

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Town Council's salary, expenses and attendance reports issued

The cost of municipal politicians in Guelph/Ermosa Township in 2011 was \$84,862 for salaries and expenses, down three per cent from the previous year.

The annual mandatory remuneration and expenses report, filed with council last week, showed that Mayor Chris White received \$32,067 – down 18 per cent from 2010 – which included \$14,817 in salary, \$12,750 for extra meetings and \$4,499 in expenses including \$1,320

in training and conference per diems and \$3,179 for mileage.

Each councillor received \$9,878 in remuneration and varying amounts for extra meetings, training and conference per diems and mileage, except Councillor Doug Breen who did not claim any mileage, and Mayor White who did not claim any conference accommodation/parking expenses.

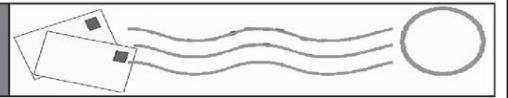
An accompanying attendance report for 2011 Councillor Cory Woods

had perfect attendance at regular and special council meetings and at strategic planning and standing committee meetings. Mayor White missed one committee meeting and Councillor Breen missed one strategic planning meeting. Councillor John Scott was absent from three regular council meetings and one strategic planning meeting, and Councillor David Wolk was absent from one regular council meeting and one special council meeting.



SCOUT/GUIDE WEEK: Rockwood Scouts and Guides recently celebrated the birthday of their Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife, the World Chief Guide, Lady Olave Baden-Powell. The Scouts/Guides checked out several reptiles and critters at Safari Science in Oakville. – Submitted photo

Letters



Dear Editor,

I read the letter RE: Tim Hortons Support from an anonymous writer and my heart sank. I was disappointed that this writer was able to readily bash local businesses without recognizing who they are and what they actually do in our community. The writer speaks of "the same ol' less than mediocre grocery store." The author is no doubt speaking of the Rockwood Foodland. I feel that people need to be aware of what local businesses do for the community whether they appreciate them or not. Rockwood Foodland is one of the most supportive businesses I know in our town. For those who don't know, they sponsor everything from sports teams, community events, the beautiful conservation

park, church groups, the food bank, the fire department and practically anyone who comes in asking for help.

When I go into the grocery store, I am greeted by the most friendly staff, who are super helpful and fun. If you can't find what you are looking for, they will help, if they don't have it and you request it, they will get it for you. I think that is amazing of them. I don't get that kind of service from big box stores. That is what is so remarkable about our community. Businesses like Rockwood Foodland and others, who may not have a new and fresh look to them, still provide the needs of our town. I am also a small business owner that looks after the health of our community and would do anything to help those in need

within my scope. I have held fundraisers to assist people in need in our own community as opposed to larger facilities that may not reach those right here in our backyard. Rockwood Foodland helped me provide food for my event, and in turn we raised money to help families where one was diagnosed with a neurological disorder. I hope that this letter will help our community be more proactive than reactive and pray that people look in the mirror before they look out the window. Do what's right, support their local communities, ask what they can do to help instead of bash those who are trying to make a difference.

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Naturopathic Doctor

To the Editor,

Re: Tim Hortons-Rockwood
Let us hear some word of support for Rockwood to counteract the gloom and doom put forward by the Tim Hortons propon-

ents (who don't have the confidence to sign their names to their opinions). Our grocery store, though small, is well stocked for its size (the quality of its meat is excellent). We

have a very comprehensively equipped hardware store. Heaven on Seven is as fine a bistro as you will find anywhere. Our local library is wonderful. Need your lawnmower fixed? It can be done right here in the village and our local craftspeople will build you the sofa of your choice. Rockwood an under serviced ghost town? I think not. Sure there are areas that could do with sprucing up and perhaps when all the road works are completed more businesses might open. A Tim Horton's franchise is not going to be the magic wand of change – it caters to a passing trade. Let's keep Rockwood as a village with some individuality. Finally- you don't have to drive out of town for a cup of coffee- make your own (or go to the Whistlestop or DJs.)

Yours sincerely,
Chris Haworth



East Wellington Family Health Team

Check out our upcoming FREE workshops:

Relaxation and Stress Management Skills Training – 6 wk. series

Rockwood: starts Tuesday, April 3rd, 6:30-8:00pm and runs for 6 weeks

Better Sleep

Erin: Wednesday, April 11th, 6:30-8:30pm

Heart Health Nutrition

Rockwood: Tuesday, April 10th, 3:00-5:00pm

Erin: Thursday, April 12th, 9:30-11:30am

Nutrition for High Blood Pressure

Rockwood: Tuesday, April 17th, 3:00-5:00pm

Erin: Thursday, April 19th, 9:30-11:30am

Pre-diabetes: Your Chance to Change the Future

Rockwood: Thursday, April 12th, 6:30-8:00pm

Living Well with Diabetes

Erin: Thursday, April 19th, 6:30-8:00pm

You must pre-register. To do so, or for more information about these sessions, go to www.ewfht.ca and click on "Workshops" or call 519-833-7576 ext. 341

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