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# Part of McIvor Avenue to close?

By Jan McCall

McIvor Avenue residents want to close McIvor between Gateway Road and DeVries Avenue to slow down truck traffic and thoroughfare on McIvor, councillor Jim Ragsdill (Springfield) told the East Kildonan-Transcona community committee on September 22.

## Pawley pledges action

Opposition leader Howard Pawley said recently that an NDP government would guarantee that no farmer lose his or her farm because of high interest rates.

Pawley told a Brandon press conference that interest rates are a greater problem for farmers in Manitoba than those  
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"The residents want it closed for a two-year trial period to check traffic patterns on McIvor," Ragsdill said.

If its closed at DeVries people won't be able get onto Lagimodiere Boulevard but they'll still be able to use the front road, he said.

At a special meeting with Ragsdill on September 18, the residents turned down options to pave or asphalt the road until the heavy traffic could be stopped, he said.

"They weren't prepared to do anything until we could cut traffic down," Ragsdill noted.

McIvor residents hope major traffic will be diverted to Springfield Road which has fewer residents is wider, and is paved.

The residents recommendation will go to streets and traffic for a report.

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# Mclvor residents want street closed

by B.A. Watts

Mclvor Avenue residents living between Gateway Road and DeVries Avenue would like their street closed to eliminate access off Lagimodiere Boulevard.

The residents who are to appear before the community committee this evening (June 29) are concerned about the amount of dust produced by through traffic as a result of the city's failure to maintain the roadway as had been done in the past.

The Concerned Residents of Mclvor Avenue, "don't want to play around — we want a decent level of service," said the group's vice-president Alf Penner, 943 Mclvor.

The homeowners have been concerned since 1979 when the city discontinued the use of bunker oil in its oiling program and substituted a product commonly called MF, a by-product of the forestry industry. This substance looks like oil but is not as effective say residents. The residents say the product washes away with the first good rain and does not offer the durable surface protection provided by the bunker oil.

They feel that increased dust as a result of the product's inefficiency and perhaps even some components of the product itself are responsible for the increased respiratory problems being encountered by residents.

Last year after being faced with road dust

almost all summer, homeowners met with their councillors to outline their concerns and to request the closure of Mclvor at Lagimodiere. After waiting several months they were told that the street would not be closed but that the city was willing to oil, using the more effective bunker oil, as a local improvement.

It was this decision which prompted the resident to organize.

The last year prior to the amalgamation of the municipalities to produce unicity Penner paid taxes of \$187.51 for municipal services. This year he has paid \$850 for municipal services.

The area has no sidewalks and homeowners have installed and maintained their own water systems, therefore, road maintenance is one of the main services provided to residents. It is the fact that the city now wants to provide this service as a local improvement which has angered many. However, it should be noted that the city is willing to continue the use of MF as part of its regular maintenance program.

"They have taken away a vital service while increasing our taxes four fold," said Mr. Penner.

Following its presentation to the community committee the group will take its concerns to the city's works and operations committee.

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## One-year closure Oct 1982 for McIvor Avenue

by B.A. Watts

Residents on McIvor Avenue between Gateway and DeVries have won a temporary victory with the closure of their street at Lagimodiere Blvd., effective November 1.

The street will be closed for a one-year period, however, there is presently some question of the city's works and operations committee's ability to close a street for more than 90 days on a temporary basis. Because of this, the original October 1 closing date was advanced one month to allow administration to study the implications of the committee's action.

During the period of closure, the city will conduct traffic studies along McIvor from Henderson to Rawleigh and Gateway to Lagimodiere along Knowles.

Knowles Ave. residents had asked that McIvor remain open, and that in the event that McIvor was closed that Knowles also be closed thus forcing all through traffic to use Bonner and preferably Springfield. Commercial establishments along DeVries may also feel inconvenienced by the approval of the closure.

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