

## Time to go to the polls, Wellington MPP says

**Special to The Rockwood Miller**  
Wellington MPP Ted Arnott has told the Premier of Ontario that he should either call the Legislature back into session immediately or call a provincial election.

"Premier, it is not in the public interest to delay the work of the Legislature. Either call the House

back for its scheduled sittings or call a provincial election," Arnott stated in a letter of March 9, written to the Premier.

Arnott said he is critical of the Premier for drastically curtailing Legislative sittings. In an eight month period since July of last year, the Legislature has met for

only 20 days in the fall. Normally, according to the rules of the Legislature, the fall sitting is scheduled to last twice as long.

"The Premier and his Government are trying to avoid their responsibility of governing and are trying to avoid the scrutiny of the Legislature. It's frustrating that this

Government will be seeking another mandate when it's devoid of any new ideas or initiatives," Arnott said.

Arnott says that Ontario's serious financial situation must be addressed.

"We have a lame duck government with a provincial mandate

that has virtually lapsed," Arnott charged. "The provincial debt has more than doubled from \$40 billion to about \$90 billion since the NDP Government took power in 1990 and this situation must be addressed.

"It's time for a provincial election."

# MILLER

## The Rockwood

**"With Natural Gas in Rockwood, We're Ready to Serve You"**

No Payment For 90 Days  
Call Today

LENNOX

HENK OOSTERVELD  
HEATING & AIR  
CONDITIONING INC.

1007 YORK RD., GUELPH

**837-2351**

**THIS SPACE  
COULD BE  
YOURS!**

Advertising in the  
Tanner gets results.

call **853-5100**

## Public supports Rockwood animal hospital

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Rockwood Miller

Plans for an animal hospital in Rockwood drew nothing but raves at a public meeting on Monday night at the Eramosa Township offices.

Township councillors were urged by six residents to allow Dr. Clare Maine to open a full-service, small animal hospital at 179 Main St. S. Township staff presented councillors with over 100 letters in support of the hospital, a 40-name petition and a letter of support from the Rockwood Business Association.

Staff also noted that they had not received a single objection from the public or commenting agencies on the plan.

Although Dr. Maine initially asked Council to approve the hospital under existing zoning, which allow doctors and dentists offices, Council decided that rezoning is necessary and the public meeting was part of that process.

In response to concerns raised at a meeting on the proposal last fall, veterinary student Michael Levine outlined stringent controls the animal hospital will be required to follow when disposing of needles, syringes and animal bodies.

"We must follow strict guidelines from our governing body, the College of Veterinarians of Ontario," Levine explained.

"Needles and other 'sharps' must be disposed of in a special container, which will be picked up

by a biologic company. There will be no possibility of these items turning up in the garbage and endangering the public."

Levine said all animal bodies will also be picked up and disposed of by a contracted biologic company so they won't pose any health risks.

Levine added they will solve a potential noise problem for tenants living above the rented clinic by installing special acoustic materials to deaden the noise from barking dogs.

Rockwood resident Angie Pugliese told the Councillors that she had visited most local businesses and did not hear any objections.

"All of the people I talked to want more businesses to come to Rockwood and like the idea of people not having to leave the village to have their pets looked after," Pugliese said.

Several notes of caution were raised by former Township Deputy Reeve Ken Mercer, who read a letter on behalf of former Reeve Leverne Harris, who could not attend.

Harris, a vet, cautioned Council to be very careful with the wording of any zoning it approved for the facility.

He told them that what is proposed is not a veterinary clinic but a "companion animal hospital" and any by-law should be very clear about what uses are allowed.

Harris suggested the land use

should not be transferable if the hospital moved out of the building and that Township Council should see a copy of the hospital's accreditation with the Province before issuing an occupancy permit.

Following the meeting Dr. Maine, who worked in the Rockwood area with another vet for

five years, said they are willing to comply with all legislation.

"We are willing to do what it takes to get this hospital open and appreciate all the support we are getting from local businesses and pet owners."

Dr. Maine asked Council to act quickly on the proposal because

they are paying their landlord \$1,500 a month to secure the lease during the rezoning process.

Township Council is expected to deal with a staff report on the proposed rezoning on April 3.

Dr. Maine said if the plan is approved that night, she will open in June.



**SWEET SOUNDS!** Mrs. Eley's Rockwood Centennial Junior Choir performs *Sing Me a Song*, one of two numbers they sang in finishing second at the recent Guelph Kiwanis Festival. Back row, from left: Kristina Eisenbach, Amanda Wagner, Katie Leslie, Antra Celmins, Judy Purton, Allison Cherry and Kate Weatherby. Front row: Sarah Green, Lisa Millson, Sheena Stuckless, Meaghan Yanchus, Kristan Wahlstrom, Aynsley Anderson, Laurel Tubman and Mrs. Eley. (Doug Harrison photo)

## It's spring! Time to become a 'Loser'

Spring is just around the corner — time to take off that winter coat. And Rockwood's Lucky Losers weight-loss support group is urging you to take off a few pounds as well!

The Lucky Losers are staging an Orientation Night next Thursday night (March 23) to kick off their new session. The meeting is at the Eramosa Library.

"We're always looking for new

participants," explains member Dot Polo. "Male, female, seniors, teens — everyone is welcome."

For details call Dot Polo (856-9441), Jan Osborne (856-4605) or Lois Walker (853-4523).

### The Capital Gains Exemption Going, Going...Gone?

Find out how to take advantage of the last year of the capital gains exemption from

**H&R BLOCK**

You can trust H&R Block.

130 Guelph St., Georgetown • 56 Mill St., East, Acton  
(905) 873-7855 (519) 853-5612

**Saunders Bakery, 1994**  
104 Main Street South

Quality Home Baking  
No Preservatives

Friday & Saturday  
9-Grain Bread \$2.00 ea.  
Cheese Bread \$2.50 ea.

Tues. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturdays 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### RAGIN' CAJUN!

Celebrate Mardi Gras Days  
with Dixie-land Band at

La Vieille Auberge  
ROCKWOOD

SUNDAYS  
Mar. 12 & 19  
856-4170  
For Reservations



### WALLPAPER SALE!

**40% off**  
All Paper & Borders

**HUGE SELECTION**

**Rumours Furniture**  
261 Alma St., Rockwood  
**856-2575**