ESSEX NEWS

Council looks into water mix-up, passes reduction in speed limit

By Free Press Staff

Boil water discussion

Essex town councillors may talk further with members of the Windsor Essex County Health Unit about a miscommunication over a water-sampling mix-up in

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Allen Heimann and Director of Health Proctection Deb Bennett spoke to council Oct. 2. A mix-up labeling samples

taken in Harrow Sept. 11 caused Heimann to order a boil water advisory that affected 9,000 residents in Harrow and Colchester. At a WECHU meeting Sept. 21 Bennett said there is an option available for municipalities to avoid an adviso-

"We ask them if that is so, and if they are willing to acknowledge that in writing," Bennett said about an instance where an employee acknowledges that they have made a mistake. "In that case, if they issue that in writing we are very comfortable in not issuing a boil water adviso-

At the WECHU meeting Bennett said that option was expressed to administrators in Essex.

"It was me that they dealt with and I have no problem meeting with the mayor and the individual that I spoke with," Bennett

At the council meeting Bennett said she would look into the situation. She said her manager had the conversation with an employee of the town's water department.

Speed limit concern

Council passed a motion Oct. 2 lowering the speed limit on the Gesto Side Road from 80 km/h to 50 km/h. The motion also included an instruction to post a sign warning motorists that children are

Director of Public Works Richard Beausoleil said lowering the speed limit was "within the warrants of the Highway Traffic Act."

Beausoleil said a similar request to reduce the speed limit on Tremblay Side Road from Gesto Side Road to North Malden Road was not within the warrants of the Highway Traffic Act. The initial request was to reduce the km/h. Council voted to reduce the speed limit to 60 km/h.

Administrative Officer Wayne Miller said residents along Gesto Side Road and Tremblay Side Road requested the speed limit changes. Protocol is for the director of public works to contact the police chief and inform council of the response, Miller said.



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MAYOR:

Ron McDERMOTT Larry SNIVELY

WARD 1 (2 to be elected):

Bill ARPS Morley BOWMAN John GARINGER Robbie SHEPLEY Nick SPIDALIERI Randy VOAKES

Ward 2 (1 to be elected):

Randy McCLOSKEY Richard MELOCHE Jamie SHEPLEY

WARD 3 (2 to be elected):

Percy DUFOUR Paul INNES Daniel INVERARITY Ron ROGERS

WARD 4 (Acclaimed):

Peter TIMMINS

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS:

A person is entitled to be an elector if, on Voting Day (November 13, 2006) he or

is a Canadian citizen,

is at least eighteen (18) years old, b)

resides in the municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse or same-sex partner of such person,

is not prohibited by any other legislation from holding Municipal Office.

VOTER NOTIFICATION CARDS:

In the near future, you should receive a Voter Notification Card. This card will advise you of the location where you vote. Please bring this card with you to the poll. It will help the Deputy Returning Officer to identify you as an elector and speed up the election process. If you do not receive a Voter Notification Card or if the information contained on the card is incorrect, please contact 519-776-7336 ext. 10 or 11.

ADVANCED POLLS:

Arrangements for an Advanced Polls have been made for those persons who may not be able to vote on the regular Election Day. The Advanced Polls will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2006 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Locations are as follows:

Ward 1 Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South, Essex

Gesto Fire Station, 2612 County Road 12, Gesto Ward 2

Harrow Arena Community Centre Room, McAffee St., Harrow Ward 3 Harrow Arena Community Centre Room. McAffee St., Harrow Ward 4

PROXY VOTE:

If you are unable to vote at either the Regular or Advanced Poll, you can appoint a proxy voter. Proxies must be on a prescribed form and certified by the Office of the Clerk. Proxy forms are available by contacting the Clerk's Office during regular business hours and also from noon to 5:00 PM on the day of Advanced Poll.

ELECTION PERSONNEL WANTED:

The Town of Essex requires election personnel to serve as Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the November 13, 2006 Municipal Election. Anyone interested in working that day can contact either Lynn Moroz (519-776-7336 ext. 10) or Robin Hall (519-776-7336 ext.11).

Jerry Marion Clerk and Returning Officer

Town of Essex

Cheryl Bondy

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer & Assistant Returning Officer

Town of Essex