

Public meeting set on hospital closure

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didn't need to borrow." On Monday, he spoke of preparing a budget that is investment- as well as expenditure-driven. A property tax increase of one percentage point, he said, would result in \$220,000 extra in revenues that could be directed to reserves.

Pointing out that reserves are there for planned capital expenditures, Mr. McKennan used a home analogy to describe the reasons for having money on hand to perform infrastructure work. "When you own a house, you can always defer the maintenance. Then again, you can pay to seal that window frame now, or wait until it's rotted out and pay for a whole new window."

While conventional wisdom says that raising taxes and borrowing money at the same time is potential political suicide, Mr. McKennan said in Tuesday's interview there could be an advantage to

doing just that. The Bank of Canada has acknowledged that interest rates are at artificially low levels right now. Money could be borrowed at these rates and be fixed for a period of years. Reserves, on the other hand, can fluctuate with the town's "overnight" rate and there will be a higher interest return as interest rates inevitably rise.

To accentuate the point, Mr. McKennan presented two more graphs on Monday. One indicated that Orangeville had the lowest discretionary reserves per capita at \$110. (Discretionary reserves are funds that can be used for whatever the town deems important; as opposed to provincially regulated obligatory reserves, which are earmarked for specific purposes.)

Because of this, the other graph showed Orangeville realizing about \$25,000 in interest earnings. In 2007, when the reserves were more plentiful, the earnings

were over \$480,000. A 1% property tax increase, in dollar terms, would work out to roughly \$23 per year for an average residential ratepayer. Mr. McKennan's presentation was welcomed by Councillor Scott Wilson, who has been somewhat of a maverick when it comes to budget deliberations. While others campaigned for no rate increase, he has called for increases in order to sustain and build reserves.

The treasurer's presentation "showed that Orangeville is not in poor shape. We are not over-taxed nor overburdened," he said in an interview. "But our reserves are pitifully low. We have to address that."

Mr. McKennan says the Town has some \$300 million in assets, ranging from buildings down to lamp posts and trash cans. "We've got to protect and enhance these assets."

Lottery calendars said selling fast

The Orangeville-based Amaranth Lions Club says its 2010 fundraising lottery cash calendars are selling fast.

"If you need a Christmas or any occasion gift that keeps on giving all year, with a chance to win more than once since your ticket goes back in the draw each time for the 365 days, this is the one," the club said in a news release.

Total cash prizes are more than \$10,000 for the year. You can win from \$50 to \$500 on the daily draws, and only 2,000 calendars are being sold. All net proceeds

This would obviously require funding, leading to Mr. Wilson's contention that "council's duty is to responsibly manage finances and assets." A policy of no tax increases "year after year is not responsible. We will always need to fulfill capital requirements and we will need to have the funds available."

Mr. Wilson said that the town should set a target to achieve, over a specified number of years, reserves that are equal to the municipal tax levy. In other words, if the town is taking in \$20 million in tax revenue, it should aim for having \$20 million in reserves.

For Mr. McKennan, it boils down to a question residents will have to ask themselves.

"We have to ask ourselves is, simply, do we want to keep or improve upon the services we have now?"

of this fundraiser will support Community Living Dufferin, Theatre Orangeville, the Headwaters Health Care Centre's dialysis unit, Big Brothers/Sisters, Dog Guides of Canada and Sight First II.

The club will have the \$20 calendars for sale at the Candy Cane Fair at Headwaters hospital this Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Orangeville Mall on Saturday, Dec. 5 and at other locations to be announced. You can also order one by calling Maxine at 519-938-9882 or Marian at 519-941-6345.



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PANTOMINE TIME: Lionel, the Chief Forester (Des Baxter) looks on as the Big Bad Wolf in disguise (Nick Holmes) threatens Granny Girdle (Dale Jones), in Red Riding Hood, a traditional English Pantomime playing at Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh, November 27 - December 6. Tickets are at Erin and Hillsburgh libraries, from the Box Office 519.855.4586, or at the door.

Achill choir to perform at local Torch Relay

The Achill Choral Society has been chosen by the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games (VANOC) to sing the Olympic Song on December 28 when the Torch Relay arrives in Orangeville.

The federal government, along with VANOC, engaged choir master Gregory Charles and the Choeur de Nouveau

Monde to work directly with choral groups across the country to prepare a song, "There's a Light," to be performed at each community celebration. This will be part of the 30-minute official VANOC portion of the show that takes place when the Olympic Flame arrives at the celebration.

The local Torch Relay celebration will last just over two hours, with

VANOC's 30-minute show, shorter shows by RBC and Coca-Cola, and a 50-minute community segment.

The Achill Choral Society (ACS) began as a community choir in 1982, drawing members from an area northwest of Toronto. Its name is derived from the tiny hamlet of Achill, near Hockley in Adjala Township, that was settled in the early 1800s by immi-

grants from Achill island, off the west coast of Ireland.

Achill is Gaelic for eagle, reflected as feathers in the choir's advertising. Members gather each Wednesday evening in Hockley village to rehearse repertoire for the coming season's concerts.

Current membership is about 85, and the ACS is a mixed, auditioned adult choir.

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is permitted on the Town streets between the hours of
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From December 1st to March 31st

pursuant to Orangeville's Traffic By-law No. 78-2005, as amended. The no parking restrictions are to allow for snow plowing and snow removal. This restriction also applies to roads in unassumed subdivisions (new subdivisions).

In addition to the above and in accordance with the By-law, parking is also prohibited on all sidewalks.

Thank you for your cooperation, if you have any questions, please call 519-941-9124 ext. 4520.

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From September 14th to the end of November 2009, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Water Works Staff will be flushing fire hydrants and conducting flow tests as part of a regular hydrant maintenance program.

Due to sedimentation, this flushing may cause discoloration, so please check your cold water supply before using. If discoloration does occur, let the cold water run until it is clear.

Users are also reminded that Water Works Staff will continue to regularly flush hydrants in some areas in Town on subsequent Wednesdays as part of its regular maintenance program. Again, the water should be checked for discoloration before using it on those days.

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TWO-STORY CHARMER

This four-bedroom, two-story charmer boasts 19th-century arts-and-crafts movement touches on the exterior. The interior, however, is designed with the needs of a busy 21st-century family firmly in mind. The spacious great room, with its dramatic sloping ceiling, is part of an open-plan family-living area that includes the dining room and kitchen. A gas fireplace will make the great room a cozy location for family activities during the cooler months, while large windows overlook a covered deck and the back garden. Access to the deck, the perfect location for year-round grilling, is through the dining room's sliding glass doors. The kitchen is separated from the rest of the family area by an L-shaped work island, fitted with double sinks and a dishwasher. A two-seat eating bar at one end of the island provides a perch for snacks and on-the-fly breakfasts, or for a chat with whoever is doing the washing-up after dinner. The walk-in pantry occupies a niche around the corner from the kitchen and across from the laundry room, which allows access to the double garage, large enough to provide space for a workshop. A closet for family gear is located between the laundry room and the pantry. Double doors to the left of the foyer lead to a den, which features french doors onto the veranda at the front of the home. A two-piece powder room is nearby, across from the U-shaped stairway to the second floor. The master bedroom overlooks the back garden for privacy and will be peaceful, thanks to the fact that there are no rooms directly above it. The ensuite features a soaker tub and the toilet is separated from the washbasin by a partial wall. The walk-in closet offers room enough to accommodate even the most fashion-conscious couple's clothing. Upstairs, two of the secondary bedrooms share a three-piece bathroom, while the other includes an ensuite and walk-in closet, as well as a window with an extra-deep sill that overlooks the front garden. This home measures 44 feet wide and 55 feet deep, for a total of 2,423 square feet of living space, in addition to the unfinished basement included in the plans.

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