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The Rockwood

Developer says larger sewage capacity needed

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

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A Rockwood developer hopes to convince Eramosa Township Council to ask Guelph for a "moderate increase" in the amount of sewage treatment plant capacity that Eramosa can use.

In a May 30 letter to the Township, Jeremy Grant, Seaton Rockwood Limited's Planning and Development Manager, noted that in the past, Eramosa Council requested Guelph to double the amount of capacity sent from Rockwood to Guelph to 2,400 cubic metres per day, from the current amount of 1,200 cubic metres per day.

Guelph has said that until

an environmental assessment of its proposed sewage plant expansion is complete, it can't determine final capacity.

Grant suggested flow monitoring shows 650 cubic metres per day of capacity is being used leaving 550 cubic metres per day available for approved and registered lots, vacant land and infilling development and the draft-approved Seaton and Bernardi subdivision plans.

"The shortage to accommodate all of that is about 200 cubic metres per day and the Township's agreement with Guelph allows for some moderate additional quantity of sewage, above the 1,200

cubic metres a day without entering a new agreement," Grant explained Monday.

"All we are doing is reminding, or suggesting to the Township, that maybe they should ask for just a little bit more [sewage capacity] to get all of the development on the books serviced."

In a memo on the status of Guelph's sewage treatment plant expansion, Township consultant Gary Ezard of Triton Engineering Services Limited, suggested that the Township write Guelph stating that it is still interested in pursuing an increase in the sewage agreement.

Council has not yet dealt with Grant's request.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS TOUR

Rockwood experienced its first Wellness Tour last weekend. On Friday night, health practitioners, bed and breakfast owners and others promoting wellness products were at the Eramosa Public Library. Above, pedorthist Bryan Billings of Guelph shows Jim Blondin about foot care. Below, Judy Blondin of Kitchener discusses the Align-Right pillow she designed to Emily Lysholm. (Eve Martin photos)

Eden Mills professor writes of 'political correctness'

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In his new book *Lunar Perspectives - Field Notes from the Cultural Wars*, University of Guelph Professor and Eden Mills resident Michael Keefer argues that the debate over political correctness can't be separated from the de-funding of higher education.

"Neo-conservatives are calling for a large scale de-funding of education and a return to the system that catered primarily to the wealthy, white male," Keefer explained on Sunday.

Keefer, who began the book after MacLean's maga-

zine published a story attacking political correctness in Canadian universities, said that universities are being attacked because they are perceived as progressive and the denunciation of political correctness stems, in part, from a desire to reverse gains made by women and minorities.

The term "political correctness" is now being used to attack the belief in the equality of all people, but it was first used in the 1930s by Stalinists.

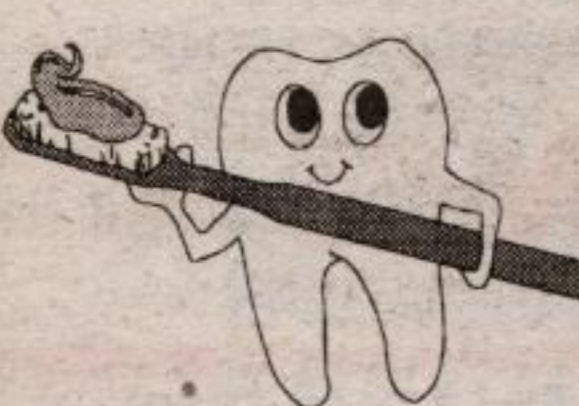
"The term came back to life in the mid-60s when some people on the left end of the political spectrum used it seriously, and then it was taken

on by feminists who wanted to say 'lighten up'", Keefer explained, noting that American neo-conservatives picked up the term and used it as a way of "pinning the donkey's tail" on people they wanted to criticize.

Keefer said that he finds it "odd" that there is a direct connection between the people who are attacking universities and those who want to de-fund and privatize the university system as a method of controlling it by corporate interests, who want a university system that corresponds to the way the world is structured without allowing any questions or comments from people in higher education.

"What's Orwellian about it is that it does have a sort of 1984-ish, 'newspeak' quality about it," Keefer said, noting that the people who

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