

Pat Smith vs Eramosa twp. at the Supreme Court

by Kerry Chalmers
The sewer and water issue is not dead. Pat Smith has filed an affidavit suing the Township of Eramosa for acting illegally in regard to the water and sewer project. Pat is acting as a ratepayer and as an elected trustee, representing the ratepayers in the township.

water in the village. "The village made an unanimous recommendation to solve the problem on an individual homeowner basis," Pat said. "It was also on that night that Reeve Bill Adsett completely ignored that recommendation by standing up and taking a pro-water and sewer position."

members have conscientiously objected on behalf of the village residents to the letting of the water and sewer contracts."

Recommendation
The whole problem started, according to Pat Smith, on an August '75 evening at the town hall. A joint meeting of the village trustees and the Eramosa Council was held and council asked the trustees for their recommendation based on the Wellington Dufferin County Health Unit's study of the

village are simply political pawns, many becoming frustrated and confused because they can't translate economics with politics." "I feel that the three-man committee that was set up chose water and sewers as a solution to our waste disposal problems because of its efficiency rather than its efficiency and economics," he added.

Six years
Pat Smith feels the whole question of water and sewers has been foremost in the minds of the homeowners for the last six years and longer. Because the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit saw a sewage disposal plant as the only answer he feels this prevented the proper maintenance of the existing systems. Homeowners have been reluctant to spend money on their systems if sewers are inevitable—why put out the money? He also feels if people were being completely honest they would admit that they were shocked when the O.C. was given for the project when as late as September many felt the thing had been shelved.

"Although we (the village) have our own appointed trustees, their function is that of caretaking and our only possible way of representing the village ratepayers is by keeping a diplomatic line of communication open between the village and the council. The Eramosa twp. council is free to act on any issue affecting the village without the trustees' approval. The village represents 25 per cent of the total township," trustee Smith stated.

Mr. Smith wondered if township residents were aware of their responsibility in this issue. "If the village find themselves in financial difficulty, the Eramosa (township) ratepayers are jointly responsible for the contract," he explained.

Reeve Adsett feels that what Pat Smith is doing is legitimate if he feels he must take action. Reeve Adsett stated that he felt this was an unilateral decision by Pat Smith as a trustee and not as a representative of the village board. The other trustees were not aware of his actions prior to the interim injunction, Reeve Adsett feels.

"I believe in going through municipal channels first," said the Reeve, "and would have preferred this to the court action."

The outcome of this remains to be seen, the issue is now in the hands of our solicitor Mr. Aldo Braida," he added.

At the time of this telephone interview Reeve Adsett had not had a first-hand report from their solicitor who had represented council in court. As a result Mr. Adsett felt he couldn't give an up-to-date report.

Work continues
"Work will continue as usual," he explained, "as far as we know, although we will have to depend on our solicitor's professional opinion, of course."

"Our solicitor was able to get a postponement of the injunction for one week, which we feel is necessary under the circumstances," he said.

"Our only formal notice of this was the notice of intent that was served to the clerk a week ago," the Reeve added. "Prior to this, I believe in late September, we received a telegram stating that we were going against O.M.B. regulations with our actions but the telegram did not state who it was representing," Reeve Adsett said.

"If in fact work comes to a halt someone is going to have to pick up the tab. In the long run something has to be done and this is a delay," the Reeve concluded. Trustee Pat Smith feels optimistic following the hearing at the Supreme Court this morning. Next Monday the matter will again go before the judge. "To be or not to be," still seems very much the question!



PIPE DREAM... a dandy place to play and maybe "make believe". Rockwood children find the contractors' piles of sewer pipe a super new challenge.

Rockwood roundup

by Kerry Chalmers
Veteran Jim Milne described last Sunday's Remembrance Day as very successful. Mr. Milne said there was a good turnout despite the fact that some of the veterans who normally attend were involved in the Acton service.

R. M. (Max) Storey was the Parade Marshal and Jim Milne the chairman. Mr. Milne read the names from the Cenotaph and George Day lowered the flag for silence. Marg Lambert placed a wreath for the Province of Ontario and later one in honor of her brother John. Reeve Adsett placed the township wreath and Hamilton Peel laid the Canadian Legion Branch 107 wreath for Acton. Mr. Peel, formerly of Rockwood, came all the way from Clarkson to take part in the service.

The guides, brownies, scouts and cubs took part in the parade which certainly added to the day.

Mr. Milne reports that there was a full house at the school when residents gathered to hear Rev. Rees, Rev. Sinclair and Ernie Slipp. The Eramosa Youth Choir sang at the school under the direction of Roberta Hoy rounding out an important day for all who took part.

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Limit dogs council says

Eramosa township councillor John Hewitt feels things are "getting to be closer to police state" after council passed a by-law restricting the number of dogs an owner is allowed on November 3.

The township council decided that no one living in a commercial or residential area would be allowed more than two dogs. In an agricultural area, eight dogs will be the maximum, with more being allowed if the owners have a licensed kennel on 10 acres of land.

Mr. Hewitt did not vote for this by-law as he himself owns 21 dogs. Councillor David Masson jokingly suggested a similar by-law for the controlling of cats, particularly his wife's.

Water, sewer facts from village trustees

A special meeting in the Rockwood Town Hall on November 5, between the Village Trustees, Township Council, Woodstock Engineering, and the Ministry of the Environment has brought forth some information about the water and sewers being installed in the village.

Detailed information is as follows:
Costs: Residential water and sanitary sewer service. Usage cost charged only against those homeowners whose property is connected to the services.

Water: \$121.20 per year
Sewers: \$101.37 per year
Total usage charge: \$222.57 per year

Connection cost charged only against those homeowners whose property is connected to the services.
Water: \$12.40 per year or \$121.00 initially (no annual charge)

Sewers: \$15.07 per year or \$147.00 initially (no annual charge)

Total connection charge - \$27.47 yearly or \$268.00 initially (no annual charge)

Frontage cost - charged only against those homeowners whose property abuts the serviced streets and that property is in a village, residential or industrial zone.

Water: \$9.40 per foot of frontage per year or 3.91 per foot initially and no annual charge

Sewers: \$9.30 per foot of frontage per year or 3.91 per foot initially and no annual charge

Total frontage charge - \$9.30 per foot of frontage per year or \$7.82 per foot initially and no annual charge

Cost Example: lot with 66 foot frontage Usage charge - \$225.57 per year Connection charge - 27.47 per year Frontage charge - 66 x \$9.30 = \$613.80 per year Total charge - \$856.84 per year (132 foot lot equals \$358.64 per year) OR Frontage and connection charges could be paid

initially in one lump sum of: Frontage \$7.82 x 66 = \$516.12 Connection - \$268.00 Total initial payment - \$784.12 This would leave an annual usage charge of \$225.57 per year.

Additional Costs:
The installation of water and sewer pipes from the lot line to the building is the responsibility of each individual property owner. Any additions or rearrangement of the plumbing within the building is also the responsibility of each property owner.

Additional Information:
1. A connection will be made at every buildable lot serviced by the water and sewer system, regardless of whether or not the lot is presently occupied.

2. The main water and sewer lines will be installed in the centre of the street and connection pipes will be brought to the lot line.

3. A representative of Woodstock Engineering is visiting every owner of lots that can be serviced. This representative will be asking lot owners where they want the connections located on the lot line. Also he will be asking for permission to work on the owners property since excavation for the connection pipes will extend three to four feet inside the lot line.

4. It is recommended that property owners obtain the advice of the Township Plumbing Inspector (Carl Mendow) or a qualified plumber as to where the connection should be made at

the property line and where the pipe should be brought into the building.

5. If the contractor is not given a preferred location for the connection it will be made at the centre of the lot frontage.

6. The frontage charge for corner lots will be based only on the frontage of the side in which the connection to the service is made.

7. The frontage on triangular or irregularly shaped lots will be increased or decreased on a fair and equitable basis, giving full regard to the situation, value and area of such lots.

8. Where a vacant lot is used for building purposes and has frontage on a serviced street the frontage charge will be adjusted.

9. A two man committee has been established to consider requests for connections to serviced vacant lots. This committee consists of John Beham, Planning Board Chairman, and J. H. Smith, Rockwood Trustee.

10. In case where the nature of the terrain or the elevation of the sewer is such that full benefit of the service is not received, a reduction in the frontage rate may be made.

11. Residential usage will be charged on a flat rate and commercial usage will be charged on a metered rate.

12. Requests for extensions to the water and sewer system will be considered by the Township Council, Village Trustees, and Woodstock Engineering.

Any queries regarding the above information can be made at the Village Office. Phone 856-9562.

(Point of clarification - there is a distinct difference between connection and hook-up. Connection refers to the taking of the water and sewer pipes to the lot line by the contractor. Hook-up refers to the taking of these pipes from the lot line to the house by the owner. The hook-up is the owner's responsibility.)

Weekend temperatures were unseasonably warm. One weatherman said a 38-year record was broken.

Balton Hills planning board has rejected a proposal for 39 homes at Stewarttown. The town planner called the project premature as it does not conform to the old Esquering official plan.



PAT SMITH feels optimistic following the hearing in the Supreme Court of Ontario Monday. The judge has ruled an adjournment on the injunction in order that solicitor Aldo Braida can prepare a case on behalf of Eramosa Council. The case will be heard Monday at Osgoode Hall.

Rockalong W.I.

What influences children most?

Mrs. George Mitchell has hosted for the Nov. meeting of Rockalong Women's Institute when 17 members and two visitors attended.

Mrs. Mitchell presided. Correspondence was read regarding Nutrition Week Nov. 3 to 8. It was recommended to review menu planning and try some new recipes.

Plans were made for the Christmas meeting Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Meeting to open with a buffet followed by Christmas program. Exchange of gifts planned also.

The fall course Needlepoint for Beginners has opening meeting Mon. Nov. 10 at No. 8 Community Centre with Mrs. E. Tush and Mrs. J. Ramsey as leaders.

Mrs. A. McDuffe and Mrs. W. Petrie were conveners for Education and Cultural Activities. Roll Call response was Different ways to improve our education when too old for school.

Mrs. W. Petrie presented two readings Everybody does it and Homes. Influence Which has more influence on a child's upbringing—the home, the school, or the church?

Mrs. A. McDuffe conducted this theme in a debating form. Many participated

giving opinions and viewpoints. Some quotes given were: "Don't send your child to church, take him."

"The family that prays together, stays together."

"The church injected into the home, you have a good pair."

Plans for next euchre were prepared for Nov. 13 at No. 8 Community Centre.

Meeting closed, lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. Benham and Mrs. W. Petrie.

Winter fun at Terra Cotta

Terra Cotta Conservation Authority will not close during the winter. Every Sunday from January 11 until February 29, there will be a variety of winter activities.

Snowshoeing, and cross country skiing lessons will be available, as will sleigh rides, and winter cook-outs.

Many special events are being planned to lure people away from the television set into the outdoors during the winter.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is Nov. 14 to 22 and many local exhibitors will be entering.

- ROCKWOOD BOWLING Standings
Countrymen 43, Norions 41, Unpredictables 41, Four Corners 35, Optimists 33, Mustangs 32, J. Farmers 32, Carnegys 31, Raggedy Pants 28, Guelphites 24, Kay Feeds 21, Pin Pals 20.
Men over 60, Sam Lawler 705, John Gordon 661, Bill Elliot 660, Lloyd Marsden 636, Don McKersie 646, Bob Lilley 633, Dan Renaud 614, Peter Bosch 620.
Women over 500, Helen Elliot 595, Rika Loof 580, Gerda Bakker 543, Olga Sanderson 542, Nancy Gordon 527, Marg McKersie 512, Diana Carney 504.
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SMILES WERE evident last Wednesday night when these girls joined the 1st Rockwood Guide Company. The brownies completed their Golden Hand enabling them to "fly up" into guides. Guests at the "Flying up ceremony" were District Commissioner, Mrs. Petrie and Deputy-Commissioner, Mrs. Stevenson of the Spirit Valley District. New girl guides are front row from l. to r., Michelle Drexler, Susan Hawkins, Lisa Petty and Shari Thatcher. Back row l. to r., Dianne Clarke, Shelley Spencer, Michelle Patterson, Susan Johnson and Colleen Petty.

NOTICE
A Committee of the
NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION
will be available to the public
November 25
from 10 - 12 a.m.
in the Town Council Chambers
CALEDON
The informal sessions for the County of Dufferin, Regional Municipalities of Halton & Peel will be open to the public for the purpose of accepting proposals, recommendations and consultations.
If a formal brief or presentation is planned, please contact the commission two days prior to session.
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Snowmobiles can be great fun.
This is what Ontario is doing to help make sure they're safe fun.

If you buy a new snowmobile, the dealer must register it on your behalf within six days of the sale.

The number of your Registration Certificate must be attached to, or painted on, both sides of your snowmobile's hood in numbers 2" to 3" high, and must contrast with your snowmobile's colour to be easily seen.

Your permit will be affixed to your Registration Certificate and you will be given two adhesive stickers to affix to your snowmobile's hood according to directions.

That's all there is to it.

Do not drive your snowmobile anywhere (except on your own property) unless it has been registered and you have a permit.

Make certain that you know and observe all operating rules and safety regulations for snowmobiles and be sure to check local by-laws in the municipality where you use your snowmobile.

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