

Give go ahead for pipeline to Guelph

Unless something negative develops between the Eramosa township council and the city of Guelph, a pipeline will run from Rockwood to Royal City's sewage treatment plant.

At Monday evening's council meeting, the pipeline was approved in principle. The council wanted, however, to make sure a proper agreement was signed between the two municipalities.

Several delegates appeared at Monday's meeting, both for and against the pipeline. A letter from the Rockwood village trustees said the members were unanimously against a pipeline to Guelph. The trustees felt it was better to build a sewage treatment plant right in Rockwood.

Trustee Pat Smith told council that he wanted to withdraw his vote against the proposal, but at the same time he was not in favour of the pipe. Trustee Bert Smith stuck to his guns and explained that he felt seven miles (the distance between Rockwood and Guelph) was a long distance and something might happen.

Nothing happened. At a later time in the meeting, John Neil, a biologist specialist from Toronto attending the meeting, told the councillors and trustees that Ministry of the Environment had laid a similar pipeline more than 50 miles and had nothing happen to it.

Betty Marshall, chairman of the Eden Mills village trustees, told the councillors that the previous trustees had not agreed with the pipeline proposal, but the new group

did. Councillor Dave Masson, on behalf of the village of Eden Mills, explained that the Eramosa river running through Eden Mills from Rockwood is "a way of life" for the people in that small community. Mr. Masson said M. Toza of the Ministry of Environment had told him that a treatment plant in Rockwood located on that same river would seriously affect the river. He went on to say that Mr. Toza recommended the pipeline.

Mr. Toza had said that if the treatment plant ever broke down, raw sewage would be going directly into the river, which could eventually get into the local wells. Mrs. Clark told the council.

Councillor Allan Burnett was concerned about the gravity fall between Guelph and Rockwood, but admitted the engineers knew more about it than he did. "I cannot help but feel if they (the Ministry of Environment) recommend it, it must be a betterment" he said.

Land contours Councillor John Hewitt expressed fear over the contours of the land. He pointed out that if the pipe is going to be level under the ground, it would be necessary to dig 30 to 40 feet in places. He said sediment would form in the pipe after a while and pumps would be needed to force the waste along the pipe.

Mr. Hewitt said he thought the idea of a pipeline "great" except for the contours of the land.

Discussions of the amount of raw sewage the Rockwood treatment plant could take as

compared as to the amount the Guelph plant could take, was discussed as well as the effect on growth of the village. It was pointed out by one of the councillors that the Guelph plant is ready to take 250,000 gallons of raw sewage a day, from the first day, while the Rockwood plant would not even be able to take half that on the first day. Mechanical bugs would have to be worked out, said the council, before the system could take even 150,000 a day.

Mr. Neil, who is also a specialist in fresh water, said there had been no plant built yet which turned out water in the same condition it took it in. "I can only suggest," he said, "that you are blessed

with the opportunity to take your sewage someplace else."

Voice of village Monty and Lorraine Root attended the meeting to point out to council that the trustees were the voice of the village, and the council should listen to them. Mr. Root pointed out that none of the councillors lived in Rockwood, but it is the villagers who have to foot the bill. He suggested the council go up another mile and have Eramosa help pay the costs.

The council passed a resolution to approve in the principle the pipeline from Rockwood to Guelph, but wished a strong agreement with Guelph.



ROCKWOOD SUNSHINE Boys were the highlight of the Kortright Waterfowl Park Benefit Concert last Tuesday evening at War Memorial Hall. The Boys who are really making a name for themselves in Guelph entertained with foot-stomping, hand-clapping, old-type fiddle tunes to

a very appreciative audience. From l. to r. are Bert Davidson, David Archibald, Henry Leachman, Vic Smith, Russ Craig and James Gordon. Also on the program were Gordon and Archibald, local folksingers, and Judy Greenhill.

No taxi service

The possibility of having taxi cab service in the village of Rockwood has been delayed by at least two weeks while the Eramosa township council discusses certain points of the proposed by-law. At their Monday evening meeting, the council was preparing to allow taxi service into the village, but discovered they needed more information on the subject before proceeding with the by-law.

Reporters human too

Free Press reporters and photographers try to make it to all events in town, but sometimes they miss something. They are only human.

Rockwood roundup

by Kerry Chalmers
Kids! June 5th is the 3rd Annual Rockmosa Bike Rally. The 25-mile rally

leaves Eramosa Public School between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Anyone that lives south of Hwy. 24 can meet at Rockwood Centennial Public School at 8 a.m. or shortly after where the Lions have arranged to truck bikes up and will provide a bus for all participants. Maps and rule sheets will be provided the day of the rally as well as free refreshments. Anyone interested will be able to pick up pledge sheets at their school, Root's, the R. & M. or Strattons.

The Waddingtons have made plans to take their relatives to Disneyland while they are on here on holiday.

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Sunday afternoon was a successful day for the many people who joined the Rockwood Gardeners at the Academy to tour the grounds and view the beautiful flower beds with their Spring collection. The Rockwood Gardeners welcome new members. Watch for announcement of next meeting.

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The Sunshine Club will meet next Thursday May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall. Another reminder is given to anyone wishing to go to the Woodbine Race Track by bus on June 17. Please get your name into Robena Peacock or Jessie Dunk as soon as possible.

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Tickets for the Woodcutter's Ball are now available from the Village Office, Al Osborne at 856-4605, Julie Brace 856-4769 or Pat Smith 856-4670. Don't delay as June 5 is just around the corner and this fund raising event to aid in the renovation of the Town Hall will surely draw a large group. Various draws have been planned for the evening and if people attend this "early bird hour" they will have a chance to see the plans of the Town Hall and discuss changes that have already taken place.

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A short circuit was the cause of the fire last Sunday afternoon in the overhead wires that run along Main St. Construction had broken five poles that are jointly shared by Bell Telephone and Hydro last Tuesday and it took several days to repair the damage. The short circuit was a further result of that damage, the result of blasting. A special thanks to Hydro Manager Len Hockey who spent several hours Sunday making calls to have service restored. Coupled with the blackout Saturday caused by a plane crash and the resultant calls to Mr. Hockey, he didn't have much of a weekend off!

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Alice Hills entertained her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waddington from Preston last Sunday. They brought relatives from England with them who have been guests of Mrs. Hills be-

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Mel Bridgman has area fans

Many Rockwood residents took more interest than usual in the Stanley Cup playoffs this year and the reason for that keen interest was Rookie Centre Mel Bridgman of the Philadelphia Flyers. Mel is the son of Harold (Dick) Bridgman who was born and raised in Nassagaweya Twp. He attended High School in the village and played football on the Rockwood team for years. He also played baseball with the Guelph club. Following university in Toronto he joined the Meteorologist Bureau and this took him to Trenton where he met his wife Mary. Their family Mel, Mary Ann and Dick Jr.

followed. Mr. Bridgman has maintained his love of sports over the years and coached both baseball and hockey, his son turning out to be one of his most promising prospects!



MEL BRIDGMAN

Draft choice Mel was the No. 1 draft choice in the Western Canadian Junior League in the '74-75 season and was selected to play in the All-Star series against the Russian juniors.

In the Stanley Cup Playoffs this year he had six goals and eight assists for 14 points. Mr. Bridgman has kept in close contact with Rockwood over the years. When his mother and father, Harvey and Emily, were still alive he was a frequent visitor to their Main St. home where they settled after selling their farm at R. R. 2 Rockwood. He is now retired and living in Victoria B.C. where he is still involved in baseball (the impetus to baseball games last summer!).

Mr. Bridgman stops in to see old friends in the village when he is in Ontario now and again.

Claims for damages

Mud damage claims against the township of Eramosa by Norman Wilson of Rockwood have been sent on to Armbro Construction Limited. Mr. Wilson had sent a letter to the township council asking for \$136.90 for damages incurred to his property during an April snowstorm. The Harris street resident said he received considerable water and mud damage to his property because the sewer and water construction crew were working on his street and had taken away the ditches and drains. He had to replace the top soil on his lawn and do numerous other jobs. Because of all the work to be done, Mr. Wilson had to take time off work amounting to several hours. The complainant asked council for his wages and the cost of the top soil to be reimbursed to him. The council agreed that it was a construction company's responsibility and they would have to pay the damages. Armbro was going to be notified by the council of the matter.

No. 7 detour for buses, cars

Construction in the village continues and despite attempts by Armbro to inconvenience residents any more than necessary a detour of Hwy. 7 is now upon us. A spokesman from the crew assures residents that they are moving as quickly as possible to complete this stretch and that if weather permits they hope to be finished within the month. At the present time people coming from Acton into the village must by-pass the village via Eden Mills Road and the 4th Line (coming back into Rockwood at the north end). Another alternative has been Harris St. but Armbro points out that until they are past Harris St. there is no guarantee that the way will be open.

A single lane of traffic from Harris to Main will be maintained wherever possible but instead of chancing it after a long day they suggest you use the detour of seven until they are past Harris and on the hill.

Bus service is another concern. The Gray Coach and GO Bus have assured residents however that they will continue service along the detour route and to look for signs posted along the 4th Line and Eden Mills Road. They suggest that if you are unable to get to one of these temporary bus stops that bus drivers will stop for passengers along the route if they flag the bus down.

K. Chalmers

Taxes increase by 22.801 mills

The 1976 township taxes will be up by 22.801 mills. The mill rate increase passed Monday night by Eramosa township council is due mainly to the Wellington Board of Education, according to the councillors. The township itself raised the taxes only by 1.81 mill, while the board of education accounted for 21.72 mills of the increase. Last year the mill rate was 132.51; this year it will be 155.31. "You can blame this on the Board of Education," quipped Deputy Reeve Betty Lou Clark, when discussing the large increase. Councillor Dave Masson emphasized that the township kept their increase down to a bare minimum, while the board of education raised their budget. "People do not realize where the money is going, they just see their tax bill," he said. It was a unanimous decision to adopt the proposed budget.

| CONSOLIDATED MILL RATE | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Township | Public - Separate | Residential & Farm Commercial & Business |
| Rockwood | 157.984 | 179.783 |
| Eden Mills | 163.951 | 186.457 |
| | 156.859 | 178.517 |
| | 162.866 | 185.919 |

| ERAMOSA BUDGET FOR 1976 | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| General Purposes | Fire Protection | Grand River Conservation |
| 4,293,478 | 230,597 | 13,978 |
| 4,553,969 | 8,115 | 132,229 |
| 238,712 | 4,553,969 | 222,571 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 14,791 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 29,400 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 4,793 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 6,400 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 92,622 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 28,756 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 13,978 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 132,229 |
| 238,712 | 238,712 | 222,571 |
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| 238,712 | 238,712 | 6,400 |

| AMOUNTS TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED | | |
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| Assessment | Mill Rate | Amount |
| Elementary Public | 48.875 | 209,844 |
| Elementary Separate | 64.806 | 12,523 |
| Secondary | 56.882 | 14,206 |
| Rockwood | 60.980 | 495 |
| Street Lights | 43.298 | 197,132 |
| Garbage | 48.098 | 11,482 |
| Eden Mills | 14.657 | 11,511 |
| Street Lights | 123,745 | 2,132 |
| Garbage | 785,920 | 4,882 |
| Eden Mills | 123,745 | 6,744 |
| Street Lights | 276,189 | 4,882 |
| Garbage | 123,745 | 711 |
| Eden Mills | 276,189 | 3,837 |
| Street Lights | 276,189 | 711 |
| Garbage | 9,273 | 3,700 |
| Fire Protection | 5,847 | 1,373 |
| G.R.C.A. | 5,847 | 54 |
| Recreation | 5,947 | 1,373 |
| Library | 6,997 | 54 |
| County | 2,891 | 27,082 |
| Township | 3,401 | 1,670 |
| Police Villages | 1,323 | 13,166 |
| | 1,857 | 812 |
| | 1,857 | 6,026 |
| | 1,857 | 372 |
| | 1,857 | 4,513 |
| | 1,857 | 278 |
| | 27,350 | 124,551 |
| | 32,176 | 7,681 |
| | 24,050 | 86,074 |
| | 29,080 | 3,085 |
| | 2,858 | 3,036 |
| | 3,262 | 447 |

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