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Cramahe Township honours businesses

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For the first time ever, two companies were honoured in the same year as the top businesses in Cramahe Township.

The awards were presented during the Cramahe Community Development annual "meet and greet" breakfast last week at the Keeler Centre.

"One's a global company with millions of dollars in sales, the other one is from here," said Mayor Marc Coombs when he announced the winners. "One has thousands of shareholders throughout the world and the other one is from here. But both are strong contributors to our local business community and

our community at large."

Named as 2011 Business of the Year were Holcim (Canada) Inc., a fixture of community support in Cramahe Township for more than 50 years, and Custom Trailer Manufacturing, which, last year, undertook their biggest expansion ever in their 20-year history to meet the demand and increase in business for retro-fitted dump trailers.

Municipal council has been proactive Coombs told those who attended the early morning meeting.

"We're certainly focused on economic development," he said. "That's certainly my focus. I'm interested in seeing that succeed and, to succeed, you have to pick out

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Donuts attract business



Holcim Canada representatives (from the left) Sefton Grell and Dave Fletcher, and Custom Trailer Manufacturing president David Hilliard (at right) accept their 2011 Business of the Year awards from Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs. Photo: Ray Yurkowski

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your obstacles and resolve those."

A strategy session in January evaluated the current use of facilities, including the Voreen Buff Jack Memorial Centre, Castleton Town Hall and Keeler Centre, with an eye to increase opportunities for youth and seniors programming. A new business and retention study was launched last fall. As well, a new wastewater treatment plant will be completed by the fall.

"That will allow us to have unfettered growth in the Village of Colborne," said Mayor Coombs. "It's important we set up for growth in the community and this will allow us to do that."

A real success story for the municipality is the industrial park at Purdy Road in Colborne.

"There's all kinds of interest in our industrial park," said Coombs. "There are companies looking at coming into Ontario and looking for access to Montreal and Toronto along the [Highway] 401 corridor and, of course, land prices are better this side of Toronto than the other side of Toronto."

Another plus for the business community was when a Tim Hortons shop moved into the area.

"Somebody told me once Tim Hortons comes in

you're going to get all kinds of activity," said Coombs. "And it's true. We've been

getting all kinds of inquiries about the land around there."

Deaths



CHAPMAN, Judy - Suddenly at Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday March 27th, 2012 in her 55th year. Beloved wife of Alan Chapman. Loving mother of Jackie Davis (Geoff). Dear grammy of Gracie B., Addie and Finn. Lovingly remembered by her sisters Debbie Kernaghan (Sandy) and Carol Browne (Mike). Loving daughter of the late Ray and Bernie Cherryholme. Dear daughter-in-law of Ida Chapman and sister-in-law of Beth Vosburgh (Bill), Stan Chapman (Diane), Brian Chapman (Val), Art Chapman (Terri) and Steve Chapman (Carol). Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts and uncles. Friends are invited to call at the **MacCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St., W., Colborne on Sunday from 1-5 pm. A funeral service will be held in Colborne United Church on Monday April 2nd, 2012 at 11 am. If desired donations may be made to The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario or the Alzheimer Society. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com

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TERRANCE RICHARD RITCHIE - passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, March 26, 2012 at Northumberland Hills Hospital in his 71st year after a courageous battle with cancer. Pre-deceased by his wife Mary Geraldine (Keating) and survived by his children Kathleen Allen, Terry Ritchie and his wife Tanya, Deanna Crosty and her husband Bill and Shannon Catherwood and her husband Darren, his eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He will be missed greatly by his many family and friends.

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