



Jim Williams elected new county warden

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Cramahe Township Reeve Jim Williams, left, became the new Warden of Northumberland County yesterday. Supporters Cobourg Mayor Peter Delanty, right, and Brighton Reeve Lou Rinaldi helped put on Warden Williams' chains of office. See story on page 3

Private landfill site causes controversy

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An inactive private landfill site on Penryn Road is unearthing hard feelings. A 500-metre "holding" zone around requires property owners to conduct gas, leachate and hydrogeology engineering studies before any building permits can be issued.

The "holding" buffer area was only enacted when Cramahe Township updated its Official Plan in 1998 and zoning bylaw in 1999. Before then, seven residential homes had been built within the buffer area, despite a 1987 Ministry of the Environment recommendation to Cramahe Township council that the Penryn Road private dumpsite be one of five existing or past landfill sites to have 500-metre "holding" zones created.

This past October 23, Susan Clark and partner John Bell told

Cramahe Township council the sale of their Penryn Road at Dale Road property failed when the buyer learned it would be no simple matter to obtain a building permit. The home, purchased in 1995, sits within the "holding" area created in 1998. The Ministry of Environment (MOE) has recommended the township require the property owner to have gas, leachate and hydrogeology engineering studies done, at the property owners' expense, to assure there is no contamination before issuing a building permit. Mr. Bell says there was no notification from the municipality of the OP and zoning update. The couple is now concerned they will be unable to sell the property.

"I can't in good conscience, sell the property if there is a pollution problem," Mr. Bell said. "Maybe there's a problem with that dump."

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Over \$2-m. of building reported in Cramahe

Construction activity in Cramahe Township is up over \$2-million this year over last. To the end of November 2001, \$7,560,952 of construction activity had been reported through the Cramahe Township building department, up from \$5,360,330 for the first 11 months of 2000.

Last month, \$1,086 of building permits were issued for \$140,000 worth of construction activity, Chief Building Official Becky Bonisteel reported to Cramahe council committee last week.

Permits issued during the month of November were as follows:

- a \$144 permit for a \$14,000 garage for Jack Mitchell, 101 Union Road, Unit 6, built by Matt Rozema;
- a \$125 permit for a \$15,000 agricultural building at 339 Carr Road owned by David VanEgmond;
- a \$667 permit for a \$100,000 dwelling owned by Roger Forget;
- a \$50 permit for a \$7,000 renovation at 109 King Street East owned by Cotter/Voskamp; and
- a \$100 permit for a \$4,000 shelter at 560 Crandall Road owned by James Smith.

Year-to-date, the municipality has realized \$35,986 in building permit fees.



90TH BIRTHDAY!

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It was cause for celebration Sunday as family and friends gathered for the 90th birthday of Lawrence Mutton. Born on December 17, 1911 across the road from where he now lives in Shiloh, Lawrence has spent most of his life in the hamlet. A veteran of the Italian Campaign in WW II, Lawrence met and married Beryl in England. They will be married 60 years in February. Their five children and many of their 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren were on hand for the party.