

East Colborne Decoration Day September 7

Decoration Day for the East Colborne Cemetery will be held Sunday, September 7, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 92 King Street East, Colborne at 2 p.m. The service will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. K. Clarke of Clarke Music Centre. Prior to the service, board members will be at the cemetery on Durham Street between noon and 2 p.m.

"We hope to visit with you there," cemetery board member Joy Gifford says.

Remain vigilant against West Nile virus

The local Health Unit is reminding people that the end of summer vacation is not the time to take a holiday from efforts to combat West Nile virus.

The risk of getting sick from the virus remains, and health officials are urging people to continue to do what they can to avoid mosquitoes.

"West Nile virus doesn't quit when students go back to school," said medical officer of health Dr. Alex Hukowich.

He expects more mosquitoes testing positive for the virus will be found.



For proposed gravel pit

Planner can't serve two municipalities

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Choose one municipality or the other, contracted municipal planner Peter Josephs has been instructed by Alnwick-Haldimand Township council.

"If Cramahe Township takes us to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), then who are you representing?" Alnwick-Haldimand Deputy Mayor Rosemarie Robins asked Mr. Josephs last week.

As planner for Alnwick-Haldimand Township, Mr. Josephs has been advising and co-ordinating the paperwork and public consultation process required for a rezoning application of Shelter Valley Aggregates. Shelter Valley proposes to establish a 140-acre gravel northeast of Vernonville between Shelter Valley and Turk Road. Mr. Josephs is also the contracted planner for Cramahe Township. Cramahe Township has registered concerns about potential volumes of truck traffic which will travel from the proposed pit site into Cramahe Township.

"We have heard they (Cramahe Township council) have laid out their objections and they may feel strongly enough to take it to the OMB," Mrs. Robins said.

Mr. Josephs seemed stunned by the question, and then responded, "I hadn't actually thought about it. I honestly didn't think it would be necessary."

In the brief silence that followed with council members, press and 25 or so people in attendance looking on, Mr. Josephs said, "I would be working for this township."

He said he would inform Cramahe Township of the development.

Last Saturday, Cramahe Township Mayor Jim Williams said Cramahe Township has concerns about traffic impacts from both the proposed CJC water bottling plant and the gravel pit in neighbouring Alnwick/Haldimand Township. Both projects indicate truck traffic from the proposed industrial sites using County Road 25 and secondary Cramahe Township roads as arterial access.

However, Mr. Williams said, it is not Cramahe's intention to be adversarial in its dealings with Alnwick-Haldimand Township.

The next regular meeting of Cramahe Township council is not until September 2, Mr. Williams observed, so the Cramahe council hasn't had the opportunity to discuss new developments.

Mr. Josephs was attending council to recommend two professional agencies to conduct peer reviews of the scientific and technical support studies included, as mandated, is the Shelter Valley Aggregates application for a gravel pit licence. He proposed Trew Associates, Consulting Engineers, to review the groundwater, surface water, aggregate reports and noise review studies prepared by professionals on behalf of Shelter Valley Aggregates. Niblett Environmental Associates Inc. is proposed for the natural science studies review.

In a letter to council, Valley Voices has requested involvement in the peer review process and in establishing the parameters for a traffic impact study.

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BIRTHDAY BENEFITS THE SHELTER ANIMALS

Tyler Graham gets a lick of approval from his soon-to-be-adopted best buddy Nikita, a samoyed, while Shelter of Hope manager Pat Hallett looks on. The 10-year-old Colborne youth had a party to celebrate his birthday on August 14. Instead of hoping for presents, he asked his friends to donate food and treats to the shelter. He was proud to deliver a pickup truck filled with large bags of cat and dog food and a big supply of animal treats. When asked why he did this — he received no presents for his birthday — Tyler said he "was happy to do it. I knew it would be a good thing for the shelter and if I got my picture taken and it was put in the paper a lot of other people would do it too".