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DRIVER CHARGED

A Thursday afternoon accident that left a truck in a field has resulted in the driver being charged with impaired driving.

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Dial-a-ride gets a look

PEGGY ARMSTRONG
For the Lindsay Post

KAWARTHA LAKES - The rural bus route project has been scrapped by city council, but it has approved looking for a new model to provide transit to seniors and residents with special needs in the rural areas of the city.

The rural pilot bus route will end Nov. 1 after council approved the recommendation of the transit strategy task force during its meeting on Tuesday (Oct. 23).

The task force sent council a report that 895 people used the bus route over 13 months. The cost was \$48,000, which came out of gas tax funds.

The committee additionally recommended that the issue of rural transit not be looked at again until 2016.

In a recorded vote, councillors Pat Dunn, Brian Junkin, John Macklem, Andy Luff, Emmett Yeo, Gerald McGregor and mayor Ric McGee supported that recommendation but 10 other councillors voted it down.

Ward 12 Coun. Gord James made a follow up motion that city staff, volunteers and Community Care of Kawartha Lakes partner to do a report on the feasibility of a single route dial-a-ride program for seniors and special needs people living in rural areas. James said the service could use a multi-passenger van or small bus.

During council debate, the city's accessibility advisory committee was added to the partnership. A number of councillors suggested that Community Care might be in conflict of interest by being included because it provides a similar service, but it was kept in. Ward 8 Coun. Donna

ENTERTAINMENT



LISA GERVAIS The Lindsay Post

Ian Rogers has a look at a copy of *Every House Is Haunted* while sitting in the atrium of city hall recently. Rogers' collection of short stories has just been released Canada-wide.

Halloween release for local's horror stories

LISA GERVAIS
Lindsay Post Reporter

LINDSAY - With every house being haunted at Halloween, it is a good time for the release of Ian Rogers' collection of bone-chilling short stories.

The City of Kawartha Lakes' webmaster and communications assistant has written a book entitled *Every House Is Haunted* that was released Canada-wide on Oct. 16 and is now on bookshelves.

Rogers travelled to ChiZine Publications in Toronto on Oct. 10 where he saw cartoons simply marked with EHHH.

That is when Rogers held the final incarnation of his literary baby for the first time.

Since then he said he had been carrying it around everywhere.

"It was a really surreal experience. You realize it's real and you are very much aware that it is a business process and that this is a product going out to all of these different places," Rogers said.

However, he said he was ready for *Every House Is Haunted* to come into this world because, "I had edited it so many times, at least half a dozen times, and by the end of it, it had been seen by five or six sets of eyes. You live with a book so long, but I am proud of it and happy to have it out there."

The book features 22 short stories. Rogers said he is a fan of the short story genre and will always write short stories. He is a huge Stephen King follower.

Asked for his own personal

sales pitch, Rogers said "my stories have a very personal stamp and a sense of place," with a focus on Canadian and Maritime themes.

And as if all of this isn't exciting enough, Rogers' second book is being released next month.

Featuring his Felix Renn character, *SuperNOIRtural Tales* is being released by Burning Effigy Press.

Rogers said *Every House Is Haunted* represents his past and present and Felix Renn his future.

He has also published a novella called *Deadstock*.

* For more, check out his website: everyhouse-ishaunted.com

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Villemare argued against striking a new committee, preferring to keep the task force because it already had the information regarding the pilot project. Junkin agreed, adding it had already reviewed the options. However, the motion passed

as James had presented it in a recorded vote of 12 to five. Those against were McGee, Junkin, Yeo, Dunn and McGregor.

In objecting to continuing the service, McGregor told council "I played a big part (in) bringing transit into Omemeë." However,

he said Omemeë residents didn't use it because "they shop in Peterborough."

He added that business people objected to the bus taking people out of the village to shop and not bringing shoppers in.

He supported waiting four years to look at it again.

Ward 16 Coun. Heather Stable supported keeping it in some form and continuing to look for a solution now, rather than in four years.

She said the pilot project "was relatively cheap, we used gas tax, we didn't hire a consultant and we got a lot of information." James pointed out that a pro-

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Officer took suspect down

GALEN EAGLE
For The Lindsay Post

LINDSAY - It was the early afternoon of Sept 18, 2008 when OPP officer Robert Gardiner and a fellow officer heard a radio alert about an 'armed and dangerous man' wanted in connection with a homicide south of Lindsay, court heard yesterday.

The two men were returning to the Madoc detachment after visiting the OPP headquarters in Orillia where they had attended a presentation by the U.S. Secret Service, Gardiner testified.

The news bulletin gave a description of an Oshawa man in his 50s named Jack Hale who was last seen driving a red Chrysler 300, court heard.

Just as the radio reporter was reading the police release, a car fitting that description pulled out in front of their cruiser as they entered the village of Norwood on Hwy. 7, court heard.

"We had joked, there he is, right in front of us," Gardiner told the court, adding that the driver was an elderly man who did not match Hale's description.

But about 10 to 15 minutes later, as the cruiser continued east, another red Chrysler 300 passed them heading west in the opposite lane, Gardiner said. This time the car's licence plate matched the radio description, he said. The officers turned on the cruiser's lights and sirens, pulled a U-turn and pursued the red car, court heard.

As the driver pulled over onto the shoulder, the two officers positioned themselves, guns pulled and pointed, for a high-risk arrest.

"At that point I knew it was going to be a high-risk take down," Gardiner testified.

The driver, who was later identified as Hale, got out of the car, court heard. Gardiner ordered him to walk backwards towards the cruiser, place his hands on his head and kneel down, he said.

"I told him he was under arrest for murder. I asked him if he understood," Gardiner said.

While Gardiner removed some 25 items from Hale's pockets, including three sets of keys, cash, three knives, a roll of loonies and a Lotto 649 ticket, the other officer searched the red car and seized a gun, court heard.

Gardiner was testifying yesterday as Hale's first-degree murder trial continued.

The Crown is attempting to prove the 60-year-old shot and killed his estranged wife, 58-

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