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*Bump and pump, dude*



Camp Fortune trail builder Justin Goulding takes a spin on the new pump track built for the Mountain Bike Kids Camp which begins in late June. See story page 21. Trevor Greenway photo

## Gatineau developer pitches more monster homes for Chelsea village

Two new developments of large single-family homes for Chelsea's centre village have been presented to the municipality's Planning and Sustainable Development Advisory Committee.

Nader Dormani owns the two parcels of land near Hwy 105. The firm Teknika HBA - responsible for projects ranging from the Caesar's Palace Colosseum in Las Vegas to Montreal's

Trudeau Airport - is representing Dormani.

The proposed developments are in PAE zones three and 91. Thirty-eight one-acre lots have been proposed for the land on Hwy 105's northeast side between the Hydro Quebec lines, and another forty lots were proposed for land further south, west of the highway, councillor Josh Moon said.

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### WORST JOKE OF THE WEEK

A french fry walks into the bar and says to the bartender, "Hey, could I get a beer please?"

The bartender looks at him shaking his head and says "No, we don't serve food here."

## 'Star' Liberal takes on Cindy



Liberal insider Greg Fergus vs Farrelton farmer Cindy Duncan McMillan

By Mark Burgess

No call to the polls has been issued - yet - but the local Liberal riding association is gearing up for its own election.

Seemingly out of nowhere, a new face appeared in Wakefield June 14 to announce he's taking on incumbent Cindy Duncan-McMillan to represent the Liberal party in the riding of Pontiac.

A few lines in the email mail-out of the Wakefield News were all that announced Craig Fergus'

campaign launch at Kaffe 1870 last Sunday. But the tall, confident career Liberal with the thousand watt smile managed to pack the place.

"I'm running because I believe," Fergus announced from the small stage of the local bar. Out of hard economic times, comes the will to work hard for positive change, he said. "There's a real hunger among Liberals to move Mr. Harper's representatives out."

Greg Fergus - born in Mon-  
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## Yes squeaks by in divided Chelsea

By Mark Burgess

The people have spoken. After months of heated debate, inflammatory letters to editors, finger-pointing and sign-theft, the centre that was designed to bring the community together will be built, but the community itself may be in need of repair.

Chelsea said "Yes" to the Meredith Centre with a 53 per cent majority after nearly 2,300 people - 47 per cent of eligible voters - cast their ballots June 7 and 14.

"We welcomed the result," said Mayor Jean Perras, who was at the Chelsea Pub to hear

the results June 14.

"We were out celebrating with those people who have helped us reach the point we're at."

Naturally not everyone is celebrating the point Chelsea is at.

"Nothing has brought this community more together than arguing about this community centre," said Richard Hofer who campaigned for the "No" side.

Hofer said the referendum served to further distinguish what he called the "two Chelseas": those with secure public service jobs and pensions, and kids playing organized sports

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