

St. Hippolyte municipal news

by Dorothy Blais

Friday, July 8 was a very hot, humid day and the municipal council meeting in St. Hippolyte did not dispel the irritation caused by the intense heat. Unfortunately I was seated beside some citizens who seemed to have just dropped in for a chat or to escape the heat, another had a persistent cough so trying to decipher my tape of the meeting proved to be a difficult task. Also some of the councillors were perhaps feeling the effects of the heat and one could hardly hear what they were saying despite reminders from the Mayor, Georges Loulou. Visitors to the library come and go trying to be silent...

Some of the points:

There has been a total of \$750,000 of construction this year so

far which includes the shopping centre, the H.L.M. residence, La Communale renovation and others. There have been 30 requests for construction permits and council hopes that this will increase up to at least 50.

The new member of the Urban Committee is Guy Desforges of Lac Connelly North. Concerning several court cases, the mayor remarked that all were simple cases of individuals not following the by-laws and regulations. Councillor Michel Gratton reported that the provincial grant for improving provincial roads had finally arrived; requested last year, the \$50,000 will be reduced to \$35,000 next year. Unmanned police cars were requested by residents near Chemin des Buttes; a delegation of Coun. Michel Gratton, Rosaire Senecal and M. Andrique had visited

the proposed road in Lac-en-Coeur which will join up with 572nd Ave. to make a road that surrounds the lake; council now passes the ball to Claude Tremblay who owns most of the land and who has been attempting to get this

project "off the ground" for nearly 20 years. \$1,000 was granted to the Ste. Anne Chapel Lac Connelly to help with renovations, and \$200 was donated to the Club d'entraide which supplies transportation to those citi-

zens needing assistance to get to the hospital etc. The park and pavilion at Lac Maillé are now officially named after Aimé Maillé, a pioneer "builder" of this district. Celebrations will be held on August 20 to commemorate this

event. An adjustment of \$1,000 was made to the recreation director, Pierre Brisson's salary who recently was elected to the Regional Recreation Council for the Laurentians. The fire department was the first to arrive on the scene of that serious accident on Blvd. des Hauteurs recently and assisted at the scene for 2 1/2 hours. Many residents sent letters of appreciation for paving on roads in and around St. Hippolyte (others await their turn anxiously).

Monique Robillard of the Ministry of Environment wrote to say that the septic tanks around Lac Maillé will be inspected and classified (this was done in great depth 8 or 9 years ago in Lac-en-Coeur and Lac Echo). The mayor and councillors received several invitations to annual lake association meetings which always occur

during this part of the year.

The red-bricked H.L.M. residence is ready for occupancy and this attractive building with its landscaping completed is awaiting your request. Retired couples (or individuals) who live in St. Hippolyte or who have a summer residence here are eligible. If there are still vacancies, people from outside the municipality may apply. Call 563-2505 for complete information.

The Lac-en-Coeur - L.A.D.L.E.C. annual meeting was held at the University of Montreal Biology Station on Saturday, July 9. This caused a controversial article to appear in the *Journal de Montréal* and I'll report on this in the next issue - as well as our association committee's meeting and first fishing tournament which was held on the Sunday.

