

# Trillium grants for Brighton, Cramahe community projects

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Northumberland MPP Lou Rinaldi has announced Trillium Foundation grants totalling \$44,000 for projects in Brighton and Cramahe.

The Brighton Health Services Centre (BHSC) and Brighton YMCA received a \$35,000, one-year grant to install an elevator in the BHSC building on Main Street. Cramahe has been given a grant of \$9,000 to purchase automation, cataloging and Internet system upgrades for the Colborne Public Library.

"I'm delighted that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has come through with funding for the (BHSC) elevator, and to assist the Colborne Public Library with the upgrading of its automation and cataloging systems, and to expand community access to the Internet," said Rinaldi. Incorporated in 2002.

BHSC is renovating the former Creekside Banquet Hall to accommodate a variety of comprehensive health services for area residents. The YMCA opened its Brighton branch in the building in December.

The Colborne Public Library is one of two libraries in the Municipality of Cramahe. The second library is in Castleton.

Library spokesperson Suzanne La Berge said technicians were working on the system February 2 and 3, and that "a number of volunteers have offered to put book information on this system which should be ready for patron use before year-end."

La Berge said the municipality also contributed funds to assist in the completion of the library projects.

"These grants will help our part of rural Ontario obtain the resources we need to move forward in the twenty-first century," Rinaldi said.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services, and sports and recreation sectors.

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### HAPPY VALENTINES!

Dig in! The Eden Church hall was close to capacity for the second sitting of its Valentines turkey dinner last Saturday.

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Right, Taffy Knapman won the grocery hamper at the Eden Church Valentines dinner last Saturday. The winner of the quilt, Lona Kirkpatrick of Port Hope was not on hand at the draw to collect her prize. The draw netted the Eden group \$547.



## Cramahe Ratepayers moving on concerns

The Cramahe Ratepayers Association has identified a handful of concerns they plan to consider in the near future.

In their inaugural meeting last Thursday the group expressed concerns about the lack of sidewalk at the north end of Percy Street in Colborne. John Rutherford explained to the group that walkers have to travel on the roadway during the winter months because snow covers the grassy verge. A sidewalk would connect the downtown with the north end of the village. He wondered if money was the reason why nothing had been done. A few of the residents have been approached along the section of road without walks. Committee member Janice McKnight suggested that the group provide residents with samples of letters they could send to council advising of their concern.

The element of risk was also discussed and the increased cost to council for insurance if a claim was made by an

injured pedestrian. In the meantime, it was suggested that snow lining the road could be pushed over the bank.

The association discussion ranged over a variety of the actions taken by the current council as the members sought to focus their concerns.

The cleanup of the former Cramahe rental building on King St. E. in Colborne was seen as a potential area of significant improvement. With proper environmental cleanup, it was seen as a potential location for a seniors' residence. The group is considering approaching council and MPP Lou Rinaldi

to see if they can press for some action to be taken to clean up the site.

The next meeting for the ratepayers group is Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 at Friendship House on King St. E. in Colborne.

- Bob Owen

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