

# Rockwood benefit from increased subsidies?

Rockwood may be one of the first municipalities to benefit from increased financial assistance to small municipalities for water and sewer projects.

Ontario Environment Minister James Auld has announced that the Government has approved increasing the subsidization of capital costs of the two systems from 50 to 75 per cent. If the Ontario Cabinet decides Rockwood is to have sewers and water installations the village could be one of the first to benefit from the increase.

In 1969, the Province of Ontario initiated the provision of financial assistance to small municipalities in the form of capital sub-

sidies not exceeding 50 per cent of the gross capital cost of water and sewage works systems. The program has 250 projects.

There are still some municipalities that would be burdened by charges exceeding the objectives of \$120 per year for sewerage service and \$100 per year for water service. "If the Ministry is to continue with its thrust towards eliminating pollution and providing adequate safe water for public consumption, additional facilities become increasingly necessary," Mr. Auld's department declares.

"To alleviate this situation, the Ontario Government has approved of an increased

financial assistance policy for water and sewage works systems conducted by the Province for small municipalities. The previous limit of 50 per cent subsidization of capital costs will now be increased to 75 per cent of the capital costs of the two systems.

"In order to properly reflect the inflationary trend in the cost of servicing, adjustments have also been made in objectives for typical average home charges. The new charges on which the basis of financial assistance will be determined are \$130 for sewerage service and \$110 for water service, an increase of \$10 per year from the objectives established in 1969."

The department hopes this increase in assistance will enable small Ontario communities that could not previously afford to construct and operate these facilities to do so now.

The new village board of trustees has declared it is opposed to installation of a sewer and water system. In a letter the trustees asked Eramosa township council to rescind sewer and water by-laws and cancel any agreement with the Ministry of the Environment.

However, the township council delayed a decision on the Rockwood trustees' request until more information was available on

who would pick up the tab for preliminary engineering charges which could be as high as \$250,000. (It has since been learned the figure is closer to \$70,000.)

The township council is scheduled to deal with the matter at a meeting today (Wednesday) but they could again delay the decision depending on the legal advice they get.

"I don't believe the township council can take any action until a decision is handed down by the Ontario Cabinet," the reeve declared at a special meeting last week.

Meanwhile, the Department of the Environment has said it expects to call

tenders on the Rockwood sewers and water projects in March, 1973.

Construction is expected to start in June of this year.

However, a decision by the Cabinet in favor of the ratepayers could again stop the projects which were first requested in 1966 by village trustees.

The delay in a Cabinet decision has been attributed to disagreements on policy between the Department of the Environment and the Attorney General but no one really knows why the Cabinet has been sitting on this Rockwood egg for so long.



SO CALLED GOVERNMENTAL "Winter Workers" are enjoying the springtime sessions at the Rockwood Conservation Park where they are cementing in stones and large rocks on the water raceway at the section of the park located along the 4th Line diversion. (Photo by Lorraine)

## Grants available for new complex

An outline of possible grants available for the proposed Rockwood and district Community Centre and Athletic Complex was received with enthusiasm last Wednesday night when recreation man, Bill Houston, representing the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services in Kitchener, spoke to members of the Lions Club, the Rockwood Village trustees, the Eramosa Recreation Committee and the Eramosa Township Council.

The meeting was held at Rock-

wood Centennial School and those attending learned that grants were available up to \$1,000 annually for a recreation commissioner in charge of recreation only not including arena management. Mr. Houston said that grants were also obtainable for a qualified arena manager up to \$600 and, for an uncertified manager, \$500.

Money available He explained further that grants to a maximum of \$10,000 could be requested for individual

projects such as athletic fields, community centres, and arenas, which means that Rockwood, under the corporate Eramosa Township could capitalize on grants totaling \$30,000 maximum for entire complex based as a 25 per cent government return on all monies spent on each project.

Mr. Houston said that \$15,000 was also available in grant money on swimming pools and, if Eramosa Township could sell the idea and gain support from Guelph and Nassagaweya Townships the arena grants could be topped another \$20,000 from the two corporate communities on each project they supported encompassed within the complex.

Rockwood and District Lions Club is, at this point, only at the ground level talking stage. They hope to use monies collected from the Rockwood "100" Snowmobile rally, to get the project off the ground and purchase the land. After Wednesday's talk they decided to consider workable plans for the complex before coming to definite conclusions on advice from Mr. Houston several members volunteered to investigate similar projects in neighboring communities, comparing their centres and studying costs.

## Pakistan native in sari speaker

India was brought to Rockwood last Thursday afternoon when the ladies of the Rockwood United Church, Unit One, met at the home of Mrs. Alvin Root on Christie Street to greet, as their special guest speaker, Mrs. H. J. Malik, a native of Pakistan who is presently living in Guelph with her family of four children and her husband, a professor in the mathematics and statistics department of the University of Guelph.

Looking lovely in her silk sari, the national dress of the women of India, Mrs. Malik explained native costume and said that one of her country's working costumes includes a scarf which is used to cover the head or face in token of respect or, for practical purposes, could be gathered together to form a pouch for the weekly shopping.

Boundary changes Directing the ladies' attention to a map Mrs. Malik cleared queries regarding changes in India's boundaries which

formerly comprised both East and West Pakistan in 1947 with, more recently, the formation of Bangladesh from the eastern portion.

She explained what missionary funds are doing for the people in India saying that many Indian students are being aided by the free education provided by Christian Schools.

Devotional study In keeping with the study of Christian love, Mrs. Fred Alton led the group in a devotional study. During the business session the approach of the World Day of Prayer to be held on March 2 at St. John's Anglican Church was announced and, in conclusion, the ladies joined hands in closing hymn and prayer.

During the informal social period Mrs. Malik was kept busy answering questions and entertaining the ladies with selections on her sari; one song, a saga of India, and the other, "Those were the days!"

## Firefighter, sand, animals pay, pension on agenda

A lengthy agenda was deftly dealt with at last Tuesday's January trustee meeting, however, despite its dimension it was one of objective conclusions.

Number one on the agenda was the completed motion resulting in the installation of town foreman Wayne Nightingale to the staff of the Rockwood-Eramosa Fire Brigade as a permanent member. Deputy-Chief Frank Allsup attended the meeting and made the recommendation because of district fires which might occur at a time when members of the brigade were not in the village to assist.

Secretary Len Hockey was instructed to write a letter to the Department of Highways requesting relocation of a sand camp into village vicinity on basis of complaints and concerns

that Rockwood streets were not properly sanded during icy storm spells. "The alternative, if the Department cannot co-operate" said Trustee Bateman, "will be for the village to take on the responsibility with the DOH paying subsidies."

Complaints were considered regarding chickens and animals being housed on residential property on McKenzie Street. Checking back on village regulations which stipulated that animals could not be housed in the community unless so kept prior to the introduction of said By-Law dated 1968, the matter was left pending for further consideration.

Meeting data Further motions passed were: THAT a curfew be set at four hours after the official 7:30 p.m. trustee meeting starting time with 11:30 set as the deadline

hour and hydro business to be conducted until 8 p.m., the hour set for open public business to which all village residents are invited to attend. Meetings were set for the last Tuesday of the two months of February 27 and March 27 consecutively.

THAT a pension plan be considered for Rockwood Village employees to supplement the Ontario Hospital and unemployment insurance benefits. This would entail a contribution of the employees of 2 per cent of wages, with such an arrangement offering new status and incentive to all said and prospective employees.

Update honorarium THAT the Trustee Board honorarium be updated so that each member receives no less than \$300 per annum, the board chairman \$400 and, for all meetings attended over 15, a further payment of \$20 per meeting with \$20 deducted for each meeting unattended. The Trustee Board felt that this would be an encouragement for future nominees to consider the position of trustee attractive and worthy of consideration.

The Rockwood Trustees vocally expressed their disapproval at council members who had publicly stated at the November pre-election Candidate Night open meeting that they would support any requests made by the future Trustee Board. Council had, instead, delayed the requests to collect further information before making the decision.

"I feel the matter has been

entirely illegal right from the beginning" said Trustee Bateman who is in agreement with Bob Leslie that the cost is too exorbitant for village taxpayers. Mr. Bateman referred to Municipal Act No. 482 where it is stated that trustees may not enter into contract unless in compliance with citizens.

Seek advice "We are borrowing money and we cannot borrow money", said Gary Bateman who feels that the entire matter of getting into the business of water and sewer installations in the first place is contrary to the Ontario Municipal regulations as well as not adhering to public interests. "The citizens should have had a say in the matter," he said "and a public vote should have been taken". The Rockwood Board decided to seek reliable advice before taking action.

## Comin's and Goin's

Ahoy, all senior citizens! If you're having trouble with your Income Tax folders relax and don't worry. The Guelph Centre for Senior Citizens are arranging a program of assistance where everyone will be able to take their forms to their centre and friends from the Department of National Revenue in Kitchener will be on hand to assist. Once the days have been arranged notification will be announced and besides, you have until the end of April anyway.

Look again. The World Day of Prayer will be held this year on Friday, March 2 at the St. John's Anglican Church for Rockwoodites. The theme "Alert in our Time" is a timely one and Mrs. A. Ledwith of Milton will be the guest speaker to what will hopefully be a capacity congregation and, as the lady says, "Refreshments will follow."

Word is that Rockwood's two year traveller Donna Hills could be back in Canada sometime in March. Won't that be great! Just think—these popular young community gals have been working in New Zealand and

Australia for over 24 months and she'll be off for the Fiji Islands come Friday, March 4, and expects to head for home via Vancouver where she'll spend a few days with sister Joan Mason and her husband. It'll be a welcome home Donna from her many friends in this village!

## May license new business

Problem tenants moving into Rockwood village and starting up unofficial businesses came under the eye of the new Rockwood Trustee board recently and the board discussed the feasibility of legal procedure by which village trustees would have control on "what goes on."

Under the provisions of the Ontario Municipal Act, the trustees have the authority to license business as a matter of procedure and control. The Rockwood board felt that an annual renewable license costing a minimal amount would be a way of ensuring that all businesses

would be properly regulated.

"The license costs will not be a hardship" agreed the board and, accordingly, it will be one related to all places in the village where goods and services are sold.

Cost of the new fee and its legality will be determined at the next trustee meeting.



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