



PEEWEE POWER: The Acton Precast Peeewe Athletics baseball team finished the season as champs, downing Georgetown Blue 15-12 for the title. The squad lost just one regular season game, and were undefeated in the finals. — Submitted photo



EXPECT DELAYS: The \$7-million reconstruction of Highway 7 in Rockwood means delays for motorists, but one lane of traffic will be open at all times while crews install new curbs, sidewalks and repave the highway from the Rockwood Conservation Area to George Street. Next year, the remainder of High-

way 7, from George Street to Regional Road 32, the Eden Mills cut-off, will be reconstructed.

— Marie Shadbolt photo.

New fee and service charge in Guelph/Eramosa

The cost to make a Fence Line Act application increased by 1,300 per cent — from \$50 to \$400 — as part of the new fees and services bylaw approved recently by Guelph/Eramosa Township Council.

Most municipal services are subsidized by property taxes, and while municipalities can decide which services to charge, and how much, they can only recover their costs.

Township Mayor Chris White said the fees had not been revised since 2003, and they are trying to set the new fees to get “full cost recovery” with the new schedule. “We don’t want the property taxpayers subsidizing services that individuals are using specifically... but we don’t want to lose money,” White said, adding some of the percentages look extremely dramatic, but the absolute dollars “really aren’t.”

New Township fees include a \$500 non-refundable, and \$1,000 refundable fee for Minor Site Plan amendment applications; \$10 to certify documents; \$165 for after-hour emergency water shutoffs and \$35 for repeat water meter read calls.

The cost to appeal a Fence Line decision jumps by 200 per cent to \$150, and the cost for a drainage inspection is now \$100 — a 53 per cent increase. Due to Canada Post increases, the Township now charges \$400, a \$50 increase, to mail its council agendas.

The Building Department, which functions solely on user fees, will review its fees later this year. No changes were made to the Parks and Recreation fees schedule because Council approved new user fees in January. A full list of changes can be found on the Town’s website www.get.on.ca

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