



Guelph / Eramosa COUNCIL CHIPS By: Vivien Fleisher

Fear of Flyrock from proposed quarry blasting
 On the heels of the first agenda item - a public meeting opposing approval of Spencer Pit on the west side of the township - three residents within close proximity to the proposed Hidden Quarry went before council with their concerns over safety, given that blasting at the proposed category 2 operation will be a main feature. Acknowledging that it would be rare occurrence brings no comfort to neighbours deeply concerned over 'flyrock' landing on their properties. All feel strongly that setbacks

should at minimum be 300 feet (Rockwood is 1500 meters away), but at any distance, flying rock can kill.
 Dennis Campbell gathered a petition with 22 signatures, all in opposition to the proximity of the blasting, referencing US Bureau of Mines criteria, and Richards and Moore criteria, both of which see anything less than 300 meters as unacceptable risk. Campbell said he and his wife have two grandchildren, and worrying about rocks landing in their yard has ruined their retirement plans, concluding "If rocks don't kill us, the everyday stress will."

Business expansion
 Dean McKerracher runs an auto-detailing business out of the garage attached to his home on Main St. and now wants to build a separate garage accessible from Station St., requiring an encroachment agreement given three retaining walls which form his driveway encroach on Station St. Concerns over car-related substances being used on a residential site were allayed, since McKerracher is strictly in the business of detailing which does not use any degreasers or otherwise harmful materials. Council approved the site plan and encroachment agreement.

Structure fire in Morriston being treated as arson

On March 5, at approximately 4:30 a.m. Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a call from a motorist passing by regarding a structure fire at a vacant building located on Queen Street in Morriston.

the area in the early morning of February 5, 2017 that may have seen anyone or have any information regarding this incident to contact them at 1-888-310-1122.

Criminal Investigators from Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), West Region Criminal Operations, Forensic Identification Services Unit (FISU) and the Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) are investigating the fire as arson and have reason to believe that the fire was set deliberately.

Wellington County OPP are asking that any person that may have been in



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