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## OPP phone survey now on

To hear what Northumberland residents have to say about OPP service, the Northumberland OPP is conducting a randomized telephone survey. The calls began February 7.

The survey will be used to provide police feedback on police service, community policing, and satisfaction levels with OPP services and programs.

Volunteers are conducting the telephone survey. All calls are anonymous and the volunteers will not know the identity of respondents.

The public's input into the process will help determine how police can best provide policing services to the community. All calls will be completed between 6 and 9 p.m. during weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends.

If additional information is required, please contact Provincial Constable Andrea Pewtner at the Campbellford office of the Northumberland OPP Detachment at (705) 653-3300.

## Speaking their mind at Legion contest

Young people have interesting and entertaining things to say and stories to relate. Recognizing that, the Colborne Legion, Branch 187, is providing the forum - and incentive for elementary school students in this area.

The annual Legion Public Speaking/Story Telling Contest will be

## A Heritage gift for Colborne



The jewel in the crown of Colborne architecture is the Keeler homestead at 9 Church Street West. Marian Carter has asked the home be designated to ensure the historical and architectural heritage of the home she and her husband, the late Nick Carter, treasured is preserved for future generations. See story on page 2.

Photo by Mandy Martin

## Downtown design decision in one month's time

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A final decision on the downtown Colborne redesign is expected within a month.

Over 50 people viewed the "almost final" redesign proposal for King Street West at a public meeting 5:30-7 p.m. Monday evening.

"With the feedback from the comment forms received, Mike Hubicki (the design engineer from Totten Sims Hubicki) will reexamine the design and incorporate comments," Colborne Reeve George Boycott reported to council Monday evening.

"We will work to resolve any of the outstanding issues as best we can and then vote on proceeding with the redesign construction."

The evolution of the revitalization design now sees two lanes of traffic down the centre of the street with no median separating the two-way traffic, angled parking on both the north and south sides of the street, and redesign of the northside sidewalk and addition of greenspace.

The redesign must also incorporate service changes. The hydro service presently along the southside of the street is to be located off-street, behind existing business buildings. As well, the Colborne PUC has tentative plans to coordinate the replacement of one leg of the original village water main line on the north side of the street with any new reconstruction work.

The latest redesign concept creates 74 downtown parking spaces, including three handicapped stalls. Location of the handicapped spaces is being reexamined, as is the possibility of installing an access ramp near Maybee Lane on the north side of the street. Angled traffic flow in front of Victoria Square Park at the west end of the street and at Victoria Street on the east end will be reconsidered for traffic safety.

## On the "fringe"? Development stays restricted

A 1.5-kilometre wide "fringe" of land separating the Village of Colborne and Cramahe Township boundaries is expected to remain intact as a no-go for development after adoption of a new Pine Ridge Municipal Planning Agency Official Plan, and after the proposed amalgamation of the two municipalities January 1, 2001.

The "Urban/Rural Fringe" is included in the existing Official Plans (the documents which outline land use) of both municipalities. The area was established to prevent undue urban pressure for village services from outlying rural areas surrounding the village.

When the provincial government downloaded services, formerly administered by the government, to