

## TRENT HILLS COUNCIL

# Warkworth pumping station costs climb

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**TRENT HILLS** -- Taxpayers might be called upon to help foot the bill for a new pumping station in Warkworth that could cost much more than originally estimated.

A staff report presented to council last week identified the cost of providing hydro service to the pumping station is now estimated at \$150,000. The cost of the building and pumps has also escalated as the design moves closer to being finalized, director of planning Jim Peters warned council in his report submitted July 5.

Under a funding formula previously approved by council, the developer behind the Orchard Hill condominiums currently under construction contributed \$125,000 to the pumping station, leaving an estimated balance of \$325,000 to be funded through water rates, water lot levies and other income generated by the Trent Hills water system.

"However, as the main reason to undertake the project is fire protection for the entire village, it is recommended that a portion of this project be funded through the general levy," Mr. Peters wrote.

CAO Mike Rutter sought to allay council's concerns over the mounting cost of the project, saying staff will be able to provide "a

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much truer picture of where it's going" when council meets again later this month.

The issue was brought to the attention of members now because "we didn't want council to be caught off-guard," he said.

Councillors Kim MacNeil and Gene Brahaney expressed frustration with how slowly the project is proceeding and how much more it appears destined to cost. Coun. Brahaney said he was "shocked" by the cost of the hydro service.

"These numbers are ridiculous," Mayor Hector Macmillan said. "It's so far out of whack it's got to be an error."

Mr. Rutter assured council "that number is significantly higher than it's actually going to come in at ... We weren't trying to alarm you but we did want you to be aware that things were changing."

Mr. Peters stated in his report that "it is still hoped that at the tender stage the cost will be reduced."

He said "the increased costs reflect a general trend with infrastructure projects."

Mr. Rutter said afterward the municipality had proceeded with the assumption that water users would pay for the new pumping station but further consideration led to the realization that maintaining proper pressure is critical to fire protection, which is funded with tax dollars.

## COMMUNITY

# Colborne child helps raise funds for Children's Wish

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Family fun planned for Sunday

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**COLBORNE** -- Faith Roppel has become a caring member of the community at the tender age of four. The little girl has collected \$2,000 in pledges for the Children's Wish Foundation and will donate most of her hair to Angel Hair for Kids this Sunday when she gets it cut off at the Keeler Centre.

The hair-cutting will take place during a barbecue her parents, Jessica and David, have organized to raise money for Angel Hair as well, to create a hairpiece.

Ms. Roppel said her daughter expressed an interest in doing something for the Children's Wish Foundation following the death of a young Trenton woman earlier this year from cancer.

Ms. Roppel knew the family "and

we followed her journey on Facebook with the mother."

Faith "took everything to heart," her mother said. "She has played with a lot of children who have cancer and asked a lot of questions about why they don't have hair."

Ms. Roppel said she and her husband initially planned to raise money through the Relay for Life in Brighton but Faith started asking her teachers for money at St. Mary's School in Grafton where she attended junior kindergarten. Friends and family soon joined in the cause.

The barbecue will take place between 3 and 6 p.m. There will also be popcorn and snow cones for sale and a bouncy castle and petting zoo for the children to enjoy.

"It's going to be like a mini-circus," Ms. Roppel said.

A representative from Children's Wish Foundation will be on hand to receive the money Faith has raised.

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**CRAMAHE TWP**  

# There is always something to see and do in the Township of Cramahe

Summer is finally here and with the warmer weather, comes festivals, special events and activities.

One such event that recently took place was the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure. On Wednesday, July 6, 97 cyclists travelling from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Riviere Beaudette stopped in Colborne for a well-deserved rest.

Local churches arranged meals and local talent provided entertainment during their overnight visit at the Keeler Centre.

Northumberland-Quinte West MP Rick Norlock, MPP Lou Rinaldi, Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs and Councillor Pat Westrope attended the event to greet cyclists and participate in the event.

Looking ahead, Tourism Cramahe presents the 14th annual Trash 'N Treasures on August 13. This is one of the area's biggest and best community-wide yard sales, located in the heart of downtown Colborne.

Always the second Saturday in August, vendor tables will be set up in Victoria Square Park from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other yard sales can be found all over town.



Clinton Breau  
COUNCIL CORNER

As always, our Thursday night Music In the Square series continues, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Victoria Square in Colborne. Finishing up this month will be Cold Creek and Stoney and the Sundance Band.

There are many more exciting artists coming in the month of August.

Labour Day weekend will see our population almost double as the annual Auction Barn Jamboree takes place at the Keeler Centre. Gary Warner hosts this sensational event and all the details can be found at [www.auctionbarnjamboree.ca](http://www.auctionbarnjamboree.ca).

To learn more about events taking place in the Township of Cramahe, please visit our website at [www.visitcramahe.ca](http://www.visitcramahe.ca).

Clinton Breau is a Cramahe Township councillor.

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## Deaths



**MAY, Harvey Wallace** - Peacefully at the Northumberland Hills Hospital on Monday, July 11, 2011 at the age of 73. Beloved husband of 53 years to Georgette May (nee Walters). Loving father of Tracy Woods (Doug), Katrina Rutherford (Bruce). Cherished grandfather of Sarah Turk, Dan Turk (Caley), Liz Oulahan (Taylor), Clayton Rutherford, Michael Rutherford and the late Alex Rutherford. Dear brother of Dennis May (Marlene), Garth May (Gail), Brian May (Edie) and the late Stan May. Lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and extended family. Friends are invited to Celebrate Harvey's life at the Royal Canadian Legion, Cobourg on Thursday, July 14, 2011 from 3 - 5 p.m. Those wishing may make donations to the Alex Rutherford Scholarship Fund or a charity of their choice. Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com)