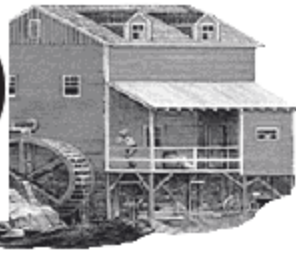


The ROCKWOOD Miller



Guelph / Eramosa COUNCIL CHIPS By: Vivien Fleisher

First of Two Delegations Presents MNRF-funded Report on Aggregates

The delegation of Stephanie DeGrandis, representing the Concerned Residents Coalition of Rockwood presented the Golder Report and Provincial Growth Plan Analysis, a supply and demand study of aggregate resources supplying the Golden Horseshoe. The land in Wellington is rich in aggregates, and the county fields many applications like Hidden quarry, Spencer pit and the Dolime expansion. But agriculture is the county's primary business, which is at odds with such extraction. Continued from a 2009 study, the report lays out current supply of licensed quarries plus the current and projected costs, against the demand and supply in the Golden Horseshoe, which uses 49 per cent of Ontario's total consumption. There are presently 123 licensed pits and 81 quarries, for a total availability of 3,233 MT (million tons). Even with all the major transit and infrastructure going on right now in the Horseshoe and beyond, only four MT per year over five years will be used, which is quite low given current reserves. Per capita consumption is going down as well as people look for alternatives and recycled options become available. Ultimately, the report exposes that we don't need to extract more; projected needs 20 years from now total 13 per cent more aggregate. DeGrandis concluded by asking, "where is the need for new licenses when the trend is downward?" Though the report states there is need, her request to council was to network with stakeholders like the MNRF

and Wellington County to address the implications of the study, especially when making decisions about applications.

Mike Nagy Delegation: Two Questions for Council

Rockwood's Mike Nagy went before council with concerns about the dramatic changes arising from the Rockmosa expansion. His primary concern was the paths made from asphalt which creates heat, melts snow and contributes to climate change. He asked council to consider a cooler material like concrete, although his real stated preference was no hard surface. Mayor White was sympathetic to his concerns, but laid out the stark difference: the \$150,000 path would cost \$310,000 if made of cement. As for the hard surface issue, White said it comes down to accessibility—you can't push a walker through gravel. Councillor Woods echoed the sentiment, adding that disabled children would face exclusion from the park without that kind of accessibility.

Nagy's second question concerned the possibility of two drive-through businesses in the proposed plaza along Alma St., saying "Drive-throughs are yesterday's technology" and has asked developer Robert Eilers of Vesterra to say no to Tim Hortons. Asking if council has considered the traffic implications specific to the "Walmart of coffee" he wants them to consider a traffic study. Mayor White said they have very limited authority and "we cannot pick a zoning area by brand" when it's already zoned for restaurants. Traffic is up to MTO.



TEA ANYONE? : The Nasagaweya (Nassagaweya) Historical Society held a 'High Tea' at Ebenezer United Church on Saturday. The guests enjoyed little sandwiches, scones, squares, and of course, tea. Patrons drank from beautiful bone china tea cups, with no two alike. Also featured was magician Dan Kranstz, who wowed visitors with his sleight of hand. - Vivien Fleisher photo

Haunted Radial Railway



BUMP IN THE NIGHT: Rowan Marinacci, dressed as a dragon, Elijah Burroff-Ferguson, dressed as a Kratt's Creature, and Kye Marinacci, dressed as a policeman explored the various train cars. The Marinacci kids came all the way from Toronto, ready to battle any and all scary creatures.

By Vivien Fleisher

The Halton Radial Railway on Guelph Line is hosting their 20th Annual Halloween Spooktacular, a once-a-year chance to ride to the end of the rails...if you dare. Because

you might never come back if you go into their spooky haunted house.

Volunteer and Welcome Centre manager Bill Thompson said it's a hugely popular event; in the first hour they admitted 500 people, most of whom were dressed appropriately for the ride into "the apocalypse" that awaited them deep in the woods.

The 8000 sq. ft. haunted house, along with everything else in the museum is built and operated by volunteers. Each car has a capacity of 40 people, and two head out every 15 minutes—often enough to keep the ghosts, witches and other assorted creatures happy. The event also included a science show, hot chocolate and baked goods.

WORD IN THE VILLAGE

with Vivien Fleisher

"Marco Muzzo, who—while driving drunk—hit a minivan, killing three children and their grandfather, is now eligible to apply for unescorted absences from jail. How do you feel about that?"



Vanessa Taylor: "No. I don't think twenty months is enough. If you kill anyone, you should get longer. But a family? Dreadful."



Drew Adams: "I don't think he should be allowed out. You don't get out on good behaviour for killing four people."



Ted Reeves: "That sums up the Canadian criminal justice system, where consideration goes first to the accused, and not the victims and families."



Jeremy Barkwell: "No. Considering what happened, he should serve his time until he's done."

Trunk or Treat



On **October 31st** from **6:00 pm– 7:30 pm**, come and Trick-or-Treat at **Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church's "Trunk or Treat"**

There will be lots of decorated cars lined up for the kids to go trunk to trunk collecting candy.

Hope to see you there.

NPC is located at **3097 15 Side Road** (just East of Guelph Line)

For more information visit: www.nassagaweya.com