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Keeping it simple: The Bear family will spend the Christmas season outside Legg's.

GAZETTE, HANK PARDOEL

Hudson rejigs sewer deal

by ELYSE AMEND and JIM DUFF

HUDSON — Ratepayer reaction to the Town's proposed \$22.2 million water and sewer system project was less than expected, given that the upgrade will cost ratepayers \$10.5 million over the next 40 years.

But Mayor Elizabeth Corker and her council are already rethinking a controversial proposal that would have assessed businesses their share of the cost on the basis of how much water they consume.

At the second of two public information sessions last week, the Town announced it was planning to tax restau-

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Simple decorations are in

by ELYSE AMEND

Multi-coloured lights and aluminium trees are out and simplicity is in this holiday season, with modest lights and traditional decorations in style to get your home in the festive spirit.

It's what Angel Johnson of Johnson Irrigations calls "non-gaudiness." The irrigation company switches gears during the holidays and decorates homes in the region.

"People are looking for Christmas lights that make their homes cosmetically pretty," she said.

Again this year, white lights are widely used to outline the major features of the home, such as the roofline. Sometimes a coloured ornament is also put up, or a tree is decorated with lights of one colour, just to add that extra touch.

"I'm finding a lot of people aren't necessarily using a lot of colours," Johnson said. "They're doing one splash of colour."

Although Christmas-lighting colours like purple are dotting our communities, the white-light trend that swept the continent is still in vogue, with a lot of businesses sticking to the simple style.

The IGA Poirier grocery store on Main Road in Hudson has put up white lights, with a few orange ones. But that's only because they couldn't find any more of the white ones, said IGA's John Connor. Connor, who had just finished putting up the final touches on Monday morning, said IGA liked to "go with the flow" when it comes to holiday decorations.

At the Legg's Clothing Store, simplicity was on everyone's minds as well.

"This year we decided to tone it down a

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