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■ **AFTER THE ELECTION:** Coombs looking forward to the next term

Mayor foresees good things

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — Honoured to be re-elected though he is, Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs stated in a morning-after interview that council had lost a lot of experience in this year's municipal elections.

Councillor Clinton Breau was defeated in his bid for a second term, while Pat Westrope and Jim Williams were defeated after about 20 years' service each in their bids for mayor and re-election as deputy mayor respectively.

Going forward, Councillor Ed Van Egmond retains his seat, and will be joined by former councillor Tim Gilligan and new councillor Don Clark, while Sandra Arthur will become the new deputy mayor.

"It's going to be a real challenge, moving forward to the next term, but I am sure the people who have been elected are up to it," Coombs said.

The mayor admits he is puzzled as to why experienced incumbents lost out, while he was re-elected.

"I went door-to-door to about 1,500 doors. I got feedback that everybody was quite happy with what was going on and how the community was progressing," he said.

Coombs would refer township residents to the three main planks of his platform if they want to know his priorities in the coming term: keeping taxes down, improving road infrastructure and economic development.

"One of the big things is getting sewer (service) up to the industrial park to continue development by the 401," Coombs said.

"The application has gone in, and we want to make sure we are

BY THE NUMBERS

Unofficial results from Monday's municipal election, as posted on Cramahe Township's website, are as follows (successful candidates in bold type):

MAYOR

Coombs, Marc 1,319
Westrope, Patricia S. 1,153

DEPUTY MAYOR

Arthur, Sandra 894
Dekeyser, Elie 717
Williams, Jim 857

COUNCILLOR

Awender, Kenneth 454
Breau, Clinton 999

Clark, Donald Thomas

1,202

Gilligan, Timothy 1,178
McCullough, Murray 530
Smith, Daniel Edward 689
Van Egmond, Ed 1,479

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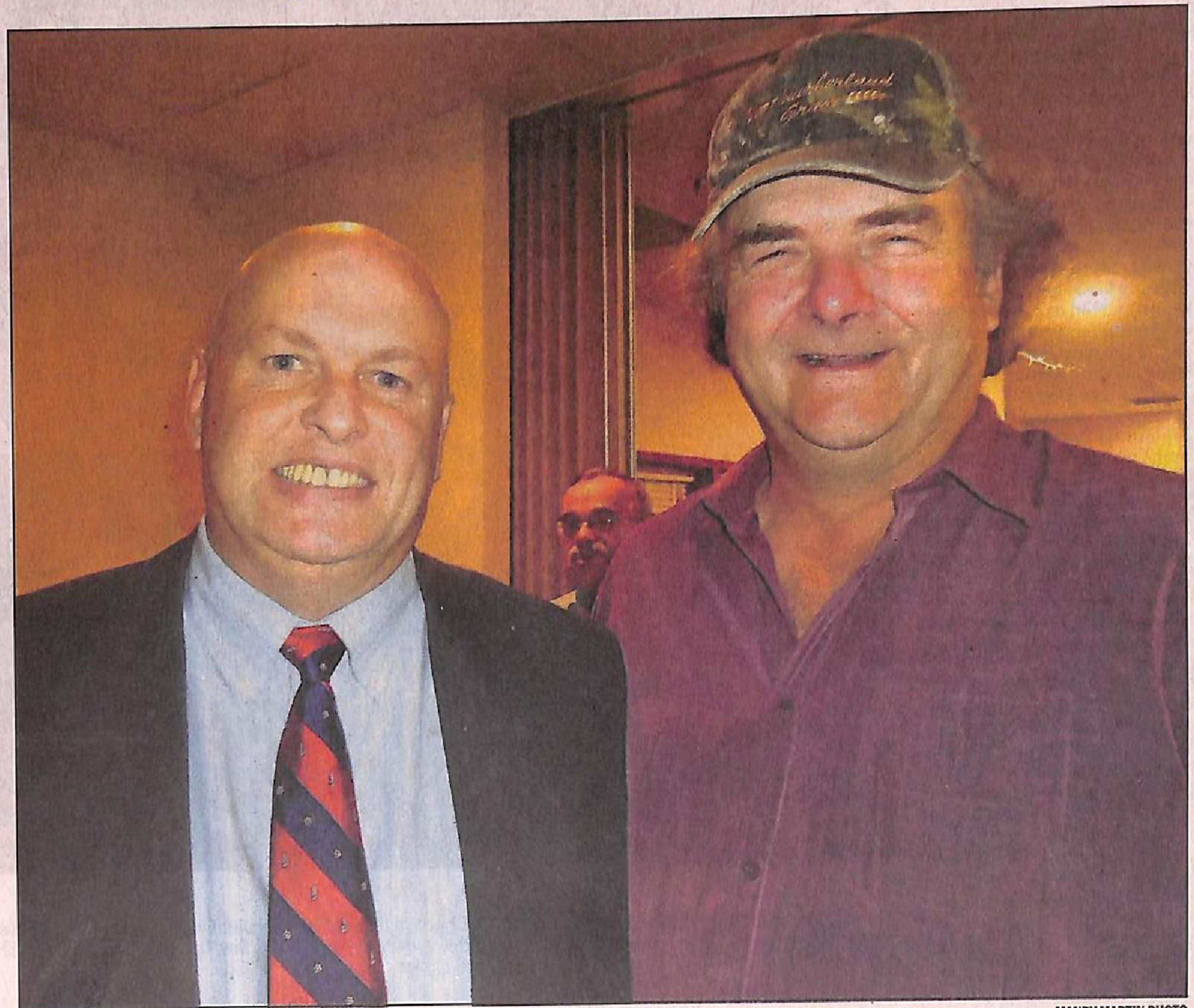
"Another thing is the Ontario Agrifood Centre which opens in a couple of weeks," he added, referring to the new 15,000-sq.-ft. food-processing facility in the Colborne Industrial Park. It's a county project, he said — though as a county councillor, he would have had a keen interest in it regardless.

Coombs said he is very honoured to have been elected to a third term as mayor.

"It's a real privilege to be able to serve the people of Cramahe Township, and it's something I don't take lightly. I am really excited about the possibilities.

"I think we have done a lot of work in the last eight years, and before that, to set the groundwork for a lot of good things that are going to happen in the near future."

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Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs left, poses for an election-night photo with another returning member of Cramahe council, Councillor Ed Van Egmond.