

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## Guelph/Eramosa Council approves \$4.2-million in after-budget spending

Less than three months after hammering out a budget with a 7.5 per cent tax Township tax hike, Guelph/Eramosa Township Council approved spending \$4.2-million for three projects it could not afford in February.

Using \$3.1-million in borrowed money, and using Gas Tax revenue, Council will spend \$2.2-million to accelerate reconstruction of Jones Baseline Road, from County Road 124 to County Road 22, \$981,180 to reconstruct Sideroad 20 between Jones Baseline Road and Fifth Line, and \$1-million for an addition to the Brucedale municipal offices.

The project spending will not increase taxes this year, but could impact future budgets as the debt is repaid. The borrowing will nearly double the Township's long-

term debt. The Township budget approved in late February included funding to reconstruct a portion of Jones Baseline Road this year.

There was no money earmarked to reconstruct portions of Sideroad 20 from Jones Baseline Road to the Fifth Line, or sections of Sideroad 20, or to put an addition on the municipal offices, which currently are so crowded that three department heads are located in a trailer in the parking lot.

Asked how they now can afford these projects, Mayor Chris White pointed to historically low interest rates. "We looked at the rate and mulled it over for a while and decided the rates are so low – basically the cost of inflation – and we should move in this now," White said after the meeting, adding the

government stimulus funding has dried up, so construction companies are available for work, and they now have a comprehensive report on the state of Township roads.

He said they will also save money because it costs less to maintain an asphalt road than a gravel one, and this plans results in the conversion of 22 per cent of their gravel roads to asphalt – 13-kilometres – within five years. "We're not piling debt on debt on debt," White said, acknowledging that "borrowing is a deferred tax..." but the Township's debt load is the lowest in Wellington County.

Councillor Doug Breen said timing is everything and since they can borrow so cheaply, it is "responsible and intelligent" to do so without spreading themselves too thin.

## Township Digest

### New hiking trail for Trail Club

Guelph Hiking Trail Club invites everyone to the grand opening of a new trail along the Radial Trail Line. On June 2, the Trail Club will be celebrating International Trails Day with the grand opening and inaugural Trails Day with the grand opening and inaugural hike along a new section of trail on the Radial Line Trail. Acton area landowners have given permission for the Guelph Hiking Trail Club to route a trail through their cedar forest which takes Section Seven of the Radial Line Trail off road for 1.5+

km. The hikes begin after a short 2 pm opening ceremony. Bring water and bug protection. This is a Tortoise and Hare hike, with a 2.5 hour hike for faster walkers and an easy 45 minute walk for those wishing a shorter hike length. Meet at Sideroad 25, just before 25 Hwy junction, at the newly installed stile. There is also a Guelph meeting point, for folks wishing to carpool to the start point of the hike. Please meet at Guelph's covered bridge by 1:15pm, and carpooling will be arranged. For more details: contact

### John Fisher 519-853-1719 GRCA summer camp openings

The Grand River Conservation Authority has increased the variety of summer camps on offer this year in order to encourage kids to keep learning and making friends in the great outdoors all summer. A few camps are already sold out but there are still a multitude of different types of camps at five locations in the Grand River watershed including Rockwood, which has six camps available for kids six to 16 years old. Registration is easy and available online at [www.grandriver.eventbrite.com](http://www.grandriver.eventbrite.com).

## Police Report

### Five Vehicles Involved in "Chain Reaction" Collision

On Tuesday, May 15, at 3:40 p.m., Guelph Police responded to a personal injury collision located at the intersection of Stone Road East and College Avenue in Guelph. Investigation revealed that a 2008 Nissan was travelling westbound on Stone Road East at approximately 60km/h, the driver was engaged in conversation with a passenger and struck the rear of a stopped vehicle. The force caused a chain re-

action collision involving four other vehicles.

A female from Fergus in the first struck vehicle was transported to the hospital by Guelph Wellington EMS with neck injuries.

Three of the vehicles

sustained approximately \$11,000 in damage.

The 31 year old male driver of the Nissan from Acton was charged with Careless Driving and will appear in court in July.

If anyone has information in relation to this incident please contact Constable Dave Allen of the Guelph Police Service Traffic Unit at 519-824-1212 ext. 7155.

### OUTREACH AND SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER

We are looking for an experienced Community Developer with Program Design skills. A background in Human Services and Volunteer Management is mandatory. This position requires the use of a reliable vehicle.

Full details can be viewed at: [www.ew-cs.com](http://www.ew-cs.com)

Resumes can be sent to: [nancy.h@ew-cs.com](mailto:nancy.h@ew-cs.com) prior to **May 28 2012**



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Century Theatre Guild presents

ACT CO

Keith Assoun Rhonda Hewitson Peter King  
Brigida Scholten in Martyn Worsnop

## Murder by the Book



A mystery-thriller

By **Duncan Greenwood & Robert King**

Directed by **Neville Worsnop**

**May 25—June 3**

Fridays, Saturdays at 8:00pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm \$18 inclusive

Dinner at the Theatre Friday, May 25 6:15pm  
\$28 inclusive Must be pre-booked



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## East Wellington Family Health Team

**Feeling tired? Lacking energy? Trouble managing weight?**

**Get moving! Walk-fit is for you!**

No cost, no huge time commitment, no special equipment other than a good pair of walking shoes. The East Wellington Family Health Team is partnering with Rockwood Physiofitness to provide a 6-week walking group

Professionally trained Erin Physiofitness staff will show you how to warm-up and cool down safely.

*Conversation as you walk helps to make walking fun!*

**WHEN:** Friday mornings, 9:00 - 10:15am, starting Friday, May 25th

**WHERE:** Group will warm up and leave from the East Wellington Family Health Team clinic, located at 175 Alma Street, Rockwood

**COST:** FREE! Courtesy of Rockwood Physiofitness and the East Wellington Family Health Team

**HOW:** Register by calling (519) 833-7576 ext. 341 or go to [www.ewfht.ca](http://www.ewfht.ca) and click on "Workshops"

*Do something for yourself. You don't have to be experienced with fitness, you just have to be able to walk.*