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Cramahe set to grow with sewage expansion

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If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

That must surely be the feeling in Cramahe Township as politicians and residents celebrate the announcement last Friday of a \$4.25-million grant from the Canada Build program. The grant will be combined with reserve funds and borrowed money to expand the sewage treatment capacity in the former village of Colborne.

It has been recognized for many years that there is a need to improve the current system which is near capacity. The township twice applied unsuccessfully to obtain sewage treatment funding in 2005 from the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIIF).

The joint announcement on Feb. 13 by Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi and local MP Rick Norlock included money for projects in eight municipalities in the riding. Cramahe's share was second only to the \$7 million allotted to Quinte West. Port Hope, Alnwick-Haldimand Township, Hamilton Township, Trent Hills, Cobourg, and the County of Northumberland all received money, with half of the grants going to water and waste water work, and the rest combined with municipal money to improve road infrastructure.

In total, projects valued at more than \$23 million will get underway in the riding.

The federal and provincial governments will each pay half of the \$4.25-million grant. Cramahe resi-

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WATER: New toilets offered by Lakefront Utilities could cut consumption by 44%

Cramahe gets low-flush option

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Residents of Cramahe Township could get inexpensive low-flush toilets if the township takes up an offer made by Lakefront Utilities Corporation Inc. (LUCI).

Low-flush toilets are practical and could increase the township's strained sewage treatment capacity, Bruce Craig of LUCI reported to Cramahe council Feb. 3. He said that installation of the toilets might allow the township to defer a proposed sewage treatment expansion which Cramahe has been anticipating.

One toilet with a small, inaudible flapper leak could send 100,000 litres of water into the waste treatment each year, he said. A larger leak could use 200,000 to 400,000 litres of water. Information presented by Craig suggested toilets use about 40% of residential water.

A study done in a Mississauga apartment showed that water consumption dropped by 44% when residents converted to six-litre toilets from 13-litre toilets.

Other data from across Ontario shows a 42.6% water saving.

In Tampa Bay, 70% of the reduction was attributed to stopping leaks, the other 30% to the decreased flush volume.

Toilets installed before 1992 have tanks which contain close to 20 litres. Current models hold between 13 and 20 litres. The three low-flush models Craig has available from Niagara Flapperless Inc. hold 4.8 litres.

Craig believes the new toilets have many attributes. Aside from their reduced water consumption, they do not have rubber flappers which often allow small amounts of water to leak into the toilet. They hold the water in a trough inside the tank so there is no summer

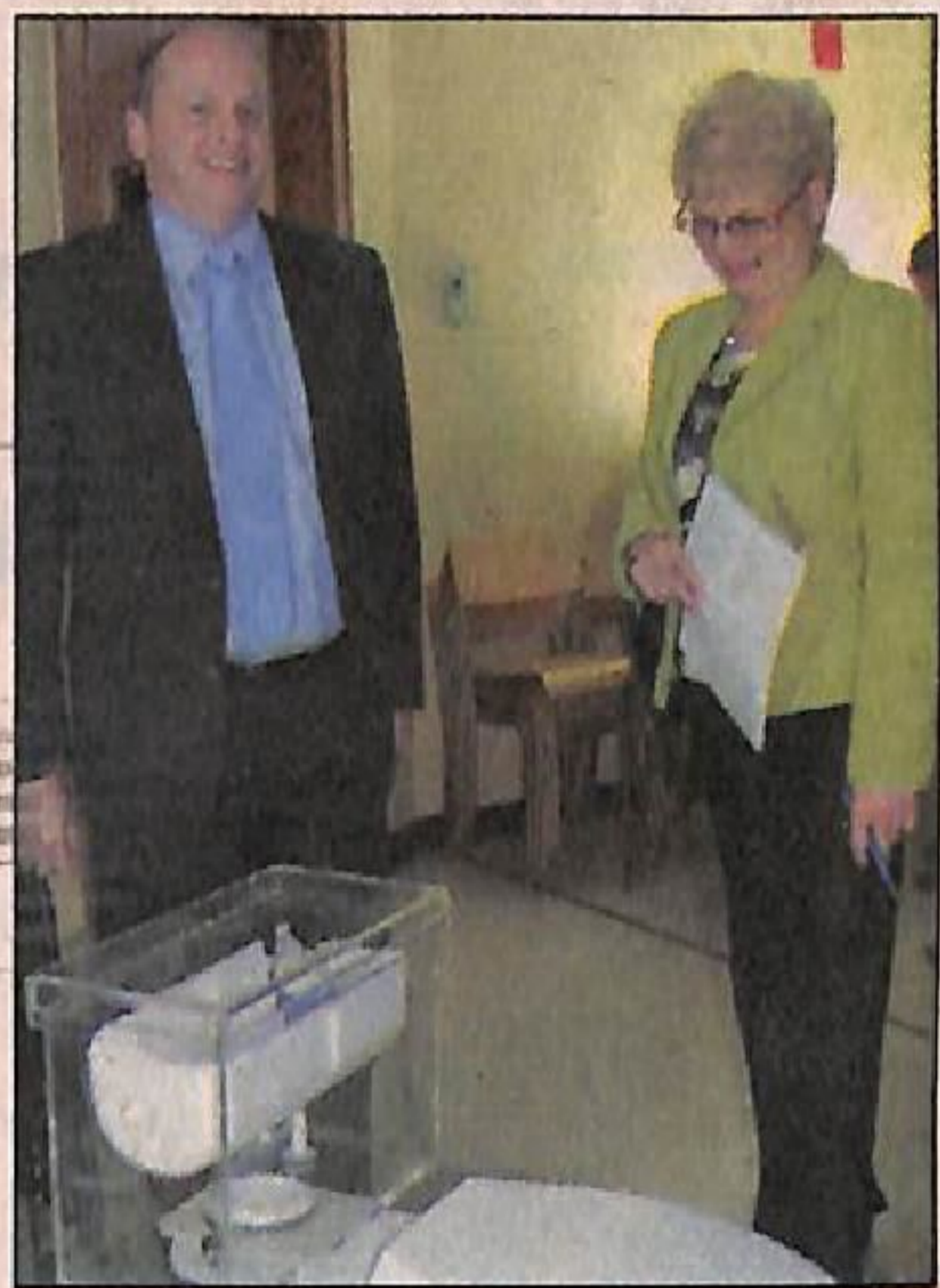
sweating. Their bases are slightly larger than conventional toilets and the bolt holes match so transition is seamless. The two models that come with seats have slow close seats which don't bang when dropped. The tanks on the two-piece models can be adjusted to cover the space where the previous tank stood.

Built in Frankford, Ont., the toilets won a United Nations conservation award in 2003.

By buying toilets in bulk, LUCI can offer them to Northumberland municipalities for \$149 to \$279, depending on the model. Craig suggested municipalities wishing to encourage water conservation might subsidize the units a further \$50.

The toilets normally list for \$249 to \$379.

Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs said the next step for the township is to receive a staff report and consider the toilets as part of a township green initiative announced last fall.



BOB OWEN Sun Media
Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs and Councillor Pat Westrope look at the new low-priced, low-flush toilet which may be available soon.

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HERMISTON, Mary Aileen (nee Potter) - It is with great sadness and loss that the family of Mary Hermiston announces her death in her 93rd year on February 16, 2009 from a massive stroke. She was predeceased by her husband Leslie Hermiston, and is survived by her four daughters, Wynne Weatherston (Donald), Mary Lou Ward (Bob), Linda McCormick (predeceased by Ken) and Nancy Hermiston, her six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter. She is also survived by her siblings Norma McCleary, Helen King, George and Alice Potter, Jacqueline and Sam Beamish and eight nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Ruby Shearer and her brother Jim Potter and brothers-in-law Jim McCleary and Lou King. She will be sorely missed by her friends, neighbours and community. For over 80 years she was a well known pianist throughout the area, entertaining audiences as part of the Potter orchestra, and appearing in solo performances for community events. She was also well known for her culinary skills, her love of life, her hospitality, her compassion and loyalty to her friends and family, and her love of music and a good game of euchre. Visitation will be held at the **WALAS FUNERAL HOME** in Warkworth, Ont. on Tuesday, February 17, from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 with a funeral service to be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Warkworth on Wednesday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Spring Interment Warkworth Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make any donations in her memory to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Warkworth. www.quinfuneralcentres.com

Forthcoming Marriage



Molson, the best dog in Grafton, wishes to make an announcement. His mom Kate, daughter of Janice and Berrrie Kaffer of New Glasgow, NS and his dad Jason, son of Janet and Gord Prentice of Grafton, ON, are getting married on September 26th, 2009. Family and friends will be in Grafton with Kate and Jason for the wedding.

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