



Another view of the new Senior Citizens' Apartment building in Rockwood. Its size and the multi-colored siding has residents up in arms protesting to local councillors and Queen's Park.

Colored siding. . .

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building "stopped immediately for further professional consideration."

She wrote citizens have talked to MP Beatty and he is "both furious and concerned."

"The creature has literally grown overnight and we, the residents of the village, were never notified as to its amazing growth potential," Mrs. Root wrote. The neighbors in the immediate area "never did have an opportunity to request that it be built as originally planned and in conjunction with the aesthetic requirements of the street." She complained that normally in Eramosa neighbors are asked to "approve" things happening which will impact on their properties, but in this case they were "ignored."

In her brief, Mrs. Root called the building "a monster" which has "emerged" on Guelph St. What was once a "dream retirement home" for seniors has developed into the "most incongruously ugly building ever conceived for a quiet, delightfully-tasteful community."

She asked how such an "abhorrence" was allowed to happen and said residents have been watching its development with "incredulity." McLeod explained as each new color, first brown, then green and now blue was put on the building, the howls of community protest have grown. McLeod predicted as more colors are added the protest will gather "steam."

"We, the citizens are extremely disappointed and concerned. We wonder about the lack of foresight; the display of poor taste and the utter deficiency of consideration for the aesthetic welfare of our community, especially for those people whose homes are directly facing or in view of such a monstrosity. So many seniors had looked forward to a continuance of pleasant living in their own hometown. Now they express considerations of leaving the community entirely rather than take up residence in the nightmarishly ugly calamity," Mrs. Root declared.

"The amazing phenomena has literally gone against the original publicly-presented plan of a neat, two-story brick complex with a courtyard, set on a beautiful property in a very convenient location. But, without public input, without thought as to whether its design was compatible with the surrounding properties or whether it would upgrade or deface other homes located in its vicinity, the enigma has expanded from all directions like a mammoth disease. In short, cosmetically, the newly-erected senior citizens residence in our town is an insult to the integrity of the citizens of both the township and this village."

"What we are most interested in is what can now be done to correct an obviously blatant error in judgment and sense. How can we restore some kind of order out of such a terrible mistake and, further, how is

Seniors' apartments ready by September

The Rockwood Senior Citizens' apartment building, now under construction for the Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation, is expected to be completed, landscaped, and ready for occupancy by September. George Schiedel Construction Inc., of Hespeler, Ontario, have made good progress with the building and there have been no delays in construction.

A press release from the board says interviews are now being conducted with applicants for suites in the building. Bob King, secretary of the corporation, reports that 23 applications have been received and of these, 17 have been interviewed. An immediate problem is that under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regulations for Non-Profit Housing developments, only 14 of the 26 suites in this building can be on a Rent-Geared-to-Income basis.

The Rent-Geared to Income is calculated on a tenant paying approximately 25 per cent of their monthly income in rent. The

Rockwood

Rec. committee is sponsoring lessons

by Barbara Funk
swimming lessons at the Conservation Area again this summer. The lessons will begin on July 18 and run through to August 5. There will be a \$10 fee. Registration will be on June 21 at the Centennial School in the main foyer from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For further information call Nancy Rockola at 856-9964.

The Rockwood Squirts Soccer Team chalked up another win last Wed. evening. They played Pineview A at Pineview. The final score was 2-0.

There will be an Arts and Crafts Show on Friday June 24 at Rockwood Centennial School. Those wishing to compete must have their entries to the school before 6 p.m. on Friday evening. The doors will open at 7.30 p.m. and the show will continue till 11 p.m. There will be prizes awarded. Call Butch Given at 856-9963 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for more information.

And another reminder: The Lions chicken barbeque will be on Saturday June 25 at Rockwood Centre. The Lions will be serving chicken, salads and desserts from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.25 under 12 years and will be available at the door or from any Lion.

The Lions will also be sponsoring a dance

to be paid for. Certainly not by the Village of Rockwood or those whose homes are directly within its view. The devaluation of their property alone would have probably tripled the possible cost of re-bricking. So who is it to be? Which government body was stupid enough to pour our hard-earned tax dollars into such a catastrophe and what official is big enough and valiant enough to contest the problem?

"These are our questions. Many are our concerns. How are our township fathers, the caretakers of our community, prepared to correct the disaster which can only serve to antagonize, disrupt and fracture a peaceful community whose only sin was to request that their senior friends, relatives and neighbors could continue to stay on in the township?"

Mrs. Root, in her letter to Bennett, said "hopefully this can be resolved without rancor and difficulty." She also professed "government impositions" and urged the government and citizens work together, as opposed to the citizens "being dictated to without opportunity to express their own opinions." Mrs. Root asked Bennett to reconsider the project even at "this late date," adding it is never too late to rectify a bad decision.

McLeod complained there was no notice of last week's meeting and the board had already decided to proceed with the project after a closed meeting on June 9, despite residents complaints. He noted Reeve Murray Cox and Deputy Reeve Gord Baldwin sit on the board.

McLeod claimed the board and council still don't have a final "perspective" of how the building will look. Plans haYe neYe been tabled. Mrs. Dawe said she felt the board of directors don't seem to know for sure what all the final colors will be. All the board seems to have, McLeod explained, is a view of the building with colors drawn on with crayon.

The two citizens said residents are confused because Coxe has indicated to them that they'd appreciate Citizens' help in having changes made, yet provincial officials have told them changes must be initiated by the Township. McLeod suggested the color scheme and project is a "guinea pig", this concept hasn't been used before.

They emphasized citizens still feel there is a need for a seniors' apartment building and it has been built in the right spot, what they object to is the size and color scheme which "doesn't fit into the community!"

"It's a bad aesthetic design. In fact, it's offensive," McLeod declared.

Citizens plan to continue to make "noise" about the size and colored siding. "We will contact all of our political representatives in the hopes someone will go out on a limb for us and help us instead of passing the buck," Mrs. Dawe declared.

market rents set for this project are \$320 per month for the one bedroom suites and \$365 per month for the two bedroom suites. To the extent that 25 per cent of income is a reasonable rate, prospective tenants who pay market rents must have incomes of \$1,280 to \$1,440 per month. The Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation directors are hoping that the opportunity to have excellent rental accommodation and to move into a new building in Rockwood will bring a number of interested tenants to town.

The directors of the Corporation are now seeking a suitable name for the apartments. Suggestions to date have been: "Eramosa Senior Citizens Housing, Rockwood"; "Rock Well House"; "Eramosa Apartment Homes". Anyone suggesting a suitable name, please send it to the Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation, c/o Eramosa Township Offices, Rockwood, Ont.

on Saturday June 25 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. The tickets for the dance will be \$10 a couple and there will be a midnight buffet. The music will be provided by Mint Green. This is the last dance of the season, so we'll see you there.

The Eramosa-Rockwood Fire Department answered two alarms this past week, both on Monday June 20. In the morning they responded to a house fire on Ash St. at Eden Mills.

In the afternoon they responded to a resuscitator call to a home on Pine St.

Wrecking yard. . .

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people had been "tolerant" and "understanding" long enough.

Page said all alleged bylaw infractions should be dealt with as a package and the bylaw should be applied equally to all operations.

He continued the crux of the problem was "social", people don't like wrecking yards, but they are necessary. Halton Auto Wreckers had been there longer than most of the complaining residents, which citizens loudly rejected, one pointing out she has been in Limehouse 70 years.

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