

# The ROCKWOOD Miller



**RESEARCH AWARDS:** Trent University students Kaitlyn Breton-Honeyman of Rockwood left, and Jennie Knopp of Milton recently won research awards for their scientific work from the Arctic Change conference - *submitted photo*

## Rockwood graduate student wins arctic poster award

Two Trent University graduate students, one from Rockwood and the other from Milton, recently won research awards for their scientific work from the Arctic Change 2008 conference, the largest arctic research conference in Canadian history.

Kaitlyn Breton-Honeyman of Rockwood and Jennie Knopp of Milton returned home last week from Quebec City where the conference was held.

"It meant a lot to me to win this award because injuries resulting from climate change in the Western Arctic are a crucial issue that haven't received a lot of attention yet," said Kaitlyn Breton-Honeyman, who won second place in the health sciences category for her poster entitled Climate Change, Public Health and Safety in the Arctic. "For Inuit, health and safety on the land is of particular concern as many communities report increasingly frequent uncharacteristic weather and sea-ice conditions putting hunters and others at greater risk than ever before."

Classmate Jennie Knopp placed third in the social sciences category for her

poster Bridging the Gap: Linking Scientific and Traditional Knowledge with Community-Based Monitoring which was part of the International Polar Year Char Climate Variability and Change project. Ms. Knopp and Ms. Breton-Honeyman were two of only 12 award winners out of a field of 320 posters.

Both students were supervised by Dr. Chris Furgal of Trent, a professor of indigenous and environmental studies and a member of the conference organizing committee.

Considered one of Canada's leading experts in combining indigenous and scientific knowledge, Professor Furgal gave several presentations on his research that explores how climate change is transforming how people survive in the Arctic. "The Arctic is experiencing some of the most rapid effects of climate change globally and how northern residents are able to cope with the variety of changes they face is of particular concern for their health and safety," he explained.

Prof. Furgal and his graduate students pre-

sented how changing ice conditions affect northern peoples' ability to hunt and fish, and the emergence of vulnerability assessments as an informative research approach to understanding potential impacts and identifying characteristics of those communities and individuals most at risk.

## Council grapples with property standards bylaw

By Rebecca Ring

Council deferred voting on a proposed property standards by-law last Monday, for the second time. They agreed to further review it, provide input to the By-law Enforcement Officer Mathew Williamson by the end of this month, and consider passing it at their

### Bylaw for committee

By Rebecca Ring

Last Monday, Council passed a new bylaw, Monday, governing "the rules of procedure for Advisory Committees Appointed by Council."

There are currently five such committees: Heritage, Economic Development, Trails, Environmental Stewardship, and Commercial Corridor Improvement. The by-law is the result of an overall review and updating of all procedural by-laws.

"We have to keep bylaws current and conform to Municipal Act updates," says Mayor Chris White, "We struck three new committees this term." They are the latter three.

The by-law defines rules for meetings, a Quorum, absenteeism, agendas, disclosing pecuniary interests, appointing and acting as Chair, delegations, voting, conduct and more. A new item is setting a maximum of ten years for any individual to sit on a committee, but it allows for exceptions. The committees are renewed with each new term of municipal government every four years.

meeting on February 2.

"It should be ready by then, but we will do this until we get it right," says Mayor Chris White. He adds that the nature of such a by-law is complicated, as the wording is always open to interpretation. "It needs to be strong enough to be enforceable, yet flexible enough to allow for discretion."

The by-law defines general standards for all properties, and sets rules for fences and barriers, storage of garbage, sewage, drainage, structures, yards, driveways, compost, etc. It also defines building standards for all properties.

The proposed by-law is based on existing by-laws and the Municipal Act. It

will define municipal responsibilities when a complaint is made against a property owner.

"The goal is to help facilitate a resolution if people have problems with a property," says White, "If the issue is not under municipal jurisdiction, then we can help by guiding the person in the appropriate direction." Some disputes are outside of the realm of government and can only be settled in civil court.

If passed, the by-law will replace the current one. "As the Township grows, some areas are becoming more urbanized and issues may change," says White, "We need this by-law to be functional but also keep things civil."

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