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## IN BRIEF...

### Bag charge for garbage?

The concept of a user-pay garbage collection system in Eramosa will be discussed at a public meeting on Monday (Sept. 30) at 7:30 pm at Rockmosa Community Centre.

With help from Wellington waste reduction staff, Township staff will outline the option being considered to make garbage collection costs more equitable.

Currently the amount residents pay for garbage collection and disposal is based on the assessment of their house and for a house assessed at \$7,200 the cost is \$83.60 a year on the tax bill.

Nine of Wellington's 21 municipalities have switched to a user-pay system for garbage collection and disposal.



**LOOKING GOOD!** Helen Anderson of Rockwood models an outfit from Prime Time Fashions at last Thursday's dessert and fashion show at Rockwood United Church, as commentator Carol O'Neil looks on. The evening raised funds for the church's women's group. (Eve Martin photo)

## Rockmosa manager terminates contract

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The Rockwood Miller

In a move that caught Eramosa Township Council and staff off guard, Ruth Steel has terminated her contract to manage and clean the Rockmosa Community Centre, effective Nov. 4.

Although there had been some public animosity between Steel and Deputy Reeve Dave Adsett over management of Rockmosa, Steel's decision, "came as a surprise with no advance warning," according to Reeve Rick Hughes, who said Steel would continue to clean other Township facilities including the Township offices, the library and Rockwood Town Hall.

"The reasons given were personal reasons," Hughes said and when contacted by *The Miller* Steel declined to comment in detail except to say that she had regrets about ending her work at Rockmosa after 20 years as cleaner and eight years as Hall Manager.

"It was a very hard thing for me to do," Steel said last Thursday, adding she would have more to say following the next Rockmosa sub-committee meeting the first week in October.

A Township notice regarding Steel terminating her contract thanked Steel for her many years of hard work for the Township and Reeve Hughes said they have a lot of respect for the ef-

orts Steel has put into the operation over the years.

The newly formed Rockmosa committee, which now includes Council members, is attempting to make the centre break-even by the year 2000 by increasing revenues and decreasing expenditures.

As to the future operation of Rockmosa, Hughes said one option the committee is investigating is to have someone do the cleaning and to have a booking agent and a stable of bartenders that would be paid by the municipality.

"The hall renter would pay the actual wage as part of the arrangement with the municipality and the municipality would pay the bartenders. That would ensure that we would have a municipal presence at events for security and liability issues," Hughes explained.

Hughes also said that Steel had offered to stay on past her final date, if needed, to help make the transition to new management smoother.

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