

Cramahe now has design to redevelop park

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News - Colborne - Cramahe Township now has a design for the redevelopment of Victoria Square Park but funding is needed before any work commences.

That will hinge on an application being made to Veterans Affairs Canada for money to underwrite the cost of the first phase in the park's makeover, the restoration of the two cenotaphs

and fountain in the south end. The estimated cost is \$40,000, according to a design prepared by Lisa Cullen, a senior landscape architect with the consulting engineering firm CIMA+.

The initial work involves removing decorative fencing, repainting the fountain, rehabilitating the base of the two World War monuments, and installing memorial paving stones.

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Councillor Pat Westrope, chair of the cenotaph restoration and Music in the Square committees, said "a lot of hit-and-miss things" were happening in the park "and nothing was gelling as a design" so council decided to have one done before work on the cenotaphs got started.

Application to the federal government will be made by October 1 for

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PERSPECTIVE TOWARDS CENOTAPH



Renderings of what Victoria Square Park could look like were put on display at the Keeler Centre after council received a design prepared by CIMA+, an engineering consulting firm. The overall cost of the project, to be done in three stages, was estimated at \$128,000. Photo: John Campbell

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the approval of \$50,000 in funding but half of that will have to be raised locally. Work in kind done by the municipality, volunteers and organizations will be counted toward that total.

Cullen pegged the overall cost of the project, to be done in three phases, at \$128,000, but that amount will be reduced with the donation of stone that Holcim Canada has said it's prepared to make from a local quarry.

The other work includes replacing sidewalks that are "old and tired," Westrope said, as well as adding a new sidewalk around the perimeter, building a stairway, relocating a blue spruce tree, planting shrubs, and installing garbage cans, park benches and games tables.

The design "gives a really good base to work toward," Westrope said. "I was very

outspoken about not turning it into a concrete jungle so we did reduce the amount of concrete space and sidewalks [that had been] initially proposed.

"We need to maintain as much green space as possible," she said. "A park is a park and we want to keep it looking like a park."

Westrope described the design as "a work in progress... that may have modifications along the way" in consultation with the public. Council received the design recently but that "doesn't mean we're going to actually do it in exactly this same way," she said.

Westrope issued an appeal for a local group or individual to assume responsibility for selling paving stones that will be engraved with the names of local residents who served in the military.

"That is what our committee has recom-

mended," she said. "Somebody has to take the project on and do it. If that doesn't happen then the paving stones will not go in."

The municipality will also be looking for local organizations to help with the purchase of equipment, as the Music in the Square committee has done by committing to provide three benches.

Westrope's "best case scenario" is to get the grant and begin the work in 2015 with council including funding for the park in its budgets.

"I see it as a three-year project that's manageable," she said.

Mayor Marc Coombs said the design "was very well done" and "council was very pleased" with the depth of information that CIMA provided.

"Overall, the concept seemed to be very sound," he said. "Now the question comes: How are we going to pay for it?"

Notices



LEGACY, Mylissa Lorri-Anne - Peacefully at the Toronto General Hospital, with her family by her side on Monday August 25th, 2014 in her 44th year. Beloved daughter of Ronald and Betty Legacy. Loving sister of Richard Legacy (Chelsea) and Marsi Legacy-Allison (Jamie). Best aunt in the world to Michelle, Heather, Jeff, Nathan, Mitchell, Olivia, Alexa and Kay-Lynn. Lovingly remembered by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Friends are invited to attend a memorial service at Prospect Missionary Church, Colborne on Saturday August 30th at 2 pm. If desired donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or Northumberland Humane Society. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com