

Community Care relocates to King St.

"Assisting Seniors and those with disabilities to remain independent in their own homes and communities"

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(excluding holidays)

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The Colborne office of Northumberland Community Care has moved its offices from Victoria Square to new offices on King St. E..

Coordinator Jody Townshend says there were several reasons for the June 28 move.

Economics was a major one. Rent at the new office is lower. Community Care is non-profit, so every penny counts. The new office also provides better visibility to the public, situated on the main street with big windows.

Ms. Townshend says some people confused the Community Care role with that of the Vourneen Buff Jack Centre. This move will make it easier to see the difference.

Community Care provides community-based home support services, primarily to people with dependencies related to aging, as well as and physical disability.

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that people have the right to make their own decisions; they have the right to respect, confidentiality and dignity.

Many of the programs are manned by volunteers trained by Community Care.

In 2003-4 volunteers to Northumberland Community Care gave 59,937 hours of service. Some of its services are funded through its annual golf tournament, held this year on Thursday, September 8 at Timber Ridge Golf Club.

The Community Care offices at 25 King St. E. are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. They plan to hold a grand opening in September.

social activities. Drivers are reimbursed by the users according to a set fee which covers expenses.

Isolated seniors can enjoy the company of a visit by a friendly volunteer. If home maintenance or light housekeeping are needed, Community Care has brokered workers who can be hired. Clients who use Community Care services are advised in advance if there are any costs.

Specially-trained volunteers will give respite to caregivers, by relieving them of their duties for a spell.

Community Care believes it is desirable to keep people in their homes and communities. The organization states in its handout

They also support the caregivers of the needy, helping to maintain and enhance services. Community Care provides noon Meals on Wheels for people who cannot cook or easily shop for themselves. These include hot and frozen meals which sometimes have to be tailored to meet dietary needs.

A night out is available in the Diners Club program. Entertainment and meals are held throughout the County of Northumberland. Transportation is provided if needed.

Those without transportation can utilize Community Care volunteer drivers for local and long distance medical appointments, shopping, and

Community Care coordinator Jody Townshend, left, and administrative assistant Kim Davis are pleased with their new surroundings on King St. E. in Colborne. Working with them is Carolyn Robins (not in the picture).
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County urges farmers be consulted on Greenbelt issues

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Leaving the agricultural community out of input into Greenbelt policies is a provincial mistake Northumberland County would like to rectify.

Reading over the qualifications of the five members of the Greenbelt foundation board appointed June 16 by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Brighton Mayor Christine Herrington said last week that these people may be outstanding — but not one of them is a farmer.

This is ironic, Mrs. Herrington said, since the original intent of the legislation

was to preserve prime agricultural land.

"The more we get into this, the more the department of agriculture and rural people get shoved aside," Alnwick-Haldimand Township Mayor Bill Finley complained.

"You need someone there who is actively farming to be part of the process," he insisted. "Because they didn't do that, I tend to believe there wasn't too much concern for the agricultural sector."

He is especially concerned, Mr. Finley explained, since his township has the most percentage of its area covered by the Oak Ridges Moraine of any municipality — 57 per cent.

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for two more members to be added to that board from the agricultural sector, and send it out to the municipalities," Port Hope Mayor Rick Austin ventured. "I will make that (suggestion) as a motion."

"I would also like to see those

The Greenbelt is an area that stretches from Niagara Falls, includes the Escarpment, continues through Toronto and into Northumberland, Warden Peter Delanty clarified.

"I am wondering whether we should pass a resolution asking

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members of the agricultural sector to be from the (Greenbelt) area — not from Western Ontario, because that's not where the Greenbelt is," Cramahe Township Mayor Lee Dekeyser added.