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E.K. Council:

Color It Gone

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It was a night for plaudits and best wishes — and even a little time for work — as East Kildonan city council met Monday for the last time.

Mayor Stanley Dowhan and the six East Kildonan aldermen took only 14 minutes to complete the city's last official business before moving on to "final comments" from council members.

For Mayor Dowhan and Aldermen Norman P. Stapon, Frank S. McGurry, R. B. Matheson and John Huyda, it was a chance to thank other council members and the municipal staff for a "job well done."

As well, the five offered the new central city council, which takes over administration of Greater Winnipeg on Jan. 1, their "best of luck in the years ahead."

For Ald. R. F. Schick, the "final comment" period gave him one last chance to flail the Metro council, this time for allowing its members to buy their desks and chairs at minimal prices "which are really the property of all of Greater Winnipeg."

The only alderman not to take advantage of the opportunity to air last comments

was Michael Ruta, who said he had "no comment to make" to the final meeting of council.

With that portion of the meeting out of the way, Mayor Dowhan then presented members of council with certificates for their service to the city.

Included in the last official business of the city council was:

- Approval of a motion to allow members of council to take home the name plates from their council chamber desks.

- Approval of a standing committee recommendation that tenders not be issued for the purchase of a new fire pumper. Ald Schick had urged earlier that the city purchase the vehicle.

- Approval of new dog licence fees to bring them into line with those charged in North Kildonan. Under the new setup, all dogs that are partly or wholly police dog, German Shepherd, or Husky will pay \$5 annually instead of \$15.

- Approval of a finance committee recommendation that a \$40,000 grant be paid to the new Concordia Hospital but that further grants would have to be endorsed by the new council.