

# The ROCKWOOD Miller



## Guelph / Eramosa COUNCIL CHIPS By: Vivien Fleisher

### Public Meeting for Unopened Road Allowance in Everton

No comments or objections were received at a Nov. 6 public meeting regarding the stop-up and closure of an unopened road known as 'Evert's Portion'. At an Oct. 2 meeting, council declared it surplus after the adjacent property owner notified the town of their wish to purchase the land which abuts their property. Council approved the closure and sale, having determined such a move would not restrict other property owners' access.

### Poultry Farm Dwelling Severance

A 1.92 hectare farm dwelling on Third Line is to be severed from its surrounding 38.4 hectares of prime cash-cropped agricultural land. The retained land cannot be developed in future. The residential piece has to be large enough to allow for sewage and water services. Councillor Wolk asked where the entry to the severed farmland

would be now as it may need an entrance permit. Since it will no longer be connected to farming, the barn must be removed. "Nothing happens until something happens" was Mayor White's way of explaining this requirement, which does not require a demolition permit.

### Holding Provision Removed for Part of Bonarrow Development

In accordance with a requirement to obtain GRCA approval for storm water management, a request to now remove the holding provision on lots 67 to 70 in Bonarrow's Draft Plan of Subdivision was approved. The subject lands are zoned 'Village Residential'. The proposed facility had to meet GRCA's size requirements; the issue is temperature impacts to the cold water stream and if more space was needed to avoid raising them via cooling trenches. In a letter dated October 20, the GRCA stated conditions had been met and they had

no objections to the removal of the holding provision. The application is now deemed complete, with no requirements for a public meeting.

### Vehicle Procurement Approval

Chief Building Official Dan Sharina requested advance funding approval for a replacement fleet vehicle. The current one, a 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 is overdue for replacement but 2014 reserve funds were insufficient at the time. Since then, enough has been accrued for a replacement to come out of the 2018 budget. One vehicle covers most of the building department's transport needs; all else is covered through the mileage program. Items under \$50,000 don't normally require approval, but it's an advancement on 2018 budget dollars and comes out of the Building Dept. reserve. With few other projects in the works, the reserve will remain healthy according to Sharina.

## Access for Arden team upgrades Arden's washroom

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The Rockwood Lions and Acton Rotary Club have worked together as a team since last year for a cause they call 'Access for Arden'. Rockwood's Arden Shilletto has a rare neurological condition called acute necrotizing encephalitis which can be triggered by the influenza B virus.

Her first brush with it was at age three, but a second bout of influenza B at seven began to impact her mobility. She now needs a wheelchair fulltime. Arden's mother Rachel reached out to numerous agencies for help with the logistical challenges in their home, and that's when both clubs got together.

Last year, they built a wheelchair ramp at the front of the family's



home. Rotary president Richard Crane explained at the time that Acton's Leathertown Lumber and local contractor Peter Schmuki gave time and materials for that project.

This year, thanks to constant fundraising through activities like 50/50 draws, the two

clubs made possible the next most critical upgrade: a wheelchair-accessible washroom next to Arden's bedroom. On November 9, members of both clubs, a very happy Shilletto family and GET Mayor Chris White cut the ribbon to Arden's beautiful new bathroom.



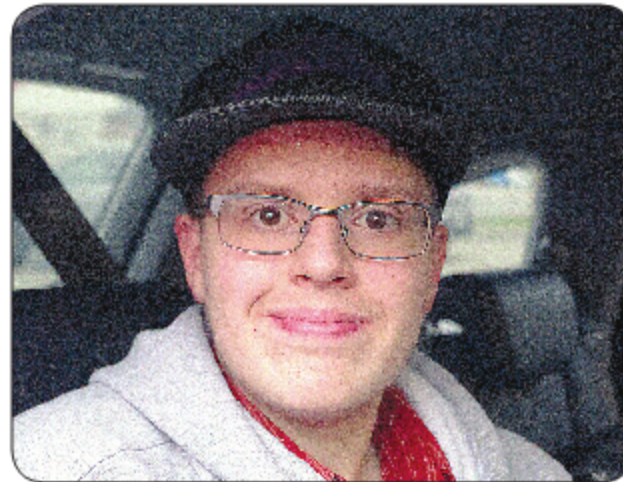
## WORD IN THE VILLAGE

with Vivien Fleisher

### "Do you say Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays?"



Rose Krebs: "I say both because I have both kinds of friends."



Dayton Kelly: "I say Merry Christmas. I like the traditional greeting. Christmas is an open holiday, so I don't think people will feel left out."

Jane Faulkner: "I say Merry Christmas because it is Christmas. It's a Christian holiday. I am not in the least bit upset when people celebrate other holidays. Happy Holidays doesn't seem appropriate for Christmas."



Marcus Theodorakopoulos: "Merry Christmas. It's the first thing that comes to mind. I'm used to saying it."