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# Council briefs

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## NO DIRT FOR RESIDENTS

Cramahe Township won't be dishing out free dirt to its residents as planned. Council voted on May 1 to rescind its April 17 plan to old dirt days for residents and contractors in May. After agreeing to allow for the free pick up the township found out its largesse would be costly and possibly risky.

Operations Director Dan O'Brien reported to council on May 1 that soil taken from the 15,000 cubic metres on the Colborne Creek subdivision site would have to undergo tests before it left the property. If it didn't and someone claimed to have become ill from contact, there would be grounds for a lawsuit.

According to the O'Brien report it would cost \$6,400 for preliminary testing and would take three weeks. Staff costs for the three proposed days would be \$1,500 and records would have to be kept telling where the loads of soil were destined. Residents would have to sign waivers absolving the township of responsibility.

That was altogether too much for council and it voted 3-0 with one abstention to return to the original plan to pay \$15,000 for AMPCO to remove the soil. Councillor Clinton Breau abstained on principle. It was Breau who put the idea forward on April 17 and pressed for the setting of dates.

## BEACHSIDE EROSION HALT PLANNED

Cramahe Twp. voted on May 1 to spend \$5,729 to place a rolled curb along the road by Little Lake Beach and to add a concrete pad. Currently, water is running across the road and washing away the soil along the embankment above the beach on Lake Rd. The Cramahe Parks and Recreation Committee met in March and felt the 61 metre curb would divert the water away from the embankment and down to a nearby culvert. The pad will provide the base for two portable outhouses.

Mayor Marc Coombs explained to council that the rolled curb would be easier than a regular curb for vehicles which park along the road in the summer.

The Parks Committee tried earlier to find a contractor to do the work but was unsuccessful. Larger contractors were uninterested in such a small contract and small companies often don't have the specialized equipment needed.

The winning bidder was Camborne Concrete Repairs. Other bidders included Richard Van Dusen Construction (\$9,123), B. Steeves Construction (\$11,130) and Stampcrete (\$15,304).

## SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS

There will be more signs in Cramahe Twp. now that Cramahe Council has voted to approve a pair of sign motions on May 1.

The gazebo in Victoria Square will soon have signs with metal letters telling everyone the name of the park. The two gazebo signs with vinyl letters on metal backing will cost \$554.76 and be installed near the top of the gazebo roof by Carved in Stone.

The wrought iron sign over the door at the Castleton Town Hall will cost another \$654.27. The letters will be in the form of an arch, following the arch above the door. Letters for this sign will be created in Trenton and hung by Carved in Stone. When asked why a local company was not used to create the iron letters, Township Community Development Officer Rebecca Goddard-Sarria stated they needed to be done by a specialized company in Trenton. It was

council's understanding that there is no company in Cramahe Township with the equipment to do the required work.

## TURK ROAD GETS FINAL GO-AHEAD

Shelter Valley Aggregates will finally be able to start work on a \$2 million road to haul aggregate out of its Shelter Valley pit. Cramahe Council put its stamp on the road on May 1 when it was agreed SVA would post the \$2 million into an account for payment of the road construction contracting companies. Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand where the pit is located made the last minute change. Previously the municipalities had only required a letter of credit.

Cramahe also included a demand that the portion of Turk Rd. west of the pit be completed so that Cramahe residents could use the road to get to Vernonville Road.

When the pit is finally operational it can produce up to 500,000 tonnes of aggregate per year but owners expect that about 150,000 will head out of the gate. Alnwick/Haldimand is entitled to a royalty of two cents per tonne but is relinquishing a third of that to Cramahe. With an annual haul of 150,000 tonnes it amounts to about \$1,000 per year to Cramahe.

SVA has had contractors in for much of the past month clearing the roadway and roadside trees for construction. The company began its application for a gravel pit almost ten years ago.

## ROAD CLOSED FOR ELVIS

Victoria Square will be closed on June 21 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the Elvis Show which will lead off the annual Music in the Square series in the adjacent park. The closure will allow fans to dance along with the aging rock and roll star.

## WHEN IS A SHELTER NOT A SHELTER?

When it's a pole barn. The CCH Soccer approached Cramahe Council at its May 1 meeting to ask if \$2,700 set aside by the township could be reallocated to a related project. Originally the club had proposed the construction of a mobile shelter for use at its soccer fields located on Holcim property in Colborne. But escalating costs ruled out the idea and the club went to a new plan - a stationary pole shelter.

Now the club plans to build a \$1,500 pole shelter and put remaining township funds into new \$2,700 goal standards on a full-sized soccer pitch at the Keeler Centre.

## CRAMAHE SUPPORTS HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DOCTOR PROPOSAL

Cramahe Twp. voted on May 1 to support an April 13 resolution of Hamilton Twp. to improve doctor prospects for this area.

The proposal wants the province to take leadership in developing succession strategies for retiring doctors in rural and small-town communities. It is expected that 12 doctors in west Northumberland will retire in the next five years, threatening the care of 15,000 residents. Their retirement threatens the sustainability of the Northumberland Hills Hospital.

The politicians in Hamilton Twp. feel that local municipalities should not have to compete with others and provide significant incentives to attract new physicians.

The Hamilton Twp. recommendations are being sent to the premier in Toronto and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



## Engagement



Mike and Jane Doyle  
of Grafton and  
Karen and Larry Brunner of  
Milton are happy  
to announce  
the engagement of  
their children

*Jackie and Joel*  
The couple  
are to be married in Stoney  
Creek later this year

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## Card of thanks

WE, THE family of the late William Roger (Bill) McIntosh, would like to thank you our friends, neighbours and relatives, for all your kindness to us during this sad time. The phone calls, visits, cards, floral tributes and food were much appreciated. Special thanks to Rev. Bill Thompson who conducted the service, those who spoke of Bill, so fittingly (he was special), our piper Peter Brodie Brown, soloist Hiddo Niesen, the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, luncheon at the Cobourg Legion and many more who helped in so many ways.  
Patricia and family, Doreen and family.

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Make A Memorial Donation

## Judy Chapman

July 26, 1957 - March 27, 2012



Suddenly at Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in her 55<sup>th</sup> 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). Daughter of the late Ray and Bernie Cherryholme. Dear daughter-in-law of Ida Chapman and sister-in-law of Beth Vosbourgh (Bill), Stan Chapman (Diane), Brian Chapman (Val), Art Chapman (Terri) and Steve Chapman (Carol). Sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://www.MacCoubrey.com).

### Visitation

Sunday, April 1 from 1-5 p.m.  
MacCoubrey Funeral Home, Colborne

### Memorial Service

Monday, April 2 at 11 a.m.  
Colborne United Church, Colborne

### Cremation

Bowmanville Crematorium

### Reception

Keeler Centre Colborne

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