

# Cramahe Twp. council candidates to date

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As of presstime Tuesday, the following candidates for Cramahe Township council had officially filed their papers at the Colborne municipal building:

For Mayor (1 position): incumbent Mayor Jim Williams is seeking re-election, challenged by Lee Dekeyser, currently incumbent Deputy Mayor.

For Deputy Mayor (1 position), Stu Oliver, former Reeve of Cramahe Township pre-amalgamation, has filed papers.

For Councillor, (three seats available), incumbent Councillor Ray Kelly has filed papers. Marc Coombs, a former pre-amalgamation township councillor, has filed papers. No official word yet from incumbent Councillors Mike Johnston or Tim Post.

## PREMIER PICNIC



PHOTO BY MANDY MARTIN

Leah Hadwen, nine months, attended her first annual Doug Galt Northumberland Progressive Conservative Riding Association picnic in Colborne Sunday afternoon with grandparents Grace and John Wood of Colborne.

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# Tuckers are saying goodbye to Cramahe

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A story that began with the purchase of a house in Castleton 16 years ago ends this week. Malcolm and Audrey Tucker are leaving Cramahe Township for a new

home in Sarnia.

Both of them expressed their regrets about leaving but realize that this is the right move for them at this time in their lives.

Sixteen years ago when Malcolm and Audrey were nearing retirement they found themselves a 'project' in the south end of Castleton. After six years of week-ending they moved in. Malcolm was winding down a 27-year career as an elevator inspector for the provincial government and Audrey had retired from her position doing security work at IBM.

It has been a memorable time here, as both Tuckers threw themselves into the community.

At a luncheon to mark their departure on Monday, Colborne Community Care Coordinator Sheri Birney recounted some of the efforts of the busy duo. Going back to 1995 she recalled that Audrey had worked in Community Care in the office and had since joined one of the cooking teams for the Tuesday luncheon program, using her skills as a pastry chef.

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Above: Graham Norcutt reads praise of Malcolm Tucker, right.

Right: Audrey Tucker, left, chats with Carol Norcutt.



# Water tower funding pursued

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Provincial government funding for repair of Cramahe Township's water tower is still being actively pursued.

Cramahe Township Mayor Jim Williams and CAO Merlin Dewing met with Ernie Hardeman, rural associate minister of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) during last week's annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Toronto.

"We had a meeting in his (Hardeman's) office with MPP Dr. Doug Galt present," Mr. Williams reports.

"He gave us a good meeting. He was receptive to our request," Mr. Williams says.

"We are now preparing a letter to follow up and confirm everything that was discussed at the meeting and go from there."

On February 9, 2001, the municipal office received a report from KMK Consultants Limited which indicated the Colborne concrete water tower requires an estimated \$200,000 remedial work.

"Cracks and minor leakages in this type of tank can lead to failure over time as the water corrodes reinforcing steel and freezing on the outside gradually opens up the cracks," a letter from J. Gary Scott of KMK said.

The water tower is a crucial component to maintaining the pressure for gravity-fed delivery of water for the Colborne municipal system. Minimum flows must be maintained for fire protection in the industrial park. The system must also be capable of handling peak flows.

After checking with provincial government OSTAR administrators in 2002, it became clear "infrastructure" does not qualify for OSTAR grants - leaving the municipality to ponder \$200,000 cost to repair the concrete Colborne water tower.