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## Council reverses Eden Mills club membership vote

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Rockwood Miller

By a one-vote margin, Eramosa Township Council reversed its earlier decision to register the membership by-law of the Eden Mills Community Club on the title of the property, which is jointly owned by the Club and the Township.

Instead, a copy of the Club's membership by-law will be available for the public to see at the Township office, a move that Community Club secretary Neville Martyn hopes will end the "nit-picking scrutiny" by trouble makers.

The membership issue was a particularly sticky point between the Township and the Eden Mills police village trustees, who operated the Club at no cost to the Township. Former Reeve Leverne Harris and former Deputy Reeve Ken Mercer had argued that the Club should be open to all residents of the Township, not just those in Eden Mills and questioned delays in finalizing ownership of the Club.

At last week's Eramosa Council meeting, Martyn said he had no trouble with the Club's membership by-law being public, but added, "I

see no useful purpose in having the remainder of the Club's by-laws subject to the nit-picking scrutiny of those who wish to, perhaps, cause some trouble."

When asked where the animosity over the issue came from, councillor Cathy McIntyre, a former Rockwood police village trustee, said there was no "give and take" when the police villages were dissolved.

"The Township wanted everything - they said that everything was theirs, including the community halls and the ball park the trustees had run. There was a lot of fighting, arguing and bickering," McIntyre explained.

Deputy Reeve Dave Adsett argued that he would feel more "comfortable" with the by-law being registered on title so there was no question about ownership if the Harris government at Queen's Park changes the municipal government system.

Reeve Rick Hughes argued that registering the by-law on title would not benefit the Township, but would increase their legal bill. Council voted 3-2 to reconsider its earlier motion and not register the by-law on title.

## Firm destroys PCBs in Ontario

Eco Logic Inc. has announced it has started the commercial destruction of PCBs for the first time in Canada at an industrial site in St. Catharines. The Rockwood company will be destroying a quantity of stored PCB liquids and contaminated tools, clothing, concrete and settled solids.

Eco Logic has successfully used its Eco Logic Process in Australia, but this marks the first time for a Canadian usage.

President Doug Hallett said, "This begins the environmentally responsible destruction of PCBs in Ontario and is a landmark in the reduction of PCBs in the Great Lakes basin ecosystem."

## 1ST ROCKWOOD GUIDE AND SCOUT BANQUET!



**A BANQUET FIT FOR A BEAVER!** The 1st Rockwood Scouting and Guiding banquet took place Feb. 19. Enjoying the spread were Doug Robb, Laurie Martin, 6, and Emily Robb, also 6. Laurie and Emily are the first girls to join the now co-ed 1st Rockwood Beaver pack. (Eve Martin photo)



**SLIPPERY FRIEND:** Ann Sohletz, left, of the Guelph Lake Interpretive Centre brought Sammy the garter snake to entertain at the banquet. Checking Sammy out were Cub Mike Tilson, Scout Jason Charette, Guide Kaitlin Breton-Honeyman, Beaver Ben Salmon, Brownie Charlotte Weatherby and Guide Katie Weatherby. (Eve Martin photo)

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