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Cramahe CAO responds

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Mr. Dewing says he has received no official notification of provincial government legal action against him.

"They still have to go to court to get approval to widen the scope of this claim," Mr. Dewing said. "It hasn't got approval for the statement of claim to proceed."

He said he was "disheartened" by the *Sunday Star* article.

"I notice that of all the 52 people apparently on the list (for action by the Ontario government and ORC), I was the only one contacted," Mr. Dewing said.

Cramahe Township council met with Mr. Dewing Monday at 5 p.m. Following the meeting at the Colborne Municipal Building, Cramahe Township Reeve Jim Williams confirmed the Mr. Dewing continues to be employed by the municipality.

Mr. Dewing was named to the post last month to replace the former administrator Gerry Morrison.

Mr. Dewing is on a six-month [probationary period]. His present term of employ is governed by a contract with Cramahe Township.

W.I. members claim Stop sign as victory

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The sudden appearance of a fourth stop sign at the main intersection of Castleton is a victory for the Castleton Women's Institute. However, *****pyrrhic*****, they'll hail the installation.

"Two years ago, we wrote to (Northumberland) county council requesting a sign be installed at the south side for people travelling north on County Road 25," Joyce Murray of the Castleton W.I. explains. We were concerned about safety.

Before the new sign went in two weeks ago, there was a three-way stop at the intersection. However, the W.I. noted through traffic appeared to be confused by the traffic anomaly: some people went through stop signs coming from the north and west, others stopped coming from the south even though it wasn't required. With the

Castleton General Store on the southwest side of the intersection, a steady stream of pedestrian and stopping vehicular traffic added activity to an already confusing situation.

"Nothing was done at that time," Mrs. Murray notes.

But the Castleton W.I. members were not to be deterred.

"We wrote to county council again this year," Mrs. Murray says. "Again, we asked for a stop sign to the south but we hadn't heard anything from the county. Now, sud-

denly, there's a new sign installed."

There's a begrudging suspicion the sign may have been installed after Joyce's husband Don, a retired Town of Cobourg engineer, also wrote a letter to Northumberland County detailing safety and traffic concerns to support installing installation of a stop sign. Representatives of the county met with WI members - and Don - on site earlier this spring.

Three weeks ago, Northumberland County roads crews installed the new stop sign at the intersection. At a May 8 meeting of county council, the motion to install the sign was approved.

"Don't they let people know? Is it our responsibility to notify the public that the new sign is there?"

Mrs. Murray called to ask. The problem now, she notes, is that the pre-warning sign giving motorists notice of the new stop sign ahead "is too far back from the intersection. By the time they get there, they've forgotten about it,"

Mrs. Murray notes. What's happening fairly frequently now is local drivers are driving my habit, sailing through the stop sign.

The Castleton W.I. members are pleased the new sign is up. They also want to ensure people recognize it's in place. That that end, some of the W.I. members gathered to mark the occasion with a photo at the sign last Wednesday morning. Don Murray graciously absented himself, opting instead for a chocolate ice cream cone at the Castleton General Store.

The "victory" inspired an ode by Castleton W.I. member Shirley McComb.

Castleton Women's Institute
By Shirley McComb

We work, cater, and over tea we chat.
We proudly display our pin wherever we're at.
We volunteer our time
At Community Care, drop-in and Big Sisters so fine.
With our friendship baskets of homemade packed fill,
We visited shut-ins and those who welcome a call.
At a fine Christmas dinner of pot luck we gathered,
We shared our food, friendship and of Christmas we nattered.

A pleading letter to County Council we sent
For a stop light or sign at the store corner we were bent.
They met with us considering the lot.
Now look, a four-way stop at the corner we got!
At that dangerous corner, this four-way stop
Should keep folks safer when coming to shop!

The library we initiated
Books, racks and rockers we appropriated.
Dishes for the town hall were bought.
Garbage cans, picnic tables - the lot.
We have helped young and old
So the story is told.
As trophies we give for school accomplishments,
We work at community betterments.
Wreaths for the Cenotaph on November 11
Show our support for soldiers in heaven
Who gave their lives that we might be free.
We are indebted to them eternally.

We've been meeting here as Castleton W.I. since 1905.
Those fine upright women did certainly strive
To better the lot of the country women
Who worked so hard raising families of "men"
To open our country and feed our nation.
We read of their valour with trepidation.

We're a worthwhile good lot, now just try us.
Colborne Chronicle lists our meetings and topics.
Make a call; information is free.
Come join us. Could maybe make your doldrums just flee!

