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Rotary welcomes United Way co-chair

For more than 45 years the Northumberland United Way has been working in the community to make a difference in peoples lives.

Over this time the organization has evolved to form an alliance with the community to ensure that key programs, initiatives and organizations are funded to ensure some of our most vulnerable community members are supported. The 2015 campaign is focused on changing lives in the county, more than 24,000 of them in fact. The presentation of the 2015 campaign was made by Paul Macklin.

Mr. Macklin is co-chairing the charity campaign with his wife Joan, and they are working tirelessly this Fall to get the message out about the support needed by 1 in 4 residents of Northumberland who currently live at or below the poverty line. The presentation outlined the new focus of the Northumberland United Way, from an agency which in the past worked to funnel donations to member agencies, to a new more dynamic foundation which targets community impact and maximizing the amount of lives touched with campaign donations.

These are challenging times for all charities and it is an important mission of the 2015 campaign to focuses local donations with local projects.

For more information about the Northumberland United Way, and



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Colborne Rotarian Morris Tait (left) presents Paul Macklin, Northumberland United Way 2015 Campaign co-chair, with a beautiful memento courtesy of Hoselton Sculptures in Colborne. Macklin recently visited the club to present the details of the 2015 campaign and outline the direction and scope of the charitable work in our community pursued by the United Way.

how they are investing in the lives of Northumberland residents visit the Northumberland United Way website at www.mynuw.org

for follow them on them on Facebook and twitter. In closing out his presentation Mr. Macklin wanted to thank the Cramahe communi-

ty for the continued dedication of the tireless volunteers and generous financial support shown by the township residents.

Little Lake rental property reviewed

MANDY MARTIN FOR NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — As of Nov. 1, the Cramahe Township-owned rental home at 114 Little Lake Rd. will be vacant.

Earlier in October, Councillor Ed Van Egmond gave notice he wanted the property discussed and consideration be given to allowing a sponsored Syrian refugee family be housed there.

Deputy Mayor Sandra Arthur suggested local social housing needs, or those of veterans, may take precedence.

In 2014, the Township spent \$8,215.47 on maintenance (but had budgeted \$3,000) and received \$5,535 in rent from the house.

“As this property is getting older, we can anticipate future maintenance work,” a staff report to Council Oct. 20 states. While the property is habitable, staff recommend a larger maintenance budget for 2016 after a detailed property inspection.

A previous council recommended razing the house rather than be in the rental business.

But Van Egmond and Arthur agreed Oct. 20 that the property should be rented rather than sit vacant.

Mayor Marc Coombs said a Syrian family would not be processed by Canadian immigration for another year or more and, if approved, would not be eligible for social assistance because they enter Canada sponsored by an individual or group.

In the end, a final decision has been deferred until the Nov. 3 council meeting pending a more detailed staff report.

Winter sand contract awarded

MANDY MARTIN FOR NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — It's a sand stockpile that will have to wait. On Oct. 20, Cramahe Township Council delayed formally awarding the contract for the

screening, hauling and stacking of winter sand for Cramahe Township winter road maintenance to W.D. Harris Exc.

The Harris tender of \$28,975 was the lowest of three received.

“I thought we had enough until the end of the year,” Deputy Mayor

Sandra Arthur said.

Roads budget expenditures are already nearing 2015 limits, she said.

Arthur urged more information in reports that come to Council.

“We need to know where the money will come from to pay for

it, and if we have enough and if the price is valid till the new year,” Mayor Marc Coombs said.

Chief administrative officer Dan O'Brien said he will check current stores and report back to the next council meeting Nov. 3 when a decision may be made.

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