

Proposed recycling facility for Essa

by Richard Blanchard

Essa township could soon be home to a new recycling facility.

Council heard a proposal from Recycling Facilities which currently operates a metal recycling facility at the corner of County Roads 90 and 56 to add a recycling processing and transfer facility which will sort and transfer solid non hazardous materials such

as metal, wood, plastics and cardboard.

A 7500 square foot facility would be constructed to house the sorting operation.

Tis Zaghi of Jones Consulting who represented the proponent said that operation would be designed to have rapid turnover of materials which would be placed in transport trailers and moved.

Mayor Dave Guergis said that his biggest

worry was about material coming to the site ending up on the township roads.

"I have seen similar problems at recycling facilities in southern Ontario where the ditches and property around them are filled with trash which has blown off the trucks."

He also wondered if material would be imported from outside of Simcoe county to be processed.

Dan Kozina, who owns the current operation, said that he would ensure that any potential litter problem would be taken care of.

"If they create a trash problem on neighbouring properties, they will be asked to go elsewhere," he said.

RVH and Gilda's Club make North American history

On Thursday, Royal Victoria Hospital announced an historic partnership with Gilda's Club - making it the first of its kind in North America.

Through this joint venture, RVH will become the site of only the second Gilda's Clubs in Canada. Gilda's Club Barrie will provide outpatient services to cancer patients and their families from a facility shared with Rotary House, a lodge for cancer patients to be built in front of the hospital.

"We are thrilled that RVH and Gilda's have truly put our patients first to create a place that will provide comprehensive cancer care - for the body, mind, soul and spirit," said Janice Skot, RVH President and CEO. "We all know someone who

has been touched by cancer and because of that personal experience, we also know that cancer patients do not only need medical treatment. They need a refuge where they'll find solitude, a place for care and a place for support. This partnership will provide all three in one place."

The Rotary House and Gilda's partnership will be included in Phase 1 of RVH's capital project, with early site preparation next summer and construction set for 2008. Competition of this phase is slated for 2010.

"Until now, there has not been a Gilda's Club allowed on hospital property," said Patricia Gilbert, President of Gilda's Club Barrie, Ontario. "But after much discussion with the world-wide organization and our partners at

RVH, we came to realize that in our part of the world where weather patterns are most unpredictable, having the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre linked by a walkway to Rotary House and Gilda's Club is a perfect fit."

Gilda's Club was created as a tribute to comedian Gilda Radner of Saturday Night Live fame, who passed away from ovarian cancer in 1989.

Gilda's Club is non-residential and free of charge. Children, teens/young adults, men and women living with cancer, along with their family and friends, can join others to build social and emotional support to complement their medical care. There are currently 20 Gilda's Clubs open across North America.

2006 Christmas Cheer Campaign gears up

The snow is on the way and that's a sure sign that Christmas is not far behind.

For nearly 30 years, a group of volunteers have joined together with churches, schools, corporations, service clubs and public service organizations to carry out a massive food and toy drive for less fortunate families in the Barrie & Innisfil area.

The 2006 "Christmas Cheer" campaign is underway.

Christmas Cheer collection boxes have begun appearing in stores, malls and at area schools in the hope that Christmas shoppers will remember to donate new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items for families in need of Christmas Cheer.

Coin collection boxes are being displayed at area branches of TD / Canada Trust, Peoples Credit Union, Alcona Shoppers Drug Mart locations, Coffee Time and

Alcona Esso as well as the Royal Bank in Sandy Cove Acres. This year's drive includes many special activities such as a Barrie Colts Christmas Cheer hockey game at the Barrie Molson Centre on December 2nd as well as numerous concerts and special events throughout the area.

People who have enquiries or require assistance can also call 730 - 5999.

This years fundraising target is \$130,000 which is used to purchase turkeys, trimmings, produce, a few sweet treats and gift certificates for recipient families. As well, tons of donated non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys will be sorted and packed at the Barrie Event Centre on December 18th and 22rd, 2006.

Christmas Cheer is a registered charitable organization.

Bond Head fiddlers

The Bond Head Old Tyme Fiddle Club meets this month on Nov. 28 for its monthly fiddle and jam session.

All musicians, dancers and listeners are welcome at the Bond Head community hall starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4.

Local flu vaccine clinics

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has arranged free flu vaccine clinics at the following dates and locations. For more information on influenza and immunization, check the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskoka-health.org.

Nov. 21, 3-8 p.m. Innisfil Library, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd. Innisfil

Nov. 22, 3-8 p.m. Sandy Cove Acres, 11th Line, 908 Lockhart Rd. Stroud

Nov. 16, 3-8p.m. Health Unit Office - Cookstown, 2-25 King St S.

Nov. 23, 3-8 p.m., Health Unit Office - Cookstown, 2-25 King St. S.

Nov. 29, 1-8 p.m., Bradford Parks & Rec. Arena, 125 Simcoe Rd.

Nov. 30, 3-8 p.m. Health Unit Office - Cookstown, 2-25 King St. S.

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Christ Church - St. Jude Anglican, Ivy ..	458-9631
Churchill United.....	456-4692
Cookstown United	458-9701
Gilford United	456-4692
Holland Marsh Christian Reformed.....	775-7291
Holy Cross Ukrainian Church	705-730-7999
Holy Martyrs Roman Catholic	775-2065
Holy Trinity Lutheran.....	775-3412
Innisfil Community	436-1611
Lefroy United	456-2098
Living Faith Presbyterian Church ...	705-424-0779
New Life Fellowship Baptist.....	436-5413
St. George's Anglican, Utopia	458-9631
St. James United, Stroud	436-5225
St. John Vianney	726-8007
St. John's Anglican, Cookstown	458-1801
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St. Paul's Anglican, Coulsen's Hill	775-3648
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St. Peter's Anglican, Churchill	456-4396
www.stpeterschurchill.com	
Stroud Presbyterian	721-0134
Trinity United, Thornton.....	458-9701



Christine Gutoski, owner of Hair Reflections, and her husband Corey presented Mayor Brian Jackson and Councilor Gord Wauchope with a cheque for \$2500. The funds were raised at a fundraiser at the salon and will be going towards the Innisfil Recreational Complex.

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Two dog attacks in Innisfil in a week

On November 6th, 2006 at 2:40pm, an Innisfil resident was jogging on the 6th line of Innisfil where he was confronted by 4 large dogs, resulting in being attacked by one of the dogs. The resident was bitten in the right arm area and on his right leg.

On November 10th, 2006 at approximately 9:30pm, a Baysville resident was stranded on the 3rd Line of Innisfil with a flat tire. He went to a neighbouring

house to seek help and was attacked by a large rottweiler shepherd. He sustained a severe bite on buttocks and a large amount of blood loss. Medical attention was required immediately.

Charges are pending. If you have any information regarding the above incidents, please contact Municipal Law Department of the Town Of Innisfil.