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Hanover, West Grey land dispute ready for next step in process

BY LAURA MACDUFF

POST NEWS

HANOVER AND WEST GREY – The Ministry of Affairs and Housing has asked the Municipality of West Grey and the Municipality of the Town of Hanover, to come to a “local solution” in terms of land disputes of approximately 450 acres of land east of the Hanover-West Grey boundary.

The Ministry recommended that the Municipality of West Grey and the Municipality of Hanover enter into an agreement between them.

Mayor Maskell says that Hanover has lost two large businesses that wanted to come to the east end of Hanover.

“Trillium Insurance would have provided 70 jobs. We lost that offer to Listowel,” says Maskell. Also on the list is a Home Depot, and many smaller businesses that wanted to build there.

Maskell says that business owners and those looking to build there find the tug between the two municipalities confusing and frustration, and this steers them away.

They build where it’s easier. Seeking jobs for people in the area, Hanover approached the Municipality of West Grey via letter. In the letter, signed by Maskell and dated June 19, 2008, the town expressed its concerns.

In the letter it is written: “It is you and your Council’s co-operation that Hanover Council and myself wish to initiate a meeting to facilitate a local solution to resolve the above noted concerns. It is our hope that the result of our discussions will be a friendly annexation application to be presented to the Provincial Government.”

In reply, in a letter dated June 4, 2009, The Municipality of West Grey passed a resolution stating: “The council of the Municipality of West Grey supports the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council by authorizing the CAO/Clerk to forward a letter to the Town of Hanover advising that the Municipality of West Grey is not interested in pursuing any discussions relating to the annexation of restructuring of West Grey lands at this time.”

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Schmidt found not guilty

SUN MEDIA

DURHAM — A West Grey farmer cheering the “raw milk revolution” chugged a mug of unpasteurized milk after his acquittal last Thursday on 19 provincial charges.

Surrounded by well-wishers from as far away as the U.S., Michael Schmidt, 55, claimed a victory for freedom of expression and organic food products free of government controls.

“The world is not a better place today.”

Act, and the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA).

His federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms application won’t proceed due to Justice of the Peace Paul Kowarsky’s findings.

Schmidt pleaded guilty and paid a fine in 1994 to breaching regulations by providing milk to people who owned shares in his cows.

After forming a club, he charged screened members \$300 for a quarter-cow for six years, plus \$2-to-\$2.15 a litre for milk. His raw milk products were sold at the farm or to cowshare card holders from his mobile milk product delivery “Blue Bus” in York Region and Toronto.

Walk For Memories

Project Nobody

BY ALEX COOP

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HANOVER – Continuing the tradition during Alzheimer’s Awareness Month, the annual Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce Walk for Memories will be held this Saturday at Hanover Heights, starting at 9 am. Refreshments will be available for everyone as they walk in, and the ribbon cutting and walk will take place at 10 am in the school gym.

There will be a silent auction during the walk, along with entertainment, and anyone who has collected \$50 or more will be entered in a draw for a special prize; however, everyone in attendance will be receiving a prize in the end.

A young girl from Chesley has gotten a head start on fundraising for this event. Sadie Morrow has, up to the point of The Post’s deadline, raised more than \$1,000 on her own within her community.

Sadie is six years old and attends Walkerton Public School. A class project set in motion a series of selfless actions to help out with the event. Along with three other classes in her school, Sadie’s Grade 1 class took part in a project called, “Who is Nobody?”

Every week a student is selected to bring home a blue stuffed doll, which has no face, no clothes, no gender, no ethnicity, and no identity; therefore named “Nobody.” Students keep Nobody for a week and during that time, the student must do some kind of good deed. After completing that deed, they must attach an object to Nobody to represent that act of kindness.

Sadie has had Nobody for several days, and Nobody has received quite a makeover. Helping out with the Walkerton Food Drive, along with the money she has raised for the Alzheimer Society, the once plain blue doll is now decorated with many objects repre-



Alex Coop/Post News

Sadie Morrow and her “Nobody” doll have done great work for the Alzheimer Society of Grey and Bruce, in preparation for the Walk for Memories this Saturday in Hanover.

sending the work she has put in to helping others.

After sending out several e-mails to friends and family members telling them about her idea to raise money, and with the help of her mother Nancy Morrow, Sadie went door-to-door to collect funds from people she knew. Nancy is a kindergarten teacher at Walkerton Public School, and staff members were more than happy to help out as well.

“I want to do this next year as well, and work on Nobody again,” Sadie said with enthusi-

asm.

When she was asked if she enjoyed raising money and being part of a special event such as Walk For Memories, a firm nodding of the head confirmed the words that came out of her mouth after, as Sadie simply said with a big smile, “Yes.”

Along with the event in Hanover, West Hill school in Owen Sound and Saugeen Shores school in Port Elgin will be holding their own walks for the Alzheimer Society of Grey and Bruce.

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