

Smith To Seek Re-Election

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Vocational High School To Be Considered Here

Chairman of the River East School Division No. 9, Jim Smith, has announced he will be running for re-election as a trustee in the October 23rd municipal elections.

Mr. Smith announced when declaring his candidacy that he expects to hold several public meetings in the City of East Kildonan, being the ward of the Division he presently rep-

resents, where the electorate may meet him and question him on educational matters.

Mr. Smith was born and raised in Elmwood, holds a B.A. degree from United College, and a L.L.B. from the Manitoba Law School, is married with three school-age children.

Long an advocate of a vocational high school located in and serving the River East school area, Mr. Smith indicated that further to the Minister of Education's statement, a letter of intent had been brought before the Public Schools Building Projects Committee for consideration of a vocational high school in the area of Highway 59 near the border of North Kildonan and Transcona.

It is expected that the school would provide training for between 1,000 and 1,200 students of the six divisions east of the Red River.

Upon approval of the Building Projects Committee, the project would then pass on to the Provincial Cabinet for approval and then to the Federal Government for approval, the latter paying 75 per cent of the construction costs.

Such a school would be a major step forward for education in the River East School Division, providing facilities for vocational, industrial, business and administrative, and diversified occupational training for high school children, as well as relieving our present high schools from an expected increase in student count in the next several years.

Mr. Smith suggested that the proposed school would likely have an area of approximately 160,000 square feet and cost over \$3½ million, with an aim for opening of same in September, 1970.



JIM SMITH

E.K. Council Receives Inquiries On Tree Planting

Ald. Huyda told East Kildonan Council at a recent meeting that he had received a number of inquiries as to whether residents could plant trees on the boulevard at their own will.

Mayor Ruta stated that the city had no restriction on this "but we do ask them not to plant them too close together."

"Trees become a problem in the winter time," said Ald. Irvine. "I know last winter the people of Roberta avenue were up in arms when we trimmed their trees, but it got to the point where there was no room to push the snow."