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Council reviews adult lifestyle plans once more

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller Eramosa Township Council got a good look at plans for an adult lifestyle retirement development proposed for Rockwood at a recent Council meeting.

The proposed site is on Hwy. 7 at the Eramosa River between the Stone Barn Estates and the Colonel Strange house on an eight-acre site that currently has a sewage capacity allocation and zoning for a 100-room conference centre.

Council did not comment on the Precision Group's proposed development of 44 apartments and 24 townhouses, geared to an adult lifestyle and Eramosa Township Reeve Rick Hughes said the group has not yet filed any development applica-

tions.

"We just saw a concept - it was an FYI (for your information) session for Council. The next step is up to the proponents, who told us they believe there is sufficient interest for the project to proceed," Hughes explained on Sunday.

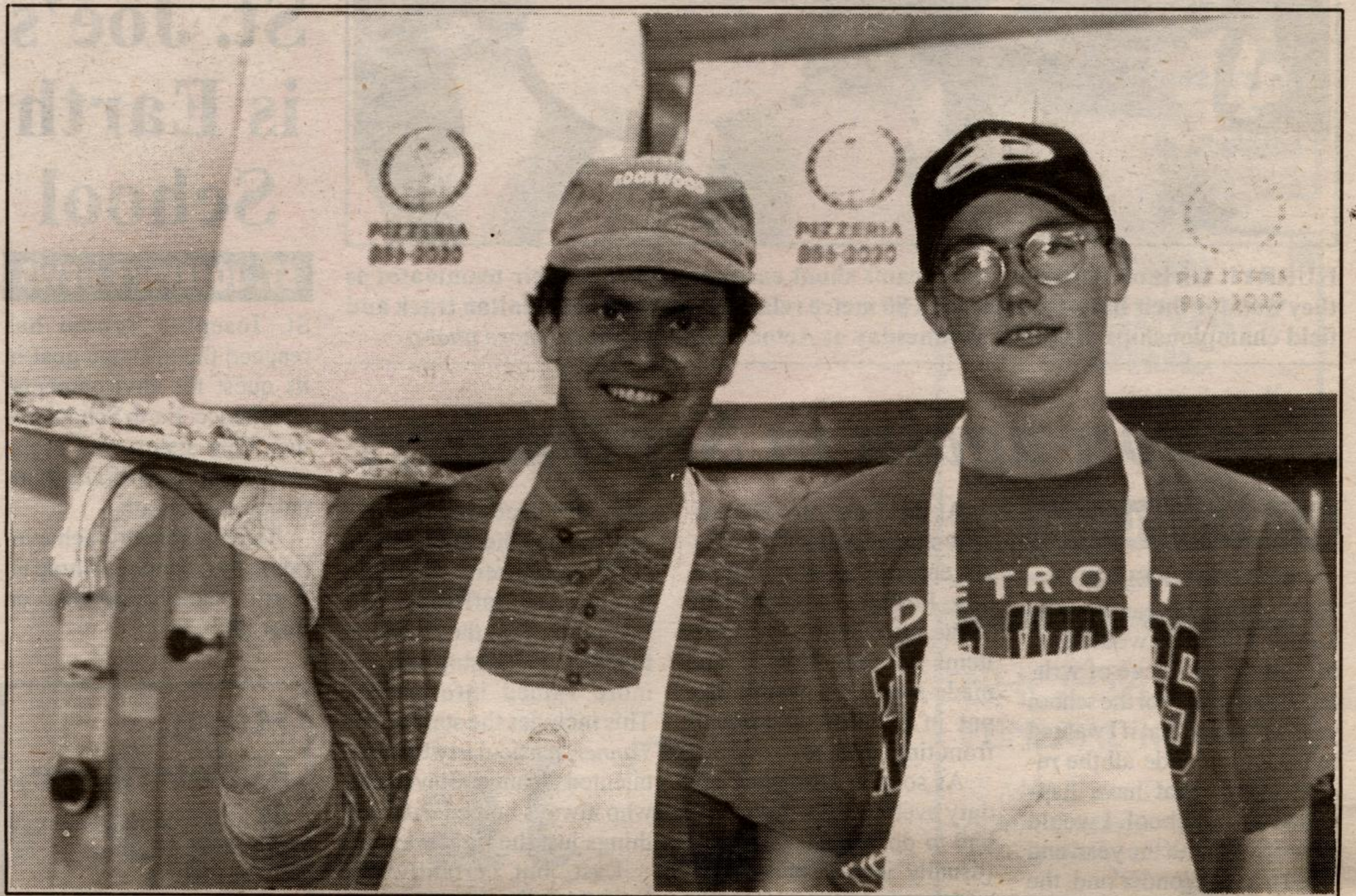
"They seem to think the sewage capacity allocation for the conference centre will equate to 66 units but that would have to be determined by staff," Hughes explained.

This group is not the first to raise the possibility of developing Rockwood to be an adult lifestyle community and Hughes said Council looked at the concept during debate over its proposed 50-year land use study.

"We said we would explore the idea, but the land use study has been stalled while we negotiate with Guelph about getting additional sewage capacity," Hughes said.

Vic Hienrichs, the adult lifestyle community consultant who put together the community group that will oversee development, construction and management of the proposed development, said they will meet with their lawyers next week to begin the necessary reports to accompany zoning change and Official Plan amendment applications.

"We hope to file those applications with the Township in July. There is sufficient interest in the community to go ahead with this project and we are anxious to begin," Hienrichs explained Monday.



TIME TO 'PIG' OUT! Purple Pig Pizzeria proprietor Todd Smith, who owns the business with sister Sandy McNabb, poses with employee Rob Blyth. The pizzeria has been open in the old Candy Factory building for a few weeks - just follow the pigs' hoofprints to the back of the building! (Karen Wetmore photo)

Lucky Losers start up

The Lucky Losers are at it again. Starting tomorrow (Thursday), the group begins a 10-week session of meetings to help lose those unwanted pounds together.

You can join by attending the orientation session tomorrow at 5:30 pm at the Eramosa Public Library. The rest of the meetings start at the same place, same time.

If you want to lose weight in a friendly environment, why not become a Lucky Loser too?

Spirit of Shivarree in Canadian Living

The epic play called *The Spirit of Shivarree*, produced in the summer of 1990 by hundreds of local residents, is featured in the July 1996 issue of Canadian Living magazine.

Interviews with playwright Dale Hamilton and other participants in the play, including Joshua Willoughby, Avril Winchester and Mike Nagy are included in the three-page article, as are many photographs.

The article's author, John Bemrose, describes Eramosa Township's efforts six years ago as "not only the first in North America, but it was arguably the most ambitious and successful."

The underlying theme throughout the article is how, through producing the play, Eramosa Township residents began to get to know each other and, subsequently, to know their Township and be more interested in it.

"*The Spirit of Shivarree* was the best thing that ever happened in my life," says Mike Nagy in the article. "My wife and I discovered what community really means."

Optimists donate \$10,000 to park

Almost before Rockwood's Marla Reid could begin raising money to pay to pave the skating rink at Lloyd Dyer Park, the Optimist Club of Rockwood gave her more than the \$9,500 needed.

Reid said she was amazed when Optimist Ken Steel presented her with a cheque for \$10,000 during recent Pioneer Day celebrations.

"Now the money I had already raised can be used to buy some of the bells and whistles that will make the park even more fun," Reid happily explained last week.

"Maybe we can use the money I raised at the dance

and in a couple of 50-50 draws to buy basketball standards and badminton equipment," Reid said noting that the new surface will be great for skateboarders and bladers and for the outdoor dances held in the park.

Although Township and Rockwood volunteers put in a rink each winter in the park, this 76'X105' asphalt base will mean a much longer ice season.

Money to pave the rink area was cut from Eramosa Township's budget because of municipal belt tightening.

Reid hopes the work will be done this summer.

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