

Castleton chosen as site for new public school

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Cramahe Township's new elementary school will be built in Castleton. The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board voted 9-2 for the Castleton site.

The school will replace two schools deemed by the board to be prohibitive to repair.

If all goes according to the timeline presented by Associate Director of

Education Sherry Summersides, construction will begin by the spring of next year, with completion as soon as November 2009 but probably sometime in 2010.

"The opportunities the children will experience will make a significant difference," Ms. Summersides commented moments after the decision was made at the board office in Peterborough.

Perhaps referring to statements made earlier that some children would be

enrolled elsewhere, the director went on to add, "I hope the whole community will look at all the options and continue to support the new school."

Michele Adams is principal for both the schools being closed. She admitted, "It's been a challenging process both (school) groups — justifiably so, because both are wonderful schools with great students and supportive parents. The new school is a wonderful opportunity for our students."

Cramahe Township Mayor Marc

Coombs was in attendance for the June 19 decision made at the board office in Peterborough. His press release states:

"I am thrilled that a decision has finally been made on the location of the new school and we can move forward to the actual building of the new school. This is a historic moment for Cramahe Township as we embark on the first new school to be built in our community in almost fifty years."

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Castleton library closed

The Cramahe Township Library Board voted June 18 to close the Castleton Branch until 2009.

The board has been under pressure to correct perceived problems at the library which have affected circulation.

The move to close was accompanied by a resolution to form a committee to generate ideas to improve library service in Castleton.

Library board Chair Ed Greenwood stated in a June 20 interview that the board is looking for volunteers who live north of Hwy. 401. In September, a committee of library board members and volunteers will brainstorm to generate new ideas for the library.

Everything is on the table, says the chair — the role of the library, services, hours, location.

"We need people with tons of ideas," Mr. Greenwood commented, "people who are willing to look at the library from all points of view."

Anyone interested in joining this group can contact any board member, including Cramahe Twp. Councillor Pat Westrope, or leave their names at the Township of Cramahe office, 905-355-2821.

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Crown wants adult sentence if youth convicted in killing

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There were a lot of tears and hand-holding in video remand court in Cobourg on Friday morning, June 20, as Marc Vickers, the 34-year-old man accused of being an accessory after the fact to second degree murder, came before the court.

Defence attorney Brad Halls was not in attendance, but had indicated through duty counsel he expects to be retained by Mr. Vickers.

Mr. Halls requested the matter be brought before court by video on Monday, June 23 at 1:15 p.m. to be spoken to.

Mr. Vickers is currently in custody at the Central East Detention Centre after being arrested June 12 in connection with the death of Michelle Noella Barnoski of Warkworth.

Ms. Barnoski resided in the home of Mr. Vickers at the time of her murder. Her body was located in the backyard of the Concession Street residence after a search warrant was executed on Friday, June 13.

The 14-year-old youth charged with second-degree murder in the case appeared in court in person on Friday, represented by Toronto lawyer Howard Goldkind.

As the youth was brought into the courtroom, Ms. Barnoski's sisters held hands and cried, but did not look at the accused or talk to him after being warned by Crown attorney David Thompson not to



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Friday, June 20: A 14-year-old youth charged with second degree murder is led into Cobourg court.

communicate with him.

The youth's father was unable to attend due to transportation issues, but the boy's grandparents were there, Mr. Goldkind told the court.

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