

E.K. to purchase police-fire site

East Kildonan council has de-
cided to purchase property on
Faberley Ave., as the propos-
ed site for a new police and fire

at its regular meeting, coun-
cil approved a finance commit-
tee recommendation that BACM
developers, be advised
that the city is prepared to pur-
chase the site for \$9,000.

The company has been hold-
ing the land for the city and
has asked council whether the
city intended to proceed with
the purchase.

The building proposal touched
off a controversy last October
when council decided it wasn't
necessary to hold a referendum
on the issue.

When three of four council
members — including Mayor
George Suttie — failed to be
elected in the October elections,

Mr. Suttie said the failure to
hold a referendum "contributed
to the defeats."

The \$350,000 police-fire build-
ing project was scrapped by a
unanimous council vote in mid-
November.

When the \$9,000 purchase rec-
ommendation was authorized
and council was about to move
on to other business, a new al-
derman requested more infor-
mation.

Alderman Clifford J. Garvie,
elected to council in a special

election, Nov. 29, held to fill a
vacancy due to a resignation,
asked:

"Is there to be any discus-
sion tonight on when and how
it will be built?"

He was informed that council
did not intend to discuss the
matter at the meeting.

"I think we should discuss the
matter tonight," commented
Mr. Garvie. Mr. Suttie replied
that it was up to council wheth-
er a discussion would be held.

Alderman Norm Stapon said
the question would be thrown
open when the newly-elected
council takes office in January.

"Would six weeks make that
much difference?" he asked.

Mr. Suttie told the new coun-
cillor that a referendum on the
proposed building couldn't be
held until next October.

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