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A TOWN PLAN OR JUST A BEAUTIFUL DREAM?

Interest in the town plan, which we would judge from the lack of action to have run pretty low, has lately been quickened by the news that the Binz properties at each end of town have changed hands. There are now three imminent sub-divisions developments and the fate of the road and parkway plan, so carefully conceived to provide less hazardous and more convenient travel routes, now rests pretty much with the sub-division promoters. As we understand it, if they choose to ignore the plan, add their traffic to the Lakeshore Road and obliterate the hope of providing alternative cross-town routes they can quite legally do so. It seems now that if it had not been for the efforts of the first town planning committee formed by the Association and headed by Dr. Hanson, the town would now be facing a crisis. As it is, the town council has the means of controlling the situation, or at least the most urgent aspects of it and regulating building and sewage disposal in the best interests of the residents - both present and future - of the town.

Previously, in these pages, we have said how important we think it is that leaders of the town should be wide awake to the specific problems that will be created by the rapid growth that the town is obviously going to experience. Although the zoning portion of the town plan has become law, very little has been done about the other recommendations of the committee. Homologation of road and park areas has been left on the drawing board. If they stay at this stage much longer they may become the record of a beautiful dream we once had, and lost.

A painfully low income is of course a very real obstacle in the way of the surveys preliminary to homologation of road and parkway lines and the purchases which may have to follow. The council has assumed that the citizens will be satisfied so long as their taxes are not raised and has therefore resolved to live within its present income, stretching each dollar as far as it will go to cover maintenance and such new projects as cannot reasonably be postponed, and keeping the reserve fund for emergency use. This sort of administration seems to be creditable enough but we're a bit troubled by the suspicion that money spent now to carry out the plan might be money saved and property values increased later on, and that the citizens, if they had an idea what it would cost them, would be willing to spend it. To lose our opportunity now in an attempt to keep taxes from rising or to keep the reserve intact, would be to make ourselves poorer by many invaluable living advantages and many property dollars as well. In any event, we should know how much it would cost us on each thousand dollars of assessed property value to go ahead with the plan. As a start, the council might proceed somewhat as follows:

1. Ask our town planning council to list, in order of their urgency, the steps necessary to carry out the master plan;
2. estimate the cost of each step;
3. budget this cost over a reasonable period of years and calculate the cost, per thousand dollars of assessed property value, to the residents of the town.

NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th

ELECTION OF OFFICES

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If this were done, a series of neighbourhood meetings could be arranged by the Association so that each property holder would have an opportunity to learn about the plan, discuss it thoroughly and express his opinions on it. From the conclusions reached at these meetings the council would know definitely what the people wanted done and how far the plan should be implemented.

Right now most of us are pretty much in the dark about what should be done, how much it would cost and what will happen if it is not done; and the council has no means of knowing what we want done. Some such program as the above would bring the town plan out of its present obscurity into the light of day and give the council actual, rather than assumed knowledge, of what the citizens want.

THE RECORD

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall on Friday, December 14th with 24 members present. Mr. Windebank was in the chair and new members introduced to the meeting were Mrs. S. Albulet and Mrs. L. Dunsmore of College Green and Mr. George Moore of Lakeview Rd. Mr. Powrie, reporting for the Christmas Party Committee, outlined the problem of planning for such a large number of children in such limited space and also referred to the pros and cons of citizen feeling about the need for such entertainment. In the absence of Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Proudfoot presented the report of the Recreation Committee. It is improbable that there will be a rink this winter on Morgan Road, though the College Green rink is already under way. As it is known that the Provincial Government makes grants to communities for recreational purposes. It was asked why Baie d'Urfe might not make a request for a grant for pumping equipment for the Morgan Rd. rink. It was announced that the chimney sweeps would be returning to clean the chimneys which had been missed. The meeting agreed that the bus stop at Morgan-Lakeview Rds. be changed rather than the light, and that we express ourselves in favour of having the bus stop at the present light pole between Morgan and Lakeview providing the Council considers it a safe place. The corresponding secretary was asked to write to Mr. Long expressing our approval of a campaign in the town for the Lachine General Hospital. It is understood that the hospital has laid plans and is arranging for the campaign convenors. A film on Greenland, "The Wedding of Palo" was shown, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Albulet, Mrs. Dunsmore and Mrs. John Evans.

Ruth Tait,
Recording Secretary.

IDEAS ON A REVISED ELECTION SYSTEM

After our unhappy experience last summer as a nominating committee for town council elections, we thought quite a lot about some means of improving the system. We thought it would be an improvement if we could avoid having to choose a whole new council all at once and we thought that, with the town growing so rapidly, there should be definite electoral districts set up by by-law. As it is at present, all citizens vote on all candidates so that the district with the greatest population could very well choose the whole slate of councillors.

Because we had thought that these reforms could only be made by having a private bill introduced in the Quebec Legislature, these ideas had been pretty well dropped. Recently though, one of our citizens who is not so readily discouraged, produced evidence that the election procedure as laid down in the town's Charter of Incorporation could be changed simply by a by-law passed by the Council and confirmed by vote of the electors.

We suggest that the Council investigate this further and consider

1. setting forth definite electoral districts and allotting definite numbers of aldermen to each district; and
2. stipulating that certain seats shall become vacant one year and that certain other seats shall become vacant the next year so that continuity is ensured and only half of the council comes up for election at one time.

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THE OLD EXECUTIVE BOWS OUT

At the annual meeting of the Association to be held on Friday, January 11 the present executive will hand over its responsibilities to a new slate of officers to be voted in on that occasion. As chairman of the nominating committee, Mr. DeWitt has been unsuccessful in finding someone to take the Editor's job and invites a volunteer to telephone him at 2331 before the meeting.

In review, the year presents a colourful picture brightened by some real progress and development and shadowed by seeming failures due perhaps to misunderstandings. The executive has appreciated the cooperation and assistance of the members and wishes to express its special thanks to those individuals who have given their time and talents in undertaking the work involved in events and activities, as well as to the many who have supported and strengthened the Association's aims when the way was rough. To the incoming executive, good luck.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus has gone and Christmas decorations are packed away for another year, leaving only the bills to be paid. How successful was our effort to please the youngsters in our community, we can only learn from the parents after hearing of their reactions. This information will be most necessary in determining the type of entertainment, if any, next year.

We are most appreciative of the work done by Mrs. Coulter and Mrs. Tait in the mailing of the notices, Mr. Vauthier, Mr. Lionel Evans, Mr. Delmar and Mr. Frank Smith for the arranging of the cars, Mr. Norcott for his very fine improvisation, Mr. Christie, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Windebank and Mr. St. Martin for their helpfulness. Without the generous cooperation of those who brought the children to the town hall, the visit as arranged would not have been possible.

Although checks were made with the various lists at our disposal, several families were inadvertently missed. For this we must apologize, expressing our sincere regrets. We trust that we will have the sympathetic understanding of the parents concerned.

The Christmas Party Committee,
R. Powrie, Chairman.

"THE ODDEST SORT OF TOWN"

It was a would-be resident
Who late inquired of me;
"What sort of waterworks supply
This town of Baie d'Urfee?

Municipal amenities
Like these and sewers and such
One takes, of course, for granted,
Although they mean so much.

And hydrants, too, and paved sidewalks;
And churches, have you any,
And where are all the shops and stores?
They don't seem over many.

Police and firemen both seem scarce.
Have you a bonded debt?
This is the oddest sort of town
That I've encountered yet."

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I could but answer, "My dear Sir,
Your queries call for one
Succinct but comprehensive word,
And that, dear Sir, is NONE."

Henry Martnell

FOR MUSIC LOVERS

It has come to our attention that Mrs. Else Persson, L.R.S.M. teacher of violin, 16 Sunny Acres Drive, Telephone 2182, would be interested in interviewing adults or parents of children who may be desirous of studying the violin. We understand that she is willing to accept either beginners or advanced pupils.

GARDENING COURSES

The executive of the Horticultural Society would like to get some indication of what the members desire in the way of gardening courses this winter. If there is sufficient demand any or all of the courses listed below can be arranged to start some time in late February or early March. Members are asked to write or phone Mrs. Paul Dawson (2391) or Mrs. R. H. Christian (357) if they are interested in signing up for one or more of the courses. Fees have not been fixed at the present time but the cost of each course will be something in line with the fee charged last year which was \$3.00. This is in addition to the dollar for a family membership, which, incidently, is now due.

The following courses are offered for approval:

1. Vegetable Gardening Course; an explanation of the planning and cultural handling of the small home vegetable garden.
2. Fruit Growing; a description of the growing of tree fruits, strawberries, raspberries, currants and gooseberries etc.
3. Landscape Gardening: the principles involved in beautifying the home grounds.
4. Advanced Course in Landscape Gardening; candidates for this course would draw a plan of their property and fill in the planting details under the supervision of the instructor. It is suggested that members should take course No. 3 before taking the advanced course.

There you have the four courses offered - please phone Mrs. Christian or Mrs. Dawson if you are interested in attending - the courses will be arranged according to the response from members.

Gardeners in the town are reminded that considerable saving can be effected in the purchase of most garden supplies from leading seed houses in Montreal simply by presenting their Horticultural Society Membership card at the time of purchase. In addition, the Baie d'Urfe Society is arranging to buy in bulk at reduced prices, supplies of chemical and organic fertilizer and peat moss at the request of members. All members will have a chance to place their orders for these supplies some time before the gardening season opens.

BULB GROWING COMPETITION

Youngsters taking part in the Horticultural Society's bulb growing competition are advised to continue keeping their potted bulbs in a cool (45 degrees F.)

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dark place until about the 15th of February. They should be watered occasionally so that they do not dry out completely. In mid February the pots should be brought into a bright room with a temperature of 65 degrees F. When brought into the bright room the plants should be watered every day or so. They need more water at this time since they will be growing rapidly and losing more water through evaporation. Three weeks after bringing in to the bright room, the plants should be just about ready to flower.

Mr. Zandbergen planted bulbs at the time the competition started last October and he reports that growths are now showing above the soil. He considers that half an inch of growth now is a very satisfactory condition to be in if the pots are going to be forced in mid-February.

Those taking part in the competition are warned that the tentative date for judging the potted plants is March 10th.

D. W. Macdonald,
Chairman,
Horticultural Society.

POTTERS HAVE SUCH FUN!

There was a good deal of wailing and gnashing of teeth among would-be Potters in the district when Macdonald College decided that it was unable to allow them the use of their facilities. Such moaning is still occasionally heard but not among the members of the working group in the basement of 10 Maple Avenue. They are too busy, too happy, and too independent. After one term they are very well pleased with what they have achieved so far, and full of well-founded optimism about what they can do in the future.

If you are really interested in pottery, don't sit and brood about it, come and see what enthusiasm and co-operation can do. You will be made welcome at 10 Maple Avenue any Wednesday night from seven till ten, and any Thursday afternoon from two until five, but we must warn you, that if you do come you will probably be lost because Potters have such fun, you could hardly resist joining the group, and we hope you will!

For further information call

Mrs. T. W. M. Cameron	Ste. Annes 507
Mrs. C. R. Ellis	Ste. Annes 2024
Mrs. W. Spriggs	Ste. Annes 2949

Betty Spriggs,
Secretary,
Lakeshore Potters Guild.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

The school is starting the new year with an extra class; a second Grade 4. This has been made necessary by the additional children which have come in since school opened last Fall, making a total of fifty-four for the two classes. A new class room has been fitted out in the upper hallway where the lunch room used to be.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick will teach the new Grade 4 and Mrs. John Evans will be teaching Grade 3 in place of Mrs. Tibbles whose resignation for family reasons was regretfully accepted by the Board. We are very fortunate in being able to secure, on short notice, the services of two such experienced teachers.

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Improved lighting has been provided where necessary in classrooms whose windows will be obscured by the construction work.

In spite of the cold weather and the snow, work on the new building is progressing steadily. Concrete walls are finished up to ground floor level and part of the first floor has been poured. Brickwork on the North side of the Gymnasium is about nine feet up and a good deal of cast iron pipe has been put in place. The architect, in cooperation with the Board and the Headmaster is now drawing up the detailed plans for the interior design of the various rooms in accordance with the general recommendations of the Building Committee.

Will Spriggs

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO US ALL!

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