



A CHANGE IN CHAIRMANSHIP at last Wednesday's inaugural meeting of the Rockwood village trustees sees Gary Bateman as the new chairman replacing Bert Smith. Investigation of incorporation is the big issue chairman Bateman hopes to see evolved for '74 and points out the need for revised zoning with a wary eye kept for retaining the unique characteristics of Rockwood village.

Bateman elected chairman incorporation investigated

A change in chairmanship put Gary Bateman in the driver's seat at last Wednesday evening's inaugural meeting of the Rockwood board of trustees.

In relinquishing his chair to Mr. Bateman, Bert Smith said he believed everyone should have the opportunity to utilize his talents and, although he had enjoyed his year as chairman of the board he would like to give the same opportunity to trustee Bateman.

The new chairman has taken a long look and his hopes for Rockwood during his '74 term include: improved services for village roads and sidewalks, a complete cemetery addition, and, with an eye to retaining the present unique characteristics of Rockwood village, revised zoning by-laws.

"We must prepare for the pressures of development," he said. "We need development policies to ensure inhabitants are not burdened with new development."

Residents' Decisions
Topping the list for '74 priorities is the board's decision to investigate the implications of incorporation. "Sewer and water facilities

require more local input," said the chairman who is concerned that villagers should have more direct say about their own village. He feels residents should have the right to change representation if necessary.

Chairman Bateman said he felt Rockwood had no local representation on township council and it should be required that village residents should be the ones deciding how she should grow.

"Sixty percent of our village roads are substandard and need surfacing," commented Bateman. "We have drainage problems which need solving." He also included sidewalks promised last year in his list of "do it nows" for at least one side of the Main Street.

Secretary Len Hockey read a copy of the Eramosa township council's recent decision when, at their inaugural meeting they passed unanimously a motion stating: "the council of the township of Eramosa do not approve of the application of the police village of Rockwood for incorporation of the said village for the following reasons: 1. Administrative

costs. 2. Cost of machinery for the roads. 3. This request is not within the provincial policy of increasing the size of municipalities rather than creating new small ones."

Cannot Dissolve
According to Raymond M. Plant, lawyer of the Beatty law firm in Brampton, it is not within the jurisdiction of the Eramosa township council to dissolve any board of trustees without the consent of the board. If it should be decided that the township be divided into a ward system Rockwood village could then have two men on the township council plus the continuation of the three man board in the village.

The incorporation lawyer was at the Wednesday meeting and said that he had studied the previous application for incorporation made by the village in 1961 which was refused by the O.M.B. mainly due to lack of proof of financial viability. He said he had visited the O.M.B. and checked on applications of similar police villages Malton, (1962) and King City both of which were refused and the two main areas of consideration appeared to be: Financial viability forecast; 2. the

impact anticipated on the remainder of the township involved. Extra expenses incurred by incorporation were itemized as: police, planning board, recreation, general administration board, committee of adjustment, and by-laws, with all expenses having to be projected with proof offered of village capability to sustain these services with increase of mill rates to a disproportionate level.

Mr. Plant referred to the impending water and sewerage project in Rockwood and said that the ward system does not entail dissolution of a board of trustee structure unless specifically requested. Mr. Plant stated that an application for incorporation would have to show increasing responsibilities and growing pressures for growth. He said it may be necessary for an expert witness to offer evidence of a viable unit of government.

"The objection by the township regarding a suggestion of consideration of a ward system could be investigated by the trustees. "O.M.B. requirements re the ward system could be easily met" he said, "as the main requirement is an affidavit by the secretary regarding village limits and the population requirement of 500 residents. In the case of the police village of Malton," he said, "costs of the hearing were allotted to the township."

regional government is considered "invalid" the lawyer told the village secretary. "As there is no evidence of such proposal for this area."

Mr. Plant suggested that an application for a ward system might well receive more favorable reaction from the O.M.B. hearing.

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Ward system is considered

Lawyer Raymond M. Plant of the Beatty law firm in Brampton indicated on Wednesday that two members of the township council might be from the Rockwood ward.

Trustee Bob Leslie had queried the solicitor regarding the mechanics of application for ward system and was told that, the board's own initiative or a petition with 75 names, a by-law and a

hearing would be required. Mr. Plant estimated that the necessary documentation could be prepared for an O.M.B. hearing within from six weeks to two months.

Considering the trustees' reference to the financial arrangements for the proposed water and sewerage

installations with a possible estimate of 1700 residents projected for Rockwood in two years, Mr. Plant said "Great care will be necessary in estimating the cost of services to new housing developments and by-laws will be essential to control costs and administration."

Council appoints committee members

Appointments and re-appointments were on the agenda for the Eramosa township council last Wednesday. Although the Eramosa recreation committee submissions have been left in abeyance until Feb.'s council meeting, other committees were completed.

Committee of Adjustment
Elmer McCannell was re-appointed as member of the committee of adjustment to continue serving with Ted Cargio and Tyler Wheeler, presently on their three year terms of office.

Rockmosa 100 rally day set

The second run of Rockmosa 100 snowmobile rally is all set and ready to go according to officials of the local Rockwood and district Lions club.

"Sunday, Feb. 10 is the day stated for the big rally" say the Lions with registrations set for 8 to 12 a.m. They urge all those who can't participate to sponsor someone who can.

purchaseable procurements presented for the local sale. "Watch the ads" is the word of the Rockwood and district Lions club and members hope to let everyone in on a progress report as their springfest plans materialize.

Rockwood Bowling

Even the Rockwood and district bowling scores are looking up for the new year and ready to go are the Norlons who mired out the Trotters 7 to 0 and, for the Norlons, Fred Nightingale bowled in a 236 total score with 234, 230, and 272. Vivian Nightingale made a 633 triple with 209, 186, and 238. Fred Lovell bowled a 613 with 224, 220, and 159. The Trotters bowled a 668 triple with 213, 222, and 203, and Doug Cross bowled 651, with 217, 221, and 213.

Neighbours vs. Ramblers
Rockets 65, Norlons 62, Jr. Farmers 60, Pacers 58, Country Men 57, Harley Sandwiches 56, Carroys 56, Guelphites 56, Ramblers 55, Trotters 54, Unruhfuls 51, Four Corners 49, Alley Cats 43, Optimists 41.
Men over 600: Dunc Kingsbury 745, Fred Nightingale 736, Bert Archer 678, Ted Jestin 668, Bill Scott 663, John Thatcher 651, Doug Cross 651, Ross Gordon 636, Lloyd Marsden 632, Bob Lilley 631, Art Davis 627, Bill Garner 625, Harry Justin 620, Bill Robinson 616, Phil Strive 605.
Women over 500: Viv Nightingale 633, Irene Lovell 613, Nellie Simpson 608, Nancy Ferguson 600, Ruth Kingsbury 578, Betty Brydges 513, Muriel Buitenharm 511, Winnie Hills 528, Ivy Ritchie 523, Jean Van Wyck 515, Ann Parkinson 510.

Alley Cats just made it with the Unruhfuls as Cat Garfield Tarrwell bowled 584 and Elmer Allan, 574. Unruhfuls' John Thatcher made a 651 with 218, 217, and 216, and Phil Strive made a 605.
Rockets took the lead against Junior Farmers 5 to 2 as Dunc Kingsbury bowled in a 745 triple with 271, 192, and 272. Bert Archer made a 628, with 191, 314, and 133, singles and Harry Justin bowled 201, 206, 212, triple 620. For the farmers Harvey Allan made a 508, 206, 162, and 566 triple. Bruce Millare made a 557 triple with 214, 168, and 175, and Glen Gray made a 547 triple with 160, 199, and 188.
Country men beat out the Gooyers 5 to 2 as Peter Bosch made a 183, 188, 222 to triple 533, and Ted Klaver tripled in with 692. John Gooyers was top man on his team, with 551, and Clarence Hilton made a 529.
Carroys took 5 and Pacers 2 in their Tuesday night match as Bob Lilley bowled in 180, 210, and 241, to triple 631. Nancy Ferguson bowled 211, 164, and 225, with 600 triple, and John Gordon bowled 222, 177, and 170, to triple 574. Pacers made a 539 triple with Bob Van Wyck's score of 181, 195, and 183 singles and George Uzarowski tripled in with 546.

Riders ruthless

Snowmobilers are doing it again and with residents rampaging regarding round residential roadways the local trustees are making a check on the highway code regulations.

"The members of the local snowmobile club are fair and square" said Bert Smith of the trustee board but a series of complaints where accidents have miraculously been avoided have initiated the board taking the necessary steps.

Accordingly pledge sheets will be placed at various centres throughout the township and potential rallyists are asked to pick theirs up at the nearest centre.

An elderly lady was barely missed recently when stepping from the Royal bank on Main St. and other incidents of machines on sidewalks have been reported. "No motorized vehicle is allowed on sidewalks" said board chairman Bob Leslie and the trustees are concerned that a serious accident will occur before ruthless drivers adhere to safe driving habits.

Contact club
After discussion it was decided to contact the local snowmobile club and request assistance in the case of irregular operation as well as checking with the highway regulations.

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Waive concerns plan is approved

The fears of Eramosa township council were waived last Thursday when a communication came from the provincial government to Guelph and suburban planning board of a deadline decision made on the last day of 1973.

The Guelph and suburban official plan has been approved and the Dec. 31 approval came on the final day of a deadline set by the province for ratification of

official plans. The news was transmitted to secretary-treasurer Ken Perry last Wednesday from Queen's Park.

The Wellington County Severance Committee was established originally by Wellington county council late in December to permit power of granting land severance to remain at the local level. The province had stipulated that all official plans not sanctioned by December 31 of '73 would be ruled out. Eramosa township council was concerned that, without local representation, decisions on neighborhood lands would not be handled with the locale in mind. They made a motion at the inaugural meeting to continue with the local land severance committee for recommendations.

Originally in December it was thought that only four municipalities would not belong to the county land division committee with 17 being served. The provincial decision changes the picture however, and, according to Clive Beardwood, the secretary-treasurer of the committee, it has not been officially established how many communities affiliated with

the Guelph and suburban official plan will opt out. It is expected that those communities with committees of adjustment will retain their own severance powers.

Representation on the land division committee showed Allan F. Ross, R. R. 3 Harrison of Minto Township one year; William Mundell of Erin village, two years; John Kidnie, R. R. 4, Arthur, of Peel, three years; Edgar Hutton, R. R. 6, Guelph, Puslinch, three years; and Percy MacDonald, R. R. 1, Fergus, two years. The new development erases concerns of Eramosa regarding lack of representation.

The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory.

O.A.C. at Guelph is celebrating its 100th birthday and started with a reception at which the oldest graduate was W. J. Cohoe, of the class of '05.

Rockalong's roll call required recall retort

The first hostess of the Rockalong Women's Institute for '74 was Reba Shultis of R.R. 2, Rockwood, and, in charge of the meeting was president, Mrs. George Mitchell.

A new year poem was the opening recitation for the meeting attended by 18 members and two visitors who replied to the roll call giving a city in Canada beginning with the first letter of each person's name, the answer was required to tell what the city was noted for.

It was a mind-stretching time for many of the ladies and, after roll call, Mrs. Allan Blythe, Guelph district president, made a few remarks of greeting. Good wishes were extended to the group from Mrs. Rodney Scott of Guelph, district secretary, also present.

Bi-weekly Euchre
During business euchre parties were planned for every two weeks, with the first slated for Jan. 10 at the Community Centre.
Leaders were appointed for the next 4-H project "sportswear from knits" and a program arranged by citizenship and world affairs conveners, Mrs. William Black and Mrs. John Ramsey drew rounds of enthusiasm. Mrs. Ramsey gave the motto "people born into freedom do

not know the value of freedom" which encouraged much thought and discussion.

The ladies then were taken on an illustrated tour to countries of Europe by Mrs. Rodney Scott who had recently returned from a trip overseas.

After the program lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Joseph Benham and Mrs. George Mitchell. Mrs. Shultis was heartily thanked for sharing her hospitality and the meeting was adjourned.

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