

Dunc fears food shortage if all farm land used up

Eramosa Deputy-reeve Dunc McPhedran expressed concern for the welfare of future generations in a bitter attack on present day planning and land use at Monday night's monthly township council meeting.

McPhedran addressed his remarks to Grand River Conservation Authority general manager G.M. Coutts, who was at the meeting to present up-to-date plans for the Guelph dam project. Plans call for a large area of the township land to be bought up and flooded to form a lake.

"Fifty years from now where are the people going to get the food that you're covering up with water and houses?" he asked. "They talk about good planning, but I can't see that we have any damn planning whatsoever," the deputy-reeve roared.

McPhedran lamented the fact

that thousands of acres of arable land in the Brampton and Toronto areas have already been wasted on development.

"Why don't we cover up Nassagaweya with houses? You could grow 10 times more in the land around Toronto than you could out there," he suggested.

Noted

The deputy-reeve insisted he was not throwing mud at Nassagaweya, but added wryly "I could throw a few stones though!" The township is well known for its gravel-filled terrain.

"Are we going to be forced further north and have our farmers scratch a living in the Muskoka district?" Deputy-reeve McPhedran wondered.

In reply, Coutts assured the deputy-reeve that if the authority owns any land, no houses will be built on it. He pointed out a great



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Eramosa Deputy-reeve

deal more land would be built on, if conservation authorities didn't preserve it.

Coutts also expressed the opinion many farmers today are not selling their land for agricultural purposes.

Criticize authority

Members of council criticized the G.R.C.A. for alleged failure to inform some landowners in the township about the possibility their land may be purchased.

Reeve Warren Parkinson charged the authority should have sent out letters of intent to all landowners, whose property might be purchased.

Coutts replied that the reeve's suggestion was well taken and would be implemented.

Councillor Dick Strong said he is disappointed council didn't receive more up-to-date plans on the project they were promised.

"I think your public relations is at a low ebb in Eramosa township," he told Coutts.

Consider crusher

"SPIN is only beginning, we're getting new faces each month," exclaimed Basil McDonald of R.R. 6, Milton at a meeting of Nassagaweya Council Monday.

McDonald has collected the re-usable material at SPIN's three depots in Campbellville, Brookville and Eden Mills for the past six months.

But at Monday's meeting McDonald told Council he can no longer make the collections because of increased business demands and lack of time. He would not be collecting SPIN's July collection, McDonald stated.

Worthwhile

The speaker expressed regret over his decision and said the SPIN program was worthwhile effort.

McDonald did offer an alternate solution however, by suggesting the utilization of the Township's private garbage collection. The re-usable material could be picked up by the private operator, stockpiled the municipality's dump and delivered to waste factories by township employees when time permitted, noted the speaker.

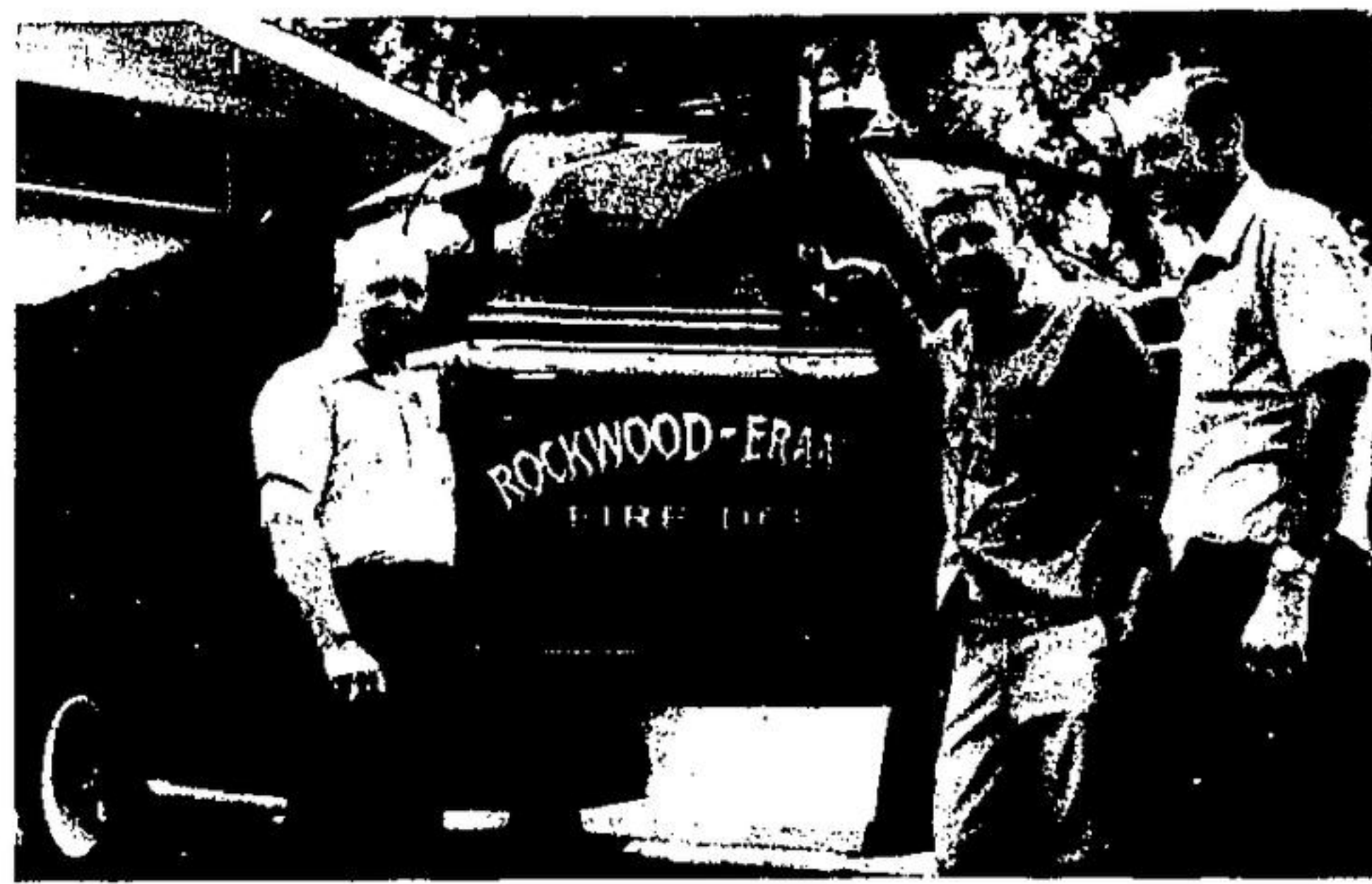
A bottle crusher could be purchased sometime in the future to make the stockpiling and delivering of glass material a feasible project, indicated McDonald, who showed Council pictures of the piece of equipment he had in mind.

See it first

Cost of the proposed crusher was not mentioned either by McDonald or Council members. It was agreed that councillors would like to see the equipment in use before making any decision.

Members of Council seemed impressed with McDonald's ideas, but said they weren't sure if the municipality's private garbage contractor Alan Ferrier would be willing to take on the task. Ferrier is not a municipal employee. It would necessitate three containers one for garbage, one for the re-usable tin and one for the paper, noted Reeve Anne MacArthur.

Council decided to delve into the matter and see what solutions they could come up with at a future committee meeting.



FIRE CHIEF CARL Meadows, Deputy Chief Frank Allsop, and Secretary Frank Kelso of the local fire brigade, are proud of the Rockwood Eramosa fire department's latest acquisition. The 1970 G.M.C. tanker which holds 1,650 gallons of water with a portable reservoir tank to hold 1,000 extra gallons is steps ahead of the old 900 gallon International tanker, now considered obsolete. Final total cost of the vehicle was \$7,000 and credit for savings to the township have been extended to the men of the department who worked to put it into conversion and operation. "It's a great asset to the district and will be a benefit to all concerned" say the brigade officials. (Photo by Lorraine)

Week of activity at Nursing Home

The Eden Mills Nursing Home Auxiliary is pushing hard to put the residence in top place on the local scene during the Ontario Nursing Home Week which begins next Sunday, June 11.

"Township co-operation is what we strive for," say Auxiliary members and they hope that visiting, home baking, good spirits, and interest will roll into the home for that particular occasion.

The Nursing Home Open House has become an annual event throughout the province and it gives outside citizens the opportunity of visiting and learning about the operations of a nursing home.

continued visiting to the Sunday night sessions which, after June 11, will be a regular event. Tuesday afternoon will be one of community visiting with citizens throughout Eramosa and Wellington County on the list to "bring the outside in" to Eden House. In the evening a special musical entertainment should encourage visitors to join in for a sprightly mystery program.

Wednesday, June 13 has a bake sale on the agenda and, starting at 2 p.m., delicious goodies from every department will be on the block to whet the appetites of even the dietmongers. Ladies everywhere are requested to contribute to this event and, if they can't bring it at the time of their Eden House Bake-sale visit, pass it on to Auxiliary treasurer, Lillian Hill, and she will transport it to the Home.

Wednesday, for the residents who can go, it will be an exciting afternoon at the Amber Cupola when all district nursing homes have combined to meet for a senior citizens' entertainment

with socializing and refreshments. Ladies of the Auxiliary are responsible for transportation of the residents who look forward to the outing with great expectation.

Birthday party

On Thursday the Institute under the direction of Mrs. Allen Blythe in conjunction with the local Auxiliary, will officiate at the residents' regular monthly birthday party to which, again, all outsiders will be welcomed to participate.

Friday will be a round up and, with community visiting at the fore for the afternoon entertainment, special entertainment will be on hand for the evening.

Supervisors of the Eden House Nursing Home and staff are enthusiastic about the special week's activity plans. "What it does for the residents cannot be over estimated," say those in charge and the long-time citizens of the local home are particularly happy when crowds flock to visit with them and take the time to make such visits regular.

Week-long celebration

Next Sunday will start off the week-long celebration with a tea and visit time in the afternoon to which everyone will be welcomed, as well as to the 7.30 p.m. evensong service to be conducted by Rev. Ed Cossar of Guelph. "Come and bring your friends", says the friendly pastor who hopes to encourage

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Raps surveyors

Councillor Ken Fair called for an absolute stop to wanton tree-cutting by some survey teams working in the township and suggested it would be common courtesy for surveyors to state their names and company to landowners.

According to Reeve Parkinson, 17 pine trees were cut down on one property and 12 more were levelled another day.

"The people didn't even know the surveyors were there. To me this is a damn outrage," the reeve remarked.

Coutts admitted it was the Authority's responsibility to check into the matter, since the survey teams are under their employ.

"We'll raise a little bit of hell with surveyors," he promised council.

Earlier in the meeting, Coutts told council boundary lines for the project have not been changed significantly from the original proposal.

He said July 1973 is still the date the Authority hopes to begin construction, but confided, "I doubt if we'll make it."

No oil in lime kilns

Potential operators of an oil recycling industry in kilns owned by the Rockwood Lime Company may have changed their ideas about moving to the village, after learning Monday night it could take six months to have the land rezoned industrially.

Elmer McCannell and George Wingate, Lime Company shareholders, appeared before Eramosa Council along with the prospective buyers to ask whether or not the land would have to be rezoned. Mr. McCannell maintained the property was used commercially before, when the kilns were in operation. Clerk Lloyd Hindley reported

that according to the township solicitor the land would have to be rezoned. He suggested the lime kilns were a non-conforming use, when they were in operation.

Consider application

Councillor Dick Strong, a member of the township planning board assured the prospective buyers a rezoning application would be considered, but made no promises on a decision.

Rockwood village trustee Don Hills estimated if an application was made to have the land rezoned, it could be the fall of 1973 before the industry began operation.

Reeve Warren Parkinson said council would not try to hold up the rezoning process, but reminded the men of possible delays at Queen's Park.

A spokesman for the industry said the company would probably employ about 10 people the first year and as many as 35 or 40 after three years.

He said a high volume of steam used at the plant could be supplied to Rockwood homes for hot water heating at a third of the price homeowners are presently paying. Waste from production would be a solid product and could either be used for landfill or

Education appeal

\$49,000 concession for Nassagaweya?

Nassagaweya councillors appear to be winning their fight for a lower education levy for the township.

The council had protested the provincial equalization factor, on which education levies from Halton County Board of Education are based, and a board of arbitration sitting Friday decided the provincial factor was in error and recommended the township be given some relief in its 1973 levy. Treasurers of Halton's seven councils sat on the review.

Their decision has yet to be

ratified by the municipal councils in the county, but if it is, Nassagaweya could get a \$49,000 reduction in its 1973 rate for education. If any of the councils vote against the change, an Ontario Municipal Board hearing will be needed.

The provincial equalization factor is set out by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Rescind motion

Eramosa Council has rescinded a motion it passed in May of last year making it mandatory for building permit applications in Rockwood to be submitted to village trustees, before they are granted.

Councillor Dick Strong, who seconded the original motion, made the suggestion that it be rescinded, after village trustee Don Hills complained the motion was not being complied with anyway. Hills said he knew nothing about two village applications that were before council Monday night.

Applications were made by Dave Hartman and Jack Sargent, both of whom own land on Fall St., near the conservation area. Sargent said he made his application over a month ago.

Village trustee Bert Smith said he felt the regulation was being observed last spring but that it had been ignored this year.

Mr. Hartman is asking permission to divide land he owns on Lots 166 and 167 into two separate 92½ foot lots. Total frontage of the land is 185 feet. The township by-law requires a lot that is to be built on to have a minimum width of 100 feet.

Mr. Sargent hopes to build two homes on land that totals over 30,000 square feet, but includes two separate lots.

He told council houses are needed in the village to accommodate the offspring of many township residents who would prefer to move into Rockwood than take up residence "in one of those concrete caves in Guelph!"

"There are also people in the village crabbing about polluted wells, on account of houses being too close together," Reeve Warren Parkinson offered.

Council decided to discuss the two applications further at a closed meeting Friday afternoon.

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