

## Guelph/ Eramosa Council Chips

by Rebecca Ring

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danger. Mayor Chris White and Councillors Breen and Scott passed the motion allowing Parkinson to trap in the former townships of Guelph and Eramosa. Moyer abstained and Councillor Roger Knapp was absent.

In September, council unanimously granted permission to trapper John Winer to trap mink and muskrat in road allowances and municipal waterways in Eramosa.

Last February, council heard accounts of dogs killed by the types of traps allowed, such as conibear traps, which killed a pet Jack Russell in Guelph last December while he was walking with his owner, Tara Szczgiel. She was part of a delegation asking for a ban or modifications on hunting and trapping in Guelph/Eramosa.

Other speakers included Karen Levenson and Liz White of Animal Alliance Canada, and Ainslie Willock of Canadians for Fur Bearing Animals.

### Commercial Corridor Committee

Guelph/Eramosa is in the process of forming its Commercial Corridor Improvement Committee. Its main focus will be to make downtown, business and economic centres more attractive and viable. White, Scott and Breen were appointed to the committee, which will also include Brad Dixon (superintendent of the Rockwood Conservation

Area), a member of the Rockwood Eramosa Business Association and two more members from the public.

### All-way-stop policy

Council decided against an all-way-stop sign at Ridge Rd. and Old Maple Blvd. in Rockwood.

Public Works conducted a traffic study there from September 7 to 17 and found that an all-way-stop was not warranted. Residents petitioned for the sign due to concerns about the speed of traffic exceeding the posted 50km limit.

The study showed that 95% of vehicles were traveling at or below the limit. Using the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as a guideline, Public Works Manager Ken Gagnon said the stop signs are not to be used as speed control, and that volume or collisions have to be sufficient to warrant an all-way-stop.

"An unwarranted stop control can actually worsen pedestrian and traffic safety, creating stop-sign abuse, stops and delays, mid-block speeding, congestion, collisions, fuel consumption, operating costs and noise and air pollution," he explained.

Council agreed and directed Gagnon to look into other traffic calming measures. He also presented a policy for all-way-stops based on those of other municipalities and the MUTCD, which council adopted.



**WORKING OUT FOR WELLNESS:** Rocktoning Fitness Centre for women opened in Rockwood recently. It features a 35-minute exercise circuit, esthetics and fitness wear. Owner Brandy Lee Stumph says the focus is for women to feel good on their own terms and become strong and healthy. *Rebecca Ring Photo*

## Ontario lags in access to doctors deplored by MPP

After calling for action to address the doctor shortage, Wellington—Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is concerned by a recent report showing fewer family physicians per capita in Ontario than in almost every other province. Last year, Ontario was home to 84 family doctors per 100,000 residents, compared to 203 per 100,000 in the Yukon.

"Ontario has traditionally been a leader in Canada," said Mr. Arnott. "For Ontario

to be in 9th place in such a critical measure of our health system is truly disturbing news."

Conducted by the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI), the study also showed that 60 specialists left the province last year. Contrary to the trend in other provinces, Ontario's population growth has outpaced the number of new doctors entering the system.

"It's time Premier McGuinty listened to the

experts," said Mr. Arnott, who pointed to several steps that the Ontario Medical Association has proposed. Its suggestions include increasing the number of residency training positions and bringing to Ontario more students from other provinces.

According to results from the Primary Care Access Survey (PCAS), conducted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, there are 750,000 Ontarians without a family doctor.

## Police get 'Teddy Bear Man'

Thanks to an alert Halton Police Officer, a man wanted for questioning in connection to several reported incidents in which a man approached school-aged children and school yards in Georgetown has been identified and arrested.

On October 25, shortly before 2p.m., Pineview Public School staff and students were surprised to find an odd looking man driving through the school lot. This incident was the first in a series of reported incidents that caused the Halton Police and the community to have concern that a man may be

inappropriately approaching children.

The Halton Regional Police Service worked diligently along with the Halton District School Board, the Halton District Catholic School Board and French and Private schools in Georgetown, to ensure the safety of the children while at school. Two of the many steps taken were an increase of police presence in the area of schools during school hours and an increase of staff supervision of children by the schools.

The Halton Police District 1 Criminal Investigation

Bureau and Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit launched a combined investigation into these incidents.

A detective participating in surveillance near the Pineview School observed a vehicle matching the description reported to police by witnesses. Several officers stopped the vehicle and readily identified the man driving as the person responsible for these odd incidents.

Charged with two Counts of Mischief contrary to the Criminal Code is Dennis ENNS (41), of Cordingley Crescent Mississauga. ENNS will appear in Milton Provincial Court on December 11.

The Halton Police investigation has determined that only the two incidents at Pineview School were factual.

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