



The Castleton Public School students of the month proudly show off their certificates. In front, from left, are Madison Chislett, Lauren Buchanan. Behind - R.J. Galt, Leanne Harnden, Kaitlin Watson.

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New restaurant at the VBJ Centre?

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Will the Vourneen Buff Jack Centre, now owned by the Township of Cramahe, become the site of a restaurant?

That is the question facing council after it received an Oct. 7 request to rent the building from Brenda Mullins.

Ms. Mullins was the former manager of the Crossroads Bistro. It has been closed since June 2008 when the ceiling collapsed.

In her Sept. 1 letter to council, Ms. Mullins asks for the opportunity to investigate renting 14 Victoria Square in order to operate a restaurant. She agreed in her letter to welcome the current user groups which meet once a week in the building formerly run by the VBJ board of directors. She is willing to pay a fair price to rent the building which has a kitchen in it.

Mayor Marc Coombs suggested Ms. Mullins meet with township staff and members of the VBJ Board to see if the idea fits with the board's ideas for the building.

Deputy Mayor Jim Williams, a member of the VBJ board, told council the board had hoped when the municipality bought the building that it would use it for seniors programs and expand its operations. He accepted the restaurant suggestion could be explored.

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Twp. extends Cold Creek builders' agreement

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Cramahe Township council agreed Oct. 7 to extend its agreement with four local builders to the end of the year.

The four builders, L.J. Kernaghan Ltd., 1747372 Ontario Inc., James Rutherford Construction Ltd., and Mike W. Voskamp Construction Ltd., had an agreement with the township to build homes in the Colborne Creek subdivision owned and managed by the township.

The agreement is reviewed and renewed on its Aug. 1 anniversary. When the builders had not reached their contracted target of two homes each by Aug. 1, 2008, council agreed on Aug. 19 to extend the existing contract until the councillors could discuss the situation.

The Oct. 7 report submitted by Director of Development Becky Bonisteel stated that a discussion was held with the builders at the Sept. 2 meeting of council.

There have been three homes built in the current fiscal year which started on Aug. 1 2007.

When asked what will happen if the contractors don't meet their targets by Dec. 31, the Mayor Marc Coombs said, "It is our intention to move forward."

Council is planning to meet with the builders prior to the Dec. 2 meeting of Cramahe council. On the advice of the township's lawyer, Peter Hustler, that meeting will be held in camera. When asked why it was to be in camera, Mayor Coombs did not know, stating he would have to find out from the lawyer. Mayor Coombs had relayed the lawyer's rationale for the in-camera meeting by Chronicle press time.

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LONG-SERVICE TWP. STAFF RECOGNIZED



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Oct. 7 was municipal staff recognition night for Cramahe Township.

Above, Wayne Chapman, left, and Greg Davey, right, accept long service certificates from Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs.

Mr. Chapman has worked 20 years for the township and Mr. Davey has been employed 25 years.

Where was Cramahe Township Fire Chief Gary Cammack when it was time for the presentation commemorating 30 years with the department? He was out on a call. He is pictured, right, with Cramahe Marc Coombs receiving his certificate.

