



GASSING UP: Construction began on the renovations at the gas station at Fall and Alma Streets in Rockwood. Owner Dave Jassal says it will be a Petro Canada with three islands, a state of the art convenience store with movie, gift and card sections, and a Country Style Coffee Shop. The neighbouring restaurant and bar will remain open during construction. Jassal hopes to open in early May. *Rebecca Ring Photo*

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Guelph/ Eramosa Council Chips

by Rebecca Ring

Soccer club wants more fields

Peter Williams, Gary Smith, and Richard Lay spoke as a delegation to council on March 19 about the need for more sports field capacity. They said there are 500 youths in the Rockwood Soccer Club and they are short on playing and practice facilities with only four principal fields in the township. Lay said Guelph/Eramosa is short two fields, using Waterloo and London's guidelines of 85 players per field. Williams said it is important that they develop a strategy with council so the club can proceed with fund raising.

Councillor Doug Breen said, "There is a lot of potential for field users with the expansion of soccer and other sports like Ultimate Frisbee." Mayor Chris White said, "My intention with strategic planning is to do an assessment of our parks for all uses." He invited the delegation back to participate when this begins.

Knapp wants more financial info

When accounts were discussed, Knapp commented that council has not yet received any monthly income statements that Finance was requested to provide, according to the Municipal Act. Staff was initially instructed to provide these over three months ago. In particular, Knapp asked about accounts 40-100 and 40-200 that total \$26 million in labour. Moyer added that they are still waiting for income statements for staff's 2006 salaries and benefits as well.

Council passes rink volunteer policy

Council unanimously agreed to adopt an outdoor ice rink policy, which was previously disputed by the Eden Mills volunteers. Their issue was with volunteers being required to fill out a maintenance log and declare the rink open or closed based on safety. They argued that Guelph does not require this of their volunteers and that they did not want to assume liability. White said Guelph's new policy is more stringent. He added that an insurance

company indicated volunteers would be protected by filling out this documentation, saying, "This proves due diligence by the volunteers and the township."

Green Legacy gives living gifts

Scott announced that all residents of Guelph/Eramosa are invited to pick up free trees on April 24, from 9 to 11 am, courtesy of Wellington County's Green Legacy Program. Four thousand saplings (pine and spruce) will

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Guelph Gun Club requests firearm exemption July 8

By Rebecca Ring

Gun Club applies for a Sunday exemption

Doak McCraney and Josko Kovic spoke to Guelph/Eramosa Council March 19 on behalf of the Guelph Rod and Gun Club which is applying for an exemption to a township by-law stating there can be no discharge of firearms on Sundays. The Sunday in question is July 8, which falls on the weekend that the club will host the Ontario Provincial Championships.

McCraney said 200 competitors will come from all over North America and the club wants to proceed with the application so that they may send out registration packages, which includes a list of restaurants, hotels and points of interest around the township. Kovic said it is an honour for the club to host the championships.

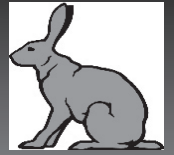
Grant Smillie spoke on behalf of the Eden Mills Steering Committee, which lobbied for the by-law. He said they had no objections

as long as all criteria for an exemption are met. He said the condition that the Gun Club notify all residents whose property lines are within 400 feet has not been met.

Kovic replied that notice was mailed out to all residents in the Eden Mills postal code but some of the properties in question are outside that postal code, so White suggested that Kovic go to the post office, indicate the area in question, and mail notices to all postal codes in that area. Councillor Breen said that Camp Edgewood requested the Gun Club erect a sign there. McCraney said the president, Borden Zazin-

ski, will go to the camp on Sunday and speak to the families.

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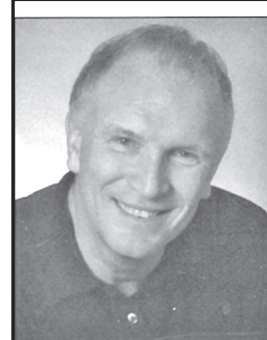
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