

Fountain of information



PHOTO BY MANDY MARTIN

Heritage Cramahe Chair Roseanne Quinn points to postcards showing how the fountain in Victoria Square once looked. Beside her is a mock up of the new fountain which will be completed late this spring.

Heritage Cramahe launches fountain fund raiser

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Heritage Cramahe Chair Roseanne Quinn announced the launch of the group's fountain fund-raising drive at an open house on Sunday at the former Registry Office building.

As far back as 1901 a cast iron fountain graced Victoria Square in Colborne. In the winter it often presented a dazzling display as the spray froze in a cascade over it.

Years ago that fountain disappeared and was replaced at various times by other plastic and cement fountains. The most recent had an apple adorning the top.

Heritage Cramahe has photos of the original and has contracted with a Mississauga fabricating company to build a replica which will stand 6 feet 6 inches tall.

Burns Water Gardens in Baltimore has offered to assist with the concrete base so that it does not become damaged by frost. The total cost of the project is between \$2500 and \$3 thousand.

Heritage Cramahe has set out to fund raise to pay for the fountain which they will have installed late this spring in the square. Most HC members, Reeve Jim Williams and Councillor Ray Kelly on hand for the kick off.

Thanks to the generosity of The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and other

donors they have reached the \$1 thousand mark.

Over the next few months members will set up temporary displays at various locations in the Township to publicize their efforts. The Colborne Library, Registry Office and the Keeler Centre were mentioned as places where they hope to show what they're planning.

A set of eight note cards depicting four views of the old fountain are being sold by the committee for \$10 as a fund raiser. Anyone donating \$50 or more will get a set of the note cards free.

As well, anyone donating \$10 or more will get an income tax receipt from the Township.

The fountain is just one of numerous projects the group has worked on in the past year.

Their October historic walk through Lakeport brought an offer from the Architectural Conservancy to help fund their projects. Their donation of \$300 is part of the \$1 thousand collected to date.

Other activities include getting heritage signage for the township and beginning heritage rooms at the Castleton Town Hall. One of the rooms is in the former jail cell.

Victoria Square has been designated as a historic site and they are overseeing the cleanup of the ruins of the Christie Mill on Ontario Street.

\$48,076 grant less than twp. expected

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The \$48,076 in Ontario government SuperBuild funding announced for Cramahe Township last week is \$4,449 less than expected.

The \$315,150 cost of bringing the Colborne municipal water system up provincial standards was to be shared equally by the federal, provincial and municipal governments: \$105,050 each. Last Thursday, Northumberland MPP Dr. Doug Galt announced \$48,076 was coming from the province to Cramahe as 50 per cent of the provincial share.

"We've had no details as to why it was reduced," Cramahe reeve Jim Williams says of the provincial SuperBuild grant.

"I've been assured by fax that we'll be receiving the federal share of one-third of the original amount we applied for," Cramahe Reeve Jim Williams said Monday.

After the Walkerton tragedy of May 2000, the provincial government implemented mandatory standards for municipal water systems which must be met. An engineering review indicates the chlorination system must be isolated a maximum distance from the first water-receiving client: that will require additional piping work to meet provincial guidelines.

The \$48,076 for Cramahe Township was one of six SuperBuild grants totalling \$2.4-million announced for Northumberland County municipalities:

- \$433,420 for Brighton;
- \$527,956 for Trent Hills (Campbellford, Hastings and Warkworth systems);
- \$191,555 for Cobourg;
- \$235,402 for Hamilton Township (Camborne and Creighton Heights); and
- \$1-million for Port Hope.

Lori & Paul Andrus of Port Hope and Dorothy Atkins of Lindsay, are very happy to announce the marriage of their children, Jason and Dawn. The wedding took place on Sat. August 25th, 2001 in Port Hope at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The reception was held at Dalewood Golf and Curling Club. Jason and Dawn are living in Ottawa.

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