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# Controversial project gets underway

The sod turning for the twin 12 storey senior citizen's apartment blocks at McLeod and Brazier Avenue was held March 9, with former councillor Alf Penner and housing minister J. Frank Johnston attending.

Also at the sod turning for the controversial development were Martin Bergen, owner of the land, Yetta Gold representing the Age and Opportunity Centre and Mr. Gammon mortgage manager for Royal Trust.

When finished in March 1979, the blocks will hold 368 apartments, with commercial space on the main floor of one of the buildings. Mrs. Siemens, of Edison Rental Agency Ltd.,

the company which will handle the blocks, said they hope to encourage a doctor and a restaurant owner to locate in the main floor commercial space. The buildings will be connected by a bridge, and will have recreational areas on the 12th floor.

Mrs. Siemens said there is a waiting list of 1,000 senior citizens wanting to get into the buildings.

"It's a good location for a senior citizen's project," Mr. Penner commented at the ceremony. He noted the services available in the area include shopping, bus transportation, a public library and bowling.

Councillor Harold Piercy (Henderson), who also attended the sod turning, told Metro One he thinks it "provides housing accommodation which I think is still sadly lacking." He said he would have supported the development if he had been on City council when it was discussed.

The development, which has been in the works for several years, sparked some controversy. Those opposing it felt it would decrease the privacy and sunlight of area residents and increase traffic. The Municipal Board turned down the project in 1975, however it was later approved.



Former East Kildonan councillor Alf Penner, provincial housing minister J. Frank Johnston, Martin Bergen, Yetta Gold and Mr. Gammon with an architect's plan of the proposed twin senior citizen apartment blocks, at the sod turning ceremony on March 9. The blocks are located at McLeod and Henderson Highways.