



Need, not growth, behind new Rockwood school plans

On Tuesday, Guelph/Eramosa Township politicians face three questions on the proposed \$6-million public school in south Rockwood – will they endorse a favourable Municipal Comprehensive review, provide comments to the County on a severance, and approve a rezoning application for the six-acre school site at the end of MacLennan Street and Parkinson Drive?

Approximately 50 people attended a joint Township/Upper Grand District School Board public meeting on Monday at Rockmosa to hear details of the applications, and changes made after safety, traffic and site layout issues were raised by residents at an open house in March.

With Rockwood Centennial School over capacity by 200 students, and room only for the six portables already on site, the advent of Junior

Kindergarten means the school board needs a new school for 308 students to open next September.

School board consultant Bill Green detailed how the main issues of access and safety would be resolved by removing a turning circle at MacLennan, installing a continuous curved sidewalk and lengthening a kiss and ride drop-off area on the school site.

Resident George McCowan thinks with all of the parents who drive their “little darlings” to school, there will be too much congestion, and fire trucks won’t be able to reach the area under some conditions. Green said many homes within easy walking distance of the school and there will be three busses daily and there would be an approved fire route.

Parkinson Drive resident Tim Manley’s concerns about traffic impacts on Highway 7 led

Guelph/Eramosa Township Mayor Chris White to note they hope to get a traffic light at Highway 7 and MacLennan Street, and have approval to create another crosswalk in front of Lion’s Park, which could be moved to MacLennan if the school is approved.

Christie Street resident Ian MacDonald annoyed



ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE: Approximately 50 people attended a joint Guelph/Eramosa Township/Upper Grand District School Board meeting on Monday night at Rockmosa to talk about plans to expand Rockwood’s boundary to allow a six-acre public school site at the south end of the village. – Frances Learment photo

several councillors with his repeated assertion that before Council goes beyond the existing boundary, village residents should be asked where they want growth to occur.

“This hasn’t been a question of growth. This is a question of a school

needed in the south end (and) the school board has money from the province and they’re putting it in,” Mayor Chris White said, comments echoed by Councillor Doug Breen who said they need a new school now for students already in Rockwood, and it was needed 30 years ago.

School board officials said it takes 10 months to build a school, so they need to be in the ground before this September to open for the 2014 school year.

All of the reports related to the proposed school are available on the Township website at www.get.on.ca

GIANT LAWN & GARDEN 5TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday May 25 10:00 AM

Consisting of New & Used Equipment, Mowers, Tillers,
Riding Tractors and Chain Saws.

LOCATION: Jim’s Repair Shop, Rockwood at 105 Alma St.
on the corner at the lights

MOWERS & TILLERS

Approx. 30 Lawn Tractors c/w mower decks range from 19 - 26 HP deck sizes from 42” to 54” widths. Lots of walk behind push mowers, 3 in 1’s - power assist and manual sizes vary from 19-22”, Roto Tillers front and rear tine sizes vary from 14” to 24”. Quantity of chainsaws, leaf blowers, Weedeaters, both gas and electric powered, 3- zero turn mowers. A lot of lawn tractors are Husqvarna with other makes & models as well. All above are new and scratch and dent machines, some still in boxes.

USED EQUIPMENT

There will be numerous pieces & tractors not listed at ad time due to daily business.

ALL NEW EQUIPMENT INCLUDES HUSQVARNA/CRAFTSMAN/POULAN ETC.

Note: List subject to change due to regular business day transactions!

AUCTION NOTE: This is an auction not to miss as Jim has purchased an entire warehouse lot of new & scratch n’ dent inventory & has no room. All items must go! A great opportunity to purchase new machines and put them to work!

GOOD LUNCH BOOTH ON SITE!

VIEWING: Friday, May 24 2013 12-4PM or Sale Day 8AM to Sale Time.

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TOWNSHIP SHORTS

VOLUNTEERS HONOURED

The man responsible for the ice at Lloyd Dyer Park – Rockwood’s Ken Cornelisse – was honoured recently for his volunteer work with local sports with a Wellington Volunteer Appreciation Award. Cornelisse, a Ministry of Natural Resources employee, was one of seven award recipients at a County Council meeting thanked for donating their times and talents to the community.

As a coach, Cornelisse devoted many years Rockwood Minor Soccer and the Stanley Stick Hockey Association in Guelph. He has been a Township ice rink volunteer for 12 years

and lead hand at Lloyd Dyer Park for nine years.

EDEN MILLS MUSIC

The Guelph Ceili band *House of Good Cheer* presents a night of music and dancing at the Eden Mills Community Hall on Saturday, June 1 at 8 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for the Hall.

The sounds of harps and voices will fill an Eden Mills residence on Sunday, June 8 during a joint performance of original and traditional music. The house concert is a 2 p.m., at 100 York Street.

Tickets for both events are available at 100 York Street, Eden Mills, or call Elizabeth at 519-856-2259 or elizabeth@waterside.ca