



**ROCKWOOD REMEMBERS:** At solemn services at the Rockwood Cenotaph on Saturday and Monday, Rockwood area residents honoured those who fought for freedom and peace. — George Wang photo

## The ROCKWOOD Miller

### OPP LOSE MOUNTED UNIT

Bosco, Jasper and Moose will be put out to pasture with Wellington County Council's recent vote to dismantle



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the OPP's mounted unit, after 11 years service. The move will save approximately \$250,000 a year — money the Police Service Board, and then County Council in a closed session, determined would be better spent put two officers on the beat.

The mounted units were first used in the field for patrol and crowd control in 2000 at an international ploughing event, and have been popular at fall fairs and other community events.

### WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Wellington OPP reminds motorists to be prepared for winter driving as the start of the cold season can present some of the worst driving conditions. Fluctuations in temperatures greatly influence the roadways and by taking extra precautions you will increase your chances of safe travels.

- Ensure your vehicle is winter ready and has received regular maintenance

- Plan your trip and check weather conditions

- Notify a family member or friend of your destination and potential arrival time

- SLOW DOWN - Take your time and create distance between vehicles

- DO NOT PASS winter maintenance vehicles

- If you're not comfortable driving during the winter months, don't drive

- Consider a winter driving course

- Have extra windshield fluid and at least half a tank of gas

- Have an emergency kit — battery jumper cables, first aid kit, shovel, multi-tool, blanket, extra clothing, high calorie non-perishable food supply, flashlight, ice-snow scraper, and cell phone

- Check the Ministry of Transportation website prior to leaving for road conditions. Please do not call 911 or the OPP for road reports - visit [www.mto.on.ca/english/travellers](http://www.mto.on.ca/english/travellers)

## Township Digest

### CAO SEARCH

The consultant hired to help Guelph/Eramosa Township (GET) council find a new CAO favours a small interview committee, but Mayor Chris White wants wider political input in the selection committee. "It's a big step and an important decision," White said, adding he thinks all councillors will want to express their views on the selection committee process.

Consultant Nigel Bellchamber recommended the mayor and one member of council do the initial interviews — he said "smaller gets better results" — but would work with whatever council decides. Bellchamber has already interviewed councillors and staff for their input, and the timetable approved by council includes first interviews with the consultant and selection committee on December 6, a second interview — likely with the whole council and probably with one candidate, maybe two, on December 16, with the earliest start date of February 4.

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CAO Janice Sheppard recently announced her intention to retire at the end of year, Bellchamber said staff have expressed regret at the loss of "corporate memory" with her retirement after 36 years of municipal service, the last 14 as CAO.

### BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE

October was a good month for Guelph/Eramosa Township when it came to issuing building permits for construction that will generate more taxes. During September, 15 permits were issued with a total construction value of \$489,800 according to Chief Building Official Michel Newark who delivered the good news at the November 4 meeting.

Newark said 174 building permits have been issued this year with a construction value of \$8.1-million, and with construction of the Rockwood public school and a mausoleum, he expects to issue at least 20 permits this month.

### HONOURING PIONEERS

Ryckman, Jolliffe, Ramsey, Osburn and Harris — the names of Eramosa/Rockwood pioneers will live forever as five municipal parks in south Rockwood have been named in their honour.

Guelph/Eramosa Township council, in accordance with its policy that calls for new street names to "recognize and honour the Township's war dead and pioneer families," endorsed the heritage names at its recent meeting.

Robin Milne, the Township's Manager of Parks and Recreation said their research included the work of local author/historian Deb Quaille and Wellington County Archives to select the names. He said two Ramsey Parks — areas on Ridge Road and Ridgetop Crescent — were named after three Irish brothers, the Ramseys, who were the first actual Eramosa settlers when they walked to the area in 1819 from Dundas.

## EWCS NEWS

**Winter Festival of Lights**  
Join the 55 Plus Club to the Winter Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls and see 125 light displays...that's over three-million lights. A special highlight of the trip will be the Niagara Parks Commission's Floral Show house. Registration is required and this trip will sell out quickly.

Contact Rick to register and for more information at 519-856-2113.

### Do You Have a Baby?

Baby Steps has returned to Erin and Rockwood. Babies don't come with instruction manuals but through this program, you can make connections with other parents, talk to

our program coordinators about any challenges you may be experiencing, share stories with parents, listen to guest speakers and learn songs and rhymes to help soothe your little one.

This program is open to those aged birth to 12 months old and take place as follows:

The Rockwood sessions are Thursday mornings at the Rockwood Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.