

Wooded section of Radial Line Trail closed south of Town

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A section of the Guelph Radial Line Trail that runs through a cedar bush in the south end of town has been closed. The property, bordered by 25 Side Road to the south, and Dublin Line and Regional Road 25 to the west and east respectively, has recently been sold to a new owner. The “de-installation” of the trail was conditional to the sale of the property, according to John Fisher, section coordinator for the Guelph Hiking Trail Club (GHTC), which maintains

the trail.

The 41 km Radial Line Trail runs from Guelph to Limehouse and crosses private property along the way. Fisher estimates that he deals with up to 30 landowners along the route. “We only have handshake agreements with the landowners and periodically one will sell to somebody else,” he said. “We always honour their requests.”

The GHTC covered up the orange blazes in the woods and removed some signage. “We took down the official Guelph Hiking

Trail signs and put up a notice that this section of the trail would closed as of May 1. There are a couple of bridges there, but there was no reason to move them,” said Fisher.

Hikers will now have to skirt the property by walking south along the shoulder of Dublin Line and east along 25 sideroad to where they can rejoin the trail east of Main Street.

The Radial Line Trail is 47-years-old and roughly follows an old electric railway line that once operated between Toron-



WHAT IT IS: “It Is What It Is”, a new restaurant is Rockwood promises “a chilled out atmosphere serving craft beers and wines with chefs feature dishes changing weekly.” Celebrating its grand opening on Saturday were Emily Mckay (left), Donovan Wright, Joe Gabriele, Mayor Chris White, Madison Gabriele, Susan Moir, Sophie Martin, Kerri Judge. - Submitted photo

to and Guelph around the turn of the last century. The Moroz section of the trail—named after the former owners—was opened

about seven years ago.

But Fisher is optimistic that the new landowner may consider allowing the trail to be re-installed

in the near future. “These things take time. The new owner isn’t sure what he wants to do with the property just yet.”

WORD ON THE STREET

With Alex Hilson

Are you basing your vote on the local candidate or the party leader for the up coming provincial election?



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WORD IN THE VILLAGE



Amber Smith: “I’m on the local issues. We do have a lot.”



Thomas Rolfe: “Local candidate. More problems that need to be fixed.”



Elaine Harrison: “Our local incumbent Ted Arnott is quite popular and will likely be re-elected despite people’s ambivalence about Doug Ford. Personally, I am looking for the best platform to address my concerns about the environment, fiscal responsibility, and adequate funding for health care.”



Quentin Johnson: “The local candidate. That’s not always how I vote, just sometimes. I prefer to hear what the individual candidate has to say for people living in the riding. I attended the candidates meeting up at Eramosa Public School, but my opinion on that was it was very structured with specific questions and it didn’t give the audience an opportunity to interact, and I’m not so sure that’s a good way of conducting these. I know there are probably rules and regulations they have to follow. But (these meetings) do affect who I vote for.”



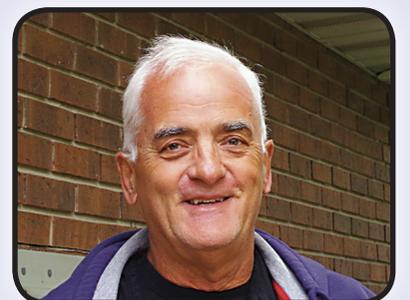
Brad Fredrick: “I think it’s more important to get the town in order. That’s why I’m going with the local candidate.”



I. Gould: “I’m not voting. There is no clear, outstanding candidate in all three parties, anyways.”



Curtis Cox: “The local candidate. We vote for the person. I don’t care about what their party is or whatever. The individuals that are here, we know who they are, they’re close to our houses. If we have a problem, we just go over and knock.”



Peter Van Dam: “The local candidate. I don’t like the ‘spend, spend, spend’ of the Liberals right now; nobody can run a business that way, nobody can run their life that way. I am a PC by heart, and I like Ted Arnott; he’s a gentleman.”