

Township dissatisfied with library's solution to online pornography

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The Cobourg Public Library solution to online pornography — privacy screens — is unacceptable to Hamilton Township council.

Because the township is served by the Cobourg system for its library needs, township citizens stand to be affected by the issue. That includes the children, pointed out Deputy Mayor Mark Lovshin.

"I am still worried that 14- and 15-year-old kids are going to go in

and look this stuff up without anyone's consent," Mr. Lovshin said. "They can't even buy a *Playboy*, and what is the library doing to police this situation? I guess the answer is nothing."

"I guess the answer is nothing," agreed Councillor Isobel Hie, the township's library-board liaison.

Mrs. Hie explained that the Cobourg library reached its position by looking at what other libraries are doing about the

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problem — which is allowing the members of the public to access the sites they want, whether that be help with the search for a job or visiting a pornographic web site.

"Basically, they are saying if people want to do that, they will do it," she said.

"We need to ask what precautions they will take, if any," urged Councillor Twila Marston. "I suggest if there is no policy, put one in place."

"I don't really agree with our tax dollars going to this type of thing," Mr. Lovshin added. "I want to know what preventive steps are taken."

"At home, I can control my son from going on these sites. But our tax dollars are going toward this, and I don't think we should be



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supporting it."

The danger to the community exists outside the library's doors, Mrs. Hie insisted. Certain people will visit these sites and be spurred to behaviour that endangers innocent citizens.

"If that guy goes out at night, who knows what he's going to do," she said. "What would happen if someone got beat up or raped? Would the library be



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legally responsible? We have to look at the legal issue.

"I am against it," Mrs. Hie declared. "I have been against it, right from the start."

"We need to make a stronger statement that the township opposes pornography in the library — no pornography, period, because of (the danger of) youth access," Mrs. Marston stated.

DEATH NOTICES

BEDFORD, HAROLD RICHARD CHARLES

Peacefully at the Golden Plough Lodge in Cobourg on Sunday, January 9th, 2005. Harold Bedford at 87 years of age. Husband of Rita Lucille Bedford (nee Callaghan). Dear father of David Charles Bedford (Valerie), Joseph Harold Bedford (Jean), Anne-Marie (Dr. Patrick Burgon), and the late John Frederick Bedford. Cherished grandfather of Douglas, Stuart, Brock, Jocelyn, Joseph, the late David Charles (Chuck), and great grandfather of Decker, Brandan, Blake and Brooke. Brother of Helen Hobbs, Frank, Ruth Thain, Jean Bennett, and the late Jessie Thompson, Stewart, and Frederick. Cremation with later interment at Castleton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make a memorial contribution to the Alzheimer Society. Condolences received at www.maccoubrey.com

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CALDWELL, LUELLA (SEE MOORE) MOORE, LUELLA (HENRY) CALDWELL

On January 7, 2005, peacefully entered the next phase of life. She had attained the age of 95 last fall. Luella's death occurred at the Golden Plough Lodge, Cobourg. Predeceased by infant son Ross (1931), husband James Caldwell (1950), husband Bert Moore (1990). Luella was the proud mother of the Caldwell family: Bob & Delia of Cobourg, George & Audrey of Oakville, Helen & Carman Massey of Baltimore, Gary & Merle of Lynden, Jean & Norm Robinson of Dryden, Sandra of Cobourg, Marsha & Gary Jones of Grafton, and loving "step-mother" to the Moore family: Harold & Mary of Orillia, Doug & Muriel of Cobourg, (the late) Bill & Doris of Cobourg, and (the late) Roy & Shirley of Fergus. Luella always loved children and will be sadly missed by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Caldwell and Moore families, and by her many friends. She was predeceased by her brothers Howard (1990) and Earl Henry (1990) both of Garden Hill. A service of celebration and memorial will be held at her church, Calvary Baptist, 166 King Street West, Cobourg, on Thursday, January 13 at 2pm., visiting & reception to follow. Many thanks from the family to all who visited and/or sent notes to Luella, and to the caring staff at The Plough. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 30 King Street East, Cobourg. Condolences and donations to www.maccoubrey.com

HAINES, FREDERICK ALLAN

Passed away peacefully at the Headwater Health Care Centre, Orangeville on January 4th, 2005. Frederick in his 89th year. Beloved husband to Olive Haines of Castleton. Cherished father to Marion (Gordon) Stevenson of Orangeville, Marie (the late Lorne) Archibald of Orangeville and Ronald (Maggie) Haines of Orangeville. Loving grandfather to nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Dear brother to Durward of Ottawa, Bessie Patterson of Alberta and predeceased by siblings Ralph, George, James, Geoffrey and David. A funeral service was held at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King Street West, Colborne on Friday, January 7, 2005 at 3pm. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service from 2pm. to 3pm. Cremation followed the service with an interment at a later date. Donations can be made by cheque to the charity of ones choice. Condolences received at www.maccoubrey.com

WARREN, STANLEY

Suddenly at Lakeridge Health Bowmanville on Monday January 10th, 2005 in his 85th year. Stan, a veteran of World War Two. Beloved husband of Cicely Dalby. Dear father of Gordon (Elaine), Gloria, Stephen, Stephanie, Connie, Jeffery, and Lorraine (Stan). Will be sadly missed by 23 Grandchildren and 22 Great grandchildren. Friends are invited to call at the Ross Funeral Chapel, 135 Walton St., Port Hope, Wednesday January 12th from 2-4 & 7-9pm. Service will be held in our Chapel Thursday January 13th at 1pm. Reception to follow. Memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.