

# Proposed park plans on view Fish fry Friday at Branch 187

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COLBORNE — A \$128,000 redesign of Colborne's downtown Victoria Square Park was viewed, discussed and ultimately accepted for further consideration at Cramahe Township council Aug. 12.

The primary focus is on the south end of the park where the two World War cenotaphs and a fountain are located. Decorative fencing would be removed, the two cenotaphs set on concrete areas connected by concrete pathways bordered by granite memorial paving stones. The fountain would be repainted black and two beds of

poppies edge the "mini-avenue" leading from the south northward to the cenotaphs and fountain. The bases of the cannons would be refurbished and painted grey. High estimated cost is \$40,000.

CIMA Engineering presented the design, the first aspect dove-tailed to assist the World War Cenotaph Restoration Committee with its planned Trillium Foundation grant application due for submission this fall.

The second phase of the park redesign includes a new concrete sidewalk would be installed around the east and southern position of the park, connecting to sidewalks extending into the northern end, circling around the north end of the park.

Armourstone walls would be installed at the north end of the park, hedges between it and the six-vehicle parking lot and a new stairway leading down to the pavilion. This phase could cost an estimated \$54,000, but an Ogden Point quarry is apparently keen to donate the rock.

Then, to relocate and / or replace plaques, move a blue spruce tree, install new shrubs, bushes and trees, new trash cans, benches and four games tables, another \$34,000 is estimated. A new sidewalk would skirt the outer edges of the park.

Photos of the proposed Victoria Square designs will be available for the public to see at the Keeler Centre starting Thursday.

## ■ ON THE JOB: Holly Grant has deep local roots

# Cramahe hires local woman as bylaw officer

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - There will be no complaints that the new Cramahe Township bylaw officer isn't local; and no one can argue that she isn't qualified.

Holly Grant was approved as Cramahe Township's bylaw officer by council at its Aug. 12 meeting.

Grant has lived most of her life in Cramahe Township and south of Warkworth. Her family has farmed this area for generations and her grandmother taught elementary school in Warkworth. With her background and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto in Criminology and Sociology, she is well equipped to handle the bylaw enforcement role in the community.

Interviewed in her third day on the job, Grant admitted it is interesting, intriguing and challenging. Everyone on staff "has been wonderful", and very helpful as she

finds her way in the first few days. The job is a big change from the purchasing position she left to join Cramahe Township as a contract worker. Her heart wasn't in it, and when this job popped up, she got her name in.

As a teen, she realized the key to a rewarding, productive career was a good education. She headed off to the city, paying her own way for the education she sought. In 2005, the birth of her first daughter Hannah brought Grant and her partner Glenn Traynor back to Castleton where they bought their first home. Since then, Alyson has joined the family.

Getting work in her field in rural Ontario wasn't easy. She did some probation and parole volunteer work while she worked in industry, but she could see there was little chance of a job.

Office work wasn't enough. Grant is a people person, and realized she wouldn't be happy until she found a job that allowed

her to engage with people using some of the skills she learned at school. The bylaw officer's job was a good fit.

In council's original decision to hire an officer it was recommended that the bylaw officer work part-time. But hiring delays and a tremendous backlog of work means there is money in the budget and a need to pay her 30 to 40 hours a week to the end of the year. At that point the contract comes up for renewal, or may be offered as a permanent job.

After several failed attempts at sharing the job with other duties, the township now has a person in place whose sole responsibility is bylaw enforcement. With the realization that the job can't be combined with other tasks, council has created a situation which will benefit the residents of the township.

She can be reached at 905-355-2846 ext 126 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

It's Fish Fry Friday Aug. 15 at Colborne Legion! It's always a very popular dinner. We coat the fish in our own homemade batter and deep fry it outside so it arrives fresh, crisp and tasty for your enjoyment. The meal includes, savoury roasted potato wedges, homemade coleslaw, sliced lemon and tomatoes, garlic bread and ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Cost is just \$12 per person! Dinner is served from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Just two weeks later, Saturday (take note: SATURDAY), Aug. 30, it's the annual Labour Day weekend Steak or Homemade Burger Barbecue, a community tradition. It's a great way to celebrate our friends and summer acquaintances. We're serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for the steak dinner, \$10 for the homemade hamburger dinner. Includes fresh corn on the cob, salad, baked potato, tea, coffee and dessert.

Winner of the beautiful quilt donated by Salem Quilters to benefit the restoration on the Colborne World War 1 cenotaph is Ross Wheatley, a longtime supporter of all things Colborne. The raffle raised \$250 for the cause. Thanks, everyone!

They rocked the barbecues at the Colborne Legion for folks at the annual Trash 'N Treasures community-wide yard sale in Colborne Aug. 8. We raised over \$1,000 for which we are most grateful! Our volunteers are hard-working, generous people. They make it happen!

Thanks to all who collected pop can tabs throughout the year and delivered them to Howard Siddall in time for the annual motorcycle Roberts Run Tab Ride to the Elora Legion June 1. Several years ago, the Durham Harley Owners Group was invited to participate in the Roberts Run Tab Ride hosted by the Milton Harley Owners Group. The purpose of the ride was to collect enough tabs and contributions to purchase a wheelchair for a member's nephew who was involved in a very serious car accident.

"In that first year (1993), we were unsuccessful in collecting enough tabs for an electric wheel chair but were able to raise a good portion of the amount needed. Now, in the 16 years that the ride

has taken place, over 30,000 pounds of tabs have been collected. As of the end of 2013, over 1,030 wheelchairs have been purchased," Howard says.

With the help of people around the world, the Elora Legion has taken the tabs received, converting the pure aluminum tabs into cash. The cash then purchases wheelchairs for the disabled. If you would like to help out with this worthy cause, please contact the Colborne Legion. You can start a pop can tab collection at home, office, church, community centre or wherever. Drop the tabs off at the Colborne Legion and they will be delivered to the Elora Legion in time for the motorcycle Tab Ride next year.

The next moonshot euchre tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 7 at Colborne Legion. Register (\$5 per player) by noon for an afternoon of play. Great prizes to be won! A homemade, delicious lunch is available for just \$3.

Enjoy a friendly afternoon of nine holes of golf Sunday, Sept. 21. The annual Colborne Legion Mixed Golf Tournament is being held at Salt Creek Golf Links. Cost is just \$30 per person which includes golfing, prizes and a meal afterward at Colborne Legion (carts are available to rent). It's a shotgun start at 1 p.m. To register, drop by the Colborne Legion club room or call 905-355-5479.

Volunteers are not paid. Not because they are worthless but because they are priceless! If you're looking for a way to "plug in" to your community, consider volunteering at the Colborne Legion. It's not onerous and there are many activities in which to lend a hand. The people are fun, easy-going and welcoming. Drop in and meet people anytime after 1 p.m. seven days or week. Or call 905-355-5479 and ask someone to contact you about opportunities. All are welcome. The more the merrier!

If you're planning a get-together, reception or presentation, we have the rooms and facilities to suit your occasion. Our rates are very reasonable, there's lots of parking available, kitchen and licensed services. Call us for details at 905-355-5479.

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