

Tighter restrictions on federal employees running in municipal elections

by Richard Blanchard

Tighter restrictions may make it more difficult for federal government employees to run in the upcoming municipal elections.

Both Essa Councillor Ron Henderson and Adjala-Tosorontio Deputy Mayor Doug Little will be required to receive permission from the federal government to run in this November's election.

Both are employees at CF Base Borden.

Henderson told Essa council Wednesday night that he had already to complete lengthy paperwork for the federal government in order to receive clearance to run.

"I had to answer a lot of questions about Essa township's budget process and other areas of service," he said.

Adjala-Tosorontio Deputy Mayor Doug Little said Monday that he has already had to complete one lengthy application in order to seek approval to run.

"There were questions about all areas of Adjala-Tosorontio's activities including questions about budget work," he said.

He said that he had hoped to have a final decision from the government by June 15th but was recently told that he had another application form to complete.

"I honestly don't think that the federal government can

prevent us from running for council but it may require me to take a leave of absence during the campaign or after we were elected," he said.

Little said that this complication has been the reason that he has not officially registered as a candidate for mayor. He announced his intention to run for the position in May.

"Requiring someone to take a leave of absence from their job seems out of line when council members around here hold their positions part time," he said.

Henderson said that he would likely appeal any decision which restricts running for office.

Mayors' Walk, an invitation to get out and active on the Trans Canada Trail

The annual Trail Day presented by the Thornton-Cookstown Trans Canada Trail committee takes place Saturday June 17, 2006 and incorporates the healthy living principles of Good for Life's Active Family Challenge through the 9 km Mayors' Walk with Mayor David Guergis of the Township of Essa and Mayor Brian Jackson of the Town of Innisfil.

Join us for a day of fun activi-

- 8:30 am - Field Naturalists Walk Cookstown Trail Pavilion
- 10 am - Essa & Innisfil 9km Mayors' Walk Thornton Trail Pavilion
- 11:30 am - 1 pm - BBQ Lunch & Children's Activities Cookstown Trail Pavilion
- 1 pm - 2 pm - Native Wildflower Planting
- A shuttle bus will bring partici-

pants back to Thornton at 12:30 pm, 2 pm and 2:30 pm.

The main event is of course the 9 km Thornton to Cookstown walk which gets under way at 10:00 AM and people are asked to gather at the Thornton Pavilion on Robert Street just prior to fill out a ballot for a draw to win prizes donated by Good for Life.

A Native Wildflower Planting led by Shannon Stephens with the

NVCA will also take place following the barbeque. The planting site is at the trail off Wellington St. in Cookstown. Planting materials will be supplied and all those who wish to help beautify and enhance the biodiversity of the trail are welcome to join in.

And for the Nature Lovers and Early Birds, feel free to join the Brereton Field Naturalists of Barrie, on their trail walk, starting

at 8:30 AM at the Cookstown Trail pavilion on hwy 89 (across from Tim Horton's).

This Trail Day provides a great opportunity to come out and get active as well as to familiarize yourself with the beauty that is the Trans Canada Trail. For more information about the Trail Day call Kristin at Innisfil Parks & Recreation 456-4711.

Ice rates may increase by \$5/hour

by Michelle Minnoch

Council discussed the proposed by-law for the Town's User Fees and Charges regarding the increase of ice rental fees by \$5.00 per hour effective September 1st.

"It's an inflation increase to those rates," said Town treasurer, Ian Goodfellow.

"Ice fees are generally going up," remarked Councilor Gord Wauchope. "I know Barrie is higher than us. I would like to see a comparative of the Town of Essa and Bradford West Gwillimbury to ours. He said he had no problem with the by-law, but the comparisons needed to be seen.

Director of Planning and Development Rob McAuley stated when it came to ice rates, Innisfil is one of the lowest.

"With the increase, we'll be about in the middle of the pack," he said.

Goodfellow said the subsidies cover about \$120,000 for both Lefroy and Stroud Arena.

Deputy Mayor Barb Baguley said council had to be mindful of the new facility. She said it was something they had not done well with in the past, but they are moving towards where they want to be.

The rate hike would only effect ice time and user groups will be notified of any changes to their fees.

Seepe Walters story writing contest Calling all young, aspiring authors!

Do your creative writing juices need a summer outlet? If you are in grades 6 to 12, we are looking for your writing talent! The Innisfil Public Library is pleased to present The Seepe Walters Story Writing Contest.

Write a story, no longer than 3,000 words, on any topic, have it typed double-spaced,

and then submit it preferably through e-mail addressed to jasselstine@innisfil.library.on.ca or on a disc delivered to your local branch -


Stroud, (436-1681), Lakeshore (431-7410),

Churchill (456-2671) or Cookstown (458-1273).

Contest deadline is Saturday, September 9, 2006, 5:00 p.m. It's that easy!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INNISFIL
(Planning Act R.S.O 1990, c. P.13, s. 17(15), O.Reg. 198/96)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil will hold a Public Meeting on **Tuesday June 27, 2006, at 7:00 PM at the Stroud-Innisfil Recreation Community Centre, 7883 Yonge Street, Stroud.** The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain public comments on a proposed Town Official Plan under Section 17 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13.

The land affected by the proposed Official Plan is described as all lands within the boundaries of the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil. No Key Map is provided since the whole of the Town is included within the Official Plan.

THE PURPOSE is to consider a new updated Official Plan for the Town of Innisfil which reflects recent Provincial Policy directions and legislative changes, improves policy protection of significant natural features and agricultural resources and provides strategic policy to respond to applications for change over the next 25 years.

THE EFFECT of the proposed Official Plan policy is to bring the Town's Official Plan into conformity with Provincial directions and to identify and protect significant features and resources, direct future growth, and provide a clear foundation for other planning tools such as zoning, within the Town of Innisfil.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and make oral and/or written submissions either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan.

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Innisfil at 2147 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, Ontario L9S 1A1.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY files a notice of appeal of a decision of the County of Simcoe (as approval authority) in respect of the proposed Official Plan does not make oral submissions to the Council of the Town of Innisfil at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Innisfil before the Official Plan is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Official Plan will be available on the Town's web site and for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on weekdays at the Town's Customer Service Department.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF INNISFIL THIS
26 DAY OF MAY, 2006

PAUL LANDRY AMCT, CLERK
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Franky's Harbour House hosted a charity BBQ for the Grieving Children at Seasons Centre this past Sunday. Pictured left to right; Dennis Laycock, Franky, Tami Arbour, Sue Leacock (Executive Director at the Centre), Lizzie Corner, Danielle Odo.

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