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Welcome to Castleton!

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There were lots of Rural Ramble visitors to the Castleton Town Hall stop last weekend. The vintage cars, courtesy of Dan Newman, were available for tours around the village. Inside were historical displays and the opportunity to envision what hall restoration will look like. Outside, musicians played. Part of the welcoming committee on hand Saturday were, left to right, Marc Coombs, Lenna Broatch, Laura Haeferkorn beyond the wheel of the 1923 Model T Depot Hack, Mr. Newman and Keith Emery.

Who owns the beach?

No clear name on land title

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Who owns the Little Lake "public" beach property? In the wake of land title research by Cramahe township and private citizens, it appears there's no clear, registered title to the 671 feet of Little Lake frontage the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 620 listed for sale for \$120,000.

That puts a \$65,000 offer of purchase from Tom Landon of Cobourg on hold.

Before a crowd of 150 people jammed into the Castleton Town Hall at 6 p.m. Monday night, Cramahe Township council voted to defer any further action on the matter until the ownership is determined. Tentatively, the council has scheduled a public meeting for 6 p.m. October 2 anticipating the ownership will be cleared up by then.

Harry Darke, Master of LOL No. 620, said the lodge would await a legal opinion of ownership before any further steps are taken. In the meantime, sale of the property is on hold.

The Lodge had accepted the offer - conditional on reaching an agreement with Cramahe Township council to have the beach area remain public. The Orange Lodge, which claims it owns the property, has never paid taxes on the property. In exchange, the township maintained the beach and adjacent property for public use.

John Trenear, great grandson of the original owner of the property, stood before the estimated 150 people jammed into the Castleton Hall to urge the beach remain a public facility, said he has the original 1918 deed to the land, as well as his grandfather's will of 1936, and the Orange Lodge entitlement to the property is not mentioned. In the absence of any clear title, Mr. Trenear suggests the property may, in fact, still belong to the family.

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