

East Kildonan Baptists build

by Wanda McConnell

Construction could be underway by May 1 on a new church building for the East Kildonan Baptist congregation.

The existing building at 700 Watt Street is just getting too small for a ministry that reaches 400 adults and 300 children, said Pastor Don Amell.

The church has a bus outreach ministry which brings 100 of the 300 children involved in Sunday School and/or Bible clubs. For years these classes and clubs have had to meet in nearby schools, including Miles Macdonell Collegiate.

The new 6,400 square-foot building should accommodate all of these activities, Pastor Amell said.

About three-quarters of the existing building, including the original 28-year-old section, will be demolished to make way for the new church. Expansion will take place to the north and east toward the street. The \$5 million project is set for completion by November 1.

The main floor of the church will be a worship area while the basement will be devoted to classrooms, meeting rooms and

offices, said the project's architect Hein Hulsbosch.

The church received approval from the East Kildonan-Transcona community committee February 26 for a conditional use to permit the proposed development to have 23 accessory off-street parking spaces instead of 48 spaces as required.

Hulsbosch told the committee that Boyles Budget Basket, 722 Watt, provides additional Sunday parking on their lot.

Councillor Alf Skowron (Elmwood Ward) said Boyles Budget Basket should be commended for providing this public service particularly considering the grocery store is open Sundays.

Amell said the parking arrangement with Boyles has existed for some time and that the church is very grateful for the store's co-operation.

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