Arena tender meet Wednesday

It's the preliminary to the preliminary plans for the new Colborne Cramahe Arena at a special meeting of the Transition Board of the two municipal councils of Colborne Village and Cramahe Township at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 28.

Tenders have been received from five architects to prepare a general tender package and guidelines for the new arena. Known as Phase One of the new arena project plans, the five firms bidding to prepare the tender package will not be competing for the actual design and building Phase II.

The winner of the Phase One tender will also oversee the hiring of an architect to serve as the municipal representative to ensure the Phase Two design is built to spec.

At Wednesday"s 5 p.m. meeting at the Colborne Municipal Building, the tenders will be opened. No final decision will be made as the applications are reviewed for several days.

Once the Phase One tender is awarded, that firm will prepare a specific design and specs to be built. That package will go to second ten-

To date, only three persons of the five-person arena project committee formed to oversee the project have been officially named .: Colborne rep Deputy reeve Pat Westrope; Cramahe Township rep Deputy reeve Jim Williams and citizen rep Don Clarke. One building official and one arena board employee have yet to be named. The Building Officials and Arena Board employees were to decide amongst themselves who will serve. While all are welcome to attend any of the meetings, there will be only one vote per rep a total of five votes.

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"We don't know what the variations in cost will be," Mr. Grimshaw said. "The Ministry restrictions are to protect workers and we are attempting to do everything they ask us to do.

"We are not in a position to afford a new building and never planned for the cost to renovate the lower floor to be satisfactory for all involved. We are pre-

"There is no insurance coverage because it is being classified as "an act of God",' Greg Grimshaw explained to council. Specific answers to cause of the collapse will not be available until a complete inspection and human access to the building is allowed, he noted.

The cost of the excavation work to date has been covered by the Lodge insurance company Hamilton Township Mutual Fire Insurance, to ensure {safe from hazard condition" Mr. Grimshaw said. However, as further

details of the situation proceed, he said he could see where there could be five or more insurance companies involved in the building's state: for the village, for Dr. Luong, for CIBC, for Becker's, for the Lodge, etc.

"We assure you, we will keep you informed and in the loop of all that is going on," Jim Grimshaw told coun-

And, as a parting recommendation, he urged all flat-top-PHOTO BY MANDY MARTIN roofed older buildings

structural soundness and safety.



7 p.m., Sunday: Gord Amos and Michael Haines salvage the be checked for their 1858 lodge charter.