

Xplornet responds to pricing information

Dear Editor,
We noticed a letter to the editor in your July 19 issue contained incorrect pricing information regarding Xplornet's Internet services in the Queensborough area.

4G network, we are able to offer faster speeds and better value plans to EOWC residents than might otherwise

be available. We look forward to continuing to provide affordable, reliable high-speed Internet in eastern Ontario.

Yours truly,

*Sue Good,
General Manager,
Xplornet Ontario*

Xplornet's 4G Internet service is available throughout eastern Ontario and, thanks to the Eastern Ontario Regional Broadband Project, robust plans with highly attractive monthly fees are available to residents in the 13 counties forming the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC). Xplornet offers a variety of 4G service packages to meet customers' needs with competitive prices to residents in the EOWC territory start from \$49.99 per month and upfront costs range from \$0 to just \$99, on a three-year contract. The letter had misstated the applicable monthly price and upfront fees for Xplornet's packages.

Xplornet is uniquely committed to providing Internet services to Canadians who live outside urban centres. That is why we were the first to start rolling out a national 4G network for Internet services in Canada. We are pleased that, as part of that

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Habitat For Humanity Northumberland (HFHN) officials were in Cramahe Township last week to announce a milestone event: the 40th Habitat home to be built in the county and the first ever in the township. Construction has been scheduled for next year.

Earlier this year, municipal council passed a resolution to donate a lot at the corner of Baldwin and Ontario Streets, located in the Colborne Creek subdivision, for the project.

"We are so very grateful for the support from Cramahe Township," said HFHN board of directors chairperson Frank Mastinsek. "The acquisition of land is often a stumbling block for local Habitat projects but through this donation the township has demonstrated its commitment to ensuring everyone in Northumberland County has a safe and decent place to live. We are very excited to partner with the Cramahe community to build this home in 2013."

"What will impact that is identifying a family and some of the fund-raising elements," explained HFHN executive director Meaghan Macdonald. "We've had families from Colborne apply in the past, but we've



A crowd of well wishers, including Habitat For Humanity Northumberland directors along with Cramahe Township council and staff cheer the news of the first ever Habitat home to be built in the municipality.

Photo: Ray Yurkowski

never had land here."

But, she added, construction will not start without a family in place.

"That's the key," said Macdonald. "Finding a family will determine when we start the project."

"We've been working with the municipality for a while and when they came forward and said they would like to donate this lot, Habitat was thrilled. We know there are families in this community that can benefit from home ownership."

The Habitat for Humanity model is dependent on three steps: the community building a house, a low-income family purchasing the home through an

interest-free mortgage and those mortgage payments being reinvested back into the program to build the next home. Habitat is currently holding local information sessions about the family application process. Expression of interest applications can also be found either at the Habitat office in Cobourg or at local service agencies in Colborne.

"We've been looking to do something like this for a number of years," said Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs. "This project is truly a partnership between the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and Cramahe Township. By working together over the next year and a half,

we will not only be building a home, but we will also be changing the lives of a family in our community."

Founded in 1998, HFHN is a non-profit organization working toward a world where everyone has a safe, decent place to live. Its mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty.

For more information, especially the family selection process, contact Habitat for Humanity Northumberland by email at <info@habitat-northumberland.ca> or by telephone at 905-373-4663, extension 28.