Shake out the dust mop, pull on the boots

Sewer will soon become a dirty word to Russell residents.

The \$2 million construction of a sanitary sewer system was to begin by the end of November, plunging the village into a year of upheaval.

Streets will be torn upside down in preparation for burying pipe which will carry sewage to treatment lagoons on the outskirts of the village.

In fact, for most of the construction period, Russell will be without streets as it now knows them. Instead, narrow passes will wind between mounds of dirt and rock.

Residents face a dustbowl in dry weather and a quagmire in wet.

Marcel Dugas, senior project engineer for the Ottawa consulting firm of J. L. Richards, made no effort to play down the problem for about 50 residents at a recent information meeting at the Russell Arena community hall.

"You'll be living in the middle of a construction site for a while," he said.

Aside from dust and mud, he warned of damaged property, cut off driveways, unusable septic tanks, dry wells, a blocked Concession Street Bridge, obstructed access to businesses and impeded fire and police protection, all to the roar of heavy machinery from dawn until dusk.

However, he stressed most inconveniences will be temporary and damages will be repaired as quickly as possible. Damage claims must be sent immediately to the Ontario Environment Ministry with copies to the township and consultant.

Any claims against the contractor for default must be filed with the ministry within 37 days. Default may occur as a result of an agreement between the con-

"Porta-Pak" for Cambridge

Preliminary work has begun on the \$196,000 "porta-pak" school which will accomodate Cambridge Township public elementary pupils now being bused to Maxville - 20 miles one way.

Initial complications were finally resolved and the Prescott-Russell Board of Education completed purchase late in November of a 512-acre site for the school adjacent to Forest Park, east of Embrun. The land cost \$22,500.

The school will definately be ready for next September and perhaps sooner, Harvey Leroy, business superintendent for the board's elementary panel, told the Castor Review.

Due to financial restraints, the Ministry of Education wouldn't allow the board to provide Cambridge with a permanent building, Mr. Leroy explained. The school will instead be a "porta-pak" which is a grouping of portable units.

It will include six classrooms and two units for auxiliary space. There will be no gymnasium, cafeteria, or resource centre.

Mr. Leroy said the school will have a pupil capacity of 200. He expects about 145 to be enrolled next September.

Provincial government grants will finance 70 per cent of the \$196,000 total cost. The remainder will be paid by Prescott-Russell

public ratepayers over 20 years. Since the beginning of the current term, 125 Cambridge pupils have been bused to Maxville where space has been rented in an old school belonging to the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Board of Education.

tractor and homeowner, say for rental of equipment storage space. All such agreements should be in writing.

Homeowners will decide where to install the connection from the house to the main sewer on the advice of an engineering consultant's representative. While the homeowner pays for the hookup, he can only install his own with special permission from the ministry after the system is operating.

The township is looking into making a team of specialists available for hookups for the convenience of residents.

Colin McGlynn, the consultant's chief site inspector, will be at the disposal of the community on the job site. Eugene Sliepenbeek, of the ministry's operations branch in Casselman, will inspect the site at regular intervals to ensure environmental impact, dust and mud, is kept to a minimum.

At \$2 million, the project is \$300,000 more than estimated in 1974. It includes \$1.4 million for installation of the pipes, and \$600,000 for construction of lagoons and a pumping station. The province, which ordered the project as part of a Castor River cleanup, is subsidizing 75 percent of the total cost.

A homeowner with a 50-foot property frontage will pay about \$114 a year, including operation and hookup costs, for 40 years.

The foot frontage and hookup charges may be paid in the first year, leaving the operating cost, about \$70 in the case of a 50-foot frontage, to be defrayed over the 40 years.

After the first year, the total cost must be defrayed.

Bus line takes off

Plans for the new Castor area bus line are off to a racing start with a promise from Martin Bielz that the service will begin Jan.

Mr. Bielz, a Russell resident and owner of the service, feels the high cost of operating a car will make the bus line appealing to many people.

In fact, his own experience of the difficulty of commuting to Ottawa as a member of a one-car family, inspired him to start the service.

Mr. Bielz, a federal government sports consultant, will use two 40-seater school-type buses to ferry passengers between Morewood, Russell, Metcalfe and Ottawa on double morning and afternoon runs.

Rates subject to Ministry of Transportation approval call for tariffs of \$1.75 from Morwood to Ottawa; \$1.50, Russell to Ottawa; \$1.25, Metcalfe to Ottawa. Return fares as follows: Morewood, \$3.50; Russell, \$3.00; Metcalfe, \$2.50. Special monthly commuter tickets will be available at premium rates. The schedule and rates, which are subject to ministry approval, are printed elsewhere on this page.

Mr. Bielz described response to a survey of residents as "extremely favorable" to the bus service. Expansion of the service will depend on demand, he said.

He hoped that relaxing over some reading or chatting with a neighbor might prove to be a viable alternative to battling traffic.

BUS LINE SERVICE

Proposed Schedule

Comencing Jan. 20, 1978

Morewood	6: 45	7:15	6:00	6: 30
County Rd. 6 Russell	7:00	7: 30	5: 45	6: 15
Reg. Rd. 6	1.00			0.13
Metcalfe	7:15	7:45	5: 30	6:00
Ottawa:				
Bank-Heron	70		1	
Bank-Billings Br.		100		
Elgin-Slater	8: 00	8: 30	4: 45	5: 15

Proposed Tarifs

3.			10 Day	Monthly
	Single	Return	Pass	Pass
Morewood	\$1.75	\$3.50	\$32.50	\$60.00
Russell	1.50	3.00	27.50	50.00
Metcalfe	1.25	2.50	22.50	40.00

Bus stops will be posted in Morewood, Russell and Metcalfe. Residents of County Road 6 and Regional Road 6 will be picked up en route. Kenmore residents will be picked up at the intersection of Regional Road 6 and 29. NOTE:

Commuters interested in driving a bus are requested to write to: Bus Line, P.O. Box 364, Russell, Ont., K0A 3B0.

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