduced Mr. & Mrs. McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Coulter as new members. It was announced by the Chairman that the School Affairs Committee under Mrs. Laird, has been appointed by the Executive to act as a nomination committee to propose a new Trustee to sit on our Local Board of Trustees, for a term of three years, the election to take place early in July. Dr. Hanson discussed the reasons for the request from the Town Planning Committee for a grant of $125.00 from the Town Council. His full report is given elsewhere in this issue. A letter was read from Dr. Gray and it was voted by the meeting that it should be published in “News and Views”. Some discussion took place on the possible purchase of a piano and Dr. Hanson was authorized to spend up to $200.00. The meeting was then handed over to Mrs. Tait for the discussions on “Hobbies”.

Patricia Laird, Assistant Secretary.

Baie D'Urfe held its own Hobby Lobby on the evening of May 13th when, after the business meeting of the Citizens' Association, five of our neighbours gave us an all too brief ride on their Hobby Horses. Mrs. Tait started the speakers off with a capsule introduction and acted as reluctant time-keeper for their delightful five-minute talks which followed. Miss Joyce Hartnell briefly sketched the history of puppetry and described methods and materials for making these fascinating Lilliputians before showing us some of the hand puppets and the charming Miss Selina she herself made. Mrs. Grant brought along exquisite samples of her leather work to illustrate a most informative talk on the tooling and working of leather. Mr. Thomson took us back some 200 years to the early days of Canadian silver and its craftsmen. (He had some beautiful ladies and a family heirloom tray to exhibit.) Mrs. Brown introduced us to angora rabbits, discussed their care and feeding and gave most interesting and explicit information as to the marketing of the fur and its products. Professor Gray rounded off the programme with a telescoped survey of moths and butterflies before showing us the beautiful specimens collected locally. Dr. Hanson thanked the speakers and to his thanks we add our warmest appreciation for a thoroughly delightful programme.

Ann Hanson.

Thanks to the many good people for May’s successful after meeting tea which was made by Mrs. Gray, cookies being supplied by Mrs. A. Comber, Mrs. Cape, and Mrs. Chandler. Bill Parker has a runner-up to tie for first place in putting the dishes away—Harry Smythe.

Miriam Nagley.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 10th, at 8 p.m. The important part of the meeting will be the discussions on the forthcoming election of a school trustee, and the nominations for aldermen for the Town Council. Read Mr. Pilkey’s report carefully, find out, if you do not already know, the qualifications of these men for office and come to the meeting prepared to nominate a good Council. For the past two years our Mayor and aldermen have worked hard for the good of our Town. Let us nominate a council equally as good.

The Horticulture Committee will be glad to receive donations of glass jam jars at the next meeting to be used at the Flower Show.

THE HONOUR ROLL: At last we can report that the scroll with the names of all those who served and died in the war is now ready. Subject to the approval of the Town Council a short unveiling ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. No special invitations will be sent to residents, all are welcome. Any change of plan will be posted at the Town Hall. As we shall expect some out of town guests, tea will be served. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Hartnell for his beautiful work on this scroll.

BAIE D'URFE DAY: The Recreation Committee are making plans for a better than ever day of sports and fun on Saturday, July 16th. Keep this day free and watch out for further announcements in News & Views.

CHILDREN’S CORNER:

1. At all four corners of our roof
   They build themselves a nest
   And scratching, tapping, pecking
   Each day disturb our rest.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. & Mrs. Olen on the birth of a daughter.

2. But Spring comes only once a year,
   And birds we all do love,
   So we will not mind it much,
   But wish them luck above.
   Irma Walter.
Copy of a letter to our Chairman:

Dear Sir:

I wish to draw to the attention of all residents of the community the fact that the woods north of Baie D'Urfe and Ste. Annes and east of Senneville, known as Morgans Woods have been created a bird sanctuary by the owners - The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning. In order to encourage the continued and increased use of that domain by birds, it has been ordained that the carrying and use of firearms, including .22 rifles except under permit and for the destruction of vermin, is forbidden. I believe that this ordination is in force in Ste. Annes and Senneville. I wish to urge that a similar ordinance be established and enforced in Baie D'Urfe, for this area is directly within the "flyway" of all migrating birds which go north to Morgan's Woods and beyond. By Federal Law it is forbidden to shoot or destroy any of a lengthy list of beneficial or harmless birds, and I think that such action as I wish to see taken will discourage and, I hope, stop the thoughtless scaring or destruction of one of our greatest assets.

Yours truly,

P.H.H. Gray.

Macdonald Central School Board met on Friday, May 20th, with all members present. The Board is to be congratulated on the excellent results obtained by their perseverance in trying to secure a better agreement with McGill than the one originally proposed. Parts of the new agreement were discussed by the members, the main items of interest being a proposal for a 99 years lease and a greatly improved financial arrangement with McGill for the first five years. After that time new discussions will take place, consideration being given to the number of children living on Macdonald Campus. Mr. Angus, the Chairman, expressed satisfaction at the present relationship between the Central Board and McGill University. With regard to our present school it was agreed that a basement room must be fitted up to accommodate a second Grade I, and an extra Grade I teacher appointed. Salaries are to be adjusted for the next year, more in keeping with the Montreal scale. Miss Helen Fletcher was appointed to teach music in Macdonald school and Hudson on a sharing basis. No art teacher has, as yet, been appointed. Miss Ruth Springer, at one time head of the Handicrafts at Macdonald College has been appointed to teach one Grade I class. During the months of June, July and August the Central Board will meet on the third Thursday and the public will be admitted at 9 p.m.

Heather Gray.

AUCTION A HOWLING SUCCESS

Auctioneers and babes in arms. No insult intended. You behaved yourselves very well. This report is being written on the day following the sale and your committee has not had time to complete its poll of public opinion. However, reports to date indicate that those who attended had more fun than a circus (a competing attraction). We had our own wild animal show, four beautiful kittens decked out in colored ribbons, which brought the crowd pressing close to the auctioneers for some spirited bidding. There were also fifteen chickens (no sale). There were some wonderful bargains, one man drove home on a bicycle for $7.00. Another took home a Simmons steel bed for 50 cents, or was it 25 cents? On the other hand there were some good prices from the vendor's point of view—ask your neighbours. Now a word of good advice, gained after experience with two auction sales.

(1) Improve the standard of goods offered, to attract the crowd. Everyone must have articles, seldom used which could be turned into cash.
(2) Build up confidence in articles offered. Mark a defect so that the auctioneer can point same out to bidders.
(3) If you want a good bid don't place a reserved bid, start the bidding yourself and before you know it others will push it back, pay the bid price to the cashier and later get your money back less commission and save money. Namely, a reserve bid of $50.00 cost you $5.00 if unsold, if you buy back at $20.00 cost is $2.00 saving of $3.00. Think this over before next year. Complete details are not yet available, but a rough estimate of profit for your association will be around $100.00 ($68.05) last year. Thanks to the weatherman for an excellent day. Thanks also to the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club for the use of the marquee, to our Chairman and all the auctioneers, to the ladies on the miscellaneous counter, the young ladies on the refreshment counter, the gentlemen who dispensed the flowers, etc., and to Robby Robertson for his invaluable assistance throughout and the many others who contributed equipment, ideas and drawn to the cause.

Harry Smythe, Chairman.
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