

Adult lifestyle group is ready to apply

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The Rockwood Miller
Proponents of an adult lifestyle community in Rockwood want to sit down with Eramosa officials to try to resolve some of the issues that have held up the plan for over two years.

"We're ready to make an application," developer spokesman Ron Oelbaum explained in a recent interview, indicating that at Monday's Council meeting he will ask for a face-to-face meeting with councillors and staff to see "if there will be issues that are not surmountable."

The land use on the 42-acre property in question, between Lou's Boulevard and County Road 44, is at issue because the Official Plan has been deferred by the Ontario Municipal Board and in April, Council reconfirmed that a 1991 bylaw and agreement between Oelbaum and the Township does not allocate sewage capacity to the property.

Oelbaum disputes a Ministry of Energy and Environment position that the Township can't allocate any more sewage capacity until Guelph has approval for its sewage treatment plant. (Rockwood sewage is piped to Guelph where it is treated.)

"Council has the right to allocate any way they want to with regard to their allocations and there is unallocated capacity for the village of Rockwood, confirmed by the City of Guelph," Oelbaum

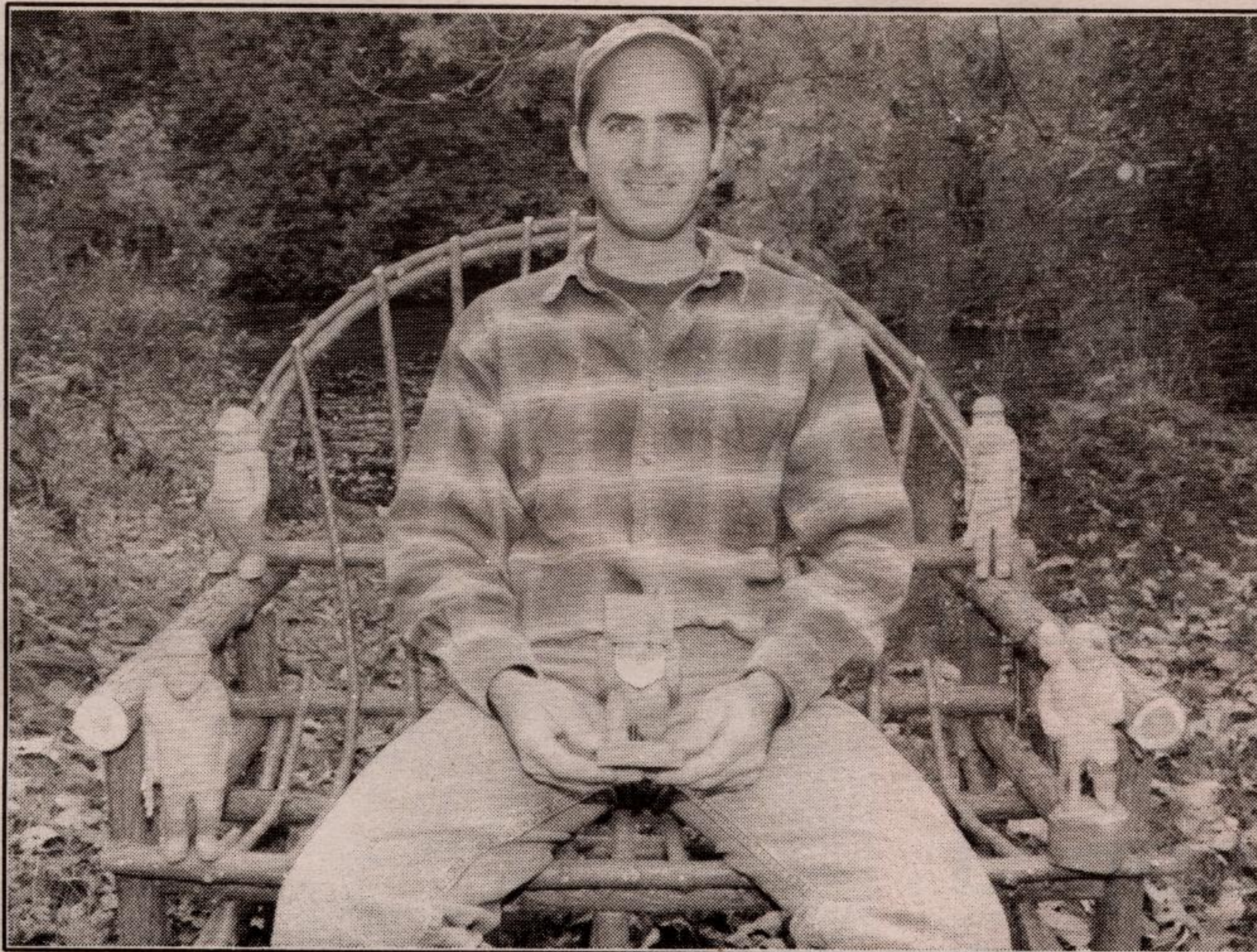
said. Oelbaum said they are approaching the Township with "co-operation not confrontation."

"It's my belief that Council would like to see some development happen and that an adult lifestyle development is an ideal form in terms of the limited demands it makes upon the municipality," Oelbaum said, noting that a first version of the concept plan of the proposal will be unveiled at Monday's meeting.

Eramosa Reeve Rick Hughes agreed that there is some sewage capacity agreement available in the licensing agreement with Guelph, but that first Oelbaum would need an Official Plan amendment and zoning change.

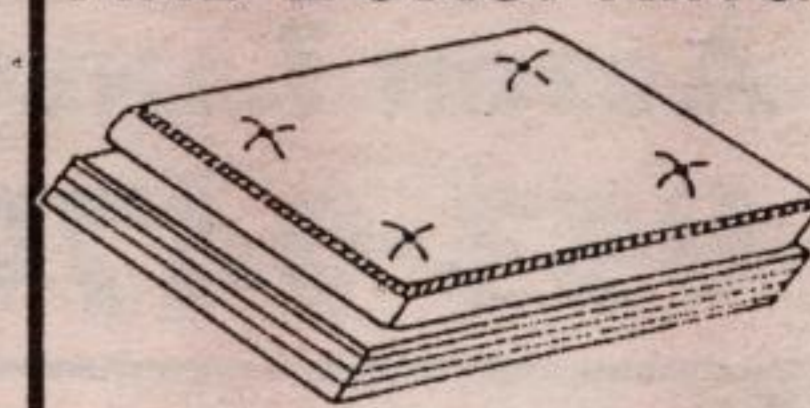
"Oelbaum has to jump through, and I say this with all due respect, but under the formal planning process he needs to get the land re-designated for Official Plan purposes," Hughes said, noting that Oelbaum had his land deferred under the Official Plan approved in 1992.

The Ministry of Environment has objected to the Official Plan on the basis that there is not sufficient sewage capacity for the lands designated for residential development that are within the current planning boundaries of Rockwood - Oelbaum's land is outside that area.



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The Miller regrets the error.

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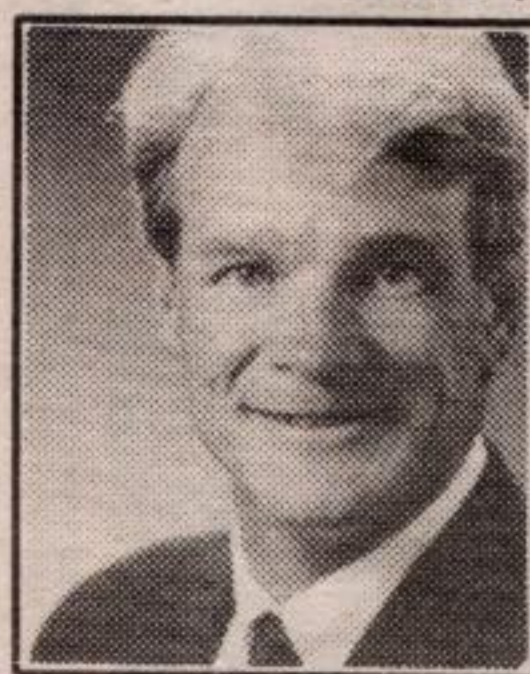
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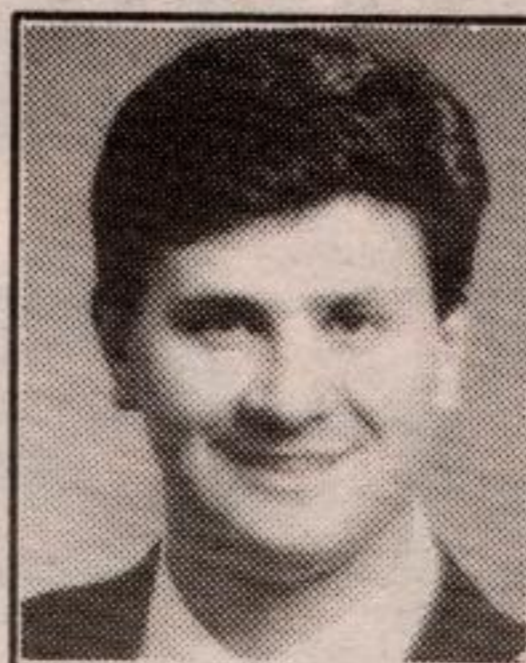


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