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Lincoln Road residents have sewage problems

By JEFF DAVIES

For the past ten months, the residents of Lincoln Road in the easternmost part of the city of Fredericton have been locked in a bitter struggle with Fredericton City Council.

The dispute centres on the fact that there are no provisions made for water and sewage facilities for the residents of this area.

The people must depend upon wells for their water supply and septic tanks and disposal beds for sewage disposal (to say nothing of the St. John River). Nor is it likely that the facilities will be provided in the near future according to the residents of this area interviewed by the BRUNSWICKAN. Anger and discontent continue to simmer on both sides.

It all started innocently enough back on April 26, 1971. It was on that date that C.A. Hansen wrote a letter to Mayor J.W. Bird detailing some of the problems confronting residents of the Lincoln

Road and asking that these be given consideration. As well as the lack of water and sewage facilities, Hansen pointed out that there are no fire alarm boxes or sidewalks in that area and also that the road itself was in "very poor condition."

Due to the lack of sewage facilities the sewage from the septic tanks on the south side of the road often ends up in the ditches. This occurs because the land slopes toward the road and the overflow and leakage from the septic tanks runs downhill into the ditch, this problem being most serious in the Spring when the water table is high. The smell? Says David M. Rankin, a resident and former city councillor "Nakawic is very refreshing in comparison."

According to Rankin, the sewage in the ditches along the south side of Lincoln Road runs directly out of the city and into the community of Lincoln, a feature for which the residents of Lincoln must be very grateful. The sewage from the houses on the north side of the road generally finds its way into the St. John River.

Rankin says he knows of one resident whose water is contaminated and who

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This will be the only showing of the prints in Fredericton, and therefore will be opn to the general public.

must haul water as a result. He noted that if one well is polluted at the present, it is a "sure sign" that others will be in the near future. The residents, of course, get their water from wells which are in danger of being polluted by effluent from septic tanks. Rankin said he had received a letter from the Department of Health in which they observed that sewage in ditches "could become a health hazard." This, says Rankin, is something one learns "very early in elementary school."

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by SRC President Roy Neale

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There is a housing questionnaire coming in the next week or so. If everyone fills it in it will succeed. If we get the response we had on the scholarships all I can say is you must love crummy housing. Maybe you'll be lucky next year and get a place to live in where the rats are tame, or the rent doesn't force you to starve to death. Find a place in the middle and enjoy swamp rat soup. Fill in the questionnaire and join the Fredericton Tenants Association. Phone Professor Kinsley at 475-3338, local 30.

CHSR finally made it into the infirmary with the skills of Doug Bearisto and a clumsy helping hand from me. We're not sure if the "sound of the hill" will get anybody better faster but it should keep them occupied when Time for Juniors is on the tube.

So what are you doing for the first week of September? Getting bombed and learning about what everyone else did for the summer? Probably! Why not channel some of that energy to the Frosh Squad at Orientation '72? We've all had some problems here at university and maybe you can make it a bit easier for the new crew. If you are interested leave your name, etc at the SRC office. Try it . . . you'll like it.

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Best of luck in the exams coming up. Don't let them get



