

Village History cont'd

1982-83: The dike on the north bank of the Saugeen River was built. A home owned by Mrs. Effie (Alex) McArthur on Cambridge Street, east of Ross Street, had to be torn down at this point. Picture 1 shows the completed dike. This was taken from the east side of the Town Hall looking north-east. The Arena and the Paisley Baptist Church are 2 places just over the dike. Picture 2 looking south-west shows the walk along the top of the dike.



*Dikes in Paisley*

A meeting with SVCA members was held recently to explain Phase IIB of the dyking project. SVCA chairman, John Bryce, Ken Westman and Jim Coffee explained in detail the project outline and then answered questions.

Purposes of the meeting were to explain to owners in the effected area the next phase of the dyking project, answer questions, and ask for co-operation from landowners in signing easements that will allow SVCA to go on land not owned by the Village. Up till now SVCA has been able to work from Village or Crown land. Phase IIB will require landowners to sign easements to allow better access to work areas.

Phase IIB will see the rehabilitated channel, where the creek used to flow, have a "filter sock" run underground to allow water drainage. Surface water will run down a nine-foot wide grassed waterway. Catch basins will be situated every 300 feet to allow excess water to escape. The grass waterway will end approximately 100 feet from Phase III where there will be a small graded pond-type area, approximately 100 feet in diameter, to catch excess water. The main aim is to ensure there will be no

stagnant water anywhere.

In order to grade the "old" creek bed properly, private lands will have to be crossed, thus the need for the easement.