

# East Kildonan council ends on nostalgic note

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The rustling of photocopied reports and agendas made more noise in the East Kildonan council chamber Monday night than the voices of the mayor and aldermen transacting the city's business.

But despite seemingly long pauses between the talking, East Kildonan council conducted its last regular meeting in brisk fashion and turned to brief last speeches from alderman and presentation of civic awards. Lastly, they joined in a round of singing to close out the existence of East Kildonan council.

In this last ritual, everyone in the chamber, from Mayor Stan Dowhan in the front to a

young boy sitting alone in the gallery in the rear, took part.

Despite the busyness at hand, which was virtually the same as at previous council meetings, this meeting was different. No one had anything to say, (until the end) except sentences and phrases connected with the moving and passing of motions, receiving of reports, and moving on to the next item on the agenda.

There was no bantering across the floor; nor were there the usual asides with the alderman sitting on one side or the other.

Council heard and received several letters, adopted six committee reports and gave three readings to three by-laws.

Mayor Dowhan called on

each alderman to make a last speech. All the remarks were brief; all the aldermen wished the new city council the best of luck and thanked their constituents for the opportunity of serving.

Mayor Dowhan presented each alderman with an East Kildonan Distinguished Service Award and Ald. Stapon presented the award to the mayor. Ald. John Huyda moved adjournment.

Invited by council, others in the chamber trooped into the centre of the room, linked hands and belted out For They Are Jolly Good Fellows and (urged on by Ald. Frank McGurry) Auld Lang Syne, before filing out of the council chamber. The meeting had lasted 30 minutes.

## Committees wind up

The committees on utilities and personnel and on public works of the present City of Winnipeg held their last meetings Monday.

Only routine matters were handled and anything requiring a policy decision was referred to the appropriate committee of the new city.

Ald. Nick Malanchuk complained that the committee on utilities and personnel had allowed important matters including a dispute between the firefighters association and

the fire department over vacation schedules and an inquiry into free garbage pickups to be laid over for weeks.

The committee on utilities and personnel authorized certain changes in the establishment of Winnipeg Hydro rates and the acceptance of the low bid for cable for the Hydro. The committee on public works agreed to forward to council for approval the low tenders for the provision of asbestos cement water pipes for the engineering department.

## Juba to host 'modest affair'

Winnipeg's old city council will host a reception to mark its last meeting on Dec. 23, but it may be a coffee and cookie affair.

All expenses are to be paid out of the mayor's entertainment budget. The mayor told the council he wanted a reception, but there was only \$86 in the account. The best he could promise was a modest affair with coffee and cookies.

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# E.K. Council:

## Color It Gone

By DAVID LEE

It was a night for plaudits and best wishes — and even a little time for work — as East Kildonan city council met Monday for the last time.

Mayor Stanley Dowhan and the six East Kildonan aldermen took only 14 minutes to complete the city's last official business before moving on to "final comments" from council members.

For Mayor Dowhan and Aldermen Norman P. Stapon, Frank S. McGurry, R. B. Matheson and John Huyda, it was a chance to thank other council members and the municipal staff for a "job well done."

As well, the five offered the new central city council, which takes over administration of Greater Winnipeg on Jan. 1, their "best of luck in the years ahead."

For Ald. R. F. Schick, the "final comment" period gave him one last chance to flail the Metro council, this time for allowing its members to buy their desks and chairs at minimal prices "which are really the property of all of Greater Winnipeg."

The only alderman not to take advantage of the opportunity to air last comments

was Michael Ruta, who said he had "no comment to make" to the final meeting of council.

With that portion of the meeting out of the way, Mayor Dowhan then presented members of council with certificates for their service to the city.

Included in the last official business of the city council was:

- Approval of a motion to allow members of council to take home the name plates from their council chamber desks.

- Approval of a standing committee recommendation that tenders not be issued for the purchase of a new fire pumper. Ald Schick had urged earlier that the city purchase the vehicle.

- Approval of new dog licence fees to bring them into line with those charged in North Kildonan. Under the new setup, all dogs that are partly or wholly police dog, German Shepherd, or Husky will pay \$5 annually instead of \$15.

- Approval of a finance committee recommendation that a \$40,000 grant be paid to the new Concordia Hospital but that further grants would have to be endorsed by the new council.