

## To The Editor:

At the All Candidates meeting on August 25, Rick Woodcock took credit for two projects at the Glen Alda Community Centre, as examples of what the current North Kawartha Council accomplished during its four-year term. I admit I am taking his statements rather personally.

In fact, the playground equipment/building improvements were the result of a grant request to the Federal Government, with Glen Alda Seniors assisting the Parks and Roads employees in the installation. I made the presentation to Council, asking for approval of staff resources, with no funding required. We have not yet made a grant request for parking improvements and work hasn't started. It's an exaggeration to claim any significant Council role in this work.

I made two other presentations to this Council (in 2015 + 2016) primarily urging them to adopt an economic development strategy early, since it takes a while to learn the ropes and see results. Council decided not to fund Councillors' attendance at the then upcoming economic development conference, since they had adopted a minimum spending strategy.

This is 'getting-by' thinking, which doesn't accomplish very much. Judging by the level of OMB challenges to its [new dock] legislation, this Council has also been quite messy in its modest caretaker role.

*Barry Rand*

*Editor's Note: Barry is a NK resident and the former deputy mayor of the township.*

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## Letter to the Editor:

Re. "Farwell from the Bard ..." in the August, 2018 Apsley Voice, by Barrie and Helen Richardson

I have thoroughly enjoyed Barrie's many interesting write ups in the paper. I'm amazed how informative he is on so many different subjects. Helen and Barrie have contributed a lot to life here and they will be missed.

Wishing them Godspeed.

*Margaret Currie, Chandos Lake*

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**Below:** Diane Rothnie reported that on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the North Kawartha Food Bank welcomed the community to a BBQ lunch and an Open House. Thanks so much Apsley for your generous support and a big thank you to our volunteers. Photo by Jim O'Shea.

