

At Meeting Monday

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Sidewalks, mud and impassable roads formed the brunt of a barrage of complaints levelled at East Kildonan's council Monday night. Mayor Frank Dryden and his councillors patiently listened to their neighbors' pleas that something be done about conditions in the new development area within the municipality.

Roads were a major subject of complaint. Mayor Dryden told his listeners that council was doing all it could under trying conditions and recent heavy rains had a lot to do with the impassable state of roads, particularly in districts where there are houses under construction.

Other delegates asked for improved sidewalks . . . at least one man asked for a sidewalk down his street where none exists at the present time.

John Rarie, 430 Dunrobin ave., who owns a four-room cottage, complained about the disgraceful condition of the roads east of Roch, and stated his wife has to go shopping with rubber boots and he had to go to a pump with hip waders on.

He told council he has been paying taxes for seven years and still has no sidewalk. "All you get is nice promises," he said. His request was for a sidewalk down his street.

It was explained to him that normally this would be constructed by the contractor when homes on the street are under construction later this summer, but was told that an endeavor would be made to have the contractor lay this sidewalk as soon as possible.

T. A. MacKay, 298 Chelsea, told council that two days after Melbourne and Bronx were being paved, Chelsea was also closed. He claimed there was a lack of supervision on somebody's part when such a situation should arise.

As the blocks are all together you simply can't get out. You had to use the back lanes to Brazier and then come north to Melrose, and this, he contended, was a great hardship to delivery men. He expressed concern as to what could happen in the event of a fire.

The engineer said the contractor had no authority to open up Chelsea.

Mayor Dryden assured Mr. MacKay that he had already spoken to the contractor about it.

Mr. MacKay also informed council that he had been in East Kildonan since 1924 and he had never seen so much water around Chelsea and Brazier.

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Melbourne Avenue Residents Request Gravel Immediately

Edward Munt, 454 Melbourne, presented a petition signed by approximately 50 residents of Melbourne to East Kildonan council Monday night demanding that Melbourne between Roch and Watt be gravelled immediately.

"We can't get in or out — and this street has never been gravelled," he stated.

Mayor Dryden pointed out that the reason the graveling program had not been started was due to the fact that, although the contract had been let some time ago, the contractor had fallen down on the job and the contract had to be awarded to a different firm and that Building Products would make a start with the graveling program.

Councillor Reid: "I think we slipped up. Slimkins Construction graded it, but we didn't put gravel on it." He moved that it "be looked after immediately." Council supported the motion.

Another delegate told council he got "stuck in the mud on my way to the meeting tonight."

A petition requesting a concrete sidewalk to be constructed on Wallace st., from Munroe to Prince Rupert (west side) was referred to the finance committee.

A petition from residents of Helmsdale requesting a 24-ft. concrete pavement complete with 6-in. curbs, between Brazier and Roch was ordered to be advertised.

The report from the acting assessor stated that the petition had been checked and found to have been signed by all home owners on both sides of Helmsdale in the second block, with the exception of one triplex under construction and owned by Walter Papp.

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A delegate from Dunrobin, east of Roch, stated if there was a fire the truck couldn't get through. "We can't get out with our cars at all; we can't even walk out."

Another complainant on the same street told council he was tired of wearing rubber boots.

-Still another spokesman, living on Oakview, admitted the contractor had levelled the mud off all right, "but it's still there."

Mayor Dryden, interjecting, remarked "if it was possible I would turn the rain off. I've never seen such mud in all my life. If we could just get a little sunshine I think our troubles would be over. We fully realize the condition of the roads. It's not that we're not putting the pressure on — we are."

Councillor Reid stated there was an agreement between the municipality and the contractors to keep the roads passable and in good condition whilst the construction of houses was being undertaken. He claimed the settled areas are the council's responsibility and we should prevail on the contractors to assist us to maintain these roads.

Whilst the development is under construction the roads are being ~~DE~~structed, he claimed. "We should tell the contractors the streets they can use and not run all over the municipality. The heavy trucks are responsible for the condition of the streets."

Mr. Venus felt the contractors should be made to use Roch and Roch alone and every second street for transporting their heavy equipment to roads under construction. "I have driven from Trent on Roch and I haven't seen a lane that is passable."

"You can't park on Roch," another complainant told council, "and you can't park on Brazier, and I'm not going to park on Henderson Highway."

R. F. Schick, 166 Roberta, suggested that the roads be laid before the houses are built. "I think the contractors are getting away with it, and I think the council should wake up," he said.

C. J. Tabbernor, 178 Roberta, complained that "all we get is promises. We have heard the same thing since 1949 — and now it's 1955. I don't think you will find any municipality getting the run-around like this municipality. We have been waiting since 1950 to have our sidewalks repaired. Nobody is going around to see that the sidewalks are properly laid. Why can't something be done about it?"

Councillor Armstrong thought it was time Watt st. was opened up to give people a chance to get out.

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