

It's a busy year for Cramahe's Public Works

Summertime is here and therefore so must be road construction season! Cramahe is no different than anywhere else as I'm sure you have noticed. Construction of Phase 2 of the County Road 25 (Percy Street) gateway into Colborne has started within the past few weeks.

Certainly the reviews on the first phase have been positive and the traffic lights have added an element of safety to the Percy / Purdy intersection. The addition of the sidewalk and street lights has not only made the roadway safer, they have also clearly added to the welcoming



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feeling one gets when entering our community off the 401 Highway.

Phase 2 will end at Kelwood Lane, just south of Sunnyside Deli but we are also extending the water service farther south to join up with the existing service that ends by the Northumberland Veterinary Clinic. This will allow us to "loop" the water service which in turn will make

it safer and allow us flexibility in containing line breakages of they occur. Because we can't control the pressure in the water line if there is a break currently, we need to issue "boil water" advisories. This whole project should be completed by fall.

Throughout the Township you may have also noticed that certain roads have started to be prepped in order to receive hardtopping later in the summer or in the early fall. These include Durham Street North, Pipeline Road and Dingman Road (from County Road 25 to Cowie). Morganston Road has already been completed and reviews are good. That particular project

was delayed by a year due to scheduling problems in getting the contractor in, so great to see it completed.

Haynes Road, west from Cowie for 1.9 km and Cowie Road, from Haynes north to Barlow, will also be reconstructed using special geo-textile matting that will reduce the cost and extend the life of the road. Though it's been used extensively elsewhere we have never used it in our municipality and Council and staff are looking forward to seeing how it holds up.

Our new rubber tired excavator is due to arrive in mid-August and our public works

staff will be trained on its use. This piece of equipment will allow us to do a much greater quantity of ditching and more efficiently than in the past. It also comes with a brushing attachment so the roadsides can be cleaned up as well. Proper ditching was identified as a key concern on the Roads Needs Study that Council received earlier this year.

Finally, quotes on the engineering studies for the Park Street East, Burnham and Cedar streets area will be received in the September timeframe. This will be a major undertaking, estimated at over \$1.5 million when you include the water / sewer /

storm sewer services as well. Once we start to get some basic designs we will hold a public information session for the local residents, as we did for the Parliament Street and Durham Street projects. That worked well when we were able to discuss our plans with the local residents and receive feedback on what they wanted to see happen.

As one of Council's goals was the upgrade to our infrastructure, it is very gratifying to see this work taking place and underway. All in all, it will be a very busy year in Public Works!

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■ COLBORNE LEGION LINES

Legion cooking up something special for annual Trash 'n Treasures sale

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The Colborne Legion's next monthly roast beef dinner will be served Friday, Aug. 3. Save yourself the effort and avoid the heat in the kitchen! We do it all for you. A full, home-made dinner with corn on the cob, Judith Howe's tomato and mushroom salad, new potatoes, green and yellow beans, caesar salad, bread, gravy and Brenda Graham's banana dessert. Just \$10 a person serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

This month's bid euchre tournament will be held Sunday, Aug. 5. Register (\$5 per player) by noon for an afternoon of play. Great prizes to be won! A homemade, delicious lunch is available for just \$2.

Our hall has a new look! It's perfect for bridal showers, weddings or Stag and Does. You also have the option of male or female bartenders, if required. It's a good place for afternoon get-togethers too! You can rent the room, and/or our club room and kitchen, for events and meetings at very

reasonable cost. Contact Judith Howe at 905-355-5479.

The Cramahe annual community-wide annual Trash 'n Treasures yard sale is Saturday, Aug. 11. The Colborne Legion is participating. Enjoy peameal bacon or a bratwurst sausage on a bun for \$3 or our home-made burgers for just \$4 from 8 a.m. onward. Toppings include sauerkraut, tomatoes, fried onions, relish and mushrooms. Want to rent a table for your own private sale "booth, or donate to the Legion sale tables? Call 905-355-5479.

Get in the swim of things at our annual fish fry dinner, Friday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Added bonus: Michael Tremblay returns to sing and play for your enjoyment starting at 4 p.m. in the club room (remember the Frugal Fridays special bar pricing!) and then on into the evening. For dinner, we will be deep-frying the battered fish outside on site! The \$12 cost also includes John Ton's cucumber and onion

salad, tomatoes, coleslaw, bread, homemade tartar sauce, rice and/or french fries, and lemon dessert with chocolate drizzle.

It's Frugal Friday every Friday in our club room. Regular beer and liquor becomes \$3 each after 4 p.m. until closing at 10 p.m. End the week on a frugal note with friends new and old. Arrive an hour early for one of our twice-monthly dinners and enjoy the savings!

We take the labour out of Labour Day weekend! Our annual Labour Day Weekend steak and hamburger barbecue will be Saturday, Sept. 1 serving 5 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a home-made hamburger dinner for \$10 per person or sirloin steak for \$12 per person. The price includes baked potatoes with sour cream, cheese, green onion toppings, caesar salad, carrot salad, dinner rolls and mousse for dessert with tea and/or coffee.

Par excellence and all that,

the Colborne Legion Mixed Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 at Salt Creek Golf Links north of Brighton. For just \$35, you get nine holes of golf, a cart, prizes and a meal at the Colborne Legion afterward. Tee-off time for this shotgun start is 11 a.m. Call 905-355-5479 to register or donate prizes.

Remember! We have high-speed Internet connection and service at the Colborne Legion! You can drop by with your laptop, smart phone and/or tablet and connect to very high-speed Internet service. There's no charge! Just ask the bar steward for the password to connect. The Colborne Legion is the only spot in town open seven days a week that offers this free connection. It also means you can hook into the Internet for meetings, seminars, workshops, etc., booked at the Legion.

The September mid-month dinner Friday, Sept. 14, will feature pulled pork and fixings.

More menu details to come in future!

Our club room is open seven days a week at 1 p.m.. For summer, we've extended the evening hours to 8 p.m. Saturday through Thursday, then on Friday until 10 p.m. Enjoy the outdoor patio. Inside, it's air-conditioned. We have two pool tables, a large screen TV, great jukebox, dart boards and, of course, free high-speed Internet service. Everyone is welcome to drop by! You don't have to be a member to drop in.

Get to the meat (draws) of the matter every Saturday afternoon in the club room. You can win up to three pieces of meat at 3 p.m., three pieces at 4 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. for just \$2 an hour (and five tickets per draw). All welcome!

Once a month, budget your shopping needs to benefit you and the Colborne Legion. You shop for food, clothes, gifts, spa services and gas. You can buy

pre-paid "gift cards" for a whole host of name retailers. They never expire and you get the full value for the amount you buy. The retailer, in turn, pays a percentage (from 2% to 10%) of the value to the Legion. The orders for the gift cards go in monthly. The next deadline dates for ordering are 2 p.m. Aug. 5 and Sept. 5.

Among the many retailers included are Canadian Tire (including gas), No Frills (including gas), Your Independent Grocer, Metro, Ultramar, Staples, Winners, Giant Tiger and so on. Order dates are posted and order forms are available in the club room. Drop by the Colborne Legion for an order form. Make a cheque out to RCL Branch 187. Or, go online at www.fundscrip.com.

Remember! You are only a stranger once at Colborne Legion Branch 187!

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