

North Kildonan Gets To Work

North Kildonan's 600-acre development plan is on its way.

After a series of delays, due in part to impending changes in the ward system, the River East Park project has been launched.

A program of public works to serve the park and other development areas, running to \$2,000,000 when completed, was started the end of March.

Excavations are well in hand and before building operations begin the greater part of this work will be done, Mayor David Pekary said.

The municipality's program includes a major storm sewer and sanitary laterals connecting with the main sewer which is a Metro responsibility. Water services are going in at the same time. Much development hinged on the municipality's bill to change the ward system. The bill, which in its final form, calls for realignment of wards was brought up at this session of the legislature and pro-

vides for amalgamation of the two least populated wards into one, giving the municipality three wards.

Councillors are reduced from five to three, one each for wards 2 and 3 and two for the highly developed ward 1. The River East division lies north of Ward 1. Within its area land has been set aside for a projected inner Perimeter road, the mayor said.

North Kildonan is also entering the high rise apartment era. A start will be made during the year on its first high rise apartment, expected to be about nine storeys, and within the next three or four years there is a large commercial complex planned, the cost running to \$900,000.

Mayor Pekary sees an increasing growth in the River East area because of its choice location. Lying east of Red River north of East Kildonan it is between Henderson Highway and Highway 59, both major traffic arteries, which puts the park within 10 to 15 minutes of downtown Winnipeg. It is also the closest residential district to the Whiteshell, Manitoba's eastern playground, Mayor Pekary pointed out.

A school by-law for \$462,000 provide additions to Lord Kitchener and Princess Margaret schools will go before ratepayers this spring. Under consideration is a new junior high school to provide for the escalating population.

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