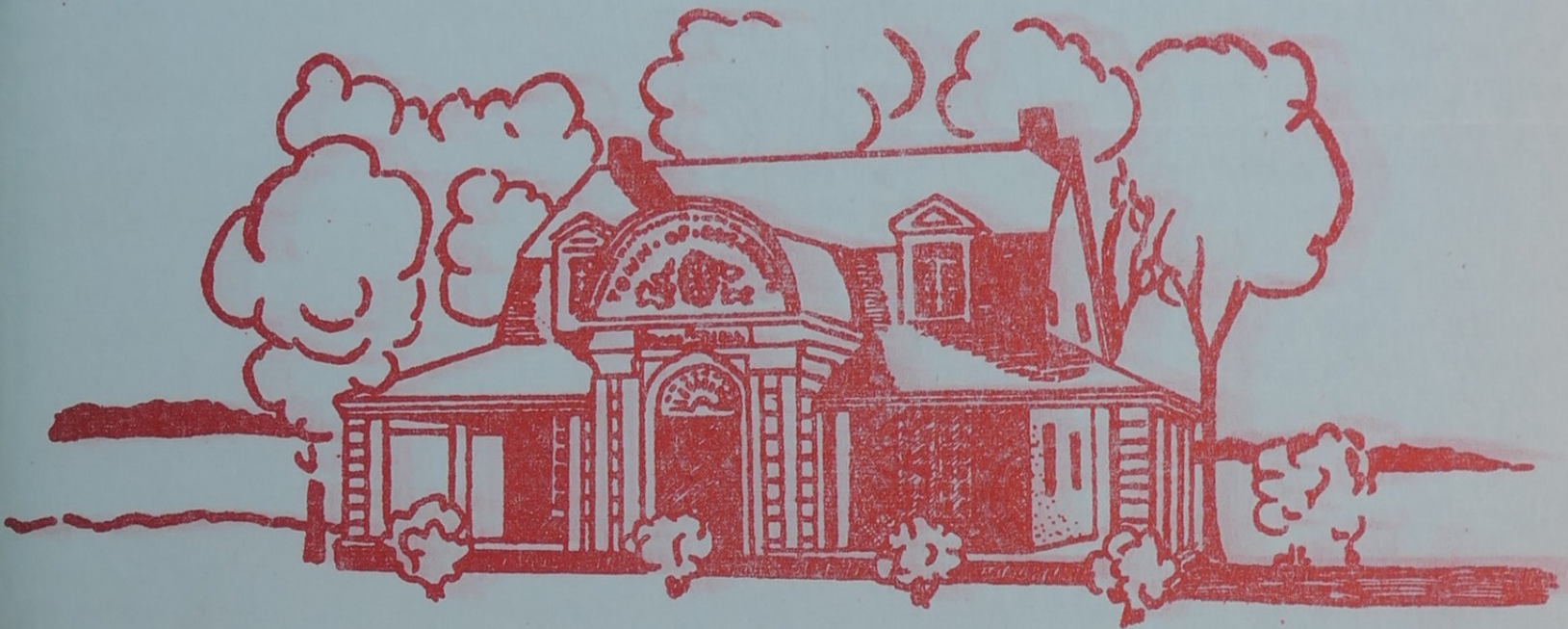


NEWS & VIEWS



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YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS

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BAIE d'URFE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

EDITOR

Heather Gray

OUR ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEES

PHONE

CHAIRMEN

Hospitality	2359	Miriam Nagley
Membership	2489	Dorothy Allan
Movie Club	372	Reg Vidler
Programme		Peter Smith
Publicity	372	Reg Vidler
Recreation	2359	Sid Nagley
School Affairs	2446	Pat Laird
Town Planning & Public Service	2312	Frank Hanson
Welfare	466	Elizabeth Yates

During the last few months several newcomers have asked "What do we get for our taxes?". In this issue of "News and Views" there will be found a copy of the Assets and Liabilities of the Town and the yearly operating account. We believe that this is the first time such statements have been in the hands of all the Taxpayers. It is advisable that we study these figures, and see for ourselves where the Tax money goes. Roads maintenance of well over \$1000.00 may surprise some but presumably this includes snow removal. It is not clear what "General Expenses" covers, but there is heating and lighting of the Town Hall and keeping the gardens in bloom and other small items which could be included in this amount.

It can easily be seen that if taxes are not paid there is a serious drop in the revenue received for current expenses, making the management of the Town that much more difficult, in fact, the unpaid taxes for 1948 - 49 amounting to \$568.19 would almost cover the deficit of \$581.06. These are only a few points picked out from the two statements.

It would seem that we could easily occupy the programme part of one evening of the Citizens' Association meeting with an open discussion on the management of the Town. No doubt the Mayor and Aldermen would gladly answer questions and the Secretary-Treasurer give us more intimate details of the Town's affairs. We are the Taxpayers and it is our money which pays for all the things we need and want. It is up to us to keep an interest in the affairs of the Town and we would show our interest better if we attended the Council meetings. Only by attending them can we really form a judgement of the merits of the individual on the Council and the results of the administration as a whole.

This brings us to another question asked recently "What good is the Citizens' Association?" Perhaps the important "good" is that as an organized body of Taxpayers we can keep in close touch with the Council and more easily obtain information and action of value to the town. We have been most fortunate in having had most friendly relationship with the Town Council ever since the formation of our Association. The Council has purchased chairs for us, they have allowed us the use of the buildings and grounds on all occasions and in many other ways have they been willing to help us.

The Chairman of our Association throughout the three years of our being has attended council meetings and been given the chance to express our opinions or wishes on many matters. It is advisable that the new chairman carry on this contact.

The Executive Committee going out of office at this time expresses its thanks to the Mayor and Council for their co-operation with us; especially thanks for the conscientious work they are doing in the management of the Town.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Heather Gray Editor.

THE RECORD

The regular monthly meeting was held on December 9th, thirty-four members were present. New residents were introduced; Mr. and Mrs. Rooney, Mr. Macdonald, and Dr. and Mrs. Walker were re-introduced after a lapse of almost two years, during which time their house was being built.

Mr. Pilkey gave the treasurer's report and it was proposed that Mr. McKee act as

Mrs. Dawson kindly offered a pair of ski boots size 3 for a boy aged about 7. No replies were received with regard to skates.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

There was a meeting of our School Trustees on December 12th, at which time the tax roll was closed except for one complaint which is being looked into. Our Trustees are also looking into the possibility and advantages of becoming Commissioners next year.

Patricia Laird.

At the meeting of the Central Board outline blueprints were shown to those present showing the proposed position of extensions to be built. These were not considered definite plans as the agreement with McGill has not yet been signed. With this new agreement instead of a 99 years lease the land would be donated to the Central School Board.

Provision would be made for an entrance from Maple Avenue to the Auditorium in the new extensions. The present footpath would be moved slightly southwards and Professor DeLong's house moved entirely. As these plans have not been decided upon this report is only being given that YOU the taxpayer will have some idea of the cause of the present delay.

A building Committee was appointed to include Mrs. Case. Mr. Davies spoke of the difficulty of finding space for the children to eat their lunch and Mr. Butler mentioned that plans would have to be made to accommodate extra grades one and two next year.

Heather Gray.

TOWN COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the Town Council the cost of owning our own policeman was discussed. The minimum amount required would be at least \$4,000.00 per year with the cost of house and car extra. It was felt that it was quite out of the question to support a policeman for such a small population. It was decided to keep in touch with the Provincial Police as far as traffic is concerned. It was decided to have an agreement with Mr. Scott to sand the roads during icy conditions.

Another important item brought up for discussion was the proposed appointment of an advisor on Town Planning. The Council agreed to appoint Professor Bland for two years at a fee of \$500.00 the first year, and \$100.00 each year after. He will study the proposed new building By-law and advise on it. He will attend at least 10 meetings if required. He will study the new survey which is being made and draw up suitable plans for a definite planning scheme for our Town. It was pointed out by the Mayor that this fee for Professor Bland would come out of the \$2,000.00 already voted for Town Planning, owing to the fact that the aerial survey cost far less than anticipated.

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Congratulations to Jean and Bob McBride on the birth of a son.

HOSPITALITY

We started with the alphabet, we worked from A to Zee
Each lady donating cookies, and lending a hand with tea.
Thanking each and everyone for the noble work that they have done.

TOWN OF BAIE D'URFE

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th June 1949

ASSETS

CURRENT

Cash on hand and in Bank \$ 2,044.95

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Tax arrears - general assessment	221.60	
1944 - 45 and prior	23.97	
1945 - 46	42.92	
1946 - 47	199.08	
1947 - 48	<u>568.19</u>	1,055.76
1948 - 49		

Sundry accounts due from property owners	23.50	
Government of the Province of Quebec	<u>432.40</u>	1,511.66

Bond interest receivable		<u>11.85</u>
		\$ 3,568.46

INVESTMENTS AT COST

3,000.00	Dominion of Canada Bonds	1 3/4 %	1950	3,004.50	
2,500.00	"	"	3 1957	2,500.00	
4,000.00	"	"	3 1960	4,000.00	
1,000.00	"	"	3 1962	1,000.00	
3,000.00	"	"	3 1963	3,000.00	
2,000.00	"	"	3 1966	<u>2,017.50</u>	15,522.00

Prepaid Insurance		213.00
Lots held for resale		1.00

FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Net</u>	
Land and buildings	15,713.70	3,385.60	12,346.10	
Furniture	818.77	525.58	293.19	
Electric Plant & Equipment	5,582.23	5,582.23	—	
Snow Fences	<u>771.03</u>	<u>771.03</u>	—	
	22,903.73	10,264.44		12,639.29
College Green Road				<u>1.00</u>
				\$ 31,944.75

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

Accounts Payable		92.06
Reserve for Sewage and Water Works		10,000.00
Surplus Account - per statement attached		<u>21,852.69</u>
		<u>31,944.75</u>

Audited and submitted in conjunction with our report of this date.

Ritchie Brown and Co.

Montreal 4th October, 1949.

Auditors

TOWN OF BAIE D'URFE

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

For the year ended 30th June 1949

REVENUE:

Assessment for year	8,623.20	
Interest on taxes	84.36	
Interest on investments	362.01	
Sundry revenue	<u>125.50</u>	\$ 9,195.07

EXPENDITURE:

General expense	2,265.71	
Salaries and wages	2,490.00	
Legal, audit and assessors' fees	402.50	
Road maintenance	1,528.96	
Road surveying	160.00	
Road lighting	383.87	
New lighting fixtures	740.61	
Garbage removal	900.00	
Insurance	286.24	
Donations	25.00	
Chimney sweeping and weed control	598.22	
Less: Charged to property owners	<u>329.02</u>	269.20
Depreciation:		
Buildings	283.10	
Furniture	40.94	
	<u>324.04</u>	<u>9,776.13</u>

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE FOR YEAR \$ 581.06

SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Credit balance as at 30th June 1948		31,481.25
<u>Less:</u> Loss on sale of Dominion of Canada bonds	47.50	
Reserved for sewage and water works system	10,000.00	
Excess of expenditure over revenue for year	<u>581.06</u>	<u>10,628.56</u>
		\$20,852.69
<u>Add:</u> Profit on sale during year of property acquired for non-payment of taxes		<u>1,000.00</u>
<u>CREDIT BALANCE AS AT 30TH JUNE 1949</u>		<u>\$ 21,852.69</u>

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