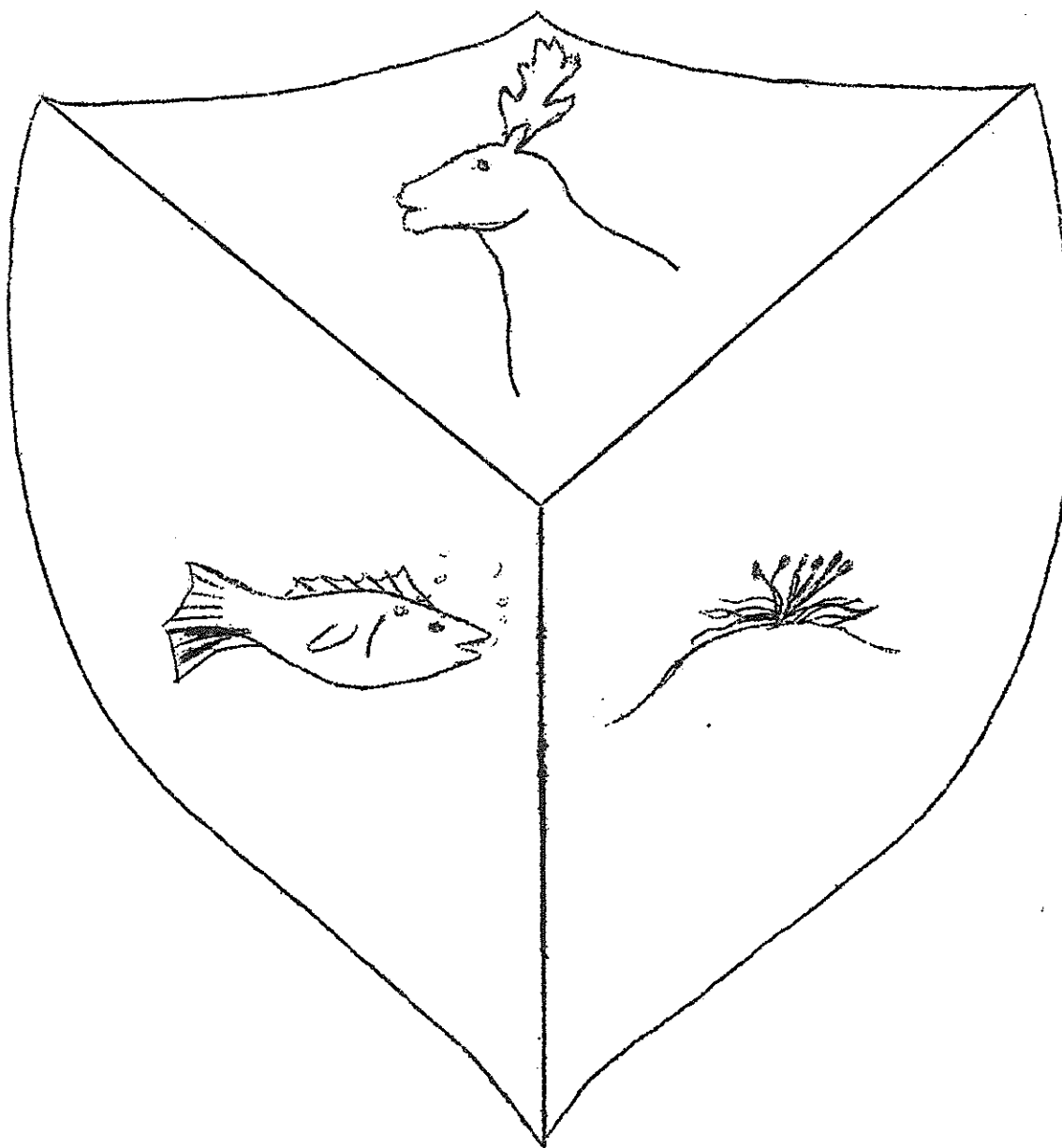




IT'S BETTER

IN VOGAR

## THE VOGAR STORY

### Past

The Saulteaux were the first people to live in this area. The Icelandic settlers arrived in the 1880's and later years to farm the land around the village of Dog Creek which gets its name from the pursuit of a white criminal by the Indians through the area. Highway 235, which gives access to Vogar, formerly called Dog Creek, was a trail before it was built in 1945. Some of the well-known names hereabouts are Monkman, Spence, Bone, Dejarlais, Pelletier, Eyford, Seal and Johnson.

### Present

Vogar is predominantly a Metis village of 162 people of whom 68 are enrolled in school. Most popular recreation consists of playing kingo, fishing and playing, baseball, swimming, visiting, playing cards, and watching TV. And of course everyone enjoys a party. People are employed in various jobs, of which the largest number are carpentry, and such seasonal jobs as lumber, fishing, working on the highways, digging seneca root, picking frogs and snakes and a LIP project. Two new homes were moved into the village and 10 new homes are in various stages of construction.

### Future

In the near future we expect the population of Vogar will not change very much. The school will be larger, more modern and with a well equipped and well planned playground. People will live in up to date homes with more conveniences and well kept yards, driveways with a paved road in front and a sidewalk running the whole length of Vogar. The sportsground will be well kept, well used and include skating facilities, and a recreation building which will include a drop in centre and library available for all ages.

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COMMUNITY ISSUES & CONCERNS.

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COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

- 1) INCREASE EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES - dealing with:-
  - more jobs for men & women
  - summer jobs for teenagers
  - marketing local products
- 2) IMPROVE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION -
  - improved road conditions
  - create sidewalks
  - better driveways
  - improve streetlighting
- 3) IMPROVE RECREATION SERVICES -
  - recreation grants
  - improve beach
  - sports ground
  - skating rink
- 4) DEVELOP COMMUNITY PRIDE -
  - getting people to meetings
  - dealing with discrimination
  - street light security
- 5) CREATE ADEQUATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES -
  - grocery and clothing stores
  - education on nutrition
  - running water
  - improved telephone service
  - police service
  - increased doctor's visits
  - improved sanitation
  - school/church washrooms
- 6) BROADEN CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES -
  - social activities for youth
  - community dance
  - development of artistic talents
  - improve library facilities
  - opportunities for youth and children to visit other communities
  - additional help in school

## VOGAR COMMUNITY FORUM PROPOSALS

### 1. Proposals for Increasing Employment Opportunities:

- . Process and box fish in Vogar to ship to Winnipeg.
- . Establish general store and gas station.
- . Establish small factories using carpentry skills.
- . Hire additional school help.
- . Hire recreation director.
- . Develop permanent summer jobs for youth.
- . Initiate agricultural/ fisheries job skills training.
- . Hairdressing training.

### 2. Proposals for Improving Community Transportation:

- . Salt the main road through rural municipality.
- . Get culverts and gravel for driveways.
- . Gravel pathway for walking on one side of road.
- . Begin community taxi service.

### 3. Proposals for Improving Recreation Services:

- . Set up and maintain local sports grounds.
- . Develop a safe beach and play area.
- . Establish drop in centre for whole community.

### 4. Proposals for Developing Community Pride:

- . Put Welcome to Vogar sign on highway and at bus stop.
- . Paint bus bench.
- . Have school children do a clean-up day.
- . Put newspaper article in "le Metis" about Vogar.
- . Conduct 8th grade graduation.
- . Hold community beautification day.
- . Fence the cemeteries.
- . Cut grass in cemeteries.

### 5. Proposals for Creating Adequate Community Facilities:

- . Maintain a community pump.
- . Teach nutrition education in school.
- . Begin nutrition classes for parents and distribute literature.
- . Open community health clinic.

### 6. Proposals for Broadening Cultural Opportunities:

- . Open drop in centre for young people.
- . Hold year around dances.
- . Expand library facilities to include adults.
- . Hire more school help to work with those who have learning disabilities.
- . Teach native language and history.
- . Establish middle man for arts and crafts marketing.

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