



TOWNSHIP DIGEST

STUDENT WALK PROTEST

School board experts say the route some Rockwood students take to school along Highway 7 is safe, but those students' parents are not convinced and staged a protest walk along the route recently to press their point.

The walk followed a 6-4 vote by the Upper Grand District School Board not to continue a bus service for the students this September, a savings of \$85,000 for the Board

and \$15,000 for Guelph/Eramosa Township, which agreed to share the annual cost during reconstruction of Highway 7 through the village.

Construction began in 2008 and has now wrapped up, but some parents are concerned that young children must walk on a busy road – Ministry of Transportation figures show 583 cars pass through the Highway 7 – Harris Street intersection hourly. Parents also complain that the Board's standard of a maximum

2.4-kilometres walking distance to school for up to Grade six students to be eligible for bussing is the longest in the province – most boards use a 1.6 kilometre maximum.

Township officials said they would continue providing the \$15,000 annually as long as there is bussing, and suggested the money could instead be used to install a pedestrian cross-over at Lions Park on Highway 7, although a traffic light – which is not warranted – would be even safer.

Halton Hills wants ideas for Mayor's Community Energy Plan

Halton Hills needs ideas, creativity and feedback from the public to build on the ideas generated at the recent workshops for the Mayor's Community Energy Plan. Everyone is encouraged to contribute additional ideas and to vote for their favourites through an online community brainstorming tool available at: www.haltonhills.ideascale.com

The Town wants to know how it can save energy in Halton Hills, and how it can reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Halton Hills. "Our Community Energy Plan will lead to efficiencies, reduced operating costs,

lower greenhouse gas emissions, community awareness and corporate leadership on energy matters," said Mayor Rick Bonnette., adding, "to help shape the Energy Plan, I invite everyone to take a moment to add their ideas on how we can save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and vote for their favourites. I look forward to seeing the creativity of our community."

Energy is critical to our everyday lives. It supports our quality of life and is important to business success. While it can be a major cost factor, it is also an opportunity to

achieve savings through efficiencies. The Mayor's Community Energy Plan implements relevant goals of the Imagine Halton Hills Community Sustainability Strategy.

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives is available via:

- www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability
- www.haltonhills.ca/initiatives/CommunityEnergyPlan.php
- [www.twitter.com/ImagineHH](https://twitter.com/ImagineHH) or @ImagineHH
- www.facebook.com/ImagineHaltonHills

Explore energy conservation at Halton Hills Hydro at:

www.haltonhillshydro.com/conservation.asp

Care and concern of Rockwood posties honoured with cake

Rockwood Post Office staff were recognized recently by an elderly resident of the community, and then by management, for their care and concern of a customer who wrote to Canada Post in appreciation to the staff while she was in hospital for an extended stay.

The resident wrote: "I have found staff members really concerned personally. When I returned after a period in hospital my piled up mail was brought to my home."

Canada Post Supervisor Rhondell Hinds said he passed on management's appreciation with a cake on June 13.



POSTAL PRAISE: Rockwood Post Office employees, including from left: Kelley Mustard, Peter Cowie, Jamie Hernandez, Sue Hilton, Barb Hilton, Shelley Gallinger, Brenda Mclean, Dawn Simpson, Dale Williams, Stan Denstedt, Kelly Vanderploeg and Rhondell Hinds, were recently thanked for their concern by an elderly village resident who had been hospitalized. Canada Post thanked the workers with a celebratory cake last month. – Submitted photo



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