

# Rockwood could see sewer and water by fall '75

At a closed meeting held at the Rockwood town hall last Tuesday, June 11, members of the Rockwood trustee board learned that the proposed sewer and water installations could be expected by the Fall of 1975. According to Harry Jones, consultant for Woodstock Engineering, the water and sewer mains contract will be let this fall with the remainder in the spring of 1975.

The trustees were told that the system would be divided into three separate contracts, water and sewer mains, pumping station and plant, and standpipe. The estimate for final completion, after contractors start operations, was set at from 15 to 18 months allowing for possible problems arising from difficulty with rock in the area.

According to project manager, G. Mierzynski, of the Ministry of Environment (MOE), the three contracts will be programmed for simultaneous completion.

Called by trustees  
The meeting had been called by the Rockwood trust-

tees to ascertain if and when the proposed installation would take place. As well as the board of trustees, Gary Bateman, Bert Smith and Bob Leslie, others present included clerk Len Hockey, fire chief Carl Meadows, Jim Milne of the Eramosa township council and B. Scharf, of the J. K. W. Developments Ltd.

Representing the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), were project manager, G. Mierzynski, J. L. Martin of the technical branch, W. Spencer, in charge of project operation, H. Jones and J. McGlone, consultants for Woodstock Engineering, and R. Hillis of the Wellington-Dufferin Health unit. He was accompanied by an assistant.

Questions on design and capacity, rates, and potential installation problems all came under the slate of consideration and discussion. H. Jones said the proposed system was adequate for 40 years with a 4 to 5,000 capacity but that the treatment plant was designed for only 1700 people. Bob Leslie was

told by John Martin, technical adviser for the MOE, that the plan has not changed since the original proposal in '69. "This decision was made at the beginning of this year," said Mr. Martin who said that a study of village growth had stayed within the three percent growth rate anticipated. He said the MOE does not anticipate any great growth in the village of Rockwood.

### 1700 capacity

Asked about considerations of land sales, the trustees were told the Ministry can only finance proven needs with a maximum subsidy of 75 percent. "The province cannot subsidize any developer," said Mr. Martin, who explained that the sewer main size is adequate for future development up to the planned maximum stated as for a population of 1700 people. He said that, beyond that, the developer must finance his own extension costs. He said the present density of Rockwood was set at nine people per acre with the planned density for 15 per acre and future suitable building areas calculated at three and

a half people per house.

The consultant said his company would try to sink lines low enough in regions of extensions, in case of subdividers wanting to hook into the system. He explained that, in some cases it might be necessary for developers to install a small lift station which would be at their own expense. In the case of houses in the village where it would be required to lift sewage, it was explained that assessment for extra equipment required would mean higher assessment for the individual home owner.

### Notification

Queried on time limits on construction, the MOE said that distance and time limits will be established on all contracts—e.g. three sections of sewer mains would be a maximum for one trenching operation. Notices will be published in newspapers, and letters sent to individual home owners regarding sewage hook-ups. A public information meeting was suggested with Mr. Mierzynski attending, to speak to residents regarding blasting pro-

blems. He said complaints were inevitable and that some disruption must be expected.

"Our policy is to go for a liaison committee for purposes of exchanging information, with free-wheeling meetings between ministry and trustee representatives," said Mr. Martin who felt that meetings on a regular basis could keep the project well in hand.

### 1972 rates

References to increased costs were heard by those attending and trustee Bert Smith referred to rates established in 1972. The trustee was told that financing is based on a 20 year period. "We could stay with the original board decision for the first two years," said the MOE spokesman who added the agreement allows for regular rate reviews planned for rate assessments.

Yearly costs to taxpayers on a 66 ft. lot has been set as \$110 maximum for water and \$130 for sewers per annum, according to figures stated as estimated ones at the Tuesday meeting. G. Mierzynski

pointed out that sewer charges could go to \$142 but final figures would not be available for two weeks.

The mechanics of collection and payments were discussed and the MOE said monthly bills will be sent to township, with village collecting charges based on flat rates for residential and meters recommended for commercial users.

A by-law was discussed requesting home owners to connect up within a certain time limit. The MOE said a target should be set at an 80 percent hook-up of houses in the first year, and 100 percent in five years.

### Holding tanks

In answer to an enquiry from chairman Gary Bateman re the April 15 freeze on holding tanks, and the effect of the water and sewer project commencement, Mr. Martin said the holding tanks should be delayed until contracts are signed. "Then owners wishing to install holding tanks must sign an agreement to connect," he said, referring to connecting with the sewer and water mains as soon as they are available to the particular lot.

Consultant Jones spoke regarding winter construction. He said that all parties would benefit and that the policy should add that every buildable lot should have a connection.

"The municipality must control this aspect and advise the Ministry in writing of the location of any lot not to have connection made at time of construction," he said.

Questioned regarding the by-pass around the Conservation area and the disposal potential of the Eramosa River, Mr. Martin said that no appeal is possible against

the delour but that the trustees should write to Ministry of Environment as new studies are in progress on the river flow and assimilation rate.

### Estate lots

During the meeting trustee Leslie had enquired regarding the position of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and cost figures. He stated that present estimated rates were beyond the financial resources of 25 percent of the population. He was told that final figures were still not available but, if tenders are

within 15 percent of the estimate, an OMB hearing will not be required. In the event that costs double then the whole project will have to be referred back to the OMB.

At one point developer, B. Scharf asked about the supply of water for one acre estate lots. He was told that supply was based on 1700 people. "To go above this would mean that two wells would be required," said the project manager. He said the municipality would have to decide on availability and cost of water for subdivisions.

## Fifty-one attend annual bus trip

Ten a.m. was the start-off time of the Sunshine Club's annual bus trip last Wednesday when 51 members packed the vehicle driven by Gord Aitken of Ospringe. Near Collingwood a light luncheon was enjoyed at the beautiful Prospect park and,

afterwards, members were taken on a tour to see where Blue Mountain pottery was produced. Many choice purchases were made and brought home as souvenirs. A half hour was spent by the bay, and club members saw the grain ships. The tour

continued on through the area where skiing is the sport in the wintertime. Bert Davidson and Ali Couling entertained on their mouth organs while jokes and a sing-song were also part of the afternoon fun.

Celebration  
Reaching the Hockley Hills hotel, a chicken dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed and, afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. William McLean of Eden Mills, members of the Sunshine Club, received con-

gratulations on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary.

The bus pulled in to Rockwood at seven o'clock and everyone reported they'd had an enjoyable time.

The last meeting for the season of the village and district club will be held Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m. Members will bid farewell to their president, Rev. Ralph Williams, who will be leaving to make his home in London, Ont.

## Rockwood C.W.L. set picnic plans

Eight members attended the Rockwood and Oustic Catholic Women's League meeting for June held at the Sacred Heart rectory on Gzowski St.

Following the reading of regular reports a letter was read from Brother Bob in India, telling of his volunteer missionary work and plans for the future. He said that help of any kind would be much appreciated.

A letter of thanks was also received and read from St. Martin's 'Manor for the donations sent to them.

Plans were made to have another Stanley Brush demonstration in October,

also tentative plans for a dance in November. It was decided a cheque will be sent to Guatemala to support the league's foster child.

Mrs. H. Saunders and Miss Marie Saunders said they had attended a silent march in Brantford on Mother's Day in regard to the Right to Life program. They gave a short account.

The parish picnic came under discussion. A trip to the Lion Safari in Rockton was suggested as an alternative to the regular picnic. It was decided the change would depend on interest shown by the congregation.

On adjournment of the meeting refreshments were served.

Hard Maple is the main wood used for bowling pins.

**THE SUNSHINE BUS TRIP**  
The weather, bright and sunny. The cool air felt quite good. When the "Sunshine Club" packed up some grub. To visit Collingwood.

We scrambled up in Denny's bus. Each had a comfy seat. We were ready to hop, when we had to stop. To pick up Uncle Pete.

Grandpa Smith was there of course. All fortified with potion in the hills and lakes, for fear of snakes. He had brought his "snake bite lotion".

So, they tucked him safely in the back. To keep him out of view. From where "Peter" sat beneath his hat. He could smell the mountain dew.

So he up and left his long time pal. Just not to make a fuss. He made his way he couldn't stay in the back of Denny's bus.

With the Happy Gang in motion. All giving out in song. Grandpa'd slip then take a nip. 'Cause a snake should come along.

But the good folk had a glorious time. Round the "Blue Mountain" glazing plants. But, Grandpa got another pot. To hide inside his pants.

We visited the "Regal" towers. We ate nothing but the best. There is no bounty, in Dufferin County. The finest place to rest.

In "Hogwash" Lake, Grandad saw a snake. It was squinting in the air. He wet his lip with another nip. Then sank back in his chair.

But, there is no place like Rockwood. Though it's nice to look around. We must say a prayer for those out there. For we live on Hallow'd ground.

Victor Smith  
R. R. 2, Rockwood

## Outdoor concert for St. John's

Plans are shaping up for an outdoor concert and garden party in Rockwood to be held on the greens beside St. John's parish hall on Main St. "It's time an old fashioned concert was held in our community," say residents who visualize the fun night as a return to community concerts which were, at one time, frequent happenings in village life.

Executionists, musicians, guitarists, baton twirlers, and even the bagpipes will be part of the two hour concert with oldsters down to youngsters, giving their best and enjoying being part of a community effort.

Strawberries  
Topping off the main course of concert fun, strawberry shortcake and coffee or lemonade will be the dessert, served with elegance at tables under enchanting lamp lighting. With the date set for the last of the berry season,


strawberry specialists should make a point of attending.

So the night is set for Sat., July 6, with curtain time at 8 until 10 p.m. "Stay for the evening or drop in for refreshments," say the St. John's organizers who hope to see their premier garden party as the beginning of many more.

### PARK POLLUTION

This past summer a week-long, clean-up canoe trip in Algonquin Provincial Park yielded 16 bags of garbage: mostly cans, bottles, broken glass and plastics. Two huge gear wheels, each weighing over 200 pounds, were hauled ashore from the bottom of North Tea Lake. A log jam in the Amable du Fond River yielded a torn rainsuit, a broken paddle and a plastic container of gasoline.

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- encouraging growth of grain and livestock production according to natural potential;
- maintaining order and stability throughout the grain and livestock sectors.

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- farmers will have direct access to feed grains in all parts of Canada; buyers are free to shop for the best bargain, sellers are free to find the best price for their crops;
- a nation-wide information system through the Canadian Livestock Feed Board will keep everyone informed on selling prices across the country;
- the Canadian Wheat Board will continue to be the sole buyer and seller of feed grain for export market;
- prairie producers have the choice of selling their grain to the CWB or to others on the domestic market;
- cash advance payments and initial payments, similar to those provided to Prairie grain producers for many years, will be extended to growers across the country to encourage feed grain production;
- a new storage program, costing the federal government \$40 million a year, will be instituted to provide for security of supplies for Canadian markets; it will also lead to additional grain storage on the West Coast, in inland terminals, on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence and in the Maritimes;
- steps will be taken to bring into balance freight rates between meat and grain; this will progress according to trends in grain and livestock prices, and the degree of regional self-sufficiency in grain production.

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