

Eramosa council refuses to repeal sewer, water by-laws

Eramosa township council turned down a request from a Rockwood ratepayer urging them to repeal the water and sewage works by-laws published the past two weeks and passed at a special meeting March 15.

M. C. Schuller appeared before council Monday with a letter attached to a "letter" being circulated around Rockwood, and asked council to repeal the by-laws which would saddle the village with a debt of \$1 1/2 million for water and sewers.

Mr. Schuller said that although the elected representatives of the police Village of Rockwood were acting in good faith they are perhaps misinterpreting the wishes of a large number of residents in pursuing the matter of sewers and water.

Asks caution
He urged council as the "senior" municipal government to caution "junior" municipal officials, at whose request the covering by-laws had been passed, about the possible long-term adverse effects of this project on the overall well-being of electors.

Mr. Schuller said future generations would judge councillors not only on their everyday competence but also on the far sighted policies they initiate.

He suggested repealing the by-laws, although it appears regressive, will some day be recognized as enlightened and progressive.

Finally, the letter urged council to consider appointing a committee from the names of those who signed the circulated letter—R. C. Leslie, A. Malby, H. A. Harris, D. J. Rowe, G. F. Day, H. Saunders, H. L. Dyer and Mr. Schuller—to deal with health and other requirements, hearing all parties concerned and dealing with the OWRC and any other agency or department as required.

Compares costs
The attached circulated letter purported to compare costs for sewage and water installations in Guelph, Acton, Fergus and Rockwood, with the village coming out much the worse for the comparison. Ac-

ording to the letter the average home owner in Guelph pays \$5 monthly for sewers and water, Acton \$5 for the same service and Fergus \$3 while Rockwood residents would be expected to pay \$20.65 a month on a 66' lot.

There is a plea to leave Rockwood as it is, "A unique village" unlike developed towns such as Guelph, Acton or Fergus. The letter urged those in favor of sewer and water installations to write trustees. Those opposed were urged to write the township clerk before April 14.

Own idea
Mr. Schuller explained the circular was his own idea at first but he got others to sign who were older residents. He said many people in the village were not aware of the implications the sewer and water by-laws presented.

"Have we not done right by sending this to the Ontario Municipal Board?" asked the reeve, Warren Parkinson.

"No," said Mr. Schuller. The reeve, asked where they could go from here, then. He asked who would clean up the wells and listed difficulties there could be in getting people to keep them clean. But Mr. Schuller replied it would be harder to collect high taxes than clean the wells.

"You think it is too dear, then?" asked the reeve. "Absolutely," was the reply.

OMB agree?
"So will the OMB," said the reeve. He cautioned Mr. Schuller about interpreting the township's role in passing the by-law as meaning council was in favor.

Councillor Ken Fair said the logical step for the letter-writer would have been to take it to the village trustees but Mr. Schuller felt the township council was the senior body and did not have to act as a rubber stamp for the trustees.

Councillor Strong, a longtime opponent of

Mr. Schuller, added concern was not only financial. He said the O.M.B. had been set up to oversee the financing of rural municipalities but there was also the issue of polluting the river, circumventing the conservation area and the fact that figures for costs were based on 80 per cent of the households in Rockwood participating.

He defended the entrance of township residents into the controversy and council's right to disagree with the trustees, by stating it was no longer a village issue as soon as they dump effluent into the river.

Conflicting advice
The reeve reviewed conflicting advice he had received from the OWRC and experts siding with the ratepayers' association. The OWRC says the water pollution control plant will not make it unfit for swimming in Eden Mills, he reminded council, and would not add to algae growth, statements challenged by Councillor Strong.

In a conversation with Mr. Root, the reeve said he was told the province would lose money for 20 years on the project and this would allow a gradual hook-up to the system.

Would you repeal the by-laws if the village trustees asked? enquired Mr. Schuller.

The reeve said they would have to seek legal opinion but clerk Lloyd Hindley felt there was a certain amount of obligation to the OMB as the advertisements had been published.

"What will we do?" asked Mr. Schuller. "We can't look to the village trustees."

The deputy-reeve suggested that if by-laws were repealed and Rockwood ever tried to get sewers and water again it would really be tough.

The reeve suggested the best course of action for those opposing the projects was to appeal by letter before April 14. He was sure residents would get a fair hearing from the O.M.B.

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THE PROVINCIAL DRAMA Festival sponsored by the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario was held in Guelph, March 27. Award for Best Supporting Actress was presented in a tie to Miss Marg Millar, R. R. 1, Paris (left) and Miss Yvonne Noble, Rockwood (middle). Presenting the award is Bruce Horsley, past president of the Junior Farmers' Association.—(Photo by Dept. of Agriculture)

Concern but no letter

A resolution requesting Eramosa Council to send a letter of concern to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the cost of the proposed Rockwood sewer and water projects and to question possible pollution of the Eramosa River downstream, was defeated at Council's regular meeting Monday.

A letter from trustees of the village of Eden Mills expressed disappointment with the decision of the township to pass by-laws for the project. That initiated discussion which led to a resolution from Councillors Strong and Adsett.

Polluted river
The trustees' letter said Eden Mills would only inherit a polluted river from passage of the by-laws pointing out the river had been an integral part of the village from its founding. The letter also expressed concern that the township would be implicated in financial obligations for the twin projects if Rockwood was unable to pay.

Reeve Warren Parkinson said he had consulted OWRC vice-chairman John Root on the subject, however, and Mr. Root said only those who benefitted from the projects would help pay for them.

Logical way
Councillor Ken Fair felt council should reply to the letter advising Eden Mills trustees the township had approached the by-laws in the only logical way.

Mr. Adsett said he felt elected representatives should pass along the feeling to the O.M.B. that this was a costly venture for the people involved. Mr. Strong supported him on this.

However, the reeve felt one of the functions of the O.M.B. was to decide this as well as the effects of the ecology. He saw no point in a letter especially since he felt there would be anywhere from 150 to 200 letters pointing this out.

Only Councillors Adsett and Strong supported the motion.



AWARD FOR BEST Supporting Actor was presented to (left) Harvey Allen, R. R. 3, Rockwood at the provincial drama festival. Making the presentation is Don Belluz, President of the Junior Farmers' Association.—(Dept. of Agriculture Photo)

Lone wolf reported dead dog located

Reports of a lone wolf killed on the railroad tracks approximately one-third miles down from the Rockwood station were squashed early Monday morning when conservationist Jim Muir trekked the track to view the animal.

The wolf was, instead an enormous part shepherd and collie dog which had apparently been trapped in the rock cut and could not avoid the train. His appearance of bared fangs and wild-eyed distastefulment was the probable reason for the incorrect identification as a member of the wolf family, however, according to Mr. Muir, the animal had probably been hit so severely its facial expression had been forced.

Calls placed
Several reports from citizens of wolves in the district and in the village of Rockwood triggered the concern of residents and

when the accident on the track had been reported calls were immediately placed with the Small Animal Division at the University of Guelph to ascertain whether the wolf could be rabid and whether it would be a detriment to other animals in the vicinity.

University Professor, Dr. Molinson however, stated that there should be no concern in this area as rabies were only carried in an open wound and it was not likely that the dead carcass of a rabid animal would cause problems.

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Unveil plans for recreation area

Plans for a recreation area and trailer camp adjacent to the Rockwood Conservation area were unveiled for Eramosa township council Monday by Robert and Keith Hamilton.

The two applicants, whose land borders on the conservation area, said they intended to form a legal partnership and develop approximately 50 acres of their land if they received all the necessary legal approvals. They told council the land was zoned agricultural but was heavily wooded and unsuitable for that use.

They hoped to get a minor variance from the Committee of Adjustment which would permit them to go ahead.

Feels compatible
There are permitted uses in agricultural areas, Robert Hamilton pointed out, and they hoped the Committee of Adjustment would decide their proposed operation would be one of them. He said they felt it was compatible with what was going on in the township.

They told council they felt the area would supply a need occasioned by overcrowding at the conservation park. The park is sold out almost every weekend.

They hoped their operation would pick up the overflow.

The land is bordered on the north by the conservation area, an old mill race and the Eramosa River, on the west by the river, east by the Fourth Line and on the south by lands owned by themselves, R. Strong and J. Lawrence.

More information
Councillors generally were sympathetic to the idea but Councillor Dick Strong, who had land bordering the proposal, said he would want more information before he was either pro or con. He noted projects like this had a habit of changing hands.

But Robert Hamilton replied that the land had been in the Hamilton family for well over a hundred years and they hoped it would remain that way for several more.

Wrong name

Last week's account of two accidents in town stated Alvin Clark was one of the drivers involved. The driver was actually Kenneth Clark. The Free Press regrets this error.

The land is no good for anything else, said Keith, stating he felt their project would rescue it while it was still in its natural state, which was threatened by ill usage now.

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