

CRAMAHE

Cramahé signs on with the OPP

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The Independent - The Township of Cramahé has signed a police services contract with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Last Friday, at a signing ceremony at the Municipal Office in Colborne, Cramahé entered into a five-year agreement with the OPP with an annual price tag of \$663,303, which does not include staff wage increases.

All members of council, Northumberland Warden Bill Finley, and several OPP officials attended the signing, including Inspector Bill

Flindall, Regional Commander Dave Wall and Community Policing Coordinator for the Central Region Graham Gleason.

Flindall, who first approached council about a contract in February, said the policy of "equitable financing" is the best thing to happen to the OPP in 10 to 15 years. "This brings us closer to the municipality. Because they pay directly for services, we are more accountable to them and the citizens."

Cramahé Reeve Jim Williams said the contract shows a "commitment by the OPP and a commitment

by council to work together to make Cramahé a better place to live." The Reeve added that policing is not just about laws and penalties, but also about education and cooperation.

Regional Commander Wall, who presented Williams with a book on the history of the OPP, called the contract a win-win situation in which the community, through community policing and the police services board, can give direction and receive answers to policing questions.

The contract calls for a uniform contingent of 667

officers with time divided among an inspector, staff sergeant, sergeant and six constables.

Not included in the contract is the cost of establishing and operating the five-person Police Services Board. Council will have two representatives, Williams and Councillor Ray Kelly. Council will advertise for a third member, while the province will advertise for and select the final two positions.

The OPP has also recently signed service contracts with Alnwick-Haldimand and Trent Hills.



10-year Legion members receiving pins from Branch 187 President Ira Wile and Zone F2 Honours and Awards Chair Pat Honey (second from left) were Fran Fox, Terry Millman, Sue Gauthier, Ray Babcock and Danny Crawford.

7. Hoselton Studio, for generous donation of prizes for the Santa Claus Parade and other special events.

8. Rutherford Food Market for fresh veggies for the annual picnic, barbecue and other functions.

9. Fox IGA, represented by John and Fran Fox, for donations of snacks for New Years, gift certificates and selections of meat for the Meat Draw.

10. The Colborne Chronicle, represented by Mandy Martin, for publishing *Legionlink* and coverage of Legion events.

Long-service Pins

Receiving Long Service Pins at the annual Honours and Awards banquet and reception at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 187 last Saturday were the following:

40 Year (ordinary) - C. Wally Stirling

35 Year (ordinary) - Percy Foster

25 Year (associate) - Sue Arbourne, Rex Dillabough, Helen Goodrich

20 Year (associate) - Donna Colling, John Fox

15 Year (ordinary) - W. Gor-