

Colborne Art Gallery set to open Space/Shape exhibit

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Claus Heinecke's latest show runs Aug. 23 to Sept. 28

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COLBORNE -- Space/Shape, Claus Heinecke's latest show in Colborne, expresses his idea of abstraction where shapes define the space and vice versa.

A designer for several major design agencies and at his own design studio, Mr. Heinecke insists that his design practice was visual problem-solving then and also now in the sculptural work that has occupied him for the past 10 years.

Those who have visited Colborne will be familiar with his landmark sculpture 'Empathy' that sits outside the Colborne Art Gallery.

Mr. Heinecke's most recent works of sculpture with drawings will be featured in the lat-

est show opening at the gallery Aug. 23.

While he now designs for purely esthetic reasons without the need for function, the same principals and tools of harmony, balance, rhythm and repetition apply.

In addition to his fascinating ideas about abstraction, Mr. Heinecke's works do not provide a narrative.

He points out that individuals so depend on their visual experience that sometimes they are confused if they don't recognize the subject.

"For me it's really about the rhythm of the form and the way lines move across that form," he said, adding that the name of the sculpture can often be helpful in understanding more about the piece. "For instance, with the outdoor sculpture 'Empathy,' the title helps us understand it is about two forms relating."

Included in the show are two prototype plaster sculptures accompanied by drawings that suggest a much larger scale in case a client is interested in commissioning these works.

Space/Shape opens at the Colborne Art Gallery, 51 King St. E., in Colborne, on Aug. 23 with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m., and continues until Sept. 28.

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COLBORNE -- Designer Claus Heinecke is preparing to open a new show titled 'Space/Shape' at the Colborne Art Gallery on Aug. 23.

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New storage room approved

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - The Cramahe Township municipal office storage area needs renovations to create suitable records storage and security.

A small room, once a kitchen in the basement of the municipal hall in Colborne, will be refurbished. Records from 1980 to present will be secured in the room.

Cheer Builders have been awarded the contract to frame outside walls, insulate, install drywall and remove existing copper water line and replacing with new PEX in the ceiling. A steel door, frame, deadbolt and lever will also be installed.

The cost is \$6,040 plus HST. The funds are coming from the Township Facility Reserve. After the work is paid for, \$75,000 will remain in the reserve fund.

Train whistle study stalled

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - You can't open formal discussion on train whistle cessation without having a study done. Those are the federal Transport Canada rules.

Cramahe Township council received three quotes to do a safety assessment of railway / municipal road crossings ranging from \$2,440 to \$4,225 per crossing. There are seven CN

railway / road crossings in the township.

Why do a study at all when the ballpark cost to bring one crossing up to a high enough standard to meet no-train-whistle criteria is \$100,000, Councillor Ed Van Egmond asked?

It would be worth it to have a study in hand to definitively explain the costs to people who come asking that train whistles be banned Deputy Mayor Jim Williams argued. That met with council agreement.

However, only two railway crossings will be studied by CIMA Engineering Services: Ontario Street (urban) and Peters Road (rural) for a cost of \$4,880.

The study will identify required upgrades and any other work needed to request train whistle cessation.

Ontario Street reconstruction study approved

COLBORNE - Five engineering firms bid on the tender to prepare an engineering study for the reconstruction of Ontario Street on the west end of Colborne. The lowest bidder, Greer Galloway Group Inc., has won the tender with a bid of \$15,320.

Lower speed limit on Victoria Street

COLBORNE - One block of Victoria Street South in Colborne will be designated a community

safety zone. From Creek Street South, north to Simmons Street North, 150 metres of Victoria Street will have year-round reduced speed limits and fines doubled for infractions. Cramahe Township council approved the zone Aug. 12.

Sign of the times

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - To advertise high-speed, broadband internet availability in Cramahe Township Industrial Park area off Purdy Road in Colborne, Cogeco Cable requested permission to install a 10-by-20-foot sign for 12 weeks' time.

Cogeco also requested Cramahe Township council waive permit fees.

Council decided the sign can go ahead -- with no waiving of fees

Fireworks at Cramahe council

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - Fireworks can now be sold year-round in Cramahe Township. Previously, the sale of "family fireworks" was restricted to the seven days before Victoria Day in May and the seven days at the end of June preceding Canada Day.

After reviewing the regulations in other Ontario municipalities, Cramahe staff recommended that fireworks sales be allowed "for 30 days prior or 30 days past Victoria Day and Canada Day."

But Councillor Ed Van Egmond moved the time limitation be removed entirely because enforcing time restrictions is not feasible.

Skate Park costs being reviewed

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - A \$304,660.19 plus HST cost for a new skate park on the old Colborne Arena ice pad in Rotary Centennial Park has stalled proceeding with the project. The New Line Skateparks company spent considerable time attempting to bring the cost in under \$300,00 but were unable to do so.

Cramahe Township operations staff and the Cramahe Skate Park Committee asked council for permission to research options to reduce construction costs by up to 40% of the original estimate, or \$140,000.

Cramahe council okayed the request at the Aug. 12 meeting, but not before Councillor Clinton Breau underwent some grilling about how practical the project was. Councillor Pat Westrope wondered if the potential cost to taxpayers was warranted for such a small user group.

Only \$1,000 has been raised to date.

In the end, council voted to let the project issue a request for proposals to build a skate park because there's no cost involved and no commitment made to continue.