



RIDDING REGION OF RABIES: Last Saturday, the Upper Credit Humane Society hosted a Rabies Clinic, car wash and BBQ at Elmira Farm Service in Ospringle. About 20 volunteers, including Dr. Frances Walker (centre), administered over 325 rabies vaccinations, as well as microchip ID, at a reduced rate. Dog tags and memberships were sold too. Dr. Walker emphasized that shots did not include a vet exam, which she says is crucial and should be arranged for your furry friend annually. - Rebecca Ring Photo

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Cemetery Committee frustrated by lack of answers to queries

By Rebecca Ring
Voices were raised and tones were confrontational when Bill Wingate and Marie Milne spoke to council on behalf of the Rockwood Cemetery Committee Monday night.

Wingate presented year-end financial statements for Rockwood Cemetery Trust Funds. He said there is an excess of expenditures over revenue and they are in arrears of \$24,419. He added that the committee looked through the statements and found that the cemetery was running in the "green" until 2001, when Woodlawn Memorial Park was hired as management, and as of 2005, is "in the red." Woodlawn resigned last November after having disagreements with the committee.

Wingate asked if council knows about the arrears. Mayor Chris White said, "We cannot answer that right now. We'll have to look into it." Milne said, "We have been asking for these figures for years and nobody gets back to us."

White responded, "This is the first time this has been presented to this council." Wingate said, "You should see these documents every year. The township owns the cemetery and should have financial statements in their possession." White answered, "You may be right. I don't know."

Milne became frustrated

and retorted, "The clerk knows. These are clerk's documents and [Janice Sheppard] has been with this for six years. We've been asking and all we get is this." She indicated a sheet, for which she paid \$109 to the Clerk's Office, through the Freedom of Information Act, and received a paper with all the financial details and totals blacked out. She called it a

"rip off." White, also frustrated, said that the purpose of a delegation is to provide information, "I understand the issue. We'll take the documents into consideration. We are coming to the end of this delegation."

Wingate asked about the Gladys Hanna Trust Fund, which was bequeathed for that sole purpose of build-

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Knapp's motions for more fiscal information passed

By Rebecca Ring

At the regular meeting of council on April 16, Councillor Roger Knapp made two motions to get more financial information. He and Councillor Reta Moyer have been asking for statements from the finance department detailing account balances and accounts receivable for months.

Knapp said he could not keep approving accounts payable without knowing "the other side of the balance sheet." At their April 2 meeting, he voted to approve the accounts payable but said it would be the last time without the requested information.

Last Monday, as accounts payable came up as regular business, Councillor Doug Breen asked Knapp, "Did you get what you need?" to which Knapp answered, "Yes, mostly." All except Moyer voted in favour of paying the balance of \$90,188.40.

Following the vote, Knapp made a motion requesting a "quarterly snapshot of all accounts" be provided to council, the

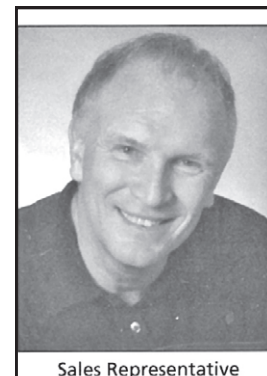
first to be received by May 1: specifically, the balance sheet, bank statements, copies of accounts receivable, credit card documents, reserve fund documents, where funds are invested, and fund use parameters.

Finance Manager Linda Cheyne said she is not sure if all this information is public. Breen said it is okay if some is presented in closed sessions. Mayor White asked Cheyne if they could have this information before the budget is passed and she said, "Yes." The motion was passed.

Knapp made another motion asking staff to provide all documentation regarding the repairs and ramp building for Rockmosa

Community Centre, including all costs. It was passed.

Knapp then made a notice of motion for all expense accounts of staff and council to be authorized by council for payment. This will be presented as a motion and voted on at their next regular meeting. Moyer said government should be open and transparent, including all expense accounts.



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