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IN BRIEF...

Parade of Lights on tomorrow

Don't miss the Farmer's Parade of Lights, a tradition in Rockwood. The parade will wind its way through downtown starting at 7 pm tomorrow (Thursday) and features more than 20 brightly coloured farm tractors, implements and a combine carrying Santa and Mrs. Claus. Storm date set for Friday, Dec. 20.

New Year's Eve party!

On Dec. 31, come to the New Year's Eve party at Rockmosa Community Centre. Music will be supplied by Marion's Country Band. Tickets, which include dinner and dance, are \$40 per couple. The party is sponsored by the Rockwood and District Lions and Lioness Clubs with proceeds going towards community betterment. For tickets call Leona Kingsbury, 856-4301 or Don Martin, 856-4746.



HAPPY TRIO: Santa finds two friends in Dacia, left and librarian Linda Hornick when he visited the Eramosa Library last Saturday. (Eve Martin photo)

Council names Nadia Martin as replacement

Eden Mills resident Nadia Martin was unanimously acclaimed to the vacant seat on Eramosa Township Council at a special meeting on Monday night. Martin, a long-time member of the Eramosa Library Board, replaces former councillor Cathy McIntyre, who recently moved out of the Township to Guelph, disqualifying herself from holding office because of a residency rule. While noting that all nine of the candidates who responded to Council's request for applications were capable and qualified, Reeve Rick Hughes said that Martin was the best choice. "Nadia has been very much involved in the community, I believe she is into her third term on the Library Board and is also on the Board of Directors for the Credit Union Central of Ontario." "She's an articulate speaker and thinker and a creative person with a strong presence and I know that she'll be taking me, as head of Council, to task." Martin is currently in Vancouver on business and was unavailable for comment.

Developers seek severance for model homes

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Eramosa Council can't meet a Dec. 31 deadline to comment on the Seaton Group's severance request for its South Village development in Rockwood, but it will inform the Wellington Land Division Committee that it still wants to comment on the application and ask for a deadline extension. The Seaton Group, which has Ontario Municipal Board approval to build approximately 100 units as Phase 1 of its proposed subdivision on the east side of Hwy. 7 south of Rockwood, has applied for a severance so it can build one or two model homes on the site. At Monday night's Eramosa Council meeting, Seaton spokesmen Jeremy and Jordan Grant said they are currently finalizing financing and hope to build the model homes on the site in March and begin marketing the subdivision in April. While councillors were concerned that they might lose their right to comment if they don't meet the Wellington Land Division Committee deadline, they refused to be rushed into a position on the severance application, with Reeve Rick Hughes noting that "it's not your everyday severance" and Deputy Reeve Dave Adsett commenting that he'd never seen "anything like this (severance) in my life." Councillors had a lot of questions about Seaton's plans to ask the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for a temporary access to the model home lot off Hwy. 7. "I don't know if you are deceiving yourselves but I just can't see MTO allowing an access there, even a temporary one," Adsett said, noting that he didn't think they could get a building permit for the model home because the lots aren't serviced. The Township's engineering consultant recommended that Council not comment on the severance application without comments or approval for the access from the MTO. Jeremy Grant tried to allay the concerns voiced at the meeting, noting before they filed the severance application, they had spoken with Wellington officials, Township planning consultants and engineers, and the MTO. "It's my understanding that they haven't identified any major concerns," Grant said. The Land Division Committee will deal with Seaton's severance application at its Jan. 23 meeting.

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