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Cramahe reviews changes to Provincial Policy

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - Cramahe Township took two hours in a special meeting on July 15 to review changes in the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement.

Township planner Jennifer Sisson led the discussion with assistance from Township planning consultant Peter Josephs.

The policy, which came into effect on April 30, 2014, promotes transit development and co-ordination of governments when they develop transit and infrastructure plans.

Much is being done to accom-

modate economic prosperity in rural areas.

The province has determined that local municipalities are the best judges of where to intensify or redevelop. Cramahe will refine current maps which do not always accurately define protected prime agricultural areas. Greater diversity in rural areas is being encouraged. Agri-tourism and agri-related uses of rural and farm properties are being promoted.

Land use in rural areas seems to be more under the control of local governments.

Aggregate and limestone deposits are to be preserved for future use. Much of the land in a band

along the south side of Highway 401 falls into this category. But Council will have the opportunity to restrict aggregate extraction in areas where there is already residential or commercial development. All of the Colborne Industrial Park sits in this zone as well as most land east to Little Lake along Purdy Road.

The Province supports long-term growth in employment areas and plans to strengthen the corridor along Highway 401.

Sisson and Josephs will prepare maps and collect information prior to an open house to be held within a month. Residents will be encouraged to provide input into the mapping boundaries.

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP: Volunteers to build structure

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Picnic shelter approved

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - The many people who use Rotary Centennial Park in Colborne will soon have a shelter to get out of the sun.

Colborne resident Don Clark was at Cramahe Township Council's July 15 meeting, requesting permission to have a team of volunteers build the 16-by-20-foot structure.

It was expected they would have it up in two days, once

work had begun.

Money to pay expenses was raised at an anniversary hockey game last spring and at a ball tournament. Clark needed permission from council before being granted a building permit to build on Township property.

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Cramahe building permits down

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - The number of building permits issued by Cramahe Township in the first six months of 2014 was down, but the value of those permits was up significantly.

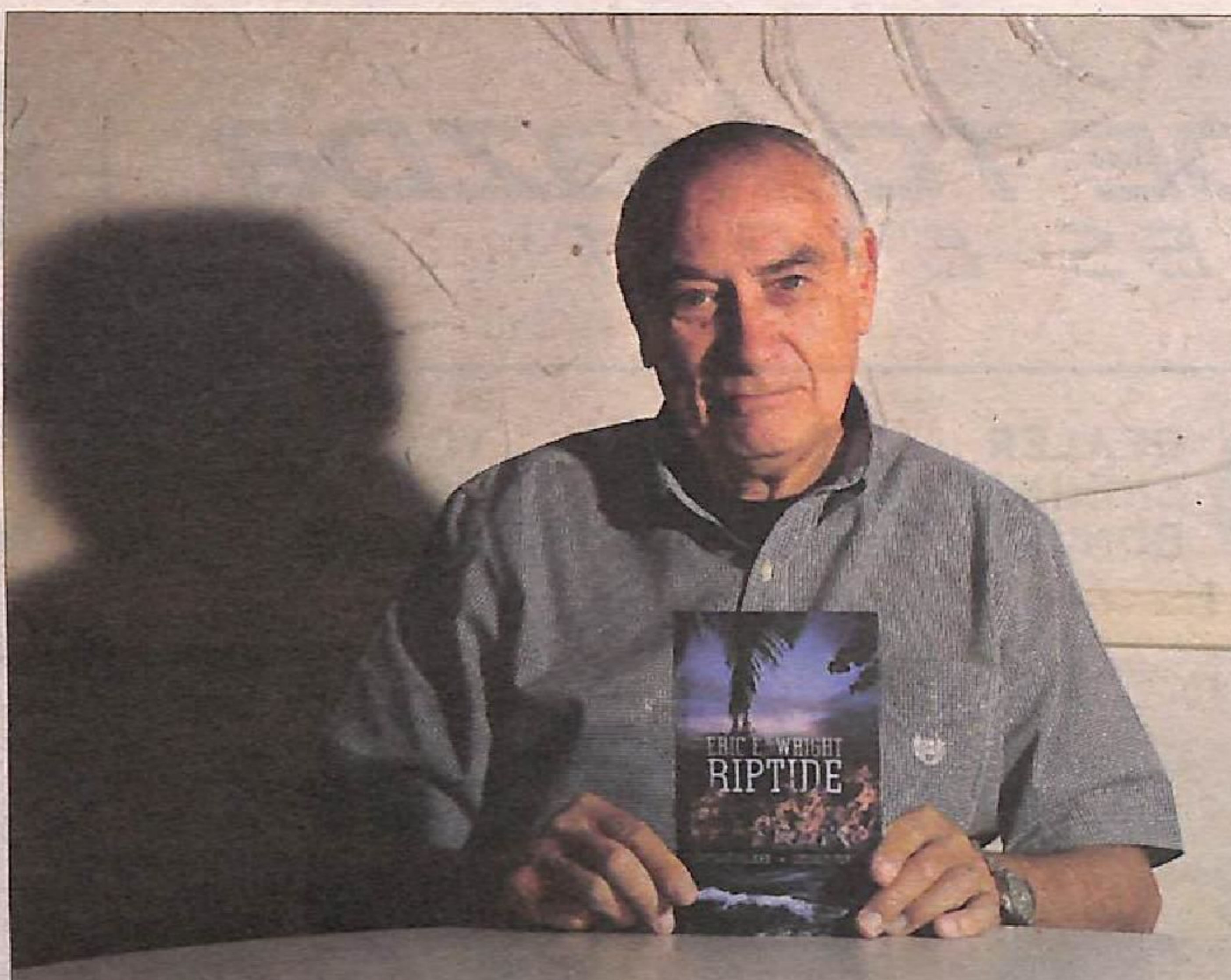
A July 15 semi-annual report to Cramahe Township Council by deputy chief building official Ellen Abramczyk compares the total values for three years. In 2014 the permits covered work worth \$6.3 million, compared to \$3.4 million in 2013 and \$3.9 million in 2012.

Industrial park renovations and additions worth \$1.2 million and \$900,000 top the list which includes a dozen house starts worth almost \$2 million. Enbridge is spending close to \$1 million more on buildings in its Hilton Pumping Station as the company prepares its lines for approved pipeline reversals.

In 2013 there were 10 housing starts in the township and in 2012 there were 13.

Colborne author feeds his need for suspense

Riptide, his 10th book, published in USA
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NORTHUMBERLAND -- Colborne resident Eric E. Wright released his tenth book, titled Riptide, this summer.
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COLBORNE -- When Colborne author Eric E. Wright got bored with the novels he was reading, he decided to write his own.

Mr. Wright released his tenth book, *Riptide: Idyllic Island - Deadly Peril*, this July. The novel is his third suspense book. His two other suspense novels -- *The Lightning File* and *Captives of Minara* -- both won awards. After writing seven non-fiction titles, Mr. Wright decided to write suspense, a genre he also loves to read, he said.

"I decided I would like to write something I would like to read," said Mr. Wright. "I wrote these because I was getting tired of what I was reading." Set on St. Simons Island, off the state of

Georgia, the story centres around main character Ashlyn Forsyth's crumbling marriage and the discovery her husband is being pursued by the Russian mafia and being investigated for money laundering by the FBI. The island is a familiar setting for Mr.

Wright as he spent three months there with his wife on a sabbatical. "The setting is important -- I like to write about a setting I know," he said. While his previous books were self-published, Mr. Wright found an agent who was able to get *Riptide* a publisher

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Colborne author Eric E. Wright on writing suspense novels

in the US. An avid reader, Mr. Wright didn't always have time for writing. After a long career as a missionary teacher in Pakistan, where Mr. Wright's three children grew up, the family moved back to Canada. He worked as a pastor for a Baptist church in Etobicoke but by 1991 he was looking for a break. The family decided to downsize and buy a log house north of Port Hope where Mr. Wright wrote *Through a Country Window*, a series of vignettes on life in the country. He started writing novels in 2004. Mr. Wright and his wife moved to the Colborne area about eight years ago. *Riptide* is available on Amazon, at local bookstores or from the author through e-mail at wrightee@eagle.ca.