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CRAMAHEBRIEFS COLBORNE CHRONICLE APR 1/99

The 1999 annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario will be held August 22-25 in Toronto. This year's annual municipal pow-wow, marking the 125th anniversary of the association, is changing conference location from the Royal York Hotel to the Weston Harbour Castle Hotel on Queen's Quay in Toronto.

Accounts payable totalling

\$453,563.19 were approved by Cramahe Township council March 15 - with some easing words from Clerk Administrator Gerry Morrison.

"That includes our first payments due for 1999 for education, Northumberland County and policing," he reassured council members.

The county will receive

\$210,000 as its March 30 installment of the tax dollars, the Ontario Provincial Police \$71,000, and \$8,700 (50 per cent of 1999 levy) to the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority.

In addition, the township's final payment as its share of the new Colborne-Cramahe Fire Department pumper truck was approved for \$89,000.

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If the amalgamated municipalities of Cramahe Township and Colborne Village are going to realize a cost-saving in insurance premiums post-January 1, 2001, why not band together now for insurance purposes, Cramahe Township Councillor Marc Coombs asked at the last regular township council meeting.

It wouldn't fly because the two municipalities remain separate entities under the law, Clerk Administrator Gerry Morrison replied.

"However, a year from now, that is something the transition

board (comprised of all council members of both municipalities) can look at it. We will be meeting together in 2000," he suggested.

For 1999, the township approved paying \$35,039.64, including PST and GST, as its premium for coverage.

The firm Jardine Insurance is also moving the policy term to run January through December to align with the municipal fiscal year. Previously, the insurance coverage was for April through April. Even with only nine months to pay for in 1999, the township's 1999 insurance cost is an estimated \$900 less than 12 months of 1998 coverage.

Colborne Village is covered by the same insurance company. Jardine Insurance has formulated an insurance package with Ontario municipalities as members.

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The Castleton Sports Club Inc. will be hosting a barn dance at George and Judith Depaep's barn on June 26. The event is a fundraiser for the recreation activities offered each year in the township.

- Mandy Martin



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By MANDY MARTIN

Two months ago, artist Wilhelmina Kennedy appeared as a delegation before Colborne Village council to outline the latest accomplishments and contributions of the Colborne Art Gallery and its member artists.

As Ms. Kennedy sat before the council, she gestured to the unadorned walls of the council chamber and said, "I'm going to donate one of my paintings for your big empty walls."

Within weeks, "Beaver Pond", a wilderness scene from a Northumberland County, was delivered to the Municipal Building. The large painting, rendered in quiet pastels, now hangs facing the entranceways to the council chambers - a place of honour.

March 22, council invited Ms. Kennedy to attend the council meeting for an "official" photo and presentation ceremony to mark the generous gift. All council members praised the work, and Ms. Kennedy's generosity.

"I am just so happy, so grateful for our gallery," Ms. Kennedy said. "I am so pleased you are pleased."



In appreciation for the village of Colborne's support of the Colborne Art Gallery, Wilhelmina Kennedy, right, presented the municipality with a painting for the council chamber at the Municipal Building. Council members are on the right: Councillors Sandra Coleman, Jane Boreham, and Tim Post with Reeve George Boycott and Deputy reeve Pat Westrop.

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