

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

Guelph /  
Eramosa

## COUNCIL CHIPS

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### Property Development Proposal

Planning consultant Dan Currie presented two consent applications for new lot creation of three new lots and four detached dwellings on the former Death Property at 310 Main St. in Rockwood. Intersecting with George St., the “odd-shaped property” would see the demolition of existing buildings. For approval, several requirements would have to be met: permits for demolition; widening of George St.; revision of the current easement to allow for shorter sanitary sewers and individual force mains; decommissioning of wells; and, grading plan. Cash-in-lieu of greenspace would go to park dedication. The GRCA confirmed slope stability in light of a valley slope to Richardson Creek below George St.; analysis this year by Engtec Consulting determined that the slope is stable. Mayor White

questioned the need for road widening given George St. is a dead end, but it’s needed for construction and will be returned to its former width at the conclusion. Because the proposal creates “residential intensification”, it conforms to Wellington County’s official plan.

### Integrity Commissioner

Guy Giorno, partner in Fasken Martineau, was appointed “Joint Integrity Commissioner” for a four-year term commencing March 2019. This position covers all seven-member municipalities within Wellington County. Bill 68 makes it mandatory for all municipalities to have a code of conduct in place, and access to an integrity commissioner. That leaves Guelph/Eramosa with the task of establishing their own code of conduct before his term begins next March. Councillor Marshall asked Clerk Meaghen Reid for clarity around billing when

matters arise; Reid replied it was “a conversation that all municipalities are having.”

### Motion to Convert School Crossings to Pedestrian Crossovers

Councillor Bouwmeester put forward a motion regarding ongoing efforts to convert school crossings to pedestrian crossings primarily because the former—those bright yellow ones—are only in effect when there is a crossing guard on hand, unbeknownst to residents who cross at will. Pedestrian crossovers feature the light-activation button and can be used 24/7, making them much safer. Because the provincial election has just passed, council needs to keep the pressure on the MTO to allow them to do this. In short, they need to see if the MTO is going to keep its promise, since Rockwood’s main streets are also a provincial highway and under their jurisdiction.



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*If Rockwood allowed backyard chickens, would you have a coop?*



Omar Salman: “Me personally, no. It’s a little too much work for me, but if my neighbors do it, I’m all for it.”



Ashley Woodburn: “Not in the house I’m in right now. If it was more rural, for sure.”



Brooke Lyons: “Yes. We’d like farm fresh eggs; that way we’d know what they’re eating and their conditions, and what we’re eating.”



Tracey Morrow: “Yes, totally. I would have three chickens, because we have a big enough yard. I think it helps to decrease people’s carbon footprint, and then I know where my eggs are coming from.”

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