

# Delegation Protests North Kildonan's Plans For A Centennial Park

A two-man delegation appeared before last week's meeting of North Kildonan Council to protest Council's plans to proceed with a Centennial Park project.

Jack Christie, of 468 Sharon Bay, and Fred Van Alstyne, of 604 Bardal Bay, asked Council to consider a sports complex rather than the park.

In his presentation, Mr. Christie said that "As this proposed Centennial project is close to the outer boundaries of our municipality, I feel only a small majority will gain any benefits compared to the cost involved of purchasing the land, developing it, and the yearly maintenance costs."

Mr. Christie pointed out that Birds Hill Park wasn't that much further if people

wanted the use of park facilities.

He suggested if Council wanted a Centennial project they should consider a sports complex attached to the River East Collegiate and Chief Peguis School.

"This complex," he said, "could have a swimming pool and really utilize the facilities that are already there, but not being used to capacity."

He added that he "hoped this Council will give the taxpayers the opportunity to voice their opinion by means of a referendum on something of this size and cost."

The appraised value of the property was set at about \$55,000 to \$60,000, although Mr. Christie said he heard it was much greater than this.

Mr. Van Alstyne said "It

is obvious that many of you have become so involved with municipal affairs and spend so much time in these "hallowed halls" that you no longer have contact with the pulse of the people."

Mr. Van Alstyne criticized Council "for the lack of information that is being made available to the citizens of North Kildonan with respect to the actual cost of land acquisition, the actual cost of the park, and the yearly maintenance."

Council received the petitions.

## Study To Be Made At Munroe And Gateway Road

Metro Corporation will carry out a traffic study at Munroe and Gateway Road.