

Rockwood playground proposal revived by residents

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Cedargrove condominium owners have convinced Eramosa Council to take another look at letting the Rockwood condo residents use some Township-owned land beside their development as a playground.

There is no recreation area at the 15-unit Alma Street condominium development, but there is vacant land next door at the Alma Street sewage treatment plant.

A previous Council said no to the residents' first request to use the land, but they asked again recently and had more luck.

Council instructed its lawyer to prepare a report on the legal implications of using the land for a playground. Condominium president Lynne Reilly said the current situation is unsafe.

"Our children don't have access to a park to play in without having to cross Hwy. 7 or the

railway tracks. There's just no place for them to play," she said.

"When we moved in here there were six kids, and now there are 15 and we have big-kid toys, like roller blades, along with the trikes and wagons.

"With people in and out of the driveway, it's a problem - there's

a general safety issue," Reilly said.

Before the property could be used as park it would have to be levelled and cleaned up, but so far, there's been no talk about costs.

"We realize that money is an issue, but we haven't got that far. All we want is to be able to use the land," Reilly said.

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THEY COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT: Even though Valentine's Day had already passed, there were many dancers who got into the spirit of things during the Rockwood Nursery School's Sweetheart Dance held at Rockmosa Community Centre on Saturday night. (Eve Martin photo)

Improvements within Eden Mills supported

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Eramosa Township Council and the Friends of Eden Mills will work towards a "common vision" to enhance life in the village.

Council agreed to the consultative relationship with the group at Monday's Council meeting, held in the Eden Mills Community Hall.

Friends spokesman Charles Simon told Council he wasn't asking for cash at this time, but just an endorsement of a community-based process, aimed at sustaining and enhancing village life and calming speeding traffic.

"We see ourselves as a group that will be able to co-ordinate matters of a common interest in the village," Simon explained as he said the group would have a political, but very positive role.

"We don't want to get everyone's hopes up about improving things in the village and then find that Council can't endorse what we are trying to do," Simon said as he asked Council to support a process of work-shopping and public meetings to improve Eden Mills.

When questioned by Council

about exactly what the group wanted, Simon replied they don't necessarily want Council's participation on a committee, but just an endorsement of a process to enhance the village.

"We want to find areas where we can agree," Simon said.

"There has been enough negative spirit in the general community, and you'll note that I haven't even mentioned bridge number 81 or 82 (the bridges in Eden Mills)."

The Friends of Eden Mills have repeatedly lobbied Council not to replace, but rehabilitate the Bowstring Bridge in the village, and the issue had caused a rift between the citizens and Council.

Simon said the community wants trees and flowers planted, measures implemented to "tame" speeding traffic, and shoppers drawn to the village.

Reeve Rick Hughes said he would support the type of partnership being suggested because Council could "not do it alone".

Council voted to support, in principle, a community-based process co-ordinated by the Friends of Eden Mills.

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