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Town Planning	2391	Paul Dawson
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ON EDITORIALS IN MAY

If time permitted, we think we could write a really eloquent rebuttal of the city dwellers' conception of life in the country these enchanting spring days. On second thought, this weed of our fancy would fall on the already well filled time-borders of Baie d'Urfé home owners and gardeners and take space which you need to get the terrace built, the trellis painted and the lawn planted or weeded -- whichever stage of development you may have reached. Far more accurately, it might take time from the committee meeting or report which already is keeping you from the terrace or trellis or lawn. So this little package marked "Idea for an Editorial" is being placed firmly in a drawer and you are invited to spend the ten minutes reading time it would have absorbed just sniffing the delightful fragrance which drifts from your neighbour's lilacs or watching the warblers at work and play -- or even on the trellis, terrace or lawn work. We are blessed and what we need most in this busy community is time to mediate on our blessings mainly for the good of our own souls but also to preserve some little shred of our city friends' illusions.

THE RECORD

The monthly meeting of the Association was held on May 12 with forty-three members present and Treasurer McKee in the chair. A proposal to change the name Station Road to Morgan road was approved, the proposal to be submitted to the Council. The membership committee reported that there were still unpaid fees to be collected. A new member, Mr. Waverly of Station Road was introduced. No interest was shown in forming a central organization with representatives from municipalities from Lachine to Ste. Anne's for a discussion of common Lakeshore problems. There was some discussion on a fire committee and volunteer brigade but no definite proposals were put forward. There will be no change in the maintenance of the Town Hall as it concerns our use. No interest was shown in a suggested meeting to discuss school affairs. On duly approved motion, the present committee for school affairs was made the official nominating committee of the association for the Baie d'Urfé members of the proposed Protestant Commissioners of the Baie d'Urfé-Senneville district. The council was asked to take steps to eliminate poison ivy from the district. A detailed memorandum on tree planting was presented by Mr. Osborne. Further discussion of this project was suspended until the meeting had heard from its guest speakers from the Quebec Horticultural Federation. Following their presentation and the formation of a Baie d'Urfé Horticultural Society, the new society was requested to approach the Town Council on our behalf to ask that trees be planted on town property where most needed, the Horticultural Society to report back to a future meeting of the citizens' association. The meeting then adjourned.

Doris Cape - Recording Secretary

Horticultural Society

At the conclusion of the May meeting of the Citizens' Association our new Horticultural Society was formed. We had the pleasure of hearing from Mr. Paul Emile Gagnon, Secretary of Quebec Province who told us that the Provincial Government was very keen to have Horticultural Societies as the government felt in every case it encouraged greater enthusiasm in beautifying our towns and villages. The usual practice was to start on the Town Hall but in the case of Baie d'Urfé, we would have to start elsewhere as the setting was already perfect. Mr. Gagnon said that there are already twenty-seven societies in the Province with a membership of five thousand. To guide these societies, there is a Board of thirteen members, chosen from the more active of these societies.

Mr. Gagnon listed the following benefits which we would receive by participating:

- (1) The Provincial Government will pay dollar for dollar up to 200 memberships, fifty cents for the next 100 memberships and twenty-five cents for an additional 300 memberships.
- (2) Will provide cards for Horticultural Show.
- (3) Will provide judges for Horticultural Show.
- (4) Makes available at small cost a speaker panel of 23 individuals.
- (5) 125 films on related topics, some free and some at small cost.
- (6) Members are eligible for a paper, "Horticulture News".
- (7) Seeds, shrubs, trees, etc. may be purchased at a 10% discount.
- (8) Equipment at 5% discount.

In closing, Mr. Gagnon pointed out that the membership fee of one dollar would soon be recovered by the members if they took advantage of the discounts.

Our next speaker was Mr. Edouard Gernaey who briefly outlined the organization which must consist of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and several directors, each director to be in charge of a committee. The money collected from memberships and government grants must be used fifty per cent for prizes and fifty per cent for propaganda (tree planting, education, etc.). There was sufficient interest at the meeting to assure the required number of members and the society was brought into being. A proposed list of officers was presented as follows:

Chairman.....	G. E. Tait
Vice-Chairman.....	Reg Vidler
Secretary.....	Joyce Hartnell
Treasurer.....	Margaret Creates
Directors.....	John Evans
	Vivian Smith
	Harry Smythe

with further membership on the executive invited from other interested parties. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Gernaey by Mr. Vidler.

Elizabeth Brown

CBC International Service Broadcast

Thought and effort are still being directed toward bringing to our Association the record of the broadcast made by Mrs. Peters on our Citizens' Association over CBC International Service. There has been some difficulty in having it transcribed to a record which could be played on available equipment but we are still hoping to hear it -- perhaps at the June meeting.

Agenda - June 9th

1. WHAT IS YOUR BEEF? -- Recreation? Meetings? Finances? ?????
2. Group discussions of matters of importance.
3. Tea
4. Adjournment

Your executive

NOTES ON TOWN COUNCIL

Attended May 2nd Council meeting at which were present all councillors and about twelve spectators. Smith tabled reports on drainage problem, Station and Lakeshore - will procure prices for Council approval. Oxford drainage and road repair estimates were tabled and discussed. Request to plant trees on town property fronting own property at applicant's own expense discussed, decided to incorporate in Town Planning over all plan. Question of culvert responsibility discussed by-law shows it is landowners responsibility. Smith asked to investigate problem of too small and too high culvert in College Green area. Question of further road repairs and culverts in same area to be included in estimates of repairs to Oxford Road. Requested warning sign re children at play on College

Green to be considered further after road repaired. Letters regarding appearance and condition of outbuildings to be directed to owners in several areas from which complaints had been received. Councillor Parker inquired re replacement of trees on Station Road further to Morgan's arrangements with town. Long advised Morgans requesting action on having gaps filled. Much information covering several years tabled and ample discussion followed. Mayor contacting Morgan Realities. Question of wharf and boathouse also mentioned. Fry's inquiry re right of way adjoining town grounds being private was discussed. Information elicited that it is town's right of way and Fry has legal right of usage. Town advising Fry and requesting sign be withdrawn. Private requests for use of Town Hall discussed and decided inadvisable. Request for garage permit discussed and decided plot plan be submitted to Councillor Hanson.

Laird inquired re public liability insurance covering public activities. Advised town covered. Hanson submitted numerous building plans for discussion and approval. Long tabled correspondence -- impossible for correspondent to follow all details. VLA correspondence re flooding on Lakeview tabled, also representative present. Sorry, conclusions not clear to yours truly. Likewise letter re Quebec Annual road subsidy. C. O. Grimm letter re culvert overflow and resultant damages discussed. Understand it is provincial responsibility. Council writing Quebec. Crawford letter re rumoured new by-laws being answered "information incorrect". By-laws protect present holdings. Auditors' letter re fees discussed and new rate of \$150 per annum accepted. Town power mower repaired at cost \$120. Connelly reported problems re procuring certain lands for completion of plan, also questions need of providing certain roads for long term plan not now needed. Requested town's specification for sub-division road, with outlet on Lakeshore, understand ten lots already sold, suggested name Sunny Acres. After much discussion over all problem referred to Town Planning for final OK and re-submittal to Council.

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AUCTION SALE

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Syd Creates
 Chairman, Auction Sale

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