

ENERGY SAVING: Cobra-style lights to be replaced

Cramahe Township to get LED street lighting

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - The township should be lit by LED street lights by this summer.

Cramahe Council agreed on Jan. 14 to enter into an agreement with Local Authority Services (LAS) and RealTerm Energy to replace all cobra-style lights in the township, including those in rural area with energy-saving LED lights.

The good news for taxpayers is that, in this private / public contract the capital costs will be borne by the private company,

with financial gains by the township of close to \$40,000 per year. Maintenance on the lights will be lower as they take much longer to burn out than incandescent lights and throw a more efficient area of light. Currently the township spends close to \$90,000 annually on lighting.

Wayne Hartwell of LAS and Michelle Hjort of RealTerm Energy, the financing company for the project, were at council to talk about the project and answer questions.

With council's approval RealTerm will now audit the township's lights and establish the

actual needs. Once that is complete and any additional needs are established, a 10-year energy service agreement will be drawn up. It will establish that RealTerm will install, finance, maintain and repair the lights for 10 years.

It is expected that RealTerm will contract with a local electrician to provide on site maintenance.

Hjort estimated that the lights will be installed by June, 2014. Each one will be selected for its location, based on directionality, spread, arm length, and pole height.

The lights in Colborne Creek

subdivision are not included in this project. Also not in the original proposal are the lights on the decorative poles in the Colborne downtown. At the request of council she will get an estimate of the costs. Fixtures to fit those poles are two and a half times more expensive than the standard cobra fixtures.

The company will also consider determining the cost of adding additional lighting in areas not currently served by the township to see the concept is feasible.

The lighting proposal first came to the Cramahe Green Committee. Committee member

Clinton Breau is excited about the prospect of improved, environmentally friendly cost-efficient lighting in the township. The improvement is part of the township Energy Management Plan.

LED lighting has improved vastly since it was first introduced. The light is now whiter and can be projected further.

Council could have chosen to borrow the \$225,000 to pay for and install the lights. Instead it elected to have RealTerm finance the project and take the risks with Cramahe collecting 11.6% of the annual savings.



Clinton Breau

MUSIC: Finlan to perform

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Stompin' Tom tribute in Warkworth Feb. 1

WARKWORTH - If your toes are feeling a little chilly in this cold winter weather you need to get yourself to Warkworth and start stompin' your feet. Jon Finlan will be performing his tribute to the late Stompin' Tom Connors on Feb. 1.

Stompin' Jon has performed at Casino Niagara and most notably at London's Infamous Purple Hill Country Music Hall with Al Widemeyer (Stompin' Tom's buddy and bandmate). He has been busy at festivals, jamborees, fairs and other venues for approximately two years. With the passing of

Stompin' Tom in 2013, many of his fans are remembering this icon's incredible commitment to his country through his humour and story telling with song. Finlan brings these memories back. Originally from Trenton and now from Woolter, Finlan enjoys playing the music that has been part of many Canadians lives for decades. He is also bringing a special guest, Lorraine Marie, who is quickly becoming known as The Patsy Cline Girl throughout the area. She is originally from the Maritimes and also has played in many local venues in Havelock.

Napanee and Quinte. This fundraiser is being hosted by St. Paul's United Church in Warkworth. The Stompin' Tom concert will be held at the Warkworth Centre for the Arts. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and can be purchased at Eclectic Mix in Warkworth on Saturdays and Sundays, at the St. Paul's United Church office between 9 a.m. and 12 noon Monday to Thursday, or by calling Don Young (705-924-3121) or Ruth Widdowson (705-924-3843).

Obituaries

NORTHCOTT, Anna Josephine (nee Tufts) - February 17, 1927 - January 9, 2014 - Passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, at Kingston General Hospital. Beloved daughter of the late Charles Hastings Tufts and the late Mary Anne (Winnie) Oulehan of Cobourg and adored wife of the late George Norris Northcott of Peterborough. Loved and respected mother of Graham (Gail), Carol Aufray (Roger), Reg. (Donna) and Tina (Patrick) Meehan, deceased. A devoted and inspiring grandmother of 7 and great grandmother of 9, she recently welcomed a great great granddaughter. Dear sister of Mary (Phillip) Calnan of Cobourg and the late Teresa Mackell (Joseph, deceased) of Brantford. Also survived by several cherished nieces and nephews. Following happy years attending Cobourg Collegiate West and dancing at "The Pav" and a short time working at Quaker Oats in Peterborough, she and George spent their married life in Kingston where she enjoyed a long and memorable career in the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University. Anna was Past President of the Queen's Women's Association and past member of the Boards of Directors of the Ban Righ Foundation for Continuing Education and the Elizabeth Fry Society. George spent over 37 years at Queen's in both Accounting and the Faculty of Education and together they enjoyed membership in both the Fort Frontenac Officer's Mess and the VIMY Officers' Mess. Her deep faith and a wide circle of loyal friends helped contribute to a life well lived punctuated by endless grace, elegance and zest. A private family Mass in St. James Chapel of St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston has taken place. A celebration of life and interment is to be held in St. Mary's Cemetery, Grafton, Ontario in the Spring. As expressions of sympathy, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

REDEGELD, Ann (nee Kluiters) - June 5, 1933 - January 22, 2014. Died peacefully at the Northumberland Hills Hospital on Wednesday, January 22. Predeceased by her husband Tom in 1997. Also predeceased by her special friend Bill van der Heyden in 2013. Loving mother of Diana, Elizabeth, Audrey (Marcello), John (Jana), Irene (Allison). Proud grandmother of Victoria, Patrick, Anthony, Laura and Ella. Step grandmother to Gordon and Brian Allen. Greatly missed by Liz and Leo Rottevel of Coborne, and Mickey and Dick Van Werten of Ridgeway, Ontario. Also missed by her siblings Corry, Ad (Anki), and predeceased by her brother Nico (Anneke) of The Netherlands. Also missed by many nieces and nephews in Canada and The Netherlands. Faith was a foundation within Ann's life and in 2013 she celebrated her 50th anniversary as a member of the Catholic Women's League. In addition to the CWL, Ann was a committed volunteer for many years with local organizations such as the Second Helping thrift store, and the school breakfast program. She was also an avid early morning walker, a quilter, and a very enthusiastic card player. Ann's faith was of great comfort to her during her recent cancer diagnosis and we thank Father David West for his support of both her and the family. Heartfelt thanks to Ann's many friends and neighbours whose calls, visits and prayers meant so very much to her and her family. We would also like to thank the palliative care staff at Northumberland Hills for their care and compassion. Friends may call at **MACCOURBRY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King Street West, Coborne, on Friday, January 24 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 25 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Grafton. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Friends of Presquile Provincial Park would be appreciated. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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