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## "Nightmare on Division Street" continues

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The "nightmare on Division Street" goes on and on. Mayor Lee Dekeyser announced at Cramahe Township council May 17 that the issue of the Queen's Hotel mural is now in the hands of township lawyer Peter Hustler.

That follows the passing of the deadline for tenders to fulfill an agreement dated August 31, 2004 signed by Mayor Lee Dekeyser and Timothy Gilligan, owner of the Queen's Hotel.

The agreement is one of a long series of events surrounding the mural. The history of the mural and its problems is listed below.

On September 9, 1996 the Village of Colborne, Timothy Gilligan and noted muralist B. C. (Berg) Johnson enter into an agreement for Mr. Johnson to

paint a mural on the west wall of the Queen's Hotel. This agreement, signed by Colborne Reeve, George Boycott and the other two parties is attached to Bylaw 96-11.

In the agreement the mural becomes the property of the Village for the purpose of maintenance.

Mr. Gilligan provides the wall, free of charge for the work. He is required to maintain the wall surrounding the mural.

The artist is to paint a mural depicting the history of the main street of Colborne circa 1900. Mr. Johnson has right of first refusal for touch up and maintenance for 10 years. He will be paid \$200 per square foot for work done by him in the first year with the rate increasing with the cost of living in subsequent years.

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The mural on the east wall of the Queen's Hotel in Colborne fronts on Division Street South.