



Guelph / Eramosa **COUNCIL CHIPS** By: Vivien Fleisher

**Ready to move ahead**  
After the township assumed Fellows Road off the north side of highway 7 in December, Keka Holdings Inc. was free to move forward on developing the currently vacant piece of land in their possession. Zoned 'rural industrial' with a special provision, no specific future use has been declared as yet. However, they asked for the removal of the holding provision that up until December was in place to prevent any development proposals until proper setbacks and non-highway vehicular access were established. The dedication of Fellows Road did just that. The Keka property is

almost kitty-corner to the southeast corner of the proposed Hidden Quarry site. The special provision prohibits fuel storage, service stations, storage of chemicals and other hazardous substances, and any kind of metal processing that would create hazardous by-products or use heavy-duty chemicals. It was recommended by town planning consultant Mitchell Avis that council approve the application.

**Line painting contract awarded to local company**

Three quotes for line painting were received in early March. The terms included that the work had to be completed by June

16 2017. Because of the firm deadline, the lowest bid was disqualified when it was discovered that the company, Apex Pavement Markings Inc., was in fact a rebranded Peterborough company the town had hired in 2013. They won the contract with the lowest bid, but never started the work. The town then hired the local company, RanN to start and complete the work, bearing extra costs in the process. While the RanN bid is roughly \$1000 more than Apex, the need for the work to be completed in a timely manner and the fact that it is still below the approved budget amount for 2017 made them the successful bidder.



**FINAL FINISHES:** The final touches are being done to the new Rockwood plaza bringing the work close to completion with 75 percent tenancy to date. The plaza is scheduled to be finished this month – Vivien Fleisher photo

**OPP REPORT**



**Charged with over 80 mgs**

On April 2 members of the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) check on Highway 7 west of Guelph.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. a red Toyota Echo entered the R.I.D.E. check. While speaking with the driver, officers detected the odour of alcohol on his breath. The driver was arrested after failing the Roadside Screening Device test, and was transported to a local OPP Operation Centre for further testing.

A 27-year-old of Kitchener man has been charged with Driving with Over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100mL of blood, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. He

is to appear in Guelph Criminal Court on May 5 to answer to the charge.

**Vehicle fire**

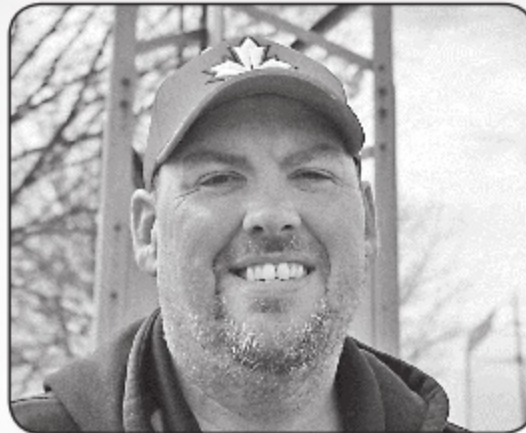
On March 31 at approximately 8 p.m. Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a call from Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department of a vehicle fire located at a rental property at 8006 Highway 7, Guelph/Eramosa Township.

Police attended, along with the Fire Department, and found a pickup truck was fully engulfed. There was also damage to another pickup truck parked nearby and minor damages to the shop's door.

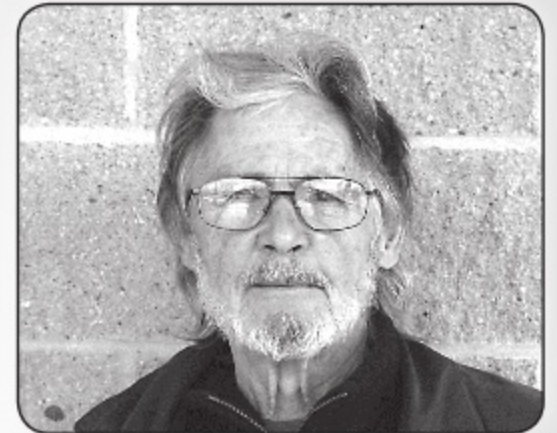
The cause of the fire was deemed not suspicious.



**“The federal government announced new maternity-leave guidelines in this year’s budget that will increase the maximum maternity leave from one year to eighteen months. Do you agree with it being extended?”**



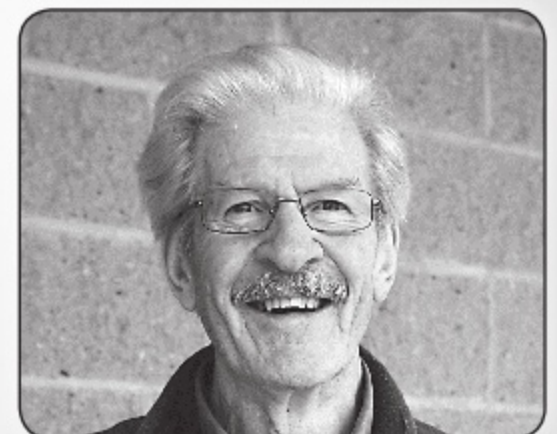
**Jamie Andrews:** “Yes. The extra time is perfect for the child being with the mother. They have paternity leave where I work too. You want to be there when your child is born and very young. They grow up fast.”



**Bob Girdwood:** “No. As a previous small business owner, I found it difficult. It’s unfair for the new employee who replaces the person on leave, and in eighteen months they’re barely trained.”



**Laura Christmas:** “Yes. I think it’s a good option. A lot of daycares don’t start until kids are eighteen months old.”



**Ian Spence:** “Yes. I don’t have children, but I can’t see it would do any harm.”