

Critchley disagrees with ministry

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The Ministry of Transportation and Communications, in a letter read at Iroquois Falls Council meeting Monday, says it does not think the earth being excavated during upgrading of Highway 577 will make suitable land fill.

The letter said tests revealed the soil was either silt or wet clay and highly erodible. This was the same opinion offered by the local department of public works.

But Councillor George Critchley, who wants to use the soil for fill in gullies in Monteith, disagrees.

"We've driven on that road for years. Houses are built not far from the right of way with cement foundations and compacted driveways, and there's never been any problem," he said.

Councillor Celest Joseph said, "If it's like the mud from Jacob's Hill (Highway 578), it runs like soup whenever it rains." He said he would check the soil from Highway 577 to compare it.

"But I know of a house on the Monteith Rd. (577) that's concrete blocks from the foundat-

ion up to the roof and it's all right," he added.

Mayor Gervais pointed out that if the soil is used to fill the gullies, then a bulldozer will be needed to spread it.

However, Councillor Critchley suggested that MTC might have one at the road construction site that could be used.

Council plans to meet with the contractor of the road construction on Thursday to discuss cost of moving the landfill, where to put it and the effect on the environment.

Show winners receive prizes

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Over \$600. in prize money was given out to show winners at the Iroquois Falls & District Horticultural Society's awards' night held in Trinity Church Hall, Saturday.

Mrs. Don Griggs of Monteith received a plaque for having the best petunia in this year's annual flower show. Runner-up and winner of the Airport Nursery Trophy was Mrs. Lou Bernier.

A planning meeting for societies in District 12, comprising societies from North Bay to Moosonee, will be held in Cochrane, Saturday, October 26.

Iroquois Falls Society will host the 1975 District 12 Spring Convention.

Officers for 1975 were elected as follows: president, Lou Bernier; 1st vice-president, Harry Ross; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Muriel Reese; directors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lariviere, Mr. and Mrs. Les Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gorringer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd, Mrs. Ethel Griggs, Mrs. Mildred Bean, Mrs. Ro-

land Belhumeur, Mrs. Frank Brophy; past president, Mr. Arnold Vandebosch, auditors, Mr. Eugene Bernier, Mr. Jack Plummer.

Mrs. Wava Carter showed slides. Lunch was served by Mrs. A. Lamarche and helpers.

A directors meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Boyd, Highway 11, 8 p.m., November 4.

The same at Monteith

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As Mayor Aurele Gervais said, they may be less vociferous about it at Monteith, but the problem of water and sewage is just as bad as Porquis.

Council is hoping for a Department of Regional and Economic Expansion grant to do something about water and sewage at Porquis and Monteith.

At its meeting Monday, council received a report made by the Porcupine Health Unit at the request of Monteith Women's Institute.

Septic tanks at 19 Monteith homes were tested October 2. Nine were found defective; five were doubtful; three only were satisfactory. The unit was unable to assess the other two.

The majority of defective systems leak into ditches and gulleys through the townsite, says the report. The tanks cannot function properly because of the high water table and the heavy soil.

"It's the same situation as in Porquis," noted the Mayor. "I guess they are less vociferous about it."

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Society has
many
Monteith
members.