

NEW EDINBURGH NEWS

June, 1978

Region Studies Proposal For Crichton St. Closure Soon

The executive committee met in April with Mr. Bill Beveridge, Chief Project Design and Management Engineer for the Regional Municipality of Ottawa — Carleton to discuss the present status of the St. Patrick St. Bridge and the possible effect this would have on traffic in New Edinburgh.

The bridge is now only 45 per cent complete and is not scheduled to be finished until October 1978.

Mr Beveridge indicated that budget provision could be made for the possibility of closing Crichton Street at Beechwood Avenue in conjunction with completion of the bridge. The regional traffic planners are concerned about the impact of future expected traffic

volumes at this intersection.

The executive committee has written to Mr Beveridge agreeing that a possible Crichton-Beechwood closing be pursued further subject to study of all traffic alternatives.

The impact on traffic in New Edinburgh would be significant. If such an experimental closing was implemented, technical designs would need to be prepared, reports made to the Regional Transportation Committee, Public Hearings held to discuss such plans, OMB approval obtained and design contracts let.

The executive will continue to keep you advised as further information becomes available.

Mustard Seed Plant-In In Park Thwarted by City Snowdump Grader

Chapter 17, Verse 20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

On Sunday May 13, more than 30 adults and children headed out to the point in New Edinburgh Park, opposite the old railway bridges, which was used by the city this past winter for the first time as a snow dump; in front of the 'No Dumping' sign they sowed 30 pounds of mustard seed as a community 'plant-in' in protest of the city's desecration of valuable parkland.

Along with the area residents were Deputy Mayor Marion Dewar and Alderman Rheal Robert who assisted in the planting of the specially chosen hardy seed which produces a 3-inch flowering yellow plant within a few weeks of germination.

"I didn't realize it was this bad. It really is shocking." Dewar was heard to exclaim as she approached this muddy wasteland.

The seeds were purchased by David Henry, President of the Executive of the New Edinburgh Association, on executive approval to use \$12.00 of community funds towards the 'greening' of New Edinburgh.

"We are simply trying to impress on City Hall that no-one will accept any decision to use New Edinburgh parkland as a snowdump, we will fight any such action in the future," said Henry who was hopeful that the seeds would enhance the bleak river edge rendered almost useless and ugly by the heavy saline concentration left after the thoughtless city action.

Media coverage of the event was good with CJOH-TV, The Journal and The Citizen providing stories about the mustard seed effort.

Then on Friday May 26, we were shocked to see that a road grader

had been sent in with instructions to level the whole area. When the bulldozer driver was questioned he consulted his foreman at City Hall who said that they knew nothing about any such planting (Marion Dewar assured those present that the matter would be discussed in council). When the city was contacted by a reporter later they said that the city always sends graders into snowdumps at the end of the winter to level the land; that they had had no word about any mustard seed planted; and anyhow we hadn't applied for a permit to plant the seeds on city property.

First the city dumped its snow on us unexpectedly and without community approval; then, when we took matters into our own hands and tried to beautify the barren point, the city 'dumped' on us again. Perhaps some of the mustard seed will still germinate, but it appears as if the effort was futile. Our constructive attempt to return a portion of our park to the residents has proven abortive. Where do we go from here?



Some of the group sowing mustard seed in the mud.

Picnic in the Park



Sunday, June 18th, 12 noon

The New Edinburgh Community Association is sponsoring a community picnic on Sunday June 18th at 12 noon. Everyone in New Edinburgh is welcome so come and bring friends.

There will be a P.A. system donated by the Bytown Live Entertainment Assoc. who also plan to offer us an entertainment surprise.

But some of the entertainment is up to you so start rehearsing now.

Prepare your song, your dance or your trained dog act and pack yourself a lunch. We'll make the lemonade.

Please Note:

Due to construction on the Minto Bridges the picnic will now be held in the park between Stanley Ave. and the River.

Membership Up

by Frank Anglin

We wish to thank those members of the community who responded to our request printed in the last issue of the News. Due to a delay in the printing of the membership cards, they have not yet been put in the mail to those who sent in their fees. Your fees can still be sent to 120 Stanley Ave, any member of the executive, or bought at the June community picnic. Our nominal fees are still \$2 single, \$3 family. However, any contribution over and above these amounts is most welcome. Remember, your financial support helps in the production of the New Edinburgh News!

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Crichton School Remains Open

Board Rules No Action For Another School Year

Mr. B. Grant
Chairman
Rockcliffe Area Study Committee
119 Stanley Street
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Dear Mr. Grant:

This is to formally confirm that at its meeting of May 23, 1978, the Ottawa Board of Education adopted the following resolutions:

- that Rockcliffe Park Public School and Crichton Public School will remain open for the foreseeable future;
- that if a program is educationally viable in a school and if the parents in the community support it, then the OBE should support the school;
- that both Rockcliffe Park Public School and Crichton Public School be twinned on an administrative basis;
- that no other formal changes be introduced in these two schools in September 1978; and
- that the Area Study Committee should reconvene in the new school year, on October 1, 1978.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the competent way in which you worked with the Committee in attempting to resolve what I know are very difficult community and school issues. Your efforts and the efforts of the rest of the Committee members were very much appreciated by myself and the Board.

Yours truly,
J. C. Bartle,
Planning Officer.

New Edinburgh Community Association



David Henry
President
Community Assoc.
Exec.

..Frank Anglin and I recently met with the Hon. C.M. Drury, Chairman National Capital Commission to discuss and express community concern over the proposed Vanier Arterial. Reproduced below is a summary of our position.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the time you gave Mr. Anglin and myself to discuss the various issues relating to the proposed Vanier Arterial, or Parkway as it is sometimes called. It was a useful exchange of views and information, and we look forward to continuing this dialogue.

Some specific points which we covered during our discussion deserve further consideration.

The first and most important point relates to the ratification of the agreement to transfer a portion of the New Edinburgh Park from the NCC to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton (RMOC). It is the hope of the citizens of New Edinburgh, that the NCC will withhold ratification of this land transfer agreement until a number of very important questions regarding the proposed Vanier Arterial, particularly in regard to environmental impacts, have been satisfactorily answered by the RMOC.

The second point is the need for an Environmental Assessment. Our discussions with planners and traffic engineers at RMOC have revealed that at no time during the planning stage of this proposed road, has there been a careful analysis of the social, economic and environmental impact that it would have on the communities through which it would pass. We are encouraged that you share our concern and we trust your Commission will initiate consultations with the RMOC, which will lead to an Environmental Assessment being completed by June 1979.

Point three is the "Parkway" question: is the Vanier Parkway really a Parkway? Having been told by the Chairman of the Regional Council for Ottawa Carleton over two years ago, that this road would service points as far east as Montreal and western Quebec, it look to us more like an inter-provincial highway. We have also been told by well informed officials that if the Vanier Arterial is built it will be impossible to exclude commercial truck traffic from it.

Point four: The New Edinburgh park is the only significant parkland in the heart of the city. This area already has a parkland to people ratio far below the ratio that has been established in the official Regional Plan. It is likely that population densities in the communities in the inner city will increase in the future. The construction of the Vanier Arterial would reduce the amount of useable parkland to about one-half its present size, and, since the plan is to bisect the park, this action would likely result in its total destruction.

We realize that the issues we have raised are complex and involve a number of different sectors of government. We appreciate the concern that you and your colleagues have regarding the community issues that are involved in the potential development. We feel that there are many important issues and options that need to be examined. We do not feel that the planners have given adequate consideration to other transportation options, particularly the option which would take heavy inter-provincial traffic around the city, instead of through the heart of the city.

As C.S. Holling once remarked, "there are two classes of people, those who make policy and those on whom policy is inflicted". We represent the latter group and we expect the policy makers to set out in full and objective detail, quantitatively where possible and qualitatively where not, the whole range of economic, social and environmental consequences of specific transportation options. Citizens and their elected representatives would then have something substantial to evaluate - and it is they, of course and not the analysts, who must make the ultimate choices. There is a duty for the experts to cast a broader analytical net, and to publish their results so that citizens can make informed choices.

The issue which confronts us today, has even greater significance for our children and our children's children. To commit this land to the construction of a road, is a one time decision which will affect at least 2 generations. The project was conceived over 15 years ago and many factors have dramatically changed since then. To proceed on the course that the planners have set, will leave us paying for a road which by its very nature, is destructive, and an unwise investment as a transportation facility.

I am enclosing for your information, a copy of the submission that the New Edinburgh Community has made to the Ontario Municipal Board on this subject.

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1978 NECA Executive Active First Quarter Focus on Important Issues at Meetings

by Ray Boomgardt

The Executive has met seven times since the Annual General Meeting on February 16, 1978. It first met within a week of election and has proceeded to meet at least once each month since then, occasionally scheduling additional meetings.

Some of the highlights of these meetings have been the following reports:

— The highly successful work of the Publishing Committee and the Treasurer in support of the News.

— Barbara Potter's meetings with the city arborist, meetings which, coupled with the work of last year's executive and the continuing requests of members of the Community for more trees, have led to the "miracle" on Crichton Street.

— David Henry's persistent and

effective work to mobilize opposition to the Vanier Arterial by the Community, politicians, and the media. the "mustard seed media event," his call on the Chairman of the NCC, and his work on a search committee to find effective candidates for alderman are only a few examples.

— The Executive, prompted by Bob Strachan, has approached the Region, asking them to prepare a feasibility study concerning the blocking of Crichton Street at Beechwood, independently and in advance of any decision on the Vanier Arterial. The Executive will examine such a proposal and present the findings to the community at a General Meeting of the Association. Because this study is under way, the Executive decided to postpone the experimental

traffic control plans for Crichton Street approved at the last General Meeting.

— OBE consideration of a proposal presented by the Crichton-Rockcliffe School Committee to delay any decision on steps to deal with difficult attendance problems in the area for one year.

— The overwhelming success of Monte Carlo night.

— The proposal, still before City Hall, to redevelop the Crichton Motors site.

Plans for a community picnic in the park on June 18.

The meetings of the executive are public and normally take place on the first Tuesday of every month at Crichton Street School starting at 7:30 p.m.

City Sponsored Citizen Workshop Seeks Greater Dialogue Between Assoc. — Members

by Heather Matthews and Roberta Butler

On May 13th a day workshop run by the Federation of Citizens Associations was held at Ottawa City Hall to discuss citizen participation in municipal government. Invited to take part were elected officials from the Ottawa-Carleton area, staff from the various regional and municipal governments, and members of citizens' groups within the area. Heather Matthews and Roberta Butler represented New Edinburgh.

The meeting was organized into smaller groups of ten with representatives from each set of

invitees, and a leader from the Algonquin Department of Community Education.

Each group discussed the concept of citizen participation, with its implications and limits. Points coming out of the discussions considered by each group to be worth sharing with the larger body were written up on large sheets and posted in the common meeting area at the end of our morning's discussions. After a cold buffet lunch, these sheets were studied and the workshops reconvened. By this time it was clear that the same topics had appeared in most groups. They were: In what ways can a community association with an elected executive reach the largest number of citizens so that there is an appropriate representation of community attitudes. At what time in the decision making process is citizen participation most useful, most effective? and how should it be handled?

Other aspects discussed along with the basic questions were, the perennial concern of sustaining

interest within a community without a major event to unite effort. This has been a difficulty in New Edinburgh but we are working through this newspaper and our community schools to maintain a high level of awareness of events and discussions which affect our area.

There was a general feeling that the public at large was not sufficiently informed about the form of local government and the processes involved. We felt this could be improved through the basic education received in school, and through more in-depth reporting in our local papers and on radio and television.

At the end of the afternoon the meeting regrouped and held a summing up session. Four spokesmen were asked to report their impressions of the day. While they had not found any solutions they felt the problems had been articulated well. A committee of the citizens Federation will submit a report of the findings of the conference shortly.

Line Up Many New Programs

The N.E. Community Council is presently involved in the planning of some new and exciting events and programs for this fall. The Lighthouse programs will be expanded to encompass a wider range of interest for those in the community wishing to learn a new skill, socialize a little or just have a good time. A complete list of all courses (Sept-Jan) will be available in the next issue of New Edinburgh News with all the information necessary for registration. It is shaping up to be another very full year for our community thanks to the participation of so many enthusiastic individuals.

Assoc. Funds In Black

The Association's account currently stands at \$120.00.

The second last issue of New Edinburgh News lost \$100; the last issue broke even. Based on current advertising rates and printing costs, the paper will probably make a modest profit with this edition.

The executive committee recently reviewed the advertising rates but decided that they should not be increased at this time so that advertisers would continue to be encouraged and more community and institutional advertisers would participate. The policy adopted is that the newspaper will continue to break even with each edition. Some readers may wish to comment on this policy in letters to the editor.

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They are held on the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. in Crichton Community School.

If you wish to have an issue included on the agenda or to raise any matter with the Executive call Ray Boomgardt, Secretary at 746-0861 or 992-8615 (days).

NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY, JUNE 20
will be a Community General Meeting

Editorial

City Delay on Playground Start Angers Residents

Ottawa — "Play in Human Settlements" will be the theme of the Seventh World Conference of the International Playground Association (IPA) this summer.

The conference will be held August 20-26 at Carleton University.

This is the first time that an IPA conference has been held outside the continent of Europe.

The seven-day conference will feature presentations and workshops on many aspects of children's play: children in high density housing and new communities, community involvement in planning and building a play area, play and competition, the community as a resource in programming, play and the handicapped child, TV, technology and play, adventure playgrounds in North America and many others.

In addition, there will be films exhibits, tours and a resource centre. A large exhibit of displays related to play around the world is planned.

The IPA itself was formed in 1961 to work toward increased awareness of the importance of

play and the necessity of adequate and well-designed play spaces for children.

Membership includes persons and organizations from the fields of community planning, architecture, landscape architecture, park administration, education, medicine social work and recreation.

This conference is being held in Ottawa at a particularly significant time for New Edinburgh. The playground construction we were assured (verbally-off-the-record by City Hall) would begin mid May is only NOW being set into motion with a call for tenders only just having been issued. City Hall now says (unofficially, off-the-record of course) that if a contract is awarded mid June (presumably when this issue of New Edinburgh News has already gone to press) construction is likely to begin in early July, with the highly touted facility being fully operational by early or mid August. Giving the City some degree of credibility, mid August 1978, for a much needed area playground — which has had funds set aside for the purpose for more than 2 years!

In all probability the playground will not be fully functional for area children before summer's end and the recommencement of school in September. New Edinburgh Day Nursery, however, will be operating throughout the summer; they will have little recourse other than the current inadequate and limited equipment, particularly for younger children, that exists in the Crichton Street schoolyard at the moment. They, along with New Edinburgh's many children who attend various schools nearby, will have to rely on cement schoolgrounds, city sidewalks, or the outdated remnants alongside the old community centre on Stanley Ave.

It is time that New Edinburgh had a strong voice in City Hall which would concern itself with our priorities and see that these priorities do not go by the wayside while larger more vocal areas are given prime consideration.

If the International Playground Association recognizes the importance of adequate and well-designed play spaces for children it is time our city government did so as well.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mrs. Applebaum:

I would like to know who is responsible for altering my poem, Jacob, to the point of structural grammatical error and senselessness. An editor's duty where literary work is concerned, is not to rewrite the piece, but rather to accept, reject, or to reject with suggestions for revision and the offer to re-submit. To change an artist's work is crude, irresponsible and inexcusable. I know; I, too, am an editor. One would not change a painter's canvas and one has no right to impose his or her layman preferences on my poetry, fiction or drama.

I am not responsible for Jacob as it stands and I would like that made clear in the next issue of New Edinburgh News. I feel a public apology is due since I do not want that fragmented piece of work accredited to me.

I do not plan to submit another word to New Edinburgh News and I completely withdraw Jacob so that your newspaper may not have another opportunity to maim it. You are not to quote from it or use it in any way, a simple apology will do.

Sincerely
J. A. Stevens

Ed. Note: On checking the original we did find that the first line of the writer's poem was indeed changed. However, it was due to typeset problems and not a deliberate "rewrite" of the writer's work. We apologize for the error.

Dear Editor:

Some people are fortunate to have employment which on a daily basis brings them a super amount of personal satisfaction. Such a job gives a person a feeling of accomplishment and makes waking up in the a.m. a pleasure. This opportunity is available to me on a daily basis because of my job as a teacher at Crichton Street School. The children of Crichton daily give me a feeling of joy and satisfaction. They are wonderful children and it hasn't been shown better than on April 12th when 20 of them visited Manor Park Public School in order to play floor hockey.

Our students handled themselves in such a superb manner I find it difficult to supply suitable adjectives to describe the whole picture. Our students played two games, one for the girls and one for the boys, each lasting approximately 1/2 hour. The children's behaviour was exemplary and I for one was extremely proud to be their Vice-Principal and teacher. So pat yourselves on the back parents, because you sure have a super lot of children who are doing some super everyday things which we as adults can sometimes easily overlook.

Keep up the good work.

Wm. Jones
Vice-Principal
Crichton

Day Nursery Opens For First Summer Enrolment High For Summer and Fall

by Vicki Henry

The New Edinburgh Day Nursery Inc. continues to be an integral part of the services offered to the community. It is licensed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and approved by the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton. As a non profit co-operative, the parents are involved in the decisions concerning every aspect of the Day Nursery.

The Day Nursery has been in

existence since 1975 and for the first time will remain open during the summer months. Most of the places are already filled. Registration, however, is taking place now for the fall term. Space permitting there can be eight subsidized children at the Day Nursery.

Diane Howe, the Supervisor, will be away for the summer and her place will be taken by Dianne Gray, who is presently her

Assistant, Wendy Lamb has taken the Assistant's position for the summer months. For any information concerning the Day Nursery at 200 Crichton St., call Diane, Dianne or Wendy at 745-8005.

A new board was elected at the Annual Meeting in April. Stuart Haslett is the Treasurer, Vicki Henry, Chairwoman, Ruby Coll, Secretary; Bradley Mann, Ken Scott and Cecile Rabinovitch make up the Board of six parents.

Last year was a year of tough planning to get the Day Nursery on a sound financial footing. Many thanks to Heather Matthews and Bruce Grant for handing over the Day Nursery with a healthy bank balance.

A new set of regulations has been drawn up and will be available at the Day Nursery next week. A regular newsletter is also planned.

The Day Nursery is a non profit co-operative and we welcome contributions from the residents of New Edinburgh. At present we need wagons, tricycles, outdoor toys and small chairs. If you have any of these things please call and someone will come to pick them up.

For the second year the Day Nursery will be organizing the New Edinburgh Garage Sale in the Fall. Participants pay 10 per cent of their sales to the Day Nursery. For those who missed last year's sale, it was both profitable and a lot of fun. Start collecting now for the fall garage sale.

HELP

WANTED

Daycare requires part-time helper; student 16 or over from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m., Monday - Friday, \$3.00 per hour. Start immediately. Apply 745-8005.

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OMB Decision Expected In Fall on Arterial

By Ed Browell

Readers will recall my last report on the progress of the Ontario Municipal Board hearings which appeared in the February, 1977 edition of the New Edinburgh News. Following a recess during the summer and fall of 1977, the hearings on the Official Plan of the Regional Government of Ottawa-Carleton resumed in February, 1978. The hearings have now ended and the two Commissioners are planning to deliver their final decisions in September on vital issues affecting the Region. An additional session of the OMB hearings will be held in the fall to review proposals for major shopping centres in the east and south and a regional forest.

The Federation of Citizens' Associations, and each community association, are now preparing for the OMB their written arguments against the Region's proposed transportation links.

Of particular interest to the Citizens of New Edinburgh will be the Commissioner's rulings on the proposals of the Region to widen the Beechwood-Hemlock road and to complete the remaining two-thirds of the planned Vanier Arterial (or Vanier Parkway or Vanier Inter-Provincial Highway, depending on one's particular perception of the road plan). In this connection, the OMB Commissioners have stated that they will not approve the King Edward-Henderson and the Merivale-Fisher roads proposed in the Region's Official Plan.

Other factors that will undoubtedly influence the Commissioners' decision-making processes are the dramatic reduction in the traffic growth projections for the Region, the general reduction in growth in the Region due to the decentralization plans of the Federal government, the ending of growth in the Federal Public Service, and significant reductions in birth rates and immigration rates. Last year, following increases of 15,000 and more in recent years, the population of the Region increased by only 9,000 (The Official Plan was based on a projection of one

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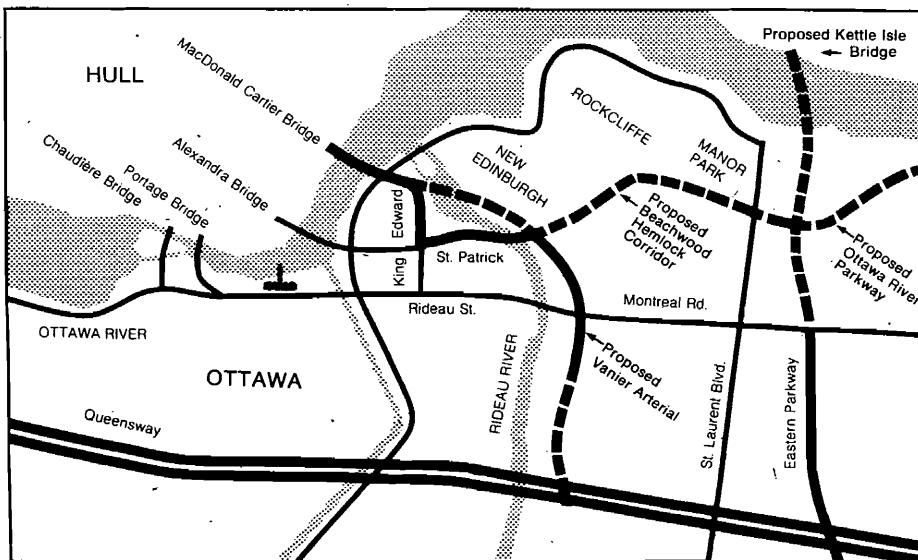
Plan, once approved, has force of Municipal "Law"

million by 2000, but Ontario Government planners now predict 750,000). Couple these figures with the trend to one car families and smaller cars, significant life-style changes now occurring (on some city roads one is just as likely to be hit by a bicycle as by a car), demands for better public transit, pressures to conserve energy and protect our natural environment, and the demands of citizens for reductions in public spending, and one can easily assess why plans for multi-million dollar arterial roads no longer make any sense. In short, the citizens of Ottawa-Carleton would be well advised to beware of traffic engineers bearing arterial plans.

Community groups in the Region have been well represented at the OMB hearings by Tom McDougall, an Ottawa lawyer and a former City of Ottawa controller.

Throughout the duration of the OMB hearings in Ottawa, members of your Executive Committee monitored the hearings, attended meetings with representatives of surrounding community associations (Overbrook, Manor Park, Lower Town and Rockcliffe) to co-ordinate policies on jointly-sponsored submissions to the OMB, and attended the OMB

New Edinburgh O.M.B. Presentation



The Concern is Transportation. The "Plan" proposes a road system to carry commuter traffic from the South & East of the region to Hull & Lower Town:

Impacts

- *Increased traffic
- *Heritage area endangered
- *Park land lost
- *Beechwood commercial area damaged

Assumptions

- *Vastly increased population
- *Growth to the south & east
- *Continued or constant use of private cars for transport
- *Road 'network' preferable to corridors

The Problem . . .

1. Expansion of the Beechwood-Hemlock Corridor to six lanes &

beyond St. Laurent will create a corridor for traffic from the south & east.

2. Connecting the Vanier Arterial to the Queensway & beyond will create an additional concentration of traffic at Beechwood-St. Patrick from the south.

3. This concentration will necessitate a connection to the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge resulting in a loss of park land.

We Should Object Because . .

2. Growth areas to the south & east may be limited! The roads may not be necessary.
3. Transit systems will reduce commuter traffic! The roads may not be necessary.
4. Existing & other planned routes are adequate! The roads may not be necessary.
5. Heritage areas of both New Edinburgh & Lower Town will be damaged!
6. Irreplaceable river parkland will be lost!
7. Our community will be placed at risk!

Our Proposed Position . .

1. We object to the expansion & extension of the Hemlock-Beechwood road system because of the damage it will do to the community.
2. We object to the extension of the Vanier Arterial to the Queensway because the increased traffic will create additional pressure on the community and possibly require the extension to the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge.
3. The extension of the Vanier Arterial to the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge should be built only if necessary to protect the community (in the event of 1 and/or 2 being accepted) and only after all other alternatives are considered.

hearings to make formal submissions on your behalf as directed by the motion approved at a general meeting of the New Edinburgh Community Association on October 26, 1977. The official submission of NECA, which was presented by the former president, Bob Knox, to the OMB commissioners in March, 1978, is shown on this page. I will be happy to discuss these matters with any reader who wishes to obtain additional details. (Please call 749-4349 or 992-4714).

We members of community associations in Ottawa-Carleton have been involved in a unique participatory exercise to radically alter the basic assumptions used for the development of the Ottawa-Carleton Official Plan. By influencing the decisions handed down by the two OMB commissioners, we may be able to bring about revisions to the Official Plan to —

- significantly reduce the growth of unnecessary satellite communities;
- gain recognition that the preservation of established communities is a first priority;
- stop the building of arterial roads through urban areas;
- radically improve public transportation quickly;
- effectively involve citizens in the planning for transportation changes which will affect the communities in which they live;
- prevent traffic engineers from designing any more Detroit-style expressways, and force them to thoroughly examine all existing alternatives;
- encourage municipal politicians to consider carefully the effects of innovative changes such as expanded flexible work hours policies, weekly bus passes, reduction of parking spaces in the core area, closing the core area to private automobiles during rush hours providing incentives to car pool users, etc.

When the architect and town planner, John Leaning, was asked by a group of citizens whom he was addressing in New Edinburgh how we could keep our community intact and unspoiled by additional roadways, he replied: "The answer is a strong community association. The integrity of the area is held by the people of the area".



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Time	Event	Location
9:00 - 9:45	Presentation of commemorative scroll to Mayor by 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment Armed Forces Ceremonial Parade (Canadian Airborne Regiment)	City Hall Ottawa
10:00 - 10:45	Government House Ceremony — 1 July 78. The Canadian Airborne Regiment from Petawawa, Ontario supported by 30 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (The Bytown Gunners) and the Royal Canadian Artillery Band will present a Ceremonial Parade and be inspected by the Governor General	Government House
10:30 - 12:30 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 12:30	Parade RCMP Band 21 Gun Salute (Salute also being fired local time in 13 major Canadian cities)	Ottawa - Hull Parliament Hill Major's Hill Park
12:30 - 15:30 12:30 - 13:00 13:00 - 18:00	Festival of Choirs Snowbirds Aerial Demonstration Great Canadian Birthday Party	NAC Foyer Ottawa River Major's Hill Park Parc Jacques Cartier
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Tentative schedule of events

Canada Week Events — June 25 - July 1, 1978

Festival Canada has planned numerous events to take place throughout the week, prior to Canada Day. There is everything from sports, to music to crafts activities taking place throughout the city and in Hull. Check your daily newspapers for complete listings.

The Best School

Reagan Roberts

Crichton School is the best School. It's too bad that it won't have Grade Six next year. I am in Grade five. Mr. W. Jones is our teacher. He teaches Grades 4, 5, and 6. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons Mrs. R. Douglas teaches our class. Mr. Jones is trying to set up an afternoon of horseback riding for the patrols. Everyone on Patrols is raising money for that trip. Mr. Jones tries to please the School every way he can.

What's The Matter With Spring?

by Jennifer Dunning- Madeleine Alexander

What's the matter with spring?
There's nothing the matter with spring.
There's no cold weather and that makes it better.
There's nothing the matter with spring.

What's the matter with spring?
There's nothing the matter with spring.
There's no cold weather and no heavy sweater.
There's nothing the matter with spring.

A Poem About Bill Jones

by Jennifer Ferguson

Mr. Jones — likes most
stones,
But he hates purple dates.
He loves apple and cherry pie,
And he never tells a lie,
Bill was joyous on one day,
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He al-ways likes us to work,
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Tree Farm Sells Low-Priced Surplus Conifers

by Heather Matthews

"Ask anybody in Low, Quebec, where Haley's Tree Farm is and they'll tell you." On the recommendation of Mr. McLaren of the NCC I called Mr. Haley to find out what "needle" trees he had available, suitable for city planting. Mr. Haley explained that most conifers are too delicate to withstand the polluted city air but that he has at the moment a superfluity of hardy Colorado Spruce which flourish in city conditions. (These are green, not blue spruce) He has about 1,000 of these pot trees which have been in their pots for two years and need to be planted soon. If you drive to the tree farm these sturdy two-year-olds can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Low is about 35 miles north of Ottawa on the Gatineau highway — No 105. When you reach the town, look for the Shell station on your left and get ready to turn left on the side road which is opposite O'Connor's Store on your right. Follow the side road for about six miles and look for the Haley's Tree Farm sign. To make sure someone will be there to serve you, call 819-422-3411.

Une Année Active à l'école Barrette *What's Cooking...?*

par Rachel Gelinas,
directrice-substitut

L'année scolaire 1977-1978 fut des plus profitables, au point de vue d'activités culturelles, pour les élèves de l'école-St-Charles. Le premier trimestre se passa dans un climat de fraternisation par ses activités intra-murales.

Dès janvier, on organise une série de visites à la Bibliothèque publique, succursale Rideau. Lors de ces visites, chaque classe, de la maternelle à la huitième année, a su profiter de l'expertise des bibliothécaires dans le choix de manuels français — que ce soit en vue de lecture personnelle ou l'élaboration de projets, — dans l'apprentissage de fonctionnement d'un tel centre de ressources. Nous osons croire, qu'après un tel exposé, les étudiants sauront y retourner d'eux-mêmes.

Depuis quelques années déjà, février est synonyme de "Carnaval" pour nos jeunes. Compétitions sportives et scolaires se succèdent durant trois jours, pour se terminer par un festin de "hamburger et frites", gracieuseté de notre API.

Mars commença sur un ton musical. En effet, le quatuor Educanner vint s'exécuter, devant nos jeunes flûtistes, par un récital de choix; leur but était de faire connaître la famille des flûtes, et de démontrer la possibilité musicale de cet instrument. Ce mois se termina sur une note sucrée, c'est-à-dire par une visite à l'érablière du chemin Cedarview. Dirigée par la CCN, cette érablière procura aux jeunes la chance d'entailler un érable, de recueillir et de goûter à la sève, tout en apprenant



l'historique de cette tradition canadienne.

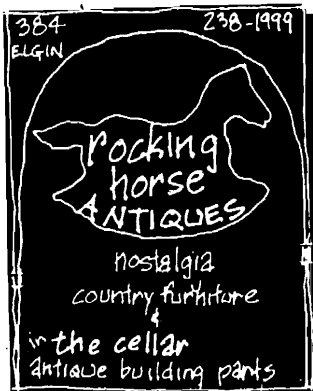
Le troisième trimestre apporta nombre d'occasions aux étudiants de prendre part à diverses activités culturelles. Que ce soit au Centre National des Arts, à la Galerie Nationale ou à l'école secondaire de La Salle, partout nos jeunes augmentèrent ou firent fructifier leurs connaissances. Que ce soit la troupe de comédiens du théâtre des Lutins,

présentant deux pièces *Malin Frigo* et *L'imbécile* ou le spectacle de marionnettes de Pinel, les élèves en ressentirent joie et enrichissement. La fin de juin permet, en plus, à nos jeunes, athlètes de faire preuve de leurs habiletés face aux athlètes de diverses écoles de notre système.

Tel est le bilan, si abrégé soit-il, d'une année passée à l'éducation de nos jeunes. Il est à remarquer combien le milieu ambiant du jeune favorise son éducation et lui procure cette occasion unique de découvrir, de grandir.

Rachel Gelinas,
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Curries — From Mild to Hot

by Robin Hamilton Harding

The biggest fallacy about curries is that they must be hot. Not a bit of it; they can be "heated" to taste, either in the making or in the pickles that are eaten with a curry.

The first thing to do is mix your own curry powder:

2 teaspoons tumeric; 2 teaspoons commercial curry powder; 1 teaspoon cummin; 1 teaspoon crushed coriander; ½ teaspoon ginger; ½ teaspoon ground cloves; ½ teaspoon nutmeg; ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper.

If the mixture is too hot or not hot enough you can change the amount of ginger and cayenne pepper to just your taste. As you experiment you can use different curry powder such as Madras curry powder.

Now how to make curry. Below are two recipes which you can try. When I make them for a party, I make one very hot meat curry, one mild meat curry and a mild shrimp curry.

PRAWN CURRY.

2 large onions, chopped medium; 2 garlic cloves, chopped fine; 8 ozs of peeled prawns; a few cardamom seeds, a few cloves; 1 can of pineapple chunks (drained and dried); 1 teaspoonful sugar; ½ teaspoonful of commercial curry powder; ½ cup milk; ¼ teaspoon of cayenne pepper; some chopped ginger (to taste — better not too much) a little salt

Fry the onions and garlic in a little oil with the curry powder, cayenne pepper and salt for about five-minutes. Warm the milk and prawns, with the cardamom, onions and cloves (do not boil) for about 5 minutes. Put the two mixtures together in a frying pan and cook very slowly for about half-an-hour. Add the pineapple just about 5 minutes before serving.

BEEF CURRY

1½ lbs. of stewing steak (beef shin); 2 large onions, chopped medium; 2 cloves of garlic; 1½ tablespoons of vinegar OR lemon juice; 1½ tablespoons of brown sugar; 1 teaspoon of salt; 2 tablespoons of curry powder (home mixed).

Fry the onion and the chopped garlic in a little corn oil until the onion is translucent. Then add the meat in one inch chunks and fry gently until brown all over. Mix the sugar, salt and curry powder in a cup of water until it is a thin paste. Then add water to the frying meat until the meat is half-covered. Add the curry paste and cook slowly for 1½ to two hours. Finally add the vinegar or lemon juice and cook until the meat is tender.

RICE

Rice makes all the difference; experiment with different strains until you find one you like. My favorite is Basmati rice.

PICKLES AND THINGS

It's nice to have lots of things to go with curry. We generally have mango chutney (sweet), lime pickles (hot), yoghurt (with chopped onions in it), sliced bananas and pappadoms.

If you make a curry too hot, no amount of water or beer will cool your mouth! Only bananas or milk will help.

Good luck.

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When I Was A Kid...

by Anna (Schieman) Lamke
as told to Heather Matthews

We lived on Dufferin Rd. at number 168. The house is still there. Most of the people near us were German Lutherans. We were very aware of religious differences then, we even had our own school. Just down the street was St. Luke's Lutheran School. There's a lot I could tell you about that. Somebody should put down all that history you know.

I remember when I was really small, playing on Dufferin Rd. and the nuns from the orphanage would come walking down the street and pat us on our heads or take our little hands and take us for a walk. Oh, that was really something... but my mother wasn't particularly apprehensive about that sort of thing.

Life was really different. We didn't go and buy everything. Everyone had a garden and kept chickens. We bought a barrel of apples and a crate of oranges all wrapped up in tissue for the winter. The milk man came by with his wagon and poured milk from a large can into my mother's jug. My brother worked for the milk man and I remember him saying "Don't buy from us, we water it down."

Mother used to send us to the back door of Government House and for a quarter we'd get a whole pail full of dripping from the big roasts. The kids spread the dripping on bread and covered it with brown sugar and ate it.

We all had nicknames... I was "Punch", my brother Art was "Cheebee", and then there were the Shorts — Obie, Uckie, and



Spook. Then there was Nifty Hawk — oh heavens I can't remember them all any more.

My most vivid memories though are of the Snakes and of Learmonth's Hill. Up at the end of Dufferin Rd. where it turns to become Rideau Terrace the sidewalk was very high. It was all built up with rocks and snakes used to come out of there. They were harmless little grass snakes but we were scared stiff of them. The boys would put them on sticks and poke them at us and we'd scream our heads off.

At the same end, on the hill

where they built those fancy town houses — well that was Learmonth's Hill and there was an old house there that was pretty well in a state of decay. Everything grew on that hill. We always played there and picked apples from the orchard behind. There were strawberries too and raspberries, blueberries, red currants, blackcurrants — just everything... oh it was a wonderful place Learmonth's Hill.

I've just had my seventy-seventh birthday and when I start going over my memories I think I should put it all together in a book someday soon.



Minto Bridges Reconstruction

This and the notice 'Closed to Pedestrians' are the signs facing both motorists and pedestrian traffic at the King Edward end of the Minto Bridges. The bridges, in need of immediate repair, have been declared a Heritage Property. Each of the three sections is expected to remain closed for six weeks so that the support structures can be completely rebuilt.

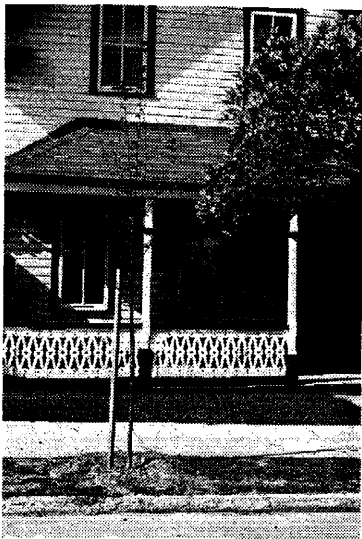
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A Tree Grows On Crichton St.

Responding to requests made a year ago, the city planted approximately 80 small-leaf linden trees along Crichton St. this spring.

The small trees require more water than the city can give them: Brian Smith, Senior Arborist for the city has requested that residents of Crichton St. help to keep them moist.

If they are kept well watered all this summer they have a good chance for survival.



An investment in the future. With assistance from local residents this young sapling will become one of the fully grown linden trees to line Crichton Street in coming years. The lindens replaced the diseased Dutch elms.

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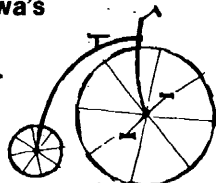
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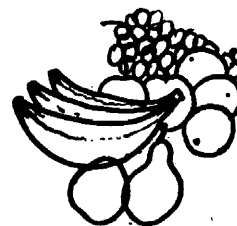
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Profiles of People in the 'Burgh'

The Dobrowolskis Introduce Polish Cuisine

by Janice Dowling

Looking for a new taste treat? Try New Edinburgh's new Polish restaurant. For the moment the place is going by its old name of Chateau-Bar-B-Q, but don't be caught, the old menu left with the old management.

The new owners, S. and Z. Dobrowolski, have been involved with restaurants for 33 years; 15 of those years were spent running their own business in Wroclaw, Poland. They arrived in Canada 9 years ago and after 4 years as chef at the Berkeley-Savoy Hotel, Mrs. Dobrowolski decided to establish her own place. In November 1977 the couple bought the Chateau Bar-B-Q business and have been working hard to establish a new reputation.

The restaurant has a liquor licence and offers Canadian-Italian-Polish cuisine. The Dobrowolskis are hesitant about the public's receptiveness to Polish food so the menu is designed to accommodate "Canadian tastes". Expansion of the Polish menu will accompany a restaurant name change and the appearance of Polish decor.

With the coming of summer the Dobrowolskis want to bring in suitable summer dishes such as a variety of salads, cold buffets, fish and Polish sauces. The cold borscht will surely be a summer hit and my own weakness for piroghi and sour cream will be satiated time and time again.

City Archives Exhibit Shows Early Settlers

"French Canadians of Old Lowertown", an exhibition of photographs and artifacts of the early settlers of Lowertown opened on May 29 at the City of Ottawa Archives, 174 Stanley Avenue. The exhibition will run through the summer months, and may be visited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free.



Mrs. Dobrowolski in her restaurant kitchen supervises all orders for customers she hopes will return.

Mrs. Dobrowolski is the main chef and specialty cook while her husband helps out in whatever areas he can. Hours have been long and general clean-up time consuming (not to mention the exterior clean-ups after the midnight movie specials next door).

Conforming to a traditional menu format is proving bothersome as the dishes offered may continue to be more flexible than a

standard menu allows.

Exterior sign choice is another problem as the expense hardly seems to justify the purchase. Perhaps we have some closet artists who could offer a few modest designs and material suggestions.

Nevertheless, business is improving as more people learn of the place. Maybe it's time you tried the Chateau again.

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