

# The Rockwood MILLER



## Condos adjacent to cemetery need zoning by law amendment

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Guelph/Eramosa council has delayed dealing with a zoning bylaw amendment for a six-unit condominium development next to the Rockwood cemetery until mid month. At a public meeting Monday neighbours raised questions about drainage, parking, garbage and snow storage, fencing and vehicle lights shining in residents' homes.

The property, at the corner of Highway 7 and MacLennan Street, does not have access onto a main road because a one foot reserve was placed between the highway and the property when the subdivision was originally established.

Since all lots must normally front onto a road in order to be built upon, the development must be serviced by a common lane at the rear of the property which can be used as a road. This requires an amendment to the regular zoning for the property.

The road must remain private, however, and the only way to make such a development work is to set it up as a condominium. John Cox, planning consultant for property owners Orval and Wayne Gates, said the six lots

are all wide enough to meet standard lot requirements for single family dwellings and also to provide some extra parking for guests. There could be room for garages or carports behind the homes.

While he could not say what style of homes will be built, he said they could be two-storey styles like many in the neighbourhood, and there has also been talk of retirement bungalows. The style will be determined when an actual developer has been selected for the property.

Neighbours were concerned that the homes all face onto Highway 7 since the development will be a main feature at the entry to the subdivision behind it and to the village of Rockwood.

An extra portion of land between the laneway and the rear property line would allow for additional parking, possibly snow storage and even some sort of garbage storage or collection area, he said. Exactly how it will be used will depend on the condominium agreement with the municipality and the condo's board of directors, Cox said.

Mayor David Adsett told the dozen or so area residents attending the meeting that he wants their input as soon as possible since council wants to deal with the zoning issue

## Five applicants for council seat

Guelph/Eramosa council could be back to full strength by mid April. Clerk/CAO Janice Sheppard told council five applicants have submitted letter of interest for appointment to the vacant Ward 4 council seat. Council agreed to have Sheppard set up interviews with the five people next Monday evening, April 8. Each applicant will be asked to speak about their interest in becoming a councillor and about the qualities they will bring to the position, Sheppard said.

Coun. Doug Breen wanted Sheppard to make sure the candidates understand what they should expect at the interview.

Council will nominate the chosen candidate at the April 15 meeting and then make the appointment, Mayor David Adsett said.

Steve Liebig, Bruce Mazer, Larry McDougall, Sandy McPhedran, Larry Stafford and Pauline White are all qualified to become councillors.

in mid-April.

He reminded them of the problems with the property starting with an application for commercial development which was rejected at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in the mid 1990s.

"It's important that council and the neighbours work together and put this thing to bed," Adsett said.

## Gordie Tapp headlines Rockwood Lions' 30th anniversary celebration April 20

Rockwood and District Lions and Lioness Club is celebrating 30 years of service to Rockwood and Eramosa with a special event evening on April 20 at Rockmosa Community Centre.

The evening starts with a social hour followed by dinner and entertainment headlined by Gordie Tapp and his band, Carl Kees and the Golden Fiddle Company, says Lions Club president Jim Nellis.

"A special appearance by everybody's favourite, 'Cousin Clem', will have the audience in the aisles with laughter," predicted Lioness Club president Leona

Kingsbury.

Net proceeds of the evening will benefit Habitat

for Humanity. Tickets are \$40.00 inclusive of dinner and entertainment.

## 21-year-old woman charged

The lone female suspect who robbed Rockwood Convenience Store at 7:50pm on March 19 has been apprehended as the result of a joint investigation by Guelph Police and Wellington OPP's major crime unit.

The 21-year-old entered the Rockwood store, approached the clerk, produced a knife, and demanded cash. She fled the store with an undetermined amount of cash.

She was arrested the next

day, Wednesday, March 20, as she attempted a robbery in Guelph. She appeared in Guelph Court on March 28 on the Guelph charges and was further charged with the robbery in Rockwood.

Investigation is continuing. Police are asking anyone who may aid in the investigation to contact Detective Constable David Shantz of Wellington OPP at (519) 822-7250 or Wellington County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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