

Give volunteer firefighters flashing lights: MPP Arnott

Wellington MPP Ted Arnott recently slammed the provincial Minister of Transportation Gilles Pouliot for failing to follow through on their vehicles while responding to emergency calls.

Prompted by the concerns voiced to him by area firefighters on the serious safety hazards they face in their attempts to negotiate

through traffic, on Sept. 10 of 1992 Arnott wrote the first of a number of letters to the minister, requesting that an amendment to the Highway Traffic Act be passed to allow for the use of the flashing lights.

In the minister's first response on Oct. 21, 1992, he promised the government would pass the nec-

essary amendment.

"Since that time I have written nine subsequent letters to the minister," Arnott complained recently. "In each response the minister restated his commitment to the passage of this amendment."

Arnott raised the issue with the minister as well during Question Period in the Legislature early this

summer, and asked for an explanation for the delays.

Pouliot stated in his most recent letter on June 30 of this year that it will now not likely be dealt with in the near future, citing competitive legislative priorities.

"The minister's changing sense of priorities after 87 weeks of commitment is most discouraging,"

commented Arnott. "We're coming to the end of the NDP mandate and time is running out."

Arnott has written to all municipal councils in Wellington County, asking for support on this issue, and hopes to hear from many of them.

"I don't intend to give up on this important issue," he said.

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New V.P. impressed with Rockwood Centennial

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The Rockwood Miller

Beginning another school year in a different environment with new colleagues and hundreds of unfamiliar smiling faces is nothing new for Jan Gregg.

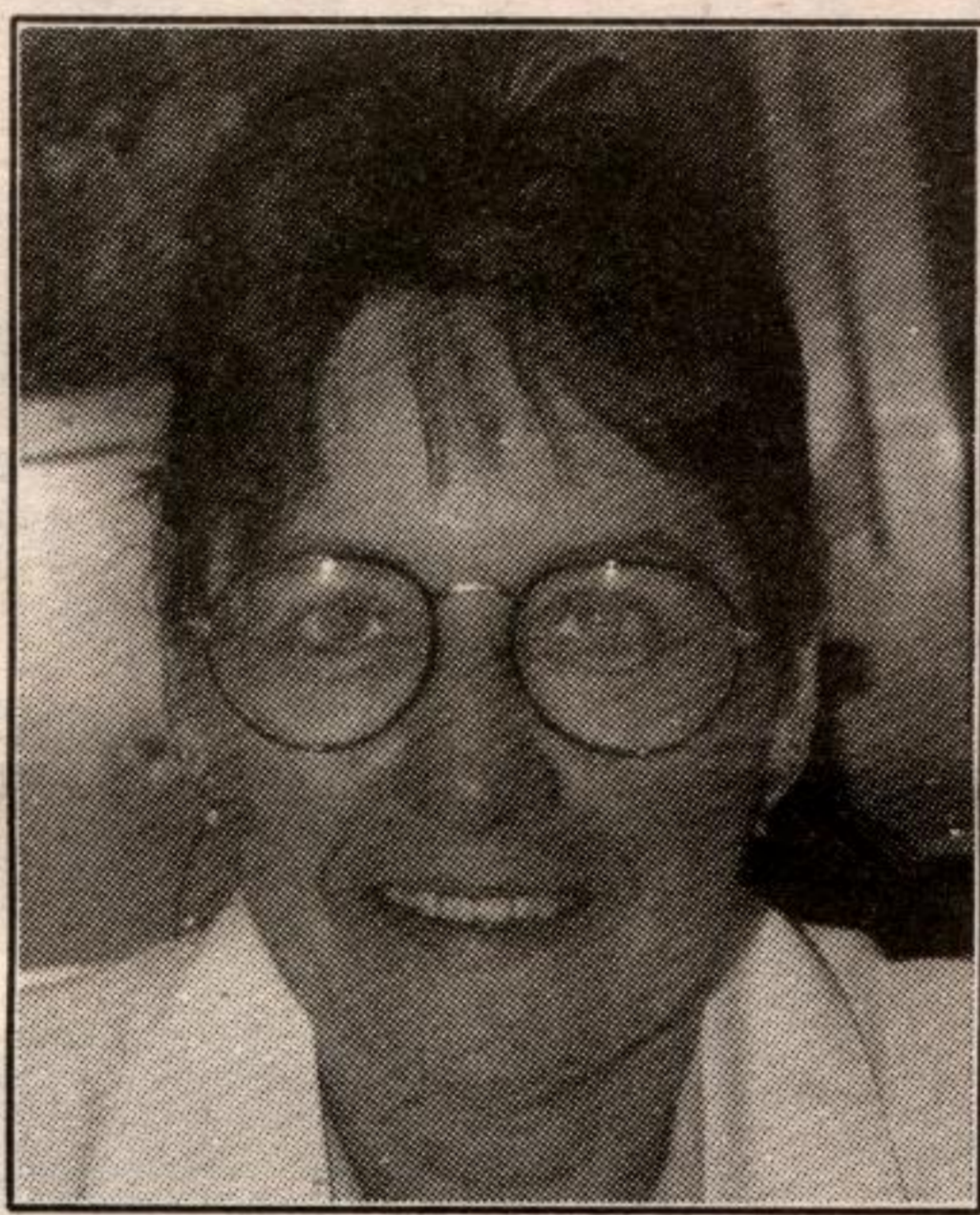
But after teaching almost every grade in the Wellington Public School system over the last 21 years, taking that next step up the education ladder is uncharted waters for the 44-year-old.

After three weeks, Gregg is quickly becoming familiar with Rockwood Centennial's surroundings and her new position as vice-principal. She's already dealing with new challenges each day and is looking forward to an exciting year filled with many learning experiences.

"I'm thrilled about it," Gregg says of being a first-year V.P. "It's been great from the beginning, a comfortable transition.

"In my first-year, I want to learn the administration of running a school and be an administrator. But I don't want it to be just a paper job. I want to have a lot of contact with the teachers and students. I don't want to lose touch."

It all began for the Waterloo resident in 1973 in Salem at Salem Public School. She then moved to Brant Avenue Public the next year until 1979. From there, Gregg had a 12-year stint at Waverley Drive Public in Guelph before teaching one year at Brighton Street Public.



JAN GREGG, NEW V.P.

And her latest workplace prior to Centennial was two years teaching at Taylor Evans Public, a modern institution in Guelph.

"I came from a high-tech school, but when you walk into a new school it's a school and you don't compare. I was lucky to be placed here. I believe in working hard and I'll hold onto that all year."

Gregg would also like to see a strong relationship develop between herself and the parents of Centennial's 535 students.

"I feel comfortable contacting them, because I think it helps bring us together. And I want parents to feel comfortable calling me and asking me questions."

So far, Gregg has been impressed with the connection of staff members, most of whom have worked side-by-side for several years.

"I get a sense they like working together and like working here. They're close to each other and very friendly. I'm the new kid here and they've been great to me, very helpful," says Gregg, who has a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Education degree from Brock University.

"When you hear about Centennial, people say it's a quality school that provides a quality program. And there's a strong belief of that among the teachers, who are sincere, hard working and listen to new ideas.

Four more 'senior' students needed

It was an overwhelming success in Erin and now the 55 Alive Driving Refresher Course is coming to Rockwood! This course is designed to help those over 55 maintain their driving licence longer while driving more safely.

Already four Rockwood area people have signed up, so the Senior's Resource Centre needs only four more to run this wonderful course!

Call 856-2191 for details. And here's more seniors'

activity news: A new eight-week line dancing series will begin Oct. 12 from 10:30 am to noon. The cost of the series is \$15 and will be held at St. John's Church. Register now!

For info, or to register for any programs offered by the local Senior's Resource Centre, call 856-2191 (Thursdays) or 1-800-640-0928 in Erin.

Better yet — make a visit! They are at 126 Main St. S. in Rockwood on Thursdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

THANKS!

Chuck, Ken, Murray and Kent wish to extend their sincere appreciation to Rockwood area residents for their support.

The terrific response to our 60th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 10 will not be forgotten.

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