## More input needed: Mayor

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residents and all stakeholders, regarding the cosmetic use of pesticides. He explained he feels there are a lot of people out there that the Town hasn't heard from on the issue.

Ward 3 Councillor Jan Mowbray questioned whether or not bringing forward Schau's proposed bylaw would require a public process anyway.

Acting Clerk Karyn Bennett said while it depends on the legislation, staff would have a public input process on the pesticide bylaw regardless.

Schau argued it was important to go ahead with her motion.

"Going through open houses — that could be sort of an endless process," she said.

She added that in order to look at the issue thoroughly, there has to be something, like a proposed bylaw, in place to look at.

Ward 4 Councillor John Challinor also threw his support behind the mayor's motion, explaining he thinks the Town needs to hear from people in the agricultural community, those who provide the pesticide services and other residents.

Schau's motion lost in a 3-2 vote, with herself and Mowbray voting in favour and Krantz, Ward 2 Councillor Mike Boughton and Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day opposed. Krantz's motion passed and will now go before town council June 26 for a final decision.

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The property in question is south of Britannia Road and north of Hwy. 407, between Regional Road 25 and Trafalgar Road.

Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day informed town councillors of the situation at Monday night's community services committee.

He told The Champion he thinks Vastis' proposal was a good one and should have been chosen over a replanting order and fine.

"It seemed like a wonderfully creative win-win situation for everyone," he said.

The proposal would have allowed

CH to add the forested land to lands the environmental agency already owns to the east of Vastis' land, Day said.

He added he thinks Vastis, who "seems like an honourable businessman," has been treated too harshly.

"It's not like he's Osama Bin Laden or something."

Mayor Gord Krantz, who's also a regional councillor, said he couldn't comment on the offer's rejection due to confidentiality.

At press time yesterday afternoon, Vastis' sentencing hearing was ongoing.

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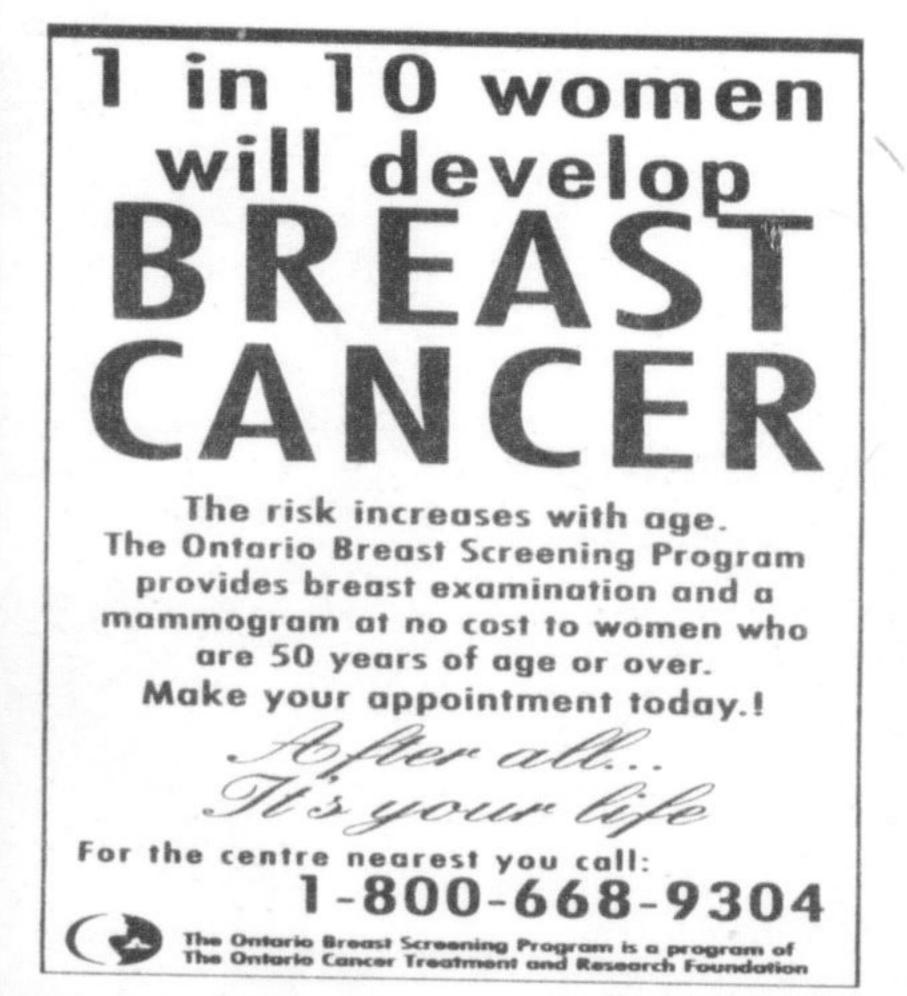
## Correction

A story in Tuesday's Champion contained incorrect information.

The article stated that Vanier Centre for Women is the only exclusively female prison in the province.

In actual fact there's another such correctional facility in Kitchener called the Grand Valley Institution for Women.

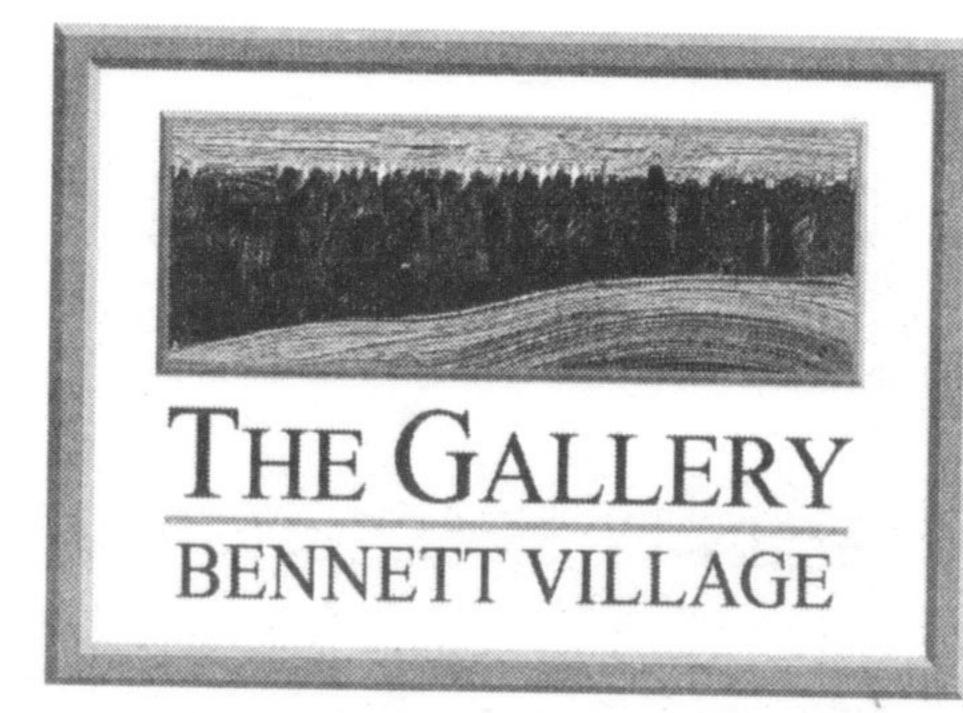
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