



PORTLAND PICKIN'S

Portland

Community Forum

A meeting of the executive of the Portland Community Forum was held early last month at the home of Mrs. Lynne Evans. Two items of high priority were discussed:

- 1) The formation of a Recreation Committee in the Township of Bastard and Burgess.
- 2) The creation of a recreational facility in Portland which would include tennis courts, playground equipment and an improved swimming area.

Mr. Alex Graham has stepped down as Forum Chairman due to the pressure of business commitments. Alex is thanked for his efforts in helping the Forum get off to a good start. Mr. George Schmid has agreed to act as Chairman until a permanent executive can be formed in the fall.

The Forum looks forward to everyone's assistance in the fall. Until then, have a good summer.

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In July and August, there will be a display of pictures of past summers on the Big Rideau. Come in and stir up some memories, or see what is used to be in the "good old days".



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Rideau Centennial School

Requests study of County Board system
Rideau Centennial School Committee

Mr. Steve Higgins from Hilan Creative Playstructures was our special guest speaker. Mr. Higgins explained the physical structures they create and showed slides of the different modules.

The school committee will apply for a Wintario grant to make up the cost of play equipment. Money has been raised at the school through a bowl-a-thon, movie evening and the sale of hot dogs once a week. Letters have been sent to all area organizations asking for financial support.

To carry on this project letters will be sent to parents requesting nominations for next year's committee before next fall. Remaining members include: Pat McManus, Jim Vanderschuit and Judy Pattinson. Members elected for a two year term are Diane Haskins, Lynne Evans, Carolyn Visser and Sandy Purdy. Joan Hutchison, chairman, will remain for one year to guide the committee.

Due to the success of the combined school committee meeting held last month, the committee moved that additional central school committee meetings be held. A copy of this motion will be sent to each school committee, asking for its support.

A motion was carried requesting that the Minister of Education appoint a select Committee of the Legislature to study problems in the present County school board system. Inequalities in education across the province and reduced accountability of trustees were pointed out as current problems. The Rideau Centennial School Committee recommends serious consideration of family grouping of schools under one board, i.e. a High School and its "feeder schools."

A further motion was carried that a letter be sent to the secretary of the Board regarding the delivery of pizzeria flyers to school children on school property.

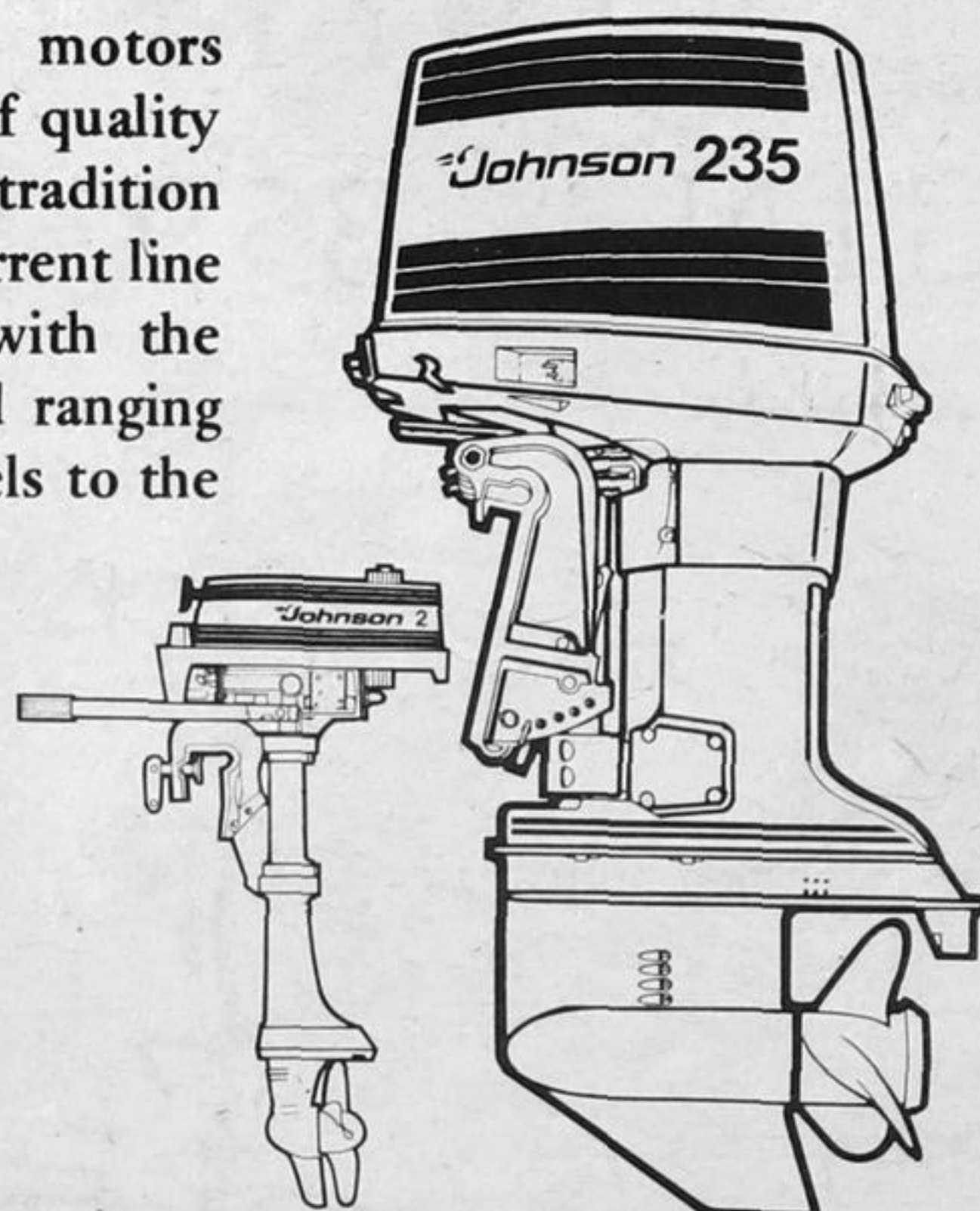
The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

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