

Eramosa examines more equitable garbage collection system

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

The amount of trash you put out at the curb could determine how much you pay for garbage collection if Eramosa Township Council proceeds with a user-pay system, aimed at both reducing the amount of waste produced and at creating a more equitable system.

Council has asked staff to prepare a report on how to proceed to investigate a possible shift to user-pay. Currently the amount residents pay for collection and disposal of garbage is based on the assessment of each property.

In a report to Council,

Treasurer Terry Noble outlined that a house in Rockwood assessed at \$7,200 would pay \$83.60 a year in taxes for garbage collection and disposal, and a house in Eden Mills would pay approximately 80 per cent of that figure.

Noble said that in West Garafraxa, which has implemented a user-pay system, they average 1.3 bags per household per week and charge \$2 for each bag.

That means the average household pays \$132.20 per year for garbage, but County staff also report that in some areas the average has gone down to 0.6 bags per week for a cost of \$62.40 a year.

In an interview last Wednesday Noble said most members of Council see a user-pay system as having a little more equity.

"Everybody would pay exactly the same amount for each bag that they dispose of and in our situation, since there is a separate line item on the tax bill for garbage collection in Rockwood and Eden Mills, if they went to a user-pay system, that line would disappear from people's tax bill. So it wouldn't be just a money grab, it's genuinely a different way of doing things," Noble said.

Reeve Rick Hughes agreed that a user-pay system would be more equitable.

"The people who use the system more will pay their fair share and those who do recycle and compost would pay for exactly what they dispose of," Hughes explained

on Friday.

"We plan to have staff bring back a report and hold a public meeting next month on the proposal," Hughes said, noting that Council is

already looking at re-tendering its garbage pick-up contract and that the user-pay decision would have to be made before the re-tendering was done.

Your LETTERS

Suggestions needed for oath

To the Editor,

I recently introduced Bill C-302, "An Act to establish an Oath of Allegiance to the flag of Canada." If adopted,

this legislation would give Canadians their own, official, Oath of Allegiance to our beloved maple leaf flag.

The idea resulted from a letter from a constituent who believed that it would be a positive step for our country. In order to encourage Canadians to consider the importance of our flag and all it symbolizes, the Act requires a Committee of Parliament to consult Canadians on the Oath's wording.

I am writing to ask your readers to consider sending me their suggestions for an Oath. The Oath does not have to be long - I have received a number of suggestions that consist of one line. Suggestions should be sent to my Parliament Hill office, 152

Confederation Building, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. Postage is not required.

At this critical time in our history, it is important for Canadians to consider the importance of the flag in our lives. An Oath could be used at schools, before meetings, or anywhere that the flag is prominent. I have already received suggestions from every part of Canada including over 100 communities from coast to coast.

I invite Canadians to participate in what I hope will be an exciting and important project in the life of our nation. I look forward to receiving the suggestions from your readers.

*Brenda Chamberlain, MP
Guelph-Wellington*

Thanks for your support!

To the Editor,

On behalf of the staff and students of Wellington Hall Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and *The Acton Tanner/Rockwood Miller* staff for your support of our school pro-

gram. Our students enjoyed participating in the weekly news articles, and also when the paper featured special events happening in the school.

Thank you for being a great "community" paper.

*Jetta Anesea, Director
Wellington Hall Academy*

Ashley MacIsaac performs at U of G

Cape Breton native Ashley MacIsaac returns to the University of Guelph to stomp, stepdance and fiddle till the horse hair flies, hot on the heels of his sold-out show this past April.

The all ages concert takes place at the Gold Arena Sept. 9 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20, on sale in Guelph at The Bookshelf, Looney Tunes, The Corner, HMV and Jumbo Video.

**THE EXTRA INNINGS
SPORTS BAR & RESTAURANT
HILLSBURGH (OPPOSITE ARENA)
(519) 855-6691**

Every Thursday and Sunday is
KARAOKE NIGHT - 9 pm - 1 am
Friday Night is **JAM NIGHT** with Live Band
(Wally Mogg)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST
9 PM - 1 AM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

Open Daily 6 am - 1 am • Breakfast & Family Meals

**PETER ZIONS
CONSTRUCTION Ltd.**
853-2464 • ACTON
"A Family Building Tradition since 1964"
◆ Home Improvements
◆ Licensed R-2000 Home Builder

**ROBERT NOBLE LTD.
SEPTIC PUMPING**
◆ High Pressure Drain Cleaner
◆ Septic should be pumped every 3 years
◆ 4 trucks, radio equipped to serve you
20 Years Experience
R.R. #1 Acton 853-0500
Fax 856-9860

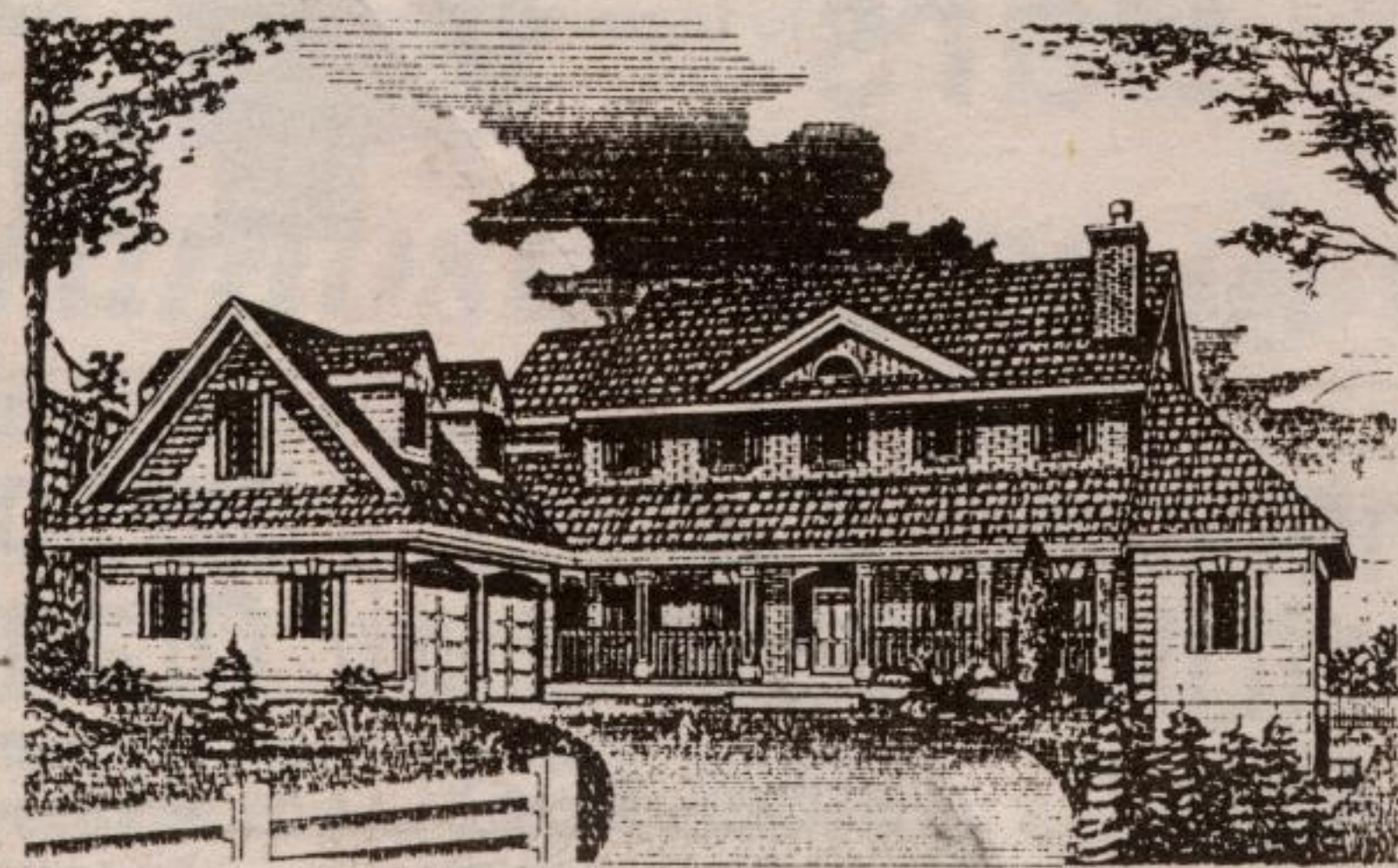
**Ranger
ROCK DRILL**
CONSTRUCTION WEAR PARTS
Excavator Teeth • Adapters
Blades • Ripper Teeth
Tel/Fax: (519) 853-1424
279 Mill St. E., Acton

Heritage Masonry
• FIREPLACES
• BRICK & STONEMWORK
• CHIMNEY REPAIRS
CALL:
853-3397
"LET US BUILD YOUR DREAMS"

**ACTON PRECAST
CONCRETE LIMITED**
SINCE 1953
■ SEPTIC TANKS & WATER CISTERNS
■ PVC SEWER PIPE
■ WELL TILES & CULVERTS
■ TRANSFORMER BASES
■ STEPS & PORCHES
■ YARD & PATIO PRODUCTS
ACTON
853-1529

HOMEPLAN OF THE WEEK!

Colonial features master on the main

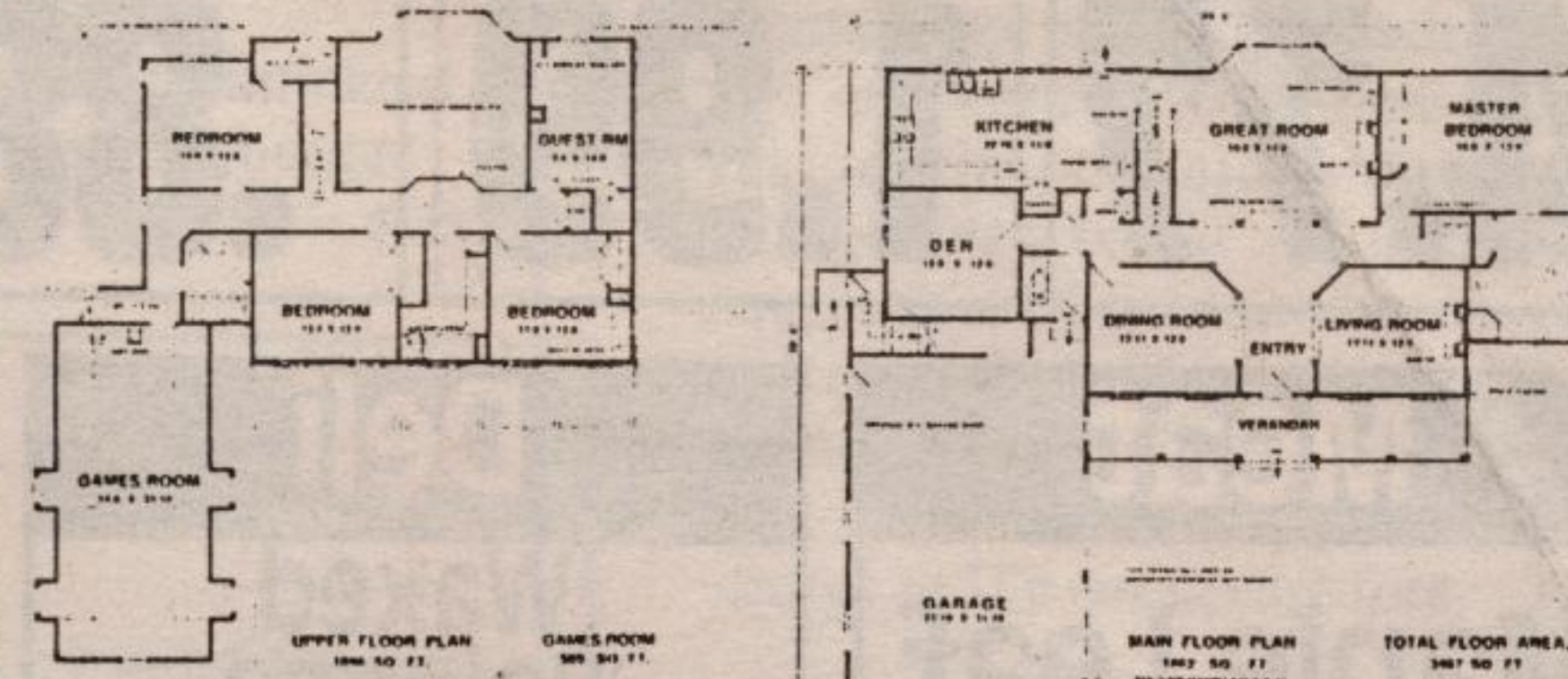


A combination brick and siding exterior, a covered veranda with decorative columns and feature windows, all the same size and shape with keystone detailing, combine to create the traditional colonial look.

The living and dining room, each set off on their own, provide a private atmosphere for formal entertaining. For less formal events, the great room, within close proximity to the kitchen and featuring a cosy gas fireplace, provides a spacious and comfortable area for family and friends. A large kitchen boasts an efficient work area with plenty of cupboard and counter space and a pantry. The master bedroom features a four-piece ensuite with a soaker tub.

Upstairs, the games room can be accessed from two separate staircases. Featuring a wet bar and a spacious layout, the games room could also be a nanny's quarters.

Plans for J2-3467-95 may be obtained for \$625 for five complete sets of working prints and \$59 for each additional set. Allow \$15 to cover the cost of postage and handling (add 7% GST to plan total plus postage and handling). Please make cheques, money orders, Visa or Master-Card authorizations payable to Acton Tanner Home Plan of the Week, P.O. Box 150, Acton, ON, L7J 2M3.



TYNAN DESIGN LTD. Plan No. J2346795 To Order...
13659-108th Avenue Phone: (604) 581-5722
Surrey, B.C. V3T 2K4 3467 SQ.FT. Fax: (604) 581-4822

Twiss Fuels
• Shell Fuels & Lubricants
• 24-Hour Burner Service
• Hot Water Heater Rentals
• Energy-Efficient Testing
• Installation
878-6380
Unit 15, 32 Steeles Ave.
Milton

**G. SCOTT MALCOLM
CONSTRUCTION INC.**
Home Improvements & Renovations
120 Elmore Dr., Acton
853-1629

DENNY'S INSURANCE
50 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Serving All Your Insurance Needs
Home • Auto • Business • Travel
Life • Mortgage Ins. • Group • RRP
853-0150
15 Mill Street West

**HALTON HILLS
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING**
• RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
• INDUSTRIAL • RURAL
POLE LINE WORK
24-HOUR SERVICE
NEWWORK • REWIRING
ELECTRIC HEATING
INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE
Call **53-2572**
73 NELSON CRT.
PROP. - LYLE PRUETER

Comfortmaker
SHARP HEATING
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
- High Efficiency Furnaces
- Electronic Air Cleaners
- Humidifiers
- Full Gas Service
- Electric to Gas
Change-overs
CALL DEAN
856-9494
ROCKWOOD

**Leathertown
LUMBER**
LUMBER, PANELLING & PLYWOOD, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE, HAND-TOOLS, PAINTS, STAINS, WINDOWS, TILES, DOORS, TRIM & SIDING
"Everything you need to do the job right."
Leathertown Lumber Inc.
Main St. North • 853-1970