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Former Mercury copy editor Matt Shurrie holds up a pair of old pants at the end of his Matt vs. Fat campaign. Shurrie has lost nearly 50 pounds and more than 10 inches off his waist in the last six months.



After waging a personal battle against the bulge for the past six months, former Mercury copy editor Matt Shurrie is ready to declare a small victory

Six months ago the mission was clear: Lose weight and take charge of my life. Over the days, weeks and months that followed, I watched in amazement as my weight declined, my overall health improved and my body began to transform in front me — and, for that matter, the rest of you. I guess it's true a little hard work never killed anyone. As strange as it sounds, I don't think I'll ever forget the first time I looked in the mirror and actually saw my bulging neck muscles. I remember catching a glimpse of something moving near my cheekbones — a strange sight that caught me off guard. Upon further review I realized it was the reappearance of neck muscles. At that moment I had to take a second, and then a third look. Corny? Yes. Amazing? You bet. That was just one of many milestones celebrated throughout this fitness challenge over the last 184 days.

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Traffic lights rejected before fatal accident

Cargill asked for more safety outside its plant

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GUELPH — Cargill Meat Solutions asked the city last year for safety improvements to a nearby intersection where a Guelph woman was killed last Tuesday. Eileen Kallay, 87, was pronounced dead at the scene after her Toyota Corolla was broadsided by a grain truck while she was attempting to turn left out of Dunlop Drive onto Watson Parkway South. "We have lobbied the city in the past and are going to continue to lobby," Cargill spokesperson Matt Gibney said. "We have petitioned them in the past and we are in the process of contacting them again." Gibney said roughly 1,000 peo-

ple work at Cargill's Dunlop Drive location. Another 500 employees work at the company's plant on Watson Parkway South. "We believe the city should reopen their investigation because (a) it's the right thing to do and (b) we're not only protecting our employees but anyone that uses Dunlop Drive and Watson Parkway South," Gibney said. Kathy Elo, who works at Cargill, said it's common knowledge at the plant just how dangerous the intersection is. "Everyone talks about it," Elo said. "It's a speedway from York Road to Stone Road." Joanne Starr, the city's Supervisor of Traffic Investigations, said the city did an assessment of the intersection last year following a request for traffic lights. "It was found they weren't warranted at that time," Starr said. She said the city's latest assessment of the intersection should be completed late next week.

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Local home builders appeal new development charges

City's bylaw and process 'flawed'

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GUELPH — A dozen local developers and an organization representing local builders have filed appeals to the city's new development charges bylaw. Tom Krizsan, whose Thomasfield Homes is one of the appellants, said after reviewing the bylaw and the process leading to its passage "we just felt the bylaw had a number of shortcomings and was flawed in a number of ways." London lawyer Barry Card is representing the Guelph Wellington Development Association and 11 local home builders, while Toronto lawyer Gordon Petch has filed a separate appeal on behalf of Armel Corporation. Neither lawyer could be reached for comment yesterday, but documents recently sent to the city outline some of their concerns. Card alleged in his application the bylaw "is not based upon a reasonable vision of the anticipated

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Here's a list of the appellants:
• Armel Corporation
• Guelph Wellington Development Association
• Fusion Homes
• Biltmore Homes Ltd.
• Carson Reid Homes Ltd.
• Fabbian Homes Inc.
• Reid's Heritage Homes Ltd.
• Terra View Custom Homes Inc.
• Thomasfield Homes Ltd.
• Pidel Homes
• Cityview Homes Group Inc.
• Ashton Ridge Homes Inc.
• Finoro Homes Ltd.

amount, type and location of development" and overestimates service requirements.
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