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IN BRIEF...

User pay?

It looks as if Eramosa Township will be going to a user pay system for garbage collection. On Monday night Council was expected to ask staff to prepare and distribute a request for proposals featuring two separate alternatives - a system for the entire Township and a system for Rockwood, Eden Mills and Everton only.

Under the user pay system, residents pay a fee for each bag of garbage they put at the curb instead of the current system, which is based on the tax assessment of the house.

Senior of the Year

Rockwood's Sijtske Drijber was presented with the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Senior of the Year Award at Eramosa Township Council on Monday night.

When contacted about the honour on Sunday night, Drijber insisted that she had no idea why she had been chosen and quite seriously said, "I think they've got the wrong person. I haven't done any more than anyone else."

Drijber, a journalist who contributed to many local papers, has lived in Rockwood since the 1950s.

Councillor Gord Tosh, who nominated Drijber for the award, said her involvement with the local news, children's groups and arts organizations were outstanding contributions to the community.



SELLING THEIR WARES!

The 1st Rockwood Pathfinders were selling baked goods the girls made to raise funds to go camping in November. In back from left are assistant leader Jody Lowrie, Judy Purton, Jennifer Richey, Stephanie Patterson, and leader Linda Purton. In front with the goodies are Jessie Davis and Yasmeen Ali. (Eve Martin photo)

Sidewalk switch upsets resident

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Rockwood Miller

For several Jackson Street residents, the battle over the location of a proposed new sidewalk is not over.

When the Rockwood residents learned the Township was building a sidewalk on their street, they persuaded Council to put it on the north, not south side of the street from Main Street to Queen. Council reconsidered when it found out that meant almost doubling the cost.

The decision to switch back to the south side in-

censed Jackson Street resident Carole Brisley who called Council's flip-flop a "travesty."

"Nobody wants the sidewalk on the south side - in fact, I bet most people don't want it at all," a clearly agitated Brisley explained in an interview on Sunday, pointing out that there's very little traffic and few pedestrians on the street.

"Two families will have their driveways cut off so short that their cars will hang out over the road and people will be able to stand on this

new sidewalk and touch my porch because it's so close to our house," Brisley said, adding that she was writing Eramosa Township to ask if it was legal for a sidewalk to be built so close to a house.

Reeve Rick Hughes said Council changed its mind when faced with higher costs in tough economic times.

"Initially the majority of Council wanted it built on the north side to have continuity with the other sidewalks in the area," Hughes explained, noting that meant moving several hydro poles.

"After making the decision to go out and re-tender on the north side we found that we would have to butcher a number of large mature trees to get to the poles and do other remedial work," he said, noting the only other option, to bury the hydro wires, was too expensive.

"It just didn't make economic sense and Council voted to return to the cheapest option," Hughes said.

Brisley said if the Township is concerned about money, it should not building the sidewalk at all.

Phone fraud alert

A 79-year-old Eramosa Township woman may have been a victim of a telemarketing fraud which occurred in early September.

The victim was contacted by phone by a publishing company in Montreal and was told she had won a VIP trip to Montreal for a week and was required to forward \$1,000 in order to claim the prize.

The woman then went to the bank and made a money order for the required amount. The publishing company contacted her again in the beginning of October and told her the prize had increased in value and she had to forward another \$500 to receive it.

The woman went to the Royal Bank in Rockwood and was about to forward the \$500 money order. An alert bank manager cautioned her in doing so, and she did not send the money.

This incident is being investigated by Project Phonebusters, a national task force.

Guelph OPP caution consumers in the area to not:

- believe that everyone calling with an exciting promotion or investment opportunity is trustworthy, especially if you do not know them or their company,
- be fooled by a promise of a valuable prize in return for a low cost purchase,
- disclose information about your bank or credit card, not even a credit card expiry date,
- be pressured to send money to take advantage of a "deal."

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