

\$10,000 deposit made on new twp. water tower

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Cramahe Township CAO Merlin Dewing revealed at Council last Tuesday that a deposit of \$10,000 has been made to, Greatario Engineered Systems, the company which is preparing to build Cramahe's water tower.

In the same discussion the CAO revealed that tenders have not been issued and a contract has not been signed with the company. He continued that Cramahe is committed now to the type and size of tank.

The CAO was asked if the tank size could be changed, in that a contract has not been signed.

Mr. Dewing said it would cost more to increase or decrease the size. He maintained a size decrease, which the Cramahe Ratepayers' Association has considered, would cost more. He explained the height of the tank would have to be maintained in order to keep the head (and maintain water pressure). This would involve a change in the diameter of the tank which is now being designed by the manufacturer.

This comment would seem to contradict a study done for the township earlier this year which suggested the height of the tank is not critical. The study was undertaken when council was weighing above-ground and buried water storage. That study revealed water pressure would be reduced with a buried tank, but not sufficiently to jeopardize water pressure in the north end of the service area.

On April 2, Steve Blakey of Greer Galloway recommended a 2.25-million litre, on-grade, glass-lined, steel-bolted tank that will cost \$597,000. He explained the newly recommended tank, built by G. E. S., could be expanded further by jacking up the existing unit and adding plates to the bottom.

In an interview April 12, Scott Burn of Greatario said the tanks they build are coated with molten glass at the factory and then assembled on-site in pieces. They come in standard diameters. Each one is three feet larger than the one smaller. The panels are five feet tall.

By varying the diameter or height, the company can make tanks of almost any size.

In a recorded vote April 16, Cramahe council decided to purchase a 2.25-million litre glass fused to steel tank costing \$637,500 which is available in Ontario only from Greatario Engineered Systems.

The decision was made only after some concerns were raised by Councillor Marc Coombs. He has repeatedly criticized certain aspects of the proposed purchase. Mr. Coombs was disturbed that when council chose the glass-lined option, there is only one manufacturer in North America and one distributor for Ontario. He felt taxpayers need to have a tender issued that would allow for all types of tank designers to bid.

At the time, Coun. Coombs listed two producers of steel tanks that are not glass-fused.

In his April report to council, Cramahe CAO Merlin Dewing urged a quick decision. He was supported by the consultant, Greer Galloway Group.

The CAO suggested it could tender part of the job out. The actual cost of the tank (\$387,500) was not subject to bidding but the rest could be. That includes piping, electrical, excavation, demolition and engineering work. He claimed Lakefront Utilities Services Inc. supported the glass-lined option.

Councillor Tim Post said at the April meeting he wasn't prepared to evaluate types of tanks. He was willing to rely on the consultants. After confirming that LUSI was supporting this tank and the rest of the job would go out to tender, he declared his support.

In the ensuing council vote, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Dekeyser joined Mr. Post in voting to purchase the glass-lined tank.

Mr. Coombs was the lone member to vote against the decision.

Councillor Ed Van Egmond was not a member of council at the time of the original vote.

LOCAL NEWS

John Boreham Rotary Volunteer of the Year

Former Colborne resident, John Boreham was named Rotary Volunteer of the year last Friday.

Mr. Boreham, who passed away earlier this year, was praised by Rotary member, Morris Tait, for his many volunteer efforts in the past 30 years.

Mr. Tait related numerous stories which highlighted the recipient's unique and sometimes flamboyant character.

He was notorious for his long and memorable drives and for the initiation rites in the local Kinsmen Club.

Mr. Boreham was an active

member and leader in the Kinsmen organization, both locally and Canada-wide. He worked tirelessly on traditional Labour Day beef barbeques,

fundraising to rebuild the curling rink, getting lights for Victoria Park, assisting with the Colborne High School Reunion, and repairs to the former Colborne and Cramahe Arena.

He was Colborne's Citizen of the Year in 1983.

In accepting the award on behalf of her father, Melissa Charles explained that her father's motto was to give back to the community. She went on to say that he tried to remain out of the limelight.

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Morris Tait presents Melissa Charles with the Rotary Volunteer of the Year Award which was granted to her father John Boreham posthumously at last week's Rotary President's Night.

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NEW ROTARY EXECUTIVE



Members of the new Colborne Rotary Club executive gathered at the President's Night Dinner last Friday. From left, are Past President and Treasurer Graham Norcutt, President Jim Williams, Community Director Linda Philp, Vocational Director Kim Emond, Club Service Director and Vice President Rick Hoffman. Behind - International Director Glenn Spence. Absent from photo - Secretary Brian Barnes, Sergeant at Arms Peter Cash.

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