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MOTORCYCLIST KILLED IN CRASH A motorcyclist is dead following a collision in Castleton on Wednesday morning. Northumberland OPP say a Volkswagen Jetta pulled out from a private residence on County Road 25 just east of Castleton at approximately 6:50 a.m. when an eastbound motorcycle struck the driver's side of the vehicle near the front tire. The motorcyclist was thrown approximately 40 feet, landing on the pavement. CPR was performed on the person, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. The collision occurred in front of the Castleton Cemetery. The OPP Technical Traffic collision investigators were at the scene and the road was re-opened at 11:30 a.m. The victim has been identified as John Atkinson, 54, of Bailieboro. The lone occupant of the Jetta, a 72-year-old Colborne man, was not injured. The investigation is

continuing, and police say charges are pending.

Partridge calls for assessment of rink project

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A Cobourg lawyer is asking provincial Environment Minister John Gerretsen to intervene in

construction controversial artificial rink project slated for later this year in downtown Cobourg's Rotary Harbourfront Park.

"I am concerned about the above-referenced municipal project," Martin Partridge wrote in a June 24 letter sent by courier to the minister's office in Toronto. "I believe that a full environmental assessment should be completed before the project is allowed to continue."



Martin Partridge

Mr. Partridge suggests by dealing with the project in phases spread over a number of years, and not including all costs, the town has "avoided a full environmental assessment by obtaining an exemption under the Environmental Assessment Act based on the cost of the project."

The project lands surround Midtown Creek which runs through the downtown and empties into Lake

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Councillor, publican charged with assault

A 7:20 p.m. Tuesday night, June 24, Northumberland OPP were called to a large fight involving baseball bats on King Street West in downtown Colborne.

A 21-year-old sitting in a vehicle sustained facial injuries when struck on the side of the head, police say. Two men were arrested.

Charged with assault with a weapon are Timothy Gilligan Sr., 65, and Timothy Gilligan Jr., 39, both of Colborne.

Mr. Gilligan Sr. is the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel in Colborne. Mr. Gilligan Jr. is a municipal councillor for Cramahe Township.

