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## Council de-designates Eden's Bowstring

Council ignores Review Board Recommendations

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The Township of Eramosa has ignored the Conservation Review Board and voted to de-designate Eden Mills' 1913 Bowstring as historic.

In an April 6th decision, the Conservation Review Board which has an advisory capacity under Ontario's Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, had recommended against Council's intended repeal of the by-law. The one-and-a-half lane bridge was listed in 1991 under the Heritage Bridges Act.

In 1990, Eramosa Council was petitioned by residents through the Trustees of the Police Village of Eden Mills to ask the County of Wellington to fix the structure. The County fought the move to

designate and then handed over both village bridges and Road 28 to Eramosa Township in 1991 when it withdrew its objection.

Eramosa Council then applied to designate the bridge to qualify for provincial funding. However, the Township never applied for any funding to which its heritage status may have entitled it. The contentious issue of replacement vs. rehabilitation has raged across the Township ever since preceding Councils have sought to replace the existing bridge with a new two-lane one.

The Police Village of Eden Mills was disbanded in 1994. Since 1995, a local ratepayers group called the Friends of Eden Mills have championed the rehabilitation of the

Bowstring. The Review Board asked the group that represents the concerns of 80 plus residents in the village to present the case for rehabilitation.

At the April 6 Council Meeting, Reeve Dave Adsett said the Recommendations would not be discussed, but promised a special meeting to discuss it on April 14. The meeting was cancelled.

On April 20, Council, without discussion from the floor, unanimously voted to repeal the by-law designating the Bowstring as a historic bridge. They voted to proceed to tender to build a replacement and will seek approval from the Guelph - Eramosa Transition Board on April 22.

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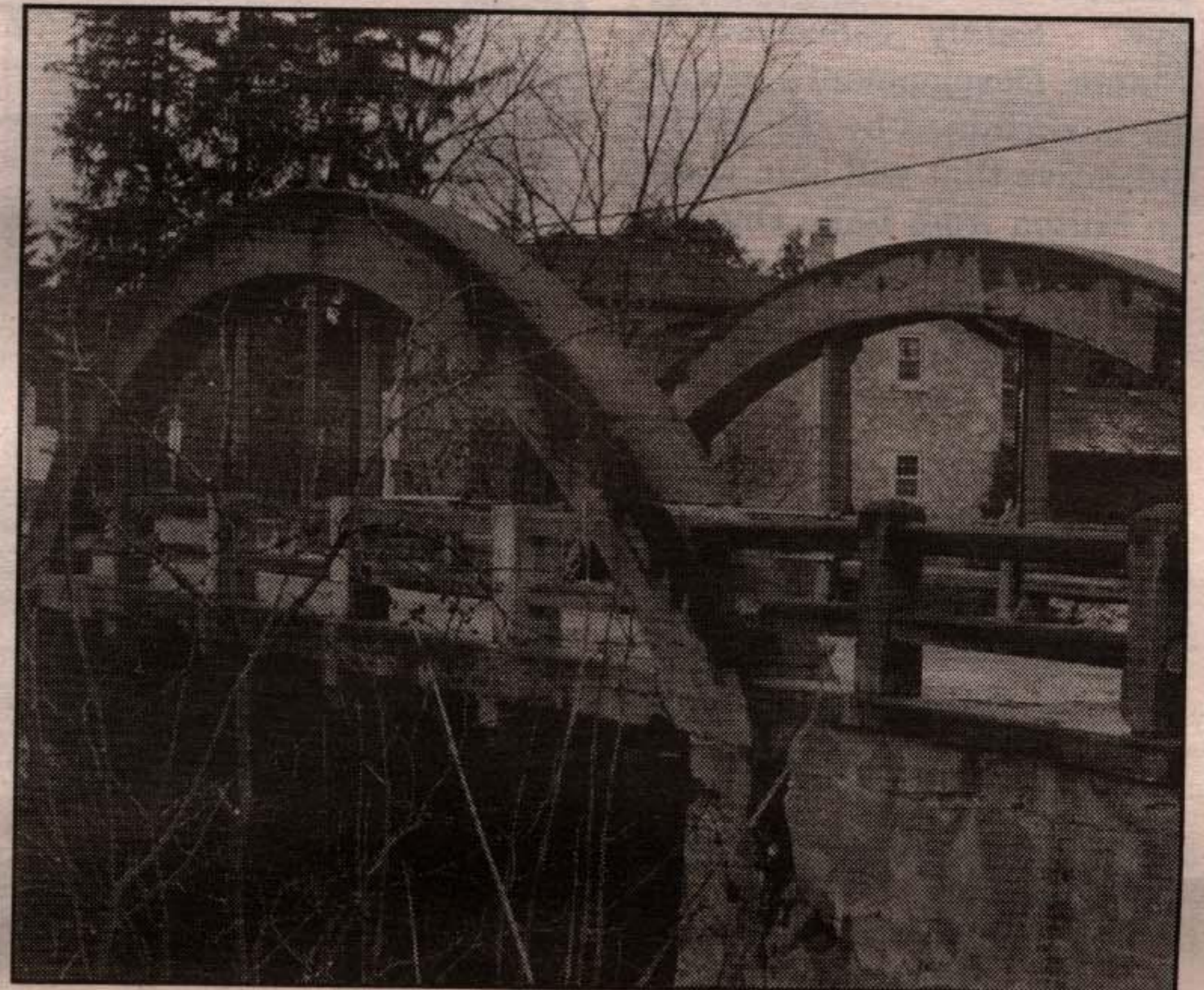


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LEFT TO RUIN - The Township of Eramosa's failure to maintain the Eden Mills Bowstring Bridge was raised at a recent hearing regarding the de-designating of the historic bridge.

## Kylie Kruk bowls 'em over

Age wasn't a factor as Acton Lane's Kylie Kruk knocked over her older opponents to win the Junior Girls Southern Ontario Provincial 5 Pin Bowling Championship on March 22, 1998.

Competing in a new division, the first-year Junior Girl earned the right to battle for the National title in Surrey, B.C. on May 2, 3 and 4. Last year, Kylie was provincial and national champion in the younger Bantam Girls age group.

To qualify for the Provincials, the 12 year-old Kylie first advanced through an eight-game House Elimination Round. This round attracted more than 17,500 bowlers from 170 centers during the months of December and January. As a House Champion, Kruk advanced to the Zone Finals in February for a five-game round robin to determine the qualifiers.

The Provincials, the third step of the Youth Bowling Council's annual "4 Steps to Stardom" was held at eight bowling centers throughout the Kitchener and Waterloo areas. 576 participated in the competition to determine Southern Ontario's best young bowlers in three age categories for both boys and girls - Bantams, (not 11 years of age), Juniors, (not 15), and Seniors, (not 19).

In a rousing competition played at Stratford, the Junior Girl's Singles produced the only tie-breaker of the tournament. Kylie matched a five game score of 1185 with Karyne Villeneuve from Ottawa. Kruk emerged victorious in the deciding game 219 to Villeneuve's 181. Joanne Mercier, representing Welland, finished third with 1127. All three medal winners averaged over 220.

"It'll be a lot harder to win this year than last," says the excited Acton resident, "but I'm looking forward to the trip out

west." Kylie's parents Steve and Laurie Kruk will accompany her.

"I can't say enough about the support Kylie has received from Acton Lanes," says father Steve Kruk. "John Wagg, the bowling alley's Youth Director, deserves a lot of credit for working so hard with all the town's young bowlers."

There will also be more local company on the trip for Kylie. Georgetown's Sarah Dougall took the Senior Girl's crown at the same competition to qualify for the National Championship.

Proud grandparents of Kylie Kruk - Acton Lane's one and only national champion - are Stan and Shirley Kruk of Darbyville, and Tom Kennedy, formerly of 5th Line, Nassagaweya.



SHE'S ON A ROLL - Acton's Kylie Kruk will be throwing strikes in B.C. this May.

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