

NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WEMBLEY

Effective May 3, 1976, the Wembley Village office will be open to the public from 10 - 12 a.m. & from 1 - 3 p.m. Mon. - Fri. only.

Mrs. Karen Steinke has been hired as the village full-time secretary - treasurer & Mrs. Ruth **Breitkreutz** as assistant secretary - treasurer. By order of council, Village of Wembley.

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Dogs threaten Wembley children

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WEMBLEY — Spring has sprung early in the village of Wembley, about 20 kilometres west of Grande Prairie and it's creating problems for the residents.

A couple of bitches in heat have attracted up to 13 male dogs and the resulting packs are scaring children. In at least one case, a child has been reported bitten.

Village secretary-treasurer Ruth Breitkreutz said there have been "dozens of complaints" about the dogs in the last two or three weeks.

"They have bitten kids," she said. "My own daughter was about half an hour late coming home from school one day

because she was cornered by a couple of the dogs. A neighbor finally came out with a two-by-four and scared them away."

Mrs. Breitkreutz said she saw a pre-school child being bitten by one of the bitches.

Village resident Carol Gilje confirmed that "there's a lot of big dogs running around and they seem to be bothering the school kids.

"At night, if the children are visiting, we always go and get them because of that," she said, "even if it's just a block."

She said that in spite of a village bylaw requiring dogs to be confined, "the majority of big dogs run loose." Some residents also have more than one dog, which is prohibited by the village, she said.

Resident Noel Condy said his six-year-old daughter was

scared by "a large black dog running around Wembley" a couple of weeks ago.

Village mayor Lloyd Gust said the village has approached the City of Grande Prairie for permission to leave unconfined dogs at the city pound.

At present, the village is looking for a dog catcher willing to pick up dogs for \$5 to \$10 each. Transportation costs to Grande Prairie would be born by the village.

Violators of the village bylaw are notified of the bylaw, Mr. Gust said. Tickets are issued by the Grande Prairie RCMP when necessary, but the RCMP have received no complaints recently.

Peter Thompson, principal of the Wembley school, said he was not aware of any children being bitten or harassed by the dogs.

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