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for BAIE d'URFÉE DAY

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by Alderman H. G. Brookhouse
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A HISTORY

of

THE TOWN OF BAIE D'URFÉE

by Ald. H. G. Brookhouse

In the early days of Canada's discovery and development the quickest and easiest way of travel was by water. Soon after the establishment of a Community at Montreal, explorers, then trappers and farmers, moved West from Montreal and Lachine along the shores of Lake St. Louis to Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Senneville, Ile Perrot and points West.

Some time around 1686 a mission was established at a place on the lakeshore, now called Caron Point, by the highly distinguished M. D'Urfée, son of the Marquis D'Urfée, one of the first families of France. The mission was known as the Parish of St. Louis du Hout de L'Isle de Montreal.

The Registers of Lachine contain a memorandum in which it is stated that the Register of the Parish of St. Louis was started in 1686 and continued to 1687 only. All the entries are signed by D'Urfée Curé.

The first entry in the Church Register was that of the marriage of J. Bte. de Celeron Sieur de Blainville with Helen Picoté de Bélestre, widow of Antoin de La Fresnaye, Sieur de Brevey, on the 29th November, 1686, and was undoubtedly the first marriage performed at this place. The next entry is that of the natural death of Claud de la Mothe dit le Marquis de Sourdy, buried on the 23rd February, 1687. On the 18th October, 1687, eight men were killed by the Iroquois and buried in the Church yard. Jean de La Londe, who owned Caron Point, was one of these. The last entry was that of Louis Jets, miller of M. Le Ber., who died a natural death after having received the last Sacraments of the Church on the 17th November, 1687, and was buried the following day in the Cemetery of the Church of St. Louis.

M. L'Abbé D'Urfée gives the names of the first settlers, two and a half centuries ago, as D'Aoust, Crevier, Godin, Lalonde, Gunet, St. Denis, Valiquette and Vallée.

It is thought that all were destroyed by the Iroquois massacre of 1687. This terrible Indian war lasted until the year 1698 and forced the people back to Lachine.

In 1703 M. de Bresley succeeded L'Abbé D'Urfée but he built his Church at Ste. Annes so as to have the protection of the Fort Senneville.

The bay east of Caron Point was called Baie D'Urfée in honour of the L'Abbé D'Urfée who had done so much for the people of this area a few short years before.

The question of the actual site of the Chapel was settled in 1886 when a cellar was being excavated at Caron Point. Remains of the foundation of the Chapel were unearthed together with the bones of 23 persons of different physique. Some of the skeletons were wearing ornaments that were typically Indian, and some wore crosses made of brass. A tomahawk was found in good condition. These discoveries proved beyond a doubt that this was the site of the old Mission and Burial ground.

This part of the Island of Montreal developed slowly, being gradually turned into farm land. As the main mode of travel was by water the land was always divided in such a way that all land owners had access to the water. Therefore the farms became, in time, as they were divided and sub-divided for sons and grandsons, long strips of land all touching on Lake St. Louis. Thus all, or at least most of the farm houses were built near the water, and as the population increased paths were made from one farm house to another to make it easy to visit one with another. These trails and paths gradually became the basis for the present Lakeshore Road. This area eventually became the Parish of Ste. Anne de Bout de L'Isle of the County of Jacques Cartier.

In the year 1856 the Grand Trunk Railway was built through this area and it built a station at the present site, calling it Bayview Satation. Some twenty-five years later the Canadian Pacific built a parallel line. However, in 1902 the name of the station was changed to Baie d'Urfée station at the request of some of the residential residents of the area.

As communications improved and people could travel about more freely they realized the beauty of this area, and in summer the water was a great attraction for swimming and boating. More and more wealthy families from Montreal acquired farms as hobbies and used them with their families as summer homes only. But as time passed and communications continued to improve the population increased, especially on a year round basis.

By 1910 a few foresighted residents in this area decided to form a town of their own and early in 1911 a Charter was granted and the Town of Baie d'Urfée came into being.

The first entry in the Minute Book of the Town of Baie d'Urfée is as follows:

I, the undersigned, Louis Joseph Birleau, returning officer for the first Election to be held in the Town of Baie D'Urfée, have the honour to report that at the nomination day held on June 20th, 1911, according to law, Vivian de V. Dowker has been put in nomination as Mayor and Edward Maxwell, Fred J. Shaw, Charles E. Gudewell, Alfred Brunet, Morse G. Bigner and Norwood M. Lash as Aldermen.

And being 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I have named the said V. de V. Dowker Mayor, and the other six, Councillors of the Town of Baie D'Urfée.

Ste. Anne de Bellevue
June 21st, 1911
(sgd) L. J. Birleau
Returning Officer.

The first Meeting of the Council was held in the school house of the Town at 8 p. m., 10th July 1911, but was immediately adjourned to 18th July.

At the July 18th Meeting Mr. L. J. Birleau was appointed the Town's first Secretary-Treasurer. The Mayor was authorized to make arrangements with the School Board to enable the Council to use the school house for its Meetings. It was decided that all notices be posted at the school house and at, or near, the Grand Trunk Railway Station. A By-law was passed that the Council meet at 8 o'clock on the first Tuesday of every month to conduct the business of the Town.

At the Council Meeting of September 16th, 1911, Mr. James Morgan, merchant, of Montreal, being present at the Meeting, offered free to the Town all the land in front of his farm between the public road and the river, with the condition that the Town should build on the said lot of land a Town Hall and a boat house with landing, and to keep said lot of land in good and clear condition as a public park for the free use of the residents of the Town.

Mr. William Lyall then offered to the Council to give free to the Town all the land in front of his farm between the Lakeshore Road and the river, with the condition that the said lot of land be kept by the Town in good and clear condition as a public park, reserving for himself and family a right of access to the river, and to build a boat house and landing for himself and family.

Mr. James Morgan then made a further offer to give to the Town a tract of land of 100 feet in width, from the Grand Trunk Railway Station to the public road along the river. The said tract of land comprising the road already opened from the Railroad Public Station to the public road along the river, with the necessary ground near the Station, to make a small square to allow the rigs and carriages to turn easily. With the condition that the Town should plant four rows of trees, two on each side of the road with cinder side walks between each two rows of trees, and to maintain said tract of land, road, side walks and trees in good condition.

On the 12th October, 1912, Mr. James Morgan offered the house he owned to the Town, free of charge, to be used as a Town Hall.

Mr. L. J. Birleau resigned and a Mr. Arthur H. Burton was appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

In December, 1912, a franchise was granted to the Vaudreuil Springs Syndicate, for twenty-five years, to supply the Town with spring water.

The first Building By-law of the Town was passed by the Council on June 14th, 1913

By 1915 electric power became available to the Town and at that time was purchased from the Town of Beaconsfield.

At the Council Meeting of 26th February, 1916, the Secretary-Treasurer read the reports of the detectives who had been engaged to investigate the several thefts that had lately taken place in the Town, and it was decided to notify the employer of the guilty party that if he had not left the Town by March 15th, 1916, a warrant would be issued for his arrest; also to warn the said guilty party by letter, to be delivered by Constable O'Hara, to leave the Town before the above mentioned date or he would be arrested.

July 12th, 1922, a Contract was signed with the Town of Ste. Anne de Bellevue for electric power, to commence 1st December, 1922, as the Town of Beaconsfield is now unable to supply Baie d'Urfée with adequate power.

At the Council Meeting November 17th, 1923, Mr. J. W. Haywood asked the Town to take over the roads in the College Green Subdivision.

In October, 1927, the Prince of Wales presented to Baie D'Urfée, as a gift, some prize peonies.

Some time in April, 1930, the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company purchased the Town's electric light plant, except for the street lighting system, with its transformer and lights for the sum of \$5,000.00.

In the spring of 1931 the residents of the Town seemed to be divided in their opinion as to who should be Mayor or Aldermen, as two men were nominated for the positions of Mayor and Aldermen, thus forcing the first balloting in the history of the Town.

Also in 1933 two nominations were received for the position of Mayor forcing an election for Mayor, the Aldermen being elected by acclamation.

In May, 1935, word was received that the Provincial Government had decided to build a new highway north of the Lakeshore Road and south of the Railway, from Ville St. Pierre to the bridge at Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

On May 7th, 1935, the Secretary-Treasurer A. H. Burton resigned and the position was offered to and accepted by Mr. John W. Long.

In February, 1937, the Secretary-Treasurer reported that permission had been received to keep the Post Office open on a year round basis.

On May 4th, 1937, two maple trees were planted in front of the Town Hall to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. The trees were the gift of the Mayor, Mr. J. Smith.

The twenty-five year franchise granted to the Suburban Water Company had now expired and as the service was never good it was decided not to renew the franchise. Complaints had been received year after year, sometimes it was the water pressure that was not adequate, sometimes it was due to broken pipes. The original pipes were made of wood bound with iron wire but were gradually replaced with iron pipes as they became available. Twice the water supply failed for several days, water having to be carted around and delivered by hand. It only solved itself by well boring and by 1939 the water was shut off altogether. From then until the present, every house has its own deep well and automatic pumping system.

At a special Council Meeting held June 17th, 1941, Bonds Numbers 16 to 24 inclusive, for \$1,000.00 each, with coupons attached, were checked, and in the presence of the Council, the Press and interested citizens, the Bonds were declared redeemed, cancelled and void. Then followed the burning of the Bonds and Coupons.

The Town of Baie d'Urfee was, at that moment, free of all debt.

In October, 1941, the possibility of forming a volunteer fire brigade was discussed but held over for further consideration.

On 13th June, 1944, Building By-law Number 60 was passed.

November, 1945, a Recreation Club was formed. George Graham was elected president and G. C. Hudson, secretary-treasurer. This Club was not a success and in May, 1947, the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association was formed by a handful of Civic minded residents who set as their goal an association which would take an interest in Town affairs and render the governing body of the Town all assistance possible by re-

porting to them any problem or project desired by the majority of the citizens; and, equally important, provide a meeting place where all residents could get together on an equal footing to meet their neighbours, discuss their problems and talk over the working of the Town.

Then in May, 1950, The Baie d'Urfée Horticultural Society was formed to further the knowledge of horticulture and floriculture among the residents and to be of service to the Town in general in tree planting and weed control.

By 1953 the Town had grown from a few families, with assessed value of \$200,000.00, to over 300 families and an assessed value of \$1,500,000.00. Mr. Viau was retained to prepare a new Charter which will grant the Town wider powers, will stagger the elections of Aldermen, and change the fiscal year of the Town to coincide with the calendar year. On June 30, Secretary John W. Long, Q.C., resigned after 19 years service.

Town Council of Baie d'Urfée, 1954

Mayor - Jean Gelinas
Aldermen - Bill C. Corbett
 Harry B. Smythe
 Herb G. Brookhouse
 Al M. Christie
 George Jost
 Selby A. MacLeod

List of Mayors and Aldermen from 1911 to date.

1911

Mayor - Vivian de V. Dowker
Aldermen - Fred J. Shaw
Charles E. Gudewill
Alfred Brunet
Morse G. Bigner
Norwood M. Lash
Edward Maxwell

1913

Mayor - Vivian de V. Dowker
Aldermen - Edward Maxwell
Fred J. Shaw
Charles E. Gudewill
Frank Walkinshaw
William Lyall
Norman M. Lash

1915

Mayor - Vivian de V. Dowker
Aldermen - Edward Maxwell
Fred J. Shaw
Charles E. Gudewill
Frank Walkinshaw
John Watterson
Leo A. Lewis

1917

Mayor - Fred J. Shaw
Aldermen - Edward Maxwell
Charles E. Gudewill
John Watterson
Fred Walkinshaw
R. A. Winters
Leo N. Dowker

1919

Mayor - Fred J. Shaw
Aldermen - Edward Maxwell
V. de V. Dowker
R. A. Winters
Fred Walkinshaw
John Watterson
Leo N. Dowker

1921

Mayor - Fred J. Shaw
Aldermen - Edward Maxwell
J. Dougall
R. A. Winters
Fred Walkinshaw
John Watterson
Leo N. Dowker

1923

Mayor - Fred J. Shaw
Aldermen - E. G. Lesperance
Jas. Dougall
R. A. Winters
John Watterson
Leo N. Dowker

1925

Mayor - John Watterson
Aldermen - E. G. Lesperance
A. H. Pirie
R. A. Winters
Fred Walkinshaw
F. J. Shaw
J. F. McBride

1927

Mayor - John Watterson
Aldermen - E. G. Lesperance
A. H. Pirie
R. A. Winters
Frank Walkinshaw
F. J. Shaw
J. Fred McBride

Alderman F. J. Shaw
died 18th December, 1928, and W. M.
Spriggs was elected in his place.

1929

Mayor - John Watterson
Aldermen - Walter Maughan
A. H. Pirie
R. A. Winters
Frank Walkinshaw
W. M. Spriggs
W. Fred McBride

1931

Mayor - E. W. Wilson
Aldermen - J. H. Dougall
A. D. Sabastiani
Leslie R. Dowker
W. M. Oliver
J. H. Hebert
W. Fuchs

In December, 1931, Alderman Dowker and Alderman Hebert resigned and in February, 1932, Walter Maughan and J. A. Taylor elected in their places.

1933

Mayor - Walter Maughan
Aldermen - D. S. Mackenzie
E. W. Wilson
W. Fuchs
A. D. Sabastiani
J. A. Taylor
C. J. Smith

Alderman Sabastiani resigned 6th February, 1934, and A. H. Pirie was elected Alderman 24th February, 1934. Alderman Taylor having been absent from three Council Meetings was advised that in view of such absence he ceased to be a member of the Council 6th June, 1934, and Mr. H. W. Hartnell was elected Alderman 3rd July, 1934.

1935

Mayor - C. J. Smith
Aldermen - Walter Maughan
S. W. Wilson
W. Fuchs
A. H. Pirie
H. W. Hartnell
J. A. Taylor

1937

Mayor - Walter Maughan
Aldermen - E. W. Wilson
C. J. Smith
W. Fuchs
A. H. Pirie
H. W. Hartnell
A. D. Sabastiani

1939

Mayor - Walter Maughan
Aldermen - E. W. Wilson
C. J. Smith
W. Fuchs
A. H. Pirie
H. W. Hartnell
L. G. Heimpel

1941

Mayor - A. H. Pirie
Aldermen - William Spriggs
A. M. Yates
A. C. Grant
W. H. Hartnell
L. G. Hiemple
A. G. Pitrie

1943

Mayor - Walter Maughan
Aldermen - J. D. Carriere
L. P. Caron
J. W. Case
W. F. McBride
W. Oliver
F. A. M. Smythe
Aldermen L. P.

Caron and F. A. M. Smythe resigned on 7th November, 1944, and on 5th December 1944, Leo G. Ryan and Albert Turnau were elected Aldermen

1945

Mayor - W. Fred McBride
Aldermen - J. D. Carriere
Leo B. Ryan
Fred W. Case
Albert Turnau
H. N. Osborn
S. L. Kerr

1947

Mayor - Fred W. Case
Aldermen - Doug. Allen
K. C. Brown
J. W. J. Gelinias
L. S. Kerr
A. A. Martin
W. Spriggs, Jr.

1949

Mayor - F. W. Case
Aldermen - J. Gelinias
C. M. Yates
W. D. Laird
A. R. Wilson
W. H. Parker
P. Smith

Alderman Wilson
resigned 13th September, 1949, as he
sold his property. Dr. J. Hanson elected
Alderman October, 1949.

1951

Mayor - J. Gelinias
Aldermen - F. E. Dorion
W. H. Parker
D. C. Menzies
W. D. Laird
G. E. Buch
P. Smith

Alderman Buch
resigned 4th November, 1952; W. C.
Corbett elected Alderman 2nd Decem-
ber, 1952.

EDITORIAL

Let us, upon this occasion, Baie d'Urfée Day, sit back, take a deep breath, relax and start all over .

Let us remember that Baie d'Urfée Day is arranged and promoted by Baie d'Urfée Citizens, as an annual "family" get-together for the participation, entertainment and enjoyment of Baie d'Urfites .

Let us remember that Baie d'Urfée residents live here by choice, because they feel that Baie d'Urfée surroundings and conditions, homes and neighbors are second to none .

Let us remember, too, that Baie d'Urfée residents want to keep it that way, and to that end select the people they consider most capable to look after their affairs and try to do their own little bit, too .

Let us remember, too, that all people don't think alike--it would be a dull world if they did--and it is the essence of our democracy that we should be able to have our own views, and to be able to express them .

Let us remember that none of us is infallible; while we are probably right, we could be wrong, and when someone expresses a different view, it should not be taken as a personal affront or attack .

Let us remember, too, however, that with this right to criticize and suggest, goes the responsibility of ensuring that it is not a harping, nagging, aimless criticism, which helps neither community nor critic, but is constructive and in the best interests of all, as the critic sees it .

Let us remember that life is short, and should be sweet, and 50 years from now not one of us will be worrying a mite about that which might have us in a tizzy today .

Let us, all citizens of THE finest community, share Baie d'Urfée Day and relax and enjoy it .

THE BIGGEST AND THE BESTEST EVER

Baie d'Urfée's sixth Baie d'Urfée Day, on Saturday, July 17, is expected to be the best ever. There will be fun, games, entertainment, refreshments and hundreds of prizes. It will be a day for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest. There will be a prize for all the littlest kids who participate, fine prizes for all sports events, and some snazzy door prizes, too, apart from the raffle. And at the refreshment counter, nothing will cost more than a nickel. The provincial police will be there to direct the traffic and ensure that all is well, and the St. John's Ambulance will be there, too, just in case it isn't. And if you want to take a chance on winning something really worthwhile, raffle tickets are on sale almost anywhere. Want to dance---call Chris Powrie!

A highlight of the program will be the cocktail party being put on by Jackie and Jean Gelinas from eightish until 9:30 on the town hall lawns for the adults of the community. This kind gesture is fast becoming a tradition of Baie d'Urfée Day.

BAIE D'URFEE DAY COMMITTEE, 1954

CHAIRMAN	W. F. Norcott
VICE CHAIRMAN	Al Loke
WATER EVENTS	Frank Smith (Duncan Tingle)
LAND EVENTS	Barney Ryder, Harry Floyd
HANDICRAFTS	Betty Spriggs
ENTERTAINMENT	Jack Mitcham
PRIZES	Vic Willets
CANTEEN	Bill Perks
DANCE TICKETS	Chris Powrie
P.A. SYSTEM	Clarey McGuire
LIGHTING	Al Loke
RAFFLE	Pete Smith
TREASURER	Lars Firing
EQUIPMENT	Tom Vauthier
(Tent - Tarpaulin, Chairs - Tables, etc.)	
PUBLICITY	Tom Lee, Ches Ellis
SAFETY & POLICE	W. F. Norcott
HOSPITALITY	Elizabeth Davis

THE PROGRAM

LAND RACES

<u>Morning Events - Starting at 9:30 A. M.</u>		<u>Yards</u>	<u>No. of Prizes</u>
1. Running Races	Boys 3 & 4 years	15	3
2. Running Races	Girls 3 & 4 years	15	3
3. Running Races	Boys 5 & 6 years	20	3
4. Running Races	Girls 5 & 6 years	20	3
5. Running Races	Boys 7 & 8 years	30	3
6. Running Races	Girls 7 & 8 years	30	3
7. Running Races	Boys 9 & 10 years	30	2

<u>Morning Events</u>		<u>Yards</u>	<u>No. of Prizes</u>
8. Running Races	Girls 9 & 10 years	30	2
9. Sack Races	Boys 6 to 8 years inc.	20	2
10. Sack Races	Girls 6 to 8 years inc.	20	2
11. Sack Races	Boys 9 & 10 years	30	2
12. Sack Races	Girls 9 & 10 years	30	2
13. Sack Races	Boys 11 & 12 years	30	2
14. Sack Races	Girls 11 & 12 years	30	2
15. Running Races	Boys 11 & 12 years	40	2
16. Running Races	Girls 11 & 12 years	40	2
17. Running Races	Boys 13 to 15 years inc.	40	2
18. Running Races	Girls 13 to 15 years inc.	40	2
19. Three-legged Races	Boys 6 to 8 years inc.	30	4
20. Three-legged Races	Girls 6 to 8 years inc.	30	4
21. Three-legged Races	Boys 9 & 10 years	30	4
22. Three-legged Races	Girls 9 & 10 years	30	4
23. Three-legged Races	Boys 11 & 12 years	30	4
24. Three-legged Races	Girls 11 & 12 years	30	4

NOTE: Prizes will be given out immediately after each event.

P. M. Events

1. Three-legged Races	Boys 13 to 15 years Inc.	50	4
2. Three-legged Races	Girls 13 to 15 years inc.	50	4
3. Shuttle Relay Race	2 Boys-2 Girls (Each team) 13 to 15 years inc.	50	4
	Team from College Green Area. Team from Sunny Acres, and West Baie d'Urfée Team from Morgan Rd. and Lakeview Rd., area.		
4. Three-legged Races	Boys 16 to 18 years inc. & Girls	50	4
5. Paper Bag Races	Boys 16 to 18 years inc. & Girls	50	4
6. Three legged Race	Man & Wife	50	2
7. Egg Throwing Races	Man & Wife	50	2

NOTE: Prizes will be given out immediately after each event.

R E G A T T A

2:00 P. M. Sharp

SWIMMING EVENTS

1. Girls	10 to 12 years inclusive	2 Prizes
2. Boys	10 to 12 years inclusive	2 Prizes
3. Girls	13 to 16 years inclusive	2 Prizes
4. Boys	13 to 16 years inclusive	2 Prizes
5. Ladies	17 years and over	2 Prizes
6. Gentlemen	17 years and over	2 Prizes

BOATING EVENTS

1. Rowboats, using one set of oars and one paddle.
GIRLS 13 to 16 years inclusive 2 Prizes
2. Canoes, two to a canoe.
BOYS 13 to 16 years inclusive 2 Prizes
3. Rowboats, one set of oars and one paddle.
ONE LADY and ONE GENTLEMAN
17 years and over 2 Prizes
4. Canoes, two to a canoe
GIRLS 13 to 16 years inclusive 2 Prizes
5. Rowboats, using one set of oars and one paddle
BOYS 13 to 16 years inclusive 2 Prizes
6. Canoes, two to a canoe.
ONE LADY and ONE GENTLEMAN Over 17 years 2 Prizes
7. TILTING COMPETITION
MEN FREE-FOR-ALL 2 Prizes
8. WAR CANOE RACE - Sponsored by Mayor Jean Gelinas
6 men to a boat

COUNCILLORS:

Al. Christie
Bill Corbett
Selby MacLeod
Herb Brookhouse
Geo. Jost

SPECIAL NOTE:

All rowboats and canoe races (except war canoe) are doubles.
In rowboat races, one person rows and one paddles; in canoe
races, both persons paddle.

THE EVENING - Adults only
(9:30 p. m. - on) Dancing (to a real, live orchestra)
eating
entertainment
prizes

(Dance tickets, at \$1 per person are on sale - call Chris Powrie)

Town Council, Association Executive Plan Joint Meet On Town Problems.

Town council and members of the executive of the Baie d'Urfée Citizens' Association will get together toward the end of the month to discuss problems confronting the growing community, and to ensure that in future a spirit of harmony and co-operation prevails in efforts at their solution.

The meeting was suggested in a letter from C.W. Johnstone, chairman, who stated that better public understanding of the community's problems, and of council's steps to solve them, would result in a better and happier community and eliminate the controversy and friction which occasionally arose.

When the letter was read at council, Frank Booth, of the Association, asked if there was to be no comment from council. Mayor Gelinac commented to the effect that council had been elected to run the town and it could not function effectively if citizens were continually looking over its shoulder and criticizing. He indicated several times that if others beside the council are to judge in such matters they should take over the job of running the town and leave him to his own private business.

"If pushed too hard we will all resign," he said. "If I am not needed here I will stay home and mind my own affairs. You should not have written this letter."

The only aldermanic view was from Bill Corbett, who said he would like to feel assured that some concrete suggestions are in the offing before agreeing to meet with the Citizens' Executive.

Chairman Charlie Johnstone and Frank Booth repeatedly rose to state that the suggestion was simply designed to help improve relations between council and citizens.

Odie Grimm, who had been appointed secretary-treasurer to succeed J.W. Long and resigned as a result of comments from citizens at the last council meeting, said he felt he had been the victim of unfair criticism without being given an opportunity to speak for himself. He said there had been too much mud-slinging and he felt the Association owed him an apology. He said he thought Baie d'Urfée people are "poor sports" and suggested that the Citizens' Association should be disbanded as inimical to the council.

Sid Nagley classed the whole matter as a "tempest in a teapot."

Letters from the Citizens' Association calling attention to resolutions adopted at the June meeting protesting partitioning of the town hall, and requesting that town appointments should be advertised were read without comment.

Full-time Town Manager Seen Need For Baie d'Urfée Ere Very Many Years.

by Chester Ellis

Appointment of a secretary-treasurer to succeed John W. Long, who wishes to retire, occupied a major portion of council discussion meeting July 6. Mr. Long, who had planned to vacate the office June 30 was on deck as usual in view of the lack of a successor, but indicated that under no circumstances would he continue very much longer. The position was left vacant, with the resignation of O.D. Grimm shortly after his appointment.

Mr. Long reported that three applications for the office had come to his attention from among those who had heard of the vacancy. One was

from Arthur J. West, a chartered accountant willing to tackle the job on a part-time basis in the hope of ultimately becoming Town Manager; another from a lawyer, Duncan Kisilenko, who would undertake the job only part time; and an Isle Perrot real estate agent.

Mayor Jean Gelinus pointed out that any choice depended basically upon whether the town required a full-time or part-time man. Mr. Long said he thought part-time work was adequate for the next year or two but that full-time activity by a town manager, assisted by a clerk, would be necessary before very long. He suggested that at present the work would be ideal for someone such as a relatively young retired bank manager who could do the work in four or five hours a day, doing his own stenography; otherwise he would suggest the advisability of someone whose main office was in Montreal and who would spend a few hours at certain times in Baie d'Urfée.

The mayor expressed his regret that Odie Grimm had felt it necessary to resign to please the people of Baie d'Urfée. He pointed out that Article 103 of the Cities and Towns Act makes it mandatory for a town council to name a secretary-treasurer and that if it was the intention of the law that the secretary-treasurer should be chosen to please the citizens rather than the council, the law would so state. "We made the appointment in what we considered the town's best interests, and that is the best we can do," he said. "We should be able to pick the man with whom we work. If we can't be the judge of that, we are not qualified to judge any other question on the table."

Alderman Corbett agreed that Mr. Grimm had resigned as the result of opposition expressed by citizens and asked if the Citizens' Association had made any suggestions for a successor. Mr. Long read a letter from the Citizens' Association, dated June 23rd, which protested against the partition in the town hall, and also asked that in future the council in filling such vacancies as secretary-treasurer should advertise locally and in Montreal to find interested parties, and appoint no one who could benefit commercially from the office, or who represented principals whose interests might conflict with those of the town.

Council made no comment on the letter and decided to have a committee of Aldermen Corbett and Jost interview Messrs. West and Kisilenko without advertising the vacancy and report back to a special meeting Tuesday, July 13th.

Some other items of business at the meeting: Alderman Christie reported 14 building permits approved, 11 for houses, 2 for garages and one alteration, for a total value of \$155,273; Insurance on the town hall will be increased to \$26,000 on the building and \$1,000 on contents, approximately full value; Alderman McLeod reported he has been unable to find anyone to cut weeds and invited suggestions; Mayor Gelinus reported that the gate has been installed in the Cemetery Lane fence, giving children a short cut to school without using the highway; Alderman Corbett reported road lights installed to the full capacity of the transformer; All streets have lights except Cambridge Road and a north section of Oak Ridge; Alderman Corbett was authorized to buy a durable type of two-sided road signs to be installed on hydro poles at about \$10.50 each including brackets. Between 30 and 35 are needed; Alderman Corbett reported several more "slow" signs installed on the Lakeshore Road in response to a request from the Citizens' Association and said signs are still to come for the Morgan Road playground; Alderman Corbett reported on discussion with the Hydro about location for the new transformer. Alderman Smythe will explore the possibility of using land between the Boulevard and the C.N.R.; Alderman Smythe reported that additional roads for the north extension of Oak Ridge are estimated to cost \$53,000.

Alderman Brookhouse reported that the Lakeshore municipalities have engaged legal counsel to help fight the proposed 100% fare increase in railway commuter fares. Council agreed Baie d'Urfée should pay 2.5% of total costs.

Approval was given for incorporation of the Oak Ridge Association as a private club to promote local recreation, represent the district in town affairs and conduct other matters of common interest to Oak Ridgers.

A letter indicating the imminence of legal action was written to a Lakeshore resident who on February 21, 1953, in order to get a building permit had undertaken that a certain building would be used only as a tool shed and now has rented the building as a dwelling.

Permission was given for use of the town hall grounds by the Citizens' Association for Baie d'Urfée Day, July 17.

A letter was read from Chairman C.W. Johnstone of the Citizens' Association suggesting that difficulties between the Association and the council during the past year may have arisen because citizens were not sufficiently informed about the council's plans, and suggesting a joint meeting of the council and Citizens' Association executive to consider means of avoiding such difficulties in the future.

It was decided to collect half a year's taxes for the period July 1st - December 31st, 1954, on the same tax rate as last year, using the existing assessment roll plus a supplementary roll to include houses built since the 1953 assessment. This is to cover the gap caused by the change in the end of the fiscal year from June 30 to December 31.

A T T E N T I O N

In the April issue of News & Views, Bill Spriggs was reported as announcing a new ruling in kindergarten entrance, that they must now be five before September 1st in order to enrol, instead of the following January 1st. Mr. Spriggs wishes to point out that this doesn't take effect until the fall of '55.

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