

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Township Digest

Special events policy

Faced with a growing number of requests, and subsequent complaints about Township roads being closed for special events like bike-a-thons, Guelph/Eramosa Township Council approved a new special event policy.

Special events relate to events on Township property or roads that require a road closure, and could include a parade, street dance, marathon, walk-a-thon, or festival that occupies all or part of the Township road, excluding a funeral or wedding procession, picketing, loading or unloading for a business purposes, charity drives and filming.

Once the Township clerk receives an application for a special

event and gets input from Township departments, the application would go to Council, which has discretion to consider the number of special events taking place on roads and within neighbourhoods, when making a decision.

The applicant must have adequate insurance (\$5-million), must notify affected residents in writing of the event and put up signs. For all competitive and timed events, there is a \$2 per participant fee, which will be put into a road reserve fund.

Councillor Corey Woods asked why the Township was not drafting a new bylaw for special events. Mayor Chris White said that a bylaw is more legislative, while a policy is a guideline. If the event requires a

temporary structure, the Building Department must determine if a building permit is required. Applicants are responsible for litter control and waste disposal, noise and parking control, and police and medical assistance. In addition to the Special Events policy, the Township has a policy for filming on Township streets and property and a policy for charity drives.

Charity auction

Proceeds from a Hallowe'en dance and auction at the Acton Legion on October 29 will benefit Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh). The event includes a light buffet, silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets are available at Blue Spring Spa, or by calling Cindy at 519-853-2671.



RENEWAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE: Three generations of the Coxe family laid a flower at the gravesite of their forebears, William and Mary (Storey) Coxe during a recent ceremony to mark the 175th anniversary of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church. On hand were great-grandson Bill Coxe (right), great-great granddaughter Heather (Coxe) Dancyger (left) and great-great-great granddaughters, from left: Ella Jordan and Ava Dancyger. – Submitted photo

Trillium grant for Eden Mills?

Before the end of the month, the Eden Mills community should know if the Ontario Trillium Foundation will approve a \$153,000 grant request to improve energy efficiency at the Eden Mills Community Hall.

The Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc., will manage construction at the Hall on behalf of the owners – the Eden Mills Community Club and Guelph/Eramosa Township. It applied for the grant as part of the village's efforts to reduce energy use at the Hall. The Trillium grant would help pay to insulate the ceiling and walls of the Hall, to add cladding and installing new windows

and entrance doors – all in an effort to make the Hall the centrepiece of the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral project.

The first priority of the initiative is conservation – lowering energy demand – and then the introduction of "green" energy sources. The plan is to do thermal conductivity testing to determine if a geothermal heating and cooling system is feasible.

In a delegation to Guelph/Eramosa Township Council last week, Charles Simon, representing the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association, asked for Council's endorsement of the Trillium grant request. He said they were "cautiously

optimistic" that they will get the Trillium grant, and based on an energy audit, they believe they can cut energy needs at the Hall by 56 per cent, and reduce CO2 emissions by 5.15-tonnes.

In response to Councillor Corey Woods asking if Council would be signing over responsibility for the Hall renovation to the Millpond Association, Simon said no, the Township would not have to accept any financial responsibility for the work. Noting that the Township's co-ownership of the Hall works well, Mayor Chris White called it an example of a public/private partnership that works.

Outside of the council chambers, Simon said the cost of the entire project at the Hall is \$550,478. With \$54,000 in cash, \$60,000 in already used in-kind donations, another \$126,000 in promised in-kind donations, and an ambitious fund-raising campaign, he said even without the Trillium grant, they would proceed with the renovations.

At the same time that the work is being done on the Hall, the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association plans to install solar panels in a recently donated parking area at the Hall. The plans call for landscaping the parking area and creating a new village square in front of the Hall on the main street.



East Wellington
Family Health Team

FREE WORKSHOPS AT THE EAST WELLINGTON FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

October Calendar

October 3 Stop Worrying 6:30-8:30pm Erin

Learn proven approaches to decrease worry as well as techniques to curb bedtime worrying

October 6 Heart Healthy Eating 4:00-5:30pm Erin

Control your risk of heart attack and stroke by selecting foods with healthy fats and fibre

October 13 Meal Planning 6:30-8:00pm Erin

Plan for healthy choices and amounts and learn how to overcome barriers to planning ahead

October 18 Shake the Salt Habit 6:30-8:00pm Rockwood

Easy steps to lower sodium in your diet: at home, eating out or when food shopping; learn to use the DASH diet to lower your blood pressure

October 20 Living with Diabetes 4:00-5:30pm Rockwood

Learn about resources to help you stay on track with your food choices, about monitoring to reach your health targets; problem-solving your everyday situations; dining out; what to do when ill, when your diabetes changes

Erin sessions held at the East Wellington Health Team clinic, located in the Erin Wellness Centre, at 6 Thompson Crescent.

Rockwood sessions held at the East Wellington Family Team clinic, located at 175 Alma Street

All sessions are **free** to the community but you must pre-register by calling (519) 833-7576 ext. 341 or you can register online at www.ewfht.ca and go to "Workshops"

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