

Traffic calming measures for Eden Mills Road

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Reducing the speed limit on Eden Mills Road is not the total solution to "calming" traffic through the village, but it is Eramosa Council's first step in responding to traffic concerns in the village.

As soon as signs can be purchased and installed the speed limit on the road will be reduced to 40 km from 50 km an hour.

Reeve Rick Hughes, an Eden Mills resident, said he will also ask Council to petition the OPP to beef up policing the road.

"We could also look at planting trees on the boulevards to slow motorists down and maybe look at winding the road within the existing road allowance, forcing motorists to slow down," Hughes explained on Monday.

Hughes said that speed bumps

would not be an option because the Province doesn't like them on public roadways but that stop signs might be an option.

"What I've heard informally is that the road itself is not well suited for stop signs but the two potential locations would be at the intersection of Wilson and York Street for traffic westbound on Wilson and at the intersection of Barton and York Street for eastbound Barton

traffic," Hughes said.

In a related matter, Council has hired Triton Engineering to do the design work to replace the Eden Mills Bowstring Bridge.

Triton will conduct a hydrology study this summer and report back to Council on what type of structure should be installed to replace the aging bowstring bridge.

"The actual design of the bridge will be determined by Triton's

study of the Eramosa River," Hughes explained.

"Triton has already done some preparatory survey work and Council desires to work with the local ratepayers, in terms of the design of the new bridge.

"We need to get an idea of what kind of bridge should be there and then we will meet with the village residents to discuss aesthetic enhancements," Hughes said.

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Ex-reeve Harris may take Township to court

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Former Eramosa Township Reeve Leverage Harris may take the Township to court for alleged non-compliance with Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) orders concerning the Eden Mills and District Community Club Inc.

With the dissolution of the Eden Mills Police Village and its trustees, the Community Club and land on York Street was automatically conveyed to the Township.

Harris is concerned that the agreement concerning ownership and management of the club have not been registered on title.

Harris also said that the agreement was seriously breached when the press was excluded from a meeting in the club in February.

"It's pending," Harris said on Monday when he was asked if he had begun court action as outlined

in a June 29 letter to Eramosa Council.

In that letter Harris complained that despite his numerous requests to Council to enforce the OMB orders, no action had been taken and that he found that "profoundly perfidious."

"All I can say is that the orders have not been implemented to date, and they should be," Harris said.

Reeve Rick Hughes said the delay in registering the deed was a mutual delay between the Club and the Township due to problems getting proper legal descriptions of the property.

"As far as the meeting when a reporter was not allowed to attend, well I have been told that the Club did not organize the meeting and it was not a public meeting."

"The deed on the Club property is now a partnership between the Club and the Township, along with

an agreement that spells out both parties' responsibilities," Hughes said.

Community Club secretary Neville Martyn said Harris's motives are difficult to understand.

"The current Council and the current executive of the Eden Mills Community Club are working in

great harmony and do not perceive there to be any breach, or problem with the agreement," Martyn said in an interview on Monday.

Martyn also said that as a resident of Eden Mills and a taxpayer in Eramosa, he had a direct message for Dr. Harris.

"If he wanted to continue to interfere and make the lives of the residents of Eden Mills complicated and difficult, then he should have taken his place (as the head of Council) at the time when he had the opportunity to, otherwise he should just butt out and get on with his own business."

Guns found at home

Guelph OPP received a telephone tip that led to the discovery of a cache of hunting rifles, handguns and ammunition at a residence in Eden Mills.

Last Thursday's search uncovered 14 rifles, two handguns (one was loaded), two prohibited weapons with large capacity magazines, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition and loading equipment.

One of the prohibited weapons was a 30-shot gun with a banana clip magazine. It was loaded with 25 rounds of hollow point, 22-calibre ammunition.

An Eden Mills man was charged with two counts of possession of prohibited weapons and one count of unsafe storage of a weapon and could face a 10-year jail term if convicted.

Police say further charges could be laid on completion of the investigation.



INFO CENTRE OPEN HOUSE! The Rockwood Information Centre held an open house on Friday night. The event preceded a community garage and sidewalk sale on Saturday. From left: REBA president Ralph MacDonald; Gordon Martin, tourist counsellor; Cathy Moffit, co-ordinator of Eramosa Children's Connection; Eramosa Senior Services Centre representative Pat Newlands; and Jean Shannon, Rural Women's Shelter representative. (Eve Martin photo)

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