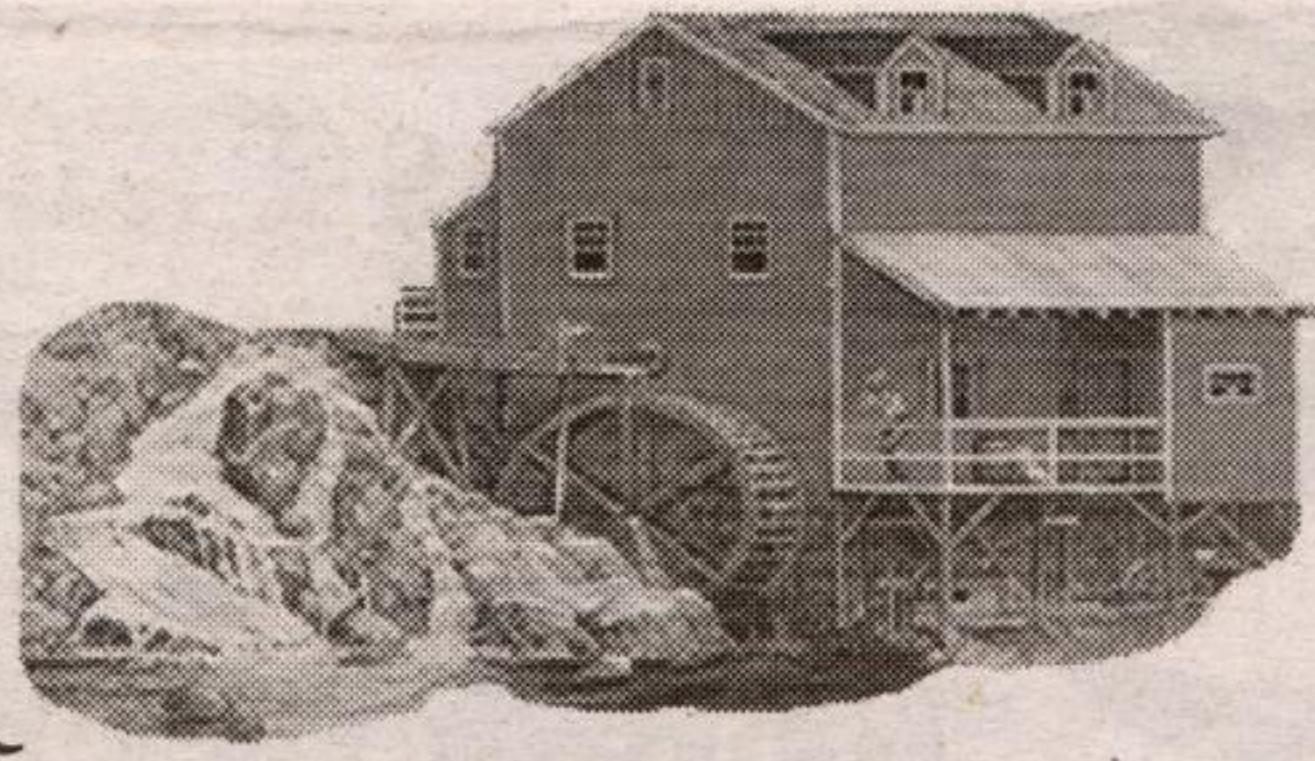


The Rockwood MILLER



Council, Eden Mills reps address village concerns

BY REBECCA RING
Rockwood Miller

A delegation representing the community of Eden Mills appeared before Guelph/Eramosa township council last Monday night. Mr. Chris Wilson spoke on behalf of the Eden Mills and District Community Club, an apolitical group formed to represent the interests of the whole village. Mr. Charles Simon spoke on behalf of the VELS Committee (Village Enhancement and Livable Streets), a committee of the club formed to address traffic safety concerns.

These groups held public meetings to hear the concerns of the villagers. In order for all voices to be heard, they held "kitchen meetings" of small groups of neighbours. This community consultation has been ongoing for the last ten years. The result is a list of requests to council regarding traffic safety.

According to Mr. Simon, approximately 1200 vehicles per day travel through Eden Mills. There is a proposal under consideration to

rebuild the bridge on York St. If passed, the new bridge will accommodate a larger tonnage capacity compared to the current bridge. The community wants the new bridge but is worried about increased speeds and volumes of traffic, especially large trucks. Mr. Simon said that currently many trucks larger than the 5 tonne limit are using the bridge and many drivers of all types of vehicles greatly exceed the speed limit in the area.

The area around the bridge is the social centre of the community. Villagers walk their dogs, children play, and visitors come there to see the sights. According to Mr. Simon, there has been some near accidents and the community wants to act before somebody gets hurt or killed. One resident purchased a radar gun to provide evidence and create awareness of the speeding problem. He walks his dog every morning on Barton St., a small two-lane road with no sidewalk. He is disturbed by the excessive speed at which some people drive past him.

The delegation requested that council forms a group

that will work with the community groups to design and implement some traffic calming measures. The community has suggested measures such as speed humps; establishing a community safety zone with signage and increased fines for speeding; building a gateway of welcome to remind drivers that they are entering a village; reviewing existing signage regarding its location; prohibiting large trucks other than farm vehicles and those with business in the community. They want to work with the township and council to implement feasible solutions by the time the new bridge is opened. The community is even willing to fund raise to help cover the costs.

Council resolved to establish a working group, which will consist of two council members and the manager of public works. This group will work closely with the community groups to achieve traffic safety in Eden Mills. Councillor Chris White added that any agreements they make should be brought to the township council.



WARMING UP TO WINTER: Mother and son, Carla and Jordan Clarke, brave the bitter cold to play hockey on the Eramosa River in Rockwood on Sunday. Temperatures dropped well below -20°C. - Rebecca Ring photo.

Internet scam costs business \$18,000

In July 2004 an Eramosa Township business received an email from a potential "customer" requesting parts and equipment be sent to him in Nigeria.

Over the course of several months the "customer" sent the business numerous emails with over 25 different credit card numbers, most of which were declined.

The business is now a victim of an \$18,000 fraud as a result of out-of-country fraud activ-

ity using stolen credit card numbers, Wellington OPP confirmed.

If you suspect you may be a target, be assured you are not alone. Tell someone, call the Police or contact Phone Busters at 1-888-495-8501.

Phone Busters is the national deceptive telemarketing call centre, operated by the Ontario Provincial Police. For information on the latest scams go to their website at www.phonebusters.com.

TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH/ERAMOSIA EDEN MILLS BRIDGE (STRUCTURE #82) CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The above project is being planned under **Schedule B** in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document dated (June 2000). Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of other necessary approvals, the Township of Guelph/Eramosa intends to proceed with the decision and construction of this project.

The existing single lane, single span concrete 'T' beam bridge was constructed in 1925 and has been identified as being deficient with respect to physical condition, load carrying capacity and barrier protection. The preferred solution is to replace the structure with a new structure at the same location. The work is scheduled for completion by late 2005. Further information on the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process is available at the following locations:

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Interested persons may provide written comment to the Township on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to Mr. Larry Van Wyck, Manager of Public Works.

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person/party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Township of Guelph/Eramosa. If there are no requests received by Feb. 19 2005, the Eden Mills Bridge (Structure #82) will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Minister of Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue
10th Floor, Toronto, ON
M4V 1P5

This Notice issued Jan. 20, 2005.

Mr. Larry Van Wyck
Manager of Public Works

OPP identify RBC bank scam

Wellington County O.P.P. wants the public to be aware of a scam sent to e-mail web site that appears to be legitimate.

Email messages from a site known as cardverification@royalbank.com have been received by the public, police say. The header at the top of the message is that of the RBC Royal Bank logo. It informs the recipient their debit card access with the Royal Bank is suspended and will only be reinstated once the recipient sends the requested information to the web site provided.

Do not respond to this email and provide any information regarding you bank accounts or debit card information, Wellington O.P.P. warn.

Royal Bank RBC has been contacted and informed the O.P.P. they are aware of the scam and are dealing with RBC customers who have been contacted. Those that have been bilked by the scammer are being provided with new debit cards and account information.

Anyone who has receive a similar type of email can report it to Phonebusters at 1-888-495-8501



CRASH INVESTIGATION: The driver of this 1995 Intrepid was charged with passing when the road was not clear of approaching traffic and not wearing his seatbelt following a crash with a van, driven by a 33-year-old Acton man, at 6:27 on Friday morning on Highway 25 at Wellington Road 50. Both drivers were taken to Guelph hospital with non-life threatening injuries. No other details are available - Frances Niblock photo

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