



There's something for everyone at Fabry Lake, including the roundabout which recently had the undivided attention of Todd and Sara Graham and Sarah Harwood and Rich Hyndman. There are also slides, swings and a host of other playground items for those of all ages at Prospect Park.

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from Barb Wynneck and others. An elevator can't be in a building of less than three storeys.

He said it appears board members never really knew what the outside would look like, they never saw an architect's drawing colored, but they did see lots of blueprints.

He noted the board was told by a Queen's Park official that the community might be complaining but the architect, who didn't attend Thursday's meeting, will get an award for his design.

Board members raised concerns about the color scheme, but provincial officials said there were no funds available and board meeting minutes indicated the architect felt local concerns didn't matter.

Total cost of the 26 unit complex is \$1.032 million, a cost of just under \$40,000 per unit which is the provincial ceiling. King reviewed all costs associated with the project, including the fact 90 per cent of the annual deficit or difference between the mortgage cost and the building's income will be covered by the federal government. The mortgage runs 35 years.

King reported the board only received a drawing recently showing color after Queen's Park officials ordered the architect to do one and keep the cost down.

He also admitted the board and other officials have never been given answers regarding the costs of the aluminum siding versus brick.

King noted the building design, as with everything else in this project, is covered by an agreement between the federal and provincial governments and the board. All three levels of government approved the plans and budget. The local board is appointed by Township council.

Mrs. Marshall felt they had always had to go along with the chosen architect's design since dollars had been spent on the elevator and making the apartments a little larger.

Residents kept saying it sounded to them like the architect was "running the show," wasn't listening to the board members, and didn't care what Rockwood thought of his color scheme.

The meeting was told the foundation isn't built to take a brick siding, but adjustments to the foundation could be made.

Asked if the board and councillors would go to bat for citizens of Rockwood to have exterior changes made, Mrs. Marshall observed she and others have spent many hours on this "worthy" project and "what's happened has happened. I can see no way out. There's nothing we can do about it now. There's no more money." Her remarks were repeated by board members all night long.

Residents didn't present a real consensus, but did suggest the building be just a couple of colors, or half brick and siding, or all brick, etc.

A builder in the audience, Allan Burns, urged the board lodge on official protest of the color scheme with the federal and provincial governments before the project is finished, warning it will take years to have changes made after the project is completed if there aren't complaints now.

Other residents warned the siding will buckle and fade and be costly to maintain. Citizens also thought \$22,000 for landscaping should be saved for exterior renovations and the community could landscape the grounds. Repeatedly residents said an expert should be brought in to come up with a rescue plan, with cost estimates for the exterior.

Also the audience was reminded the Rockwood Post Office didn't originally look very good, but pressure on government produced changes and the same thing must be done this time.

While the whole community wasn't at the meeting, citizens noted over 200 people signed petition and even names from out of town on the petition were people who had once lived in Rockwood and still visit the village.

The complained about getting government run-arounds, the province says complain to the housing board, the housing board tells citizens to go to the province.

Several citizens said they hadn't applied to sit on the housing board because they were told there was nothing which could be done about the exterior now.

Cox said there were contracts in connection with the design and construction and they couldn't be broken. However, Burns countered change orders are routine during a project and there should be a change order in this case.

Cox told the audience they were trying to stop the project and were only thinking of their "personal feelings and not the senior citizens."

King said the board wanted the blue siding removed but the architect rejected the idea. Also changing the siding when it was all ordered would cost \$2.25 a square foot and delay the project opening. In addition, while the board can suggest a change order, it must be approved by the province.

The board meeting is supposed to take place this week and citizens formally presented their brief to Eramosa council Monday night.

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Fire destroys Morrison barn

It's really a numbing shock to see your barn and all its contents go up in smoke and flames. Alex and Helen Morrison of the Erin-Eramosa Town Line, on lot 17, still don't know what caused the fire Wednesday night, but they do know it consumed the barn, some pigs, tractor and implements, grain and their spring crop of hay, besides numerous other things that will come up missing in days to come. The Hillsburgh fire Department responded to the call within minutes, and seeing the barn was beyond saving, confined their efforts to saving the house, which was close enough that the aluminum siding was warped.

Sandra Ferguson, a teacher of Remedial and Core French at Brisbane, has completed a three week Learning Disability course at the University of Waterloo.

Byron and Blanche Bruce had a refreshing weekend holiday, when they drove to Owen Sound and Midland, and beat the heat on a 30,000 Island boat cruise. They also had a visit with George and Elsie Rudder at Beaver Valley. The Rudders lived on 25 highway, and north nine years ago.

Jim Ferrier of Cambridge, was the visiting speaker at Knox Church on Sunday morning. He is at present a theological student at the Presbyterian College in Montreal. He spoke about Jesus commissioning his disciples for furthering His work, saying, it is not easy to lose those we love. It is all too easy to give up hope, but love is excellent and all powerful. The ultimate ground being is God and God alone. Debbie Ellis of Cambridge was organist.

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