

# N.K. To Vote On \$174,000 Referendum For New Public Safety Building Oct. 25

Photos and Text

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North Kildonan ratepayers will be asked to approve a new Public Safety Building for the use of the municipality's Police and Fire Departments.

A referendum for \$174,000, estimated cost of the building, will be placed before voters at the annual election on Wednesday, October 25th.

The Public Safety Building is intended to house both general and private offices as well as work and interrogation areas for Police and Fire Departments. Both will jointly share lockers and a lounge area to be located in a central core.

North Kildonan Council is looking ahead to the time when a permanent Fire Department will have to be established in the growing municipality.

The new Public Safety Building will be large enough to accommodate six fire vehicles, as well as have complete living and working space for such a force. The present metal fire hall has been described as an eyesore, barely serving the needs of the present volunteer force.

Site of the new Public Safety Building is also a factor for present and future needs of North Kildonan citizens.

Council chose the location of

Springfield Road and Donwood Drive, which is one mile either way from Highway 59 or Henderson Highway. The site is in a most central position from which all areas may be quickly served, and was recommended by the Provincial Fire Commissioner's Office.

North Kildonan Council has agreed that approval of the money by-law will mean the first step in eventually setting up a permanent fire department to be assisted by volunteer firemen. On an average home assessment of \$6,700, the cost per homeowner is \$5.00 per year over a 20-year period.

## N.K. TREE PRUNING PROGRAM SUCCESS

North Kildonan municipal arborist Gunter A. Schoch reported to the regular Council meeting Sept. 12th that a successful tree pruning program had been carried out in Ward 1 at a cost of \$340.00 involving 1500 trees.

Mr. Schoch explained that the aim of the pruning was to develop single-trunk trees out of low-branched and multiple-stem specimens on the boulevards, and that he had supervised the operation which was carried out by three highly skilled tree workers.

## All's Quiet On E.K. Election Front

Unless there is some last-minute action this week, this year's civic election in East Kildonan is going to be a relatively quiet one.

With nomination day only a week away only one contest is assured, that being in Ward 2. Alf Laidlaw, a candidate in last year's election, announced to The Herald last week that he would oppose Ald. Doug Brewer.

All three aldermen whose terms expire at the end of the year stated that they would seek re-election on Oct. 25th. They are Ald. Bert McMahon in Ward 1, Ald. Brewer, and Ald. Tony Reid in Ward 3.

Mayor George Suttie said he would also seek re-election.

## N.K. NOMINATION DAY OCTOBER 4th

Nominations for 1967 municipal elections will be received at the North Kildonan municipal clerk's office, 1440 Henderson Highway, on Oct. 4th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for the office of mayor of North Kildonan for the 1968-69 term, and for one councillor for each of the two wards.