

the applicant (principal Amerjit Sandhu). Certainly, I would see an ongoing discussion with Valley Voices. I think we have to keep it (the review) balanced."

A peer review is a review of existing documents submitted, Mr. Josephs emphasized: "They do not do their own (additional) studies."

Lower Trent Conservation (authority). He is urging a meeting of the two municipalities as soon as possible.

"When is the time for council to comment?" Mrs. Robins asked.

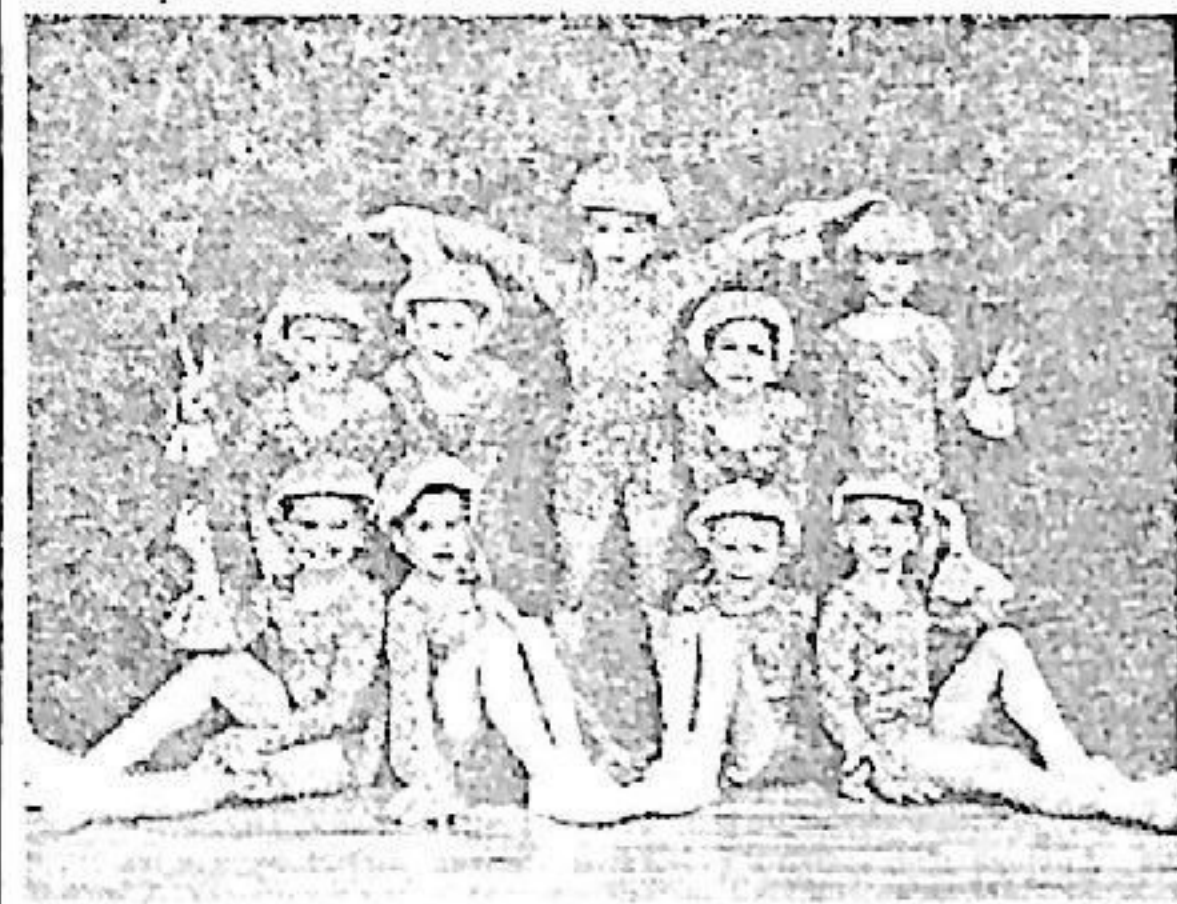
"Anytime," Mr. Josephs said. "This is council's process. It is entirely open."



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## Pending provincial water legislation "scary": Williams

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Pending provincial legislation for municipal water systems has Cramahe Township Mayor Jim Williams concerned.

At one session of last week's Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Toronto, a lawyer outlined how new water legislation will affect Ontario municipalities.

"There are going to be tremendous costs to the municipalities," Mr. Williams said in an interview Saturday. "The lawyer said the responsibility (for municipal water systems and standards) is going to be on municipal councils. It's scary."

An estimated 1,400 elected municipal representatives attended the annual AMO conference. Unlike other Northumberland County municipalities, Cramahe Township had only two delegates attending: Mayor Williams and Cramahe Township CAO Merlin Dewing.

"The keynote speaker, Dr. Lance Secretan, was very inspiring," Mr. Williams said. "He emphasized how important it is to work as a team - council

and staff. He gave some really good tips for candidates running in municipal campaigns, about being positive and not attacking.

"He said to be a member of council you have to inspire the leaders of your community. If you can't do that, then you don't get a team effort and the benefits of a team effort."

Faced with limited resources financially and physically, municipalities are challenged to find solutions to meet the demands of local governance, Mr. Williams said.

"More than ever, we need to cooperate, work together," he observed.

"Then we heard from provincial politicians who seemed to be attacking one another," he laughed.

AMO delegates were "disappointed" Ontario Premier Ernie Eves did not make an appearance at the all-Ontario municipal conference.

"Instead, we heard from a new minister (Gary Young, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) who went on and on about how great Ernie Eves is," a gambit which did not go over well with the audience, he observed.

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