

Agenda price won't change but delivery day will

Residents interested in obtaining agendas for Guelph/Eramosa council meetings will still have to pay for them, but now they can get them on Fridays.

In light of the cost of papers and staff time involved in preparing full copies of

agendas, councillors decided the existing rate of \$300 per year was not excessive.

Two full copies are always available at the meeting for the public to use but personal or advance copies need to be ordered through staff.

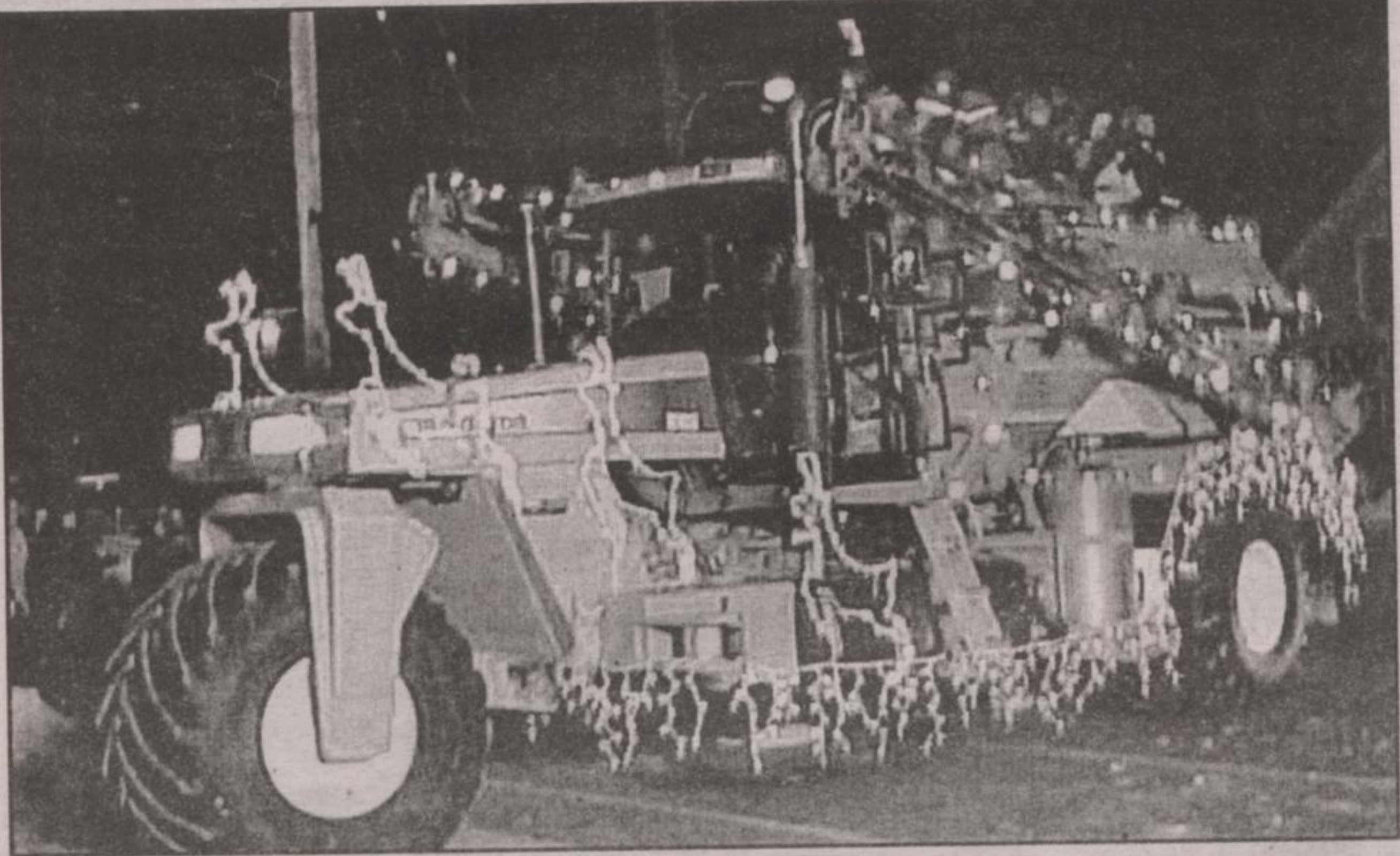
The timing on producing

those documents however, will be backed up by one day so agendas will now be available Fridays instead of Mondays before meetings begin.

Staff had said they were not opposed to preparing agendas a day earlier but they wanted direction on when councillors would get their copies.

Coun. Dave McCrae said when agendas don't arrive until Friday evening, it only gives councillors one day to get a legal opinion on conflict of interest, for instance, if they need one before attending the meeting.

Since neither council nor staff had any real concerns about changing their schedule, it was decided councillors will now receive their materials on Thursday evenings and the public can get their packages on Fridays. That will mean a free public copy will be posted at the Rockwood Library for viewing on Saturday and also at the Ariss post office or store.



BRIGHT NIGHT: Yet another construction vehicle illuminates Rockwood during the Parade of Lights on Thursday last. - Ted Tyler photo.

No response to letter

By **MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY**
The New Tanner

Former mayoralty candidate Teresa Gibson Smye didn't get very far with requests for additional public information and input in a recent letter to Guelph/Eramosa council.

In her letter Gibson Smye said Township Clerk Janice Sheppard told a man who requested the services of a deaf

language interpreter for a meeting that "an interpreter was too expensive and one would not be provided for his benefit." She asked what action had been taken on the issue.

The issue was resolved at the previous meeting when council decided an interpreter will be hired if possible. The determining factor is having sufficient (six to eight weeks) lead time to arrange for an interpreter.

At the meeting in question, arrangements rested with the Rockwood Lions Club, not council.

Gibson Smye also said "council minutes are inadequate in terms of content and detail" since "discussion regarding the items on the agenda is not recorded." She asked that "minutes include comments made during discussion."

Council was reminded that the Ontario Municipal Act specifically requires clerks to "truly record without note or comment, decisions of council." Should details be included as Gibson Smye suggests council and staff could "get in a lot of trouble," Clerk Janice Sheppard said.

Gibson Smye's third request was for a "time set aside at council meetings and indicated on the agenda so that residents are able to come and voice an opinion or ask a question without having to make arrangements in advance to do so."

Coun. Doug Breen spoke against the request pointing out he had "seen some pretty unbelievable things happen" at other councils which did use a somewhat similar approach. He noted free-for-alls broke out at some of those meetings and that's not what council meetings are intended for.

Breen said he went over the way to get on the agenda for meetings of a company in which he is a stockholder and found it much more stringent than the rules for speaking at council.

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