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N. Kildonan Bears Brunt For 'Monster' In Apartment Row

"The monster" — that's how residents of North Kildonan's Arby Bay refer to a new block of apartments being built at the west end of their street — and North Kildonan municipal council Tuesday took the brunt of criticism from a delegation opposed to the development.

Spokesmen for the residents claimed that the apartment block, which was half finished, had sprung up "overnight." They complained that the building was only scheduled to go four storeys high when the plans were first discussed, but now it was to reach seven storeys.

"When the building is completed," said one man, "residents on Arby Bay will have a sunset in the middle of the afternoon as the sun goes down over the top of the apartment block."

The delegates complained that the council should have planned the area so that apartment blocks would not block the view.

No Control

Mayor Stanley Copp told them, "This council has little control over the type of building being erected in North Kildonan. It comes under Metro council."

Building contractor Martin Bergen, whose firm is building the block of apartments, was present at the meeting to answer questions. He said that he had sent a man round to the residents of Arby Bay before construction began to get their opinion of the block.

"We got six signatures in favor of the apartment block and two against," he told council.

There are about 36 families living in Arby Bay.

The delegates complained that Mr. Bergen had not asked enough people to form a proper consensus.

Mr. Bergen said that when the plans for the building were before Metro council no one from North Kildonan attended to protest against them.

Metro changed the zoning of the area from commercial to residential this spring after meeting with failure in developing the land.

Another complaint by the delegation was that Dycks Containers and Forest Products Ltd. factory at the east end of Arby Bay had expanded its loading bay. Fears were expressed that children playing in a nearby park might be endangered because of increased traffic.

The delegation was referred to Metro council.

