

# Cramahe Township council committee members

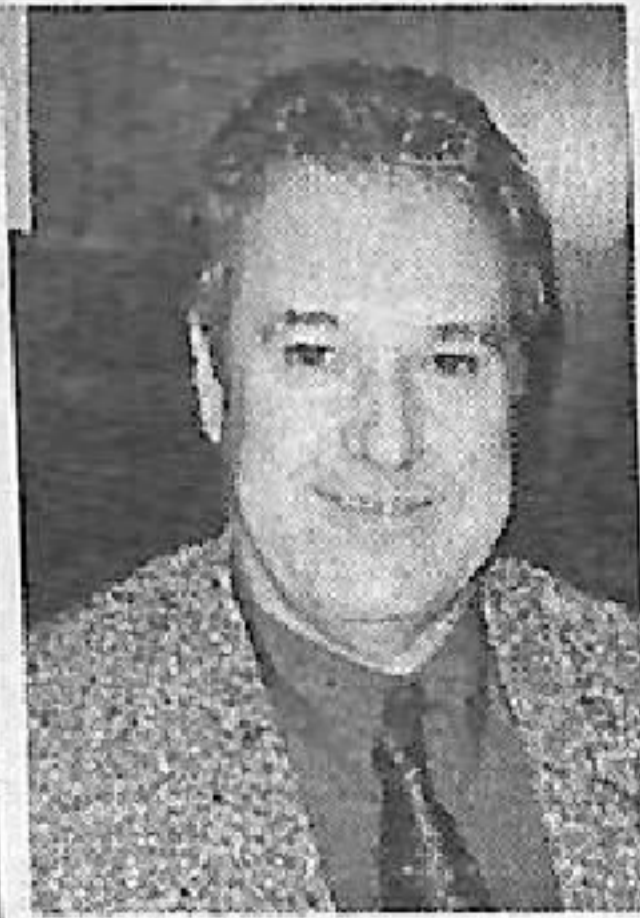
The five Cramahe Township council members have assigned themselves to the 18 ongoing committees of council - or where the municipality has representation.

At the Tuesday, January 9 committee of the whole session of council, the public applications for board memberships were to be considered.

The council committee members approved at the January 2 council meeting are as follows:



Reeve Jim Williams



Deputy reeve Lee Dekeyser

tion Authority: Lee Dekeyser  
 Nutrient Management: Lee Dekeyser  
 OPP Advisory: Ray Kelly  
 Parks and Recreation: Jim Williams  
 Pine Ridge Municipal Planning Agency: Jim Williams



Councillor Jane Boreham

Prop-erty Standards: Mike Johnston  
 Restoration - Castleton Hall: Mike Johnston  
 Rural Job Strategy/Millennium: Jane Boreham  
 Tourism, Promotion and Development Committee: Jane Boreham  
 Waterfront Regeneration: Mike Johnston



Councillor Mike Johnston

**Economic development:** Jane Boreham, Mike Johnston, Jim Williams

**Executive committee:** Jane Boreham, Lee Dekeyser, Jim Williams

**Arena Building committee:** Jane Boreham, Jim Williams

Councillor Ray Kelly

**Cemetery Board:** Ray Kelly

**Committee of Adjustment:** Mike Johnston

**Community Policing:** Lee Dekeyser

**LACAC:** Ray Kelly

**Library Board:** Ray Kelly

**Lower Trent Region Conserva-**

## Cramahe council approves their pay schedule

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Cramahe Township council members have approved their payment schedule. Reeve Jim Williams will receive \$85 for attendance at meetings of council, Deputy reeve Lee Dekeyser will be paid \$80 an hour and Councillors Jane Boreham, Ray Kelly and Mike Johnston will each be paid \$75 per hour.

In addition, the mileage rate for travelling on municipal business is 35 cents per kilometre.

### Tax bill info stuffer nixed by council

A Canadian Hearing Society request to have an information leaflet included in the Township of Cramahe tax bills has been rejected by Cramahe Township council.

"As a rule of thumb, we're very careful because we don't want the weight of the tax bill to exceed the 47-cent postage per envelope," Treasurer Administrator Gerry Morrison outlined for the general committee of council January 9.

"Between now and February, you may very well receive another request," he added. While the Hearing Society offered to help with the stuffing of the tax bill envelopes, council members questioned the benefit.

"We could be forever plagued with requests," Councillor Ray Bell said. Traditionally, the municipal tax bills are stuffed by municipal staff and have only ever included information pertinent to the tax bill.

The council rejected the concept.

- MANDY MARTIN

# New council inaugurated with ceremony

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The four top needs of the Township of Cramahe are more industry for jobs, better services, attracting more people and preserving the quality of life says Reeve Jim Williams. In his inaugural address January 2, Mr. Williams framed the course for the new five-person municipal council.

"We need more industry for jobs. That means to me expansion of the sewage treatment plant, attracting new industry," Mr. Williams told the gathering of 60-plus people at the Colborne Municipal Building ceremony.

"We need to preserve our quality of life. That means to me protection of the environment - the air we breathe, the water we drink.

"We need better services. That means to me better police services and the maintenance of the quality of our fire and ambulance services, high quality maintenance of our roads and streets."

And finally, "We need to attract more people to our community. To me, that means planned residential development, emphasis on tourism and economic development."

Before the end of January, an office for the Reeve and council members will open in the town hall. The space will be available for individuals to meet council members.

"I hope to be available in the office on a regular basis on Thursday of each week," Mr. Williams explained. "The office will also be available to all members of council who wish to research any item before council, review current issues at county council or to meet with any constituents.

"I expect council decisions to be made after thorough discussion, community input and staff preparation. Whether or not everyone agrees, I expect council to speak with one voice - the decision of council," Mr. Williams said. "Similarly, after a council decision, if it is an informed decision based on community input, I ask for your support of the decision."

To fulfill the needs identified by the electorate, the Township of Cramahe council needs dedicated, hardworking staff - "We have it", planning and organization. The new council will meet the first and third Mondays on the month and as a general committee on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

"These committee meetings will be open to the public, will receive delegations and receive departmental reports on general government, protection to persons and property, public work, environment, parks and recreation and planning and development."

All committees of council will report to the general committee.

"It is hoped that this new structure will allow members of council to keep informed on all issues before council, and will allow a wider range of discussion of issues," Mr. Williams said.

"Decisions will not be made at this level but will be received as recommendations by council at the regular council meetings."