



"It's wonderful to think that by Easter the election AND winner will be all over."

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AN EDITORIAL

The City of Dorval has engaged yet another firm to make yet another study. This time it's the Warnock Hersey Co. and they have been asked to make recommendations on the use of vacant land in the city and on a five-year capital improvement program. The bill has been set at a \$125 a day for a maximum of 30 days -- or a possible total of \$3,750.

The citizens of Dorval, naturally, want the city's vacant land used to best advantage for all concerned. They want abuses curbed and logical and beneficial development promoted. But many are puzzled by council's latest action -- on the strength of a split vote -- and wonder if the three aldermen who voted for the move are not just groping in darkness.

They are puzzled because of three basic factors that cannot be ignored. First, a somewhat similar study was made only two years ago, at a cost of approximately \$5,000, and the new zoning plan that was supposed to have been a result has not yet materialized. Surely a city such as Dorval is not so large or complex that a second study is needed so soon. From this vantage point it would appear that the aldermen have left themselves open to a charge of stalling at a cost of \$125 a day to the taxpayer.

Land use in Dorval, in general terms, is not difficult to plan intelligently. The main areas, such as the residential zones to the south and the industrial zones to the north, almost define themselves. It is the problem of where to spot commercial uses -- that apparently have caused the stumbling blocks.

Main concern of the taxpayers, however, is with their tax bills. With the ratio of debt retirement to total revenue already dangerously high, they are acutely aware of how the city spends its money. Ratepayers made this clear when they turned down proposals for a sewage treatment plant and city hall extension. They may make it even more clear when they vote at the coming city elections.

Dorval has a right to expect action from its elected representatives. They do not expect one expensive study piled on another without accompanying action. They want to see leadership and imagination transform the material at hand into a logical plan that will bear scrutiny by the city's population at large. Aldermen can start on the job by finalizing the new zoning bylaw and, just as important, making an earnest effort to promote the wealth of industrial land that is costing the city hard-earned dollars at the moment.

UN EDITORIAL

La firme Warnock Hersey a été engagée par la ville de Dorval pour faire une étude et produire un rapport sur le développement des lots vacants ainsi que sur les placements financiers de la municipalité pour les cinq années à venir. Le prix de cette étude est de 125 dollars par jour avec un maximum de trente jours pour produire ce rapport. Ce qui veut dire un dépense d'environ 3,750 dollars.

Une bonne part de l'étude portera sur le développement des 15 à 20% de la ville qui ne sont pas construits. Ces terrains inexploités sont surtout constitués par la Côte de Liesse et ses environs ainsi que par les anciens golfs Elmridge et Royal Dixie. Sur la Côte de Liesse, près de 55% des lots sont vacants.

Nous ne voyons vraiment pas ce qu'il peut y avoir à étudier dans ces trois régions.

Le Elmridge sera entièrement occupé dans 4 ou 5 ans par de la construction domiciliaire, des écoles et un centre civique.

Le cas de la Côte de Liesse est presque réglé, cette région à une vocation industrielle. La construction domiciliaire y est irrationnelle à cause de la proximité de l'aéroport et des industries qui y sont déjà installées. Quant à en faire un secteur commercial, ça ne serait pas rentable s'il n'y a pas à l'avance une population établie dans le secteur.

Il ne reste plus que le golf Royal Dixie. Ce terrain est situé à l'extrémité est de Dorval, aux limites de Lachine. Tout le secteur environnant étant domiciliaire, tant à Dorval qu'à Lachine, cette région devrait donc, logiquement, devenir résidentielle.

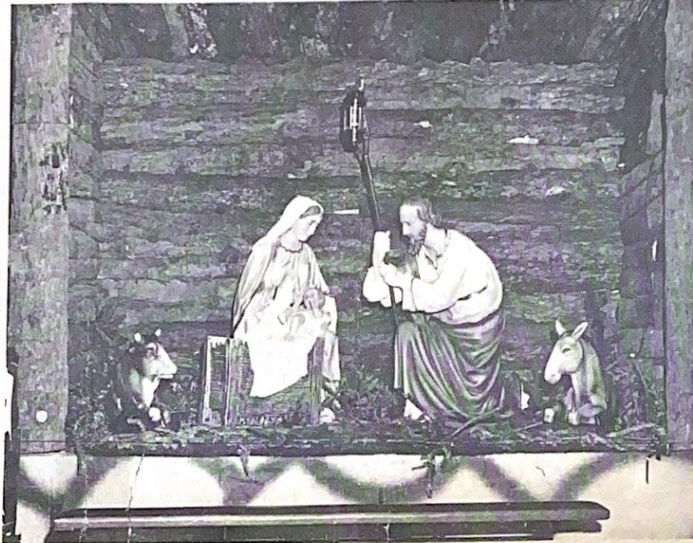
Exception faite de ces trois régions, il ne reste plus que quelques lots épars et de superficie réduite à ne pas être construits.

Dans une ville développée comme Dorval l'est, le zonage ne peut que tendre à faire respecter un état de fait et à le rationaliser. Il est trop tard pour planifier le développement de la ville étant donné qu'il est presque terminé. Le zonage ne peut plus que constater et rationaliser.

Un autre facteur, les élections municipales imminentes, rendra peut-être inutile cette étude. Il est possible qu'un nouveau conseil soit élu et n'étant pas lié par ce rapport, il eut le rejeter.

Il semble donc qu'une dépense de près de 4,000 dollars pour une étude qui ne servira à rien dans un cas et qui peut être jetée à brève échéance dans un autre, soit sinon inutile du point de vue mal venue.

Le Journal félicite les deux échevins qui ont eu la sagesse de voter contre la résolution par laquelle la ville engage cette firme.



Creche at St. Veronica's Church



Best Wishes Expressed by Mayor Pratt

I am grateful to the Dorval Dixie Reporter for giving me this opportunity to express my sincere wishes for every blessing, spiritual and temporal, for all our citizens in 1964.

When one stops to think about what one hopes will lie ahead in 1964, it is impossible to do so without reflecting from time to time on the year just past. 1963 has left me with two vivid impressions. It has been a year of many excesses, and at the same time a year of great beginnings. This applies to our lives here in Dorval. It applies too, to our lives as Quebecers, as Canadians and as citizens of an ever-shrinking world, since we have been affected in some way by the joys and pains on the international scene.

I can think of no better wish for all my fellow-citizens, than to pray that for every day of 1964 we may be liberal in our charity and conservative in our excesses, and in this way may be all have a ... Happy New Year!

Sewage treatment

New System Wins Expert's Approval

The chairman of the Water Purification Board, Dr. Prevost, has returned from an extensive tour of sewage treatment installations in Europe and is prepared to endorse the new "bloc-rapide" system.

One of his major tasks in Europe was to inspect and evaluate the installations of the "bloc rapide" system, which made headlines locally when Dorvalite Paul Carrière drew the attention of the mayor, aldermen and the Joint Committee to an article on the system in a trade magazine "Cites et Villes".

Mr. Carrière led a movement to have council defer the \$2.5 million bylaw until engineers could study the bloc rapide system, which reportedly could be installed at a much lower cost.

When council refused to defer the bylaw Mr. Carrière spearheaded a campaign to defeat it, saying: "This is not an anti-sewage disposal movement, but rather an anti 'blank cheque' movement. As a taxpayer I refuse to say to council 'okay, here is my cheque for \$2.5 million, and I know you will not spend it all. You can give back whatever is left over and I'll be happy'."

"As far as I am concerned," said Carrière, "when council can present me with a proposal that they know will give the citizens of Dorval the required degree of water purification for the lowest possible cost, then I will support it at once."

The "Carrière movement" spread and the bylaw was defeated in a referendum. But the cause of the controversy remained unresolved. Was "bloc rapide" as good as was claimed, and would it work in Dorval?

It now appears that the answers are at hand. This newspaper has been reliably in-

Council All Set For Tax Rates

Tonight is the night Dorval ratepayers will know with certainty what their general tax bills will be for 1964.

At tonight's meeting of City Council the aldermen are expected to ratify the budget for the coming year. It will mark the culmination of many hours of closed meeting discussion and will set the course of city spending for the next 12 months.

Early indications have led to a belief that council has been able to hold the line on taxes for 1964 and ratepayers can expect to pay the same amounts as last year.

formed that Dr. Prevost is completely satisfied with bloc rapide on the basis of studies he made on his recent trip. We understand that he is ready to endorse the system for use by Quebec municipalities.

We also understand that the snowball has really started to roll. More than twenty Quebec municipalities are examining the system for possible installation in their own areas.

Beyond The Pale

by Jonathan Moriarty

Well, it's all over. The fatted calf got clobbered, the charge plate got beaten to a pulp, and Junior by now has his super-duper Glenn-type spaceship scattered all over the rec room floor and is shouting for Dad.

Dad however, cannot spare the time. He's still playing with the electric train.

Old father time has shuffled off with his scythe...staggering somewhat...and the diaper-clad hambino of 1964 has moved in. Mum is wondering if there's more than the 15 ways she's already served the turkey and pa is re-assuring his bank manager it's only a matter of time...364 days' in fact.

Yes it's all over and a new year is upon us. What will it bring? Aha friends, there's the rub, as the poet said. Most of it is unpredictable. But other things are very very predictable. What for instance? Your indulgence friends while Moriarty delves deep into his crystal ball (\$3.75 in all good witchcraft stores.)

I see...I see...the Jacques Cartier bridge, jammed with trucks. They're piled up high with...can it be...dirt. Yes, dirt. They and their way down on to the island. Lined up for miles they are. And above them a small, bespectacled figure stands, shaking his head sadly, wiping tears away with a sheaf of papers marked 'plans'. Now he's throwing them into the St. Lawrence. He's shuffling off, still shaking his head. The crystal ball grows cloudy.

Dear dear Moriarty what could that be. And what now. Ah yes. An airplane lifting off the Dorval runway. What's written on the side. Air Canada. Well, well, well. And what else? Yes it's a D.C. Huit. And those other words. Quebec Libre. Very impressive. I wonder if TCA is flying today. But now it clouds over. Well, not exactly clouds. I think it must be smoke.

Here's another picture. Hello it's St. Veronica's church. The cars are lined up on both sides of the street outside...even blocking the driveways of the houses across the street. And here's a houseowner. Looks like a protestant. Looks like a banner he's carrying. What does it say? 'Is ecumenicalism dead? I wanna get my car out.'

Ah well friends enough of the crystal ball. A friend of ours made a festive season trip to Burlington Vermont last week, and needed to buy some stamps. So she betook herself to the Federal post office, slapped down a Canadian dollar - in the full knowledge that she'd have to pay the house percentage - and got the reply:

"We don't accept foreign currency." Having been a longtime visitor to Burlington and long remembering the keenness with which the Canuck buck was accepted at par when it held the edge, this particular lady kicked up about it. She was told 'it's the rules.' And this at 12.20 when the office closed at 12.30.

She inquired somewhat bitingly, how she was going to buy stamps and the federal employee said, "Go out and buy something and bring back the change."

Jerry Lewis can be a genius. He can also be a slob. His rightly junked TV show reached the heights - pardon us, the depths - of slobbishness when he included a 'surprise' presentation to himself for his charity work, right on the show, while he simulated tears.

Bah. Pfu. Ughhh. In his most recent movie now showing locally, 'Who's mind-ing the store' Jerry does a passable job. But he has introduced into it a pernicious gimmick that every right thinking movie-goer should fight tooth and nail.

Because it is set in a department store, Jerry features well known brand names in signs seen in most of the shots and even introduces brand names into the script. This is a form of advertising for which no doubt, Mr. Lewis gets a consideration - whether financial or otherwise.

And personally Moriarty objects to having crafty commercials directed at him when he's paid his buck twenty five to see a commercially uninterrupted show that he can't get at home on the idiot box.

Recently at the Snowdon Theatre, Moriarty was subjected to a hunting film which blatantly spread the word about certain guns and shells.

This whole trend is pernicious, diabolical and entirely Un-Canadian (whatever that may mean.)

But how does the moviegoer fight it. Like other things, friends the man in the street just don't get a say. All he can do is stop going to movies. And this he's doing in increasing numbers. You'd have thought the producers, directors, and movie-house owners would have got the message by now.



YMCA Curiosity Club looks at the Stars

Library Kinks May Take Until After February

Dorval residents will have a new library, but it may be February before all of the kinks have been ironed out, City Manager LeBlanc said this week.

Both City Council and the Dorval Catholic School Commission have agreed in principle to an arrangement involving the renting of the former residence of the Mariste Brothers on Mimosa Ave. as a library site. The city will probably rent the building from the commission.

Now under study are such items as the rent, the cost of alterations and the exact nature of the alterations themselves. Once these factors have been determined, the final agreement must be submitted to both parties for approval.

Mr. W.A. Warren (extreme left) of the Royal Astronomical Society and also a member of the Board of Management of Lachine-Dorval YMCA, gives young members of the 'Y' Curiosity Club a close glimpse of the stars and planets at a regular club meeting.

The boys who took part in the recent program are, left to right: Geoffrey Burbidge, Jeff Gardiner, Robert Rafuse, David Woodard, Bob Reynard, Derek Suttie, Allan Pearce Gerald Moore and Christie Windle.

Lachine-Dorval YMCA Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Board of Management and staff of the Lachine-Dorval YMCA takes this opportunity to extend to all members of the community the very best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

KOOL KORNER KLUB: The regular Kool Korner Klub dance will be held this Saturday night from 8:30 to 11:45 p.m. and a warm invitation goes out to all teens 16 years of age and over to join in on the fun.

WINTER PROGRAM: A new schedule of winter program activities for boys, girls,

teens and adults will be mailed to all members on January 2nd. Please read these schedules closely as there are some new activities which will be introduced and starting dates of activities are also noted.

SKI CLASSES: There is still time to register for the ski instruction classes for boys and girls, teens and adults. Classes for boys and girls will commence on Saturday, January 4th and will be conducted by qualified Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance instructors. For registration forms please call the 'Y' at 631-2511.

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