

Colborne Chronicle

Cheers aim to establish waste transfer facility

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After four years of effort, it appears that a waste transfer facility will be built in the Colborne Industrial Park.

In 2012, Roger and Jeanine Cheer brought their plan to Cramahe council. They wanted to build a

transfer facility similar to one operated north of the 401 in Belleville. They would bring in waste from building sites, sort it in their building and send it off for recycling whenever possible.

Since then, the project has been tied up in the process of getting the necessary permits from the Ministry of the Environment. With the help

of Cramahe Clerk Julie Oram, the Cheers now have the approvals and were at council on Aug. 23 to get a site plan agreement.

When the 959 square metre building is complete, the Cheers will begin operation, starting with a staff of six or seven people. Cheer estimates that, in the first couple of years about 40 to 50 vehicles

will drop off materials daily and three sealed trucks will haul out the sorted and compacted product from his site on Industrial Park Rd. N.

Cheer assured Councillor Don Clark that a diffusing stack which meets ministry specifications will disperse any odours from the plant.

Robbery suspect arrested

The suspect wanted in connection to a robbery in Colborne on Aug. 22 was taken into custody.

Northumberland OPP announced Wednesday morning that Jason Gordon Ivany, 38, was arrested and was scheduled to appear in court for a bail hearing.

Around 10 p.m. on Aug. 22, Northumberland OPP responded to a report of a robbery that occurred at the Mr. Convenience store on Toronto Street in Colborne.

The ensuing investigation revealed that a lone male wearing a white mask entered the store and showed the clerk what appeared to be the butt of a handgun tucked in his waistband. A demand for money was made and the clerk complied. The suspect then fled the store on foot. The clerk was uninjured.

The suspect was later identified as Ivany, who was said to frequent the Cobourg and Colborne areas.

The OPP thanked the public's assistance in locating the suspect.

Financing cost for new facility will be offset by expiring loans

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With the joint emergency services building in Colborne Industrial Park scheduled to be completed this December, Cramahe council did some book-keeping at its Aug. 23 meeting.

It appears that the build-

ing will come in under budget with Cramahe's portion now \$2,269,616. Cramahe's share was based on the final design and utilization of space.

Cramahe's fire department will share the facility with county-operated ambulances, and pay 62.1% of construction costs. Cramahe will sign a promis-

sory note with the County of Northumberland, paying it off six months after the building is complete. At that time the township will have in place a \$2.2 million loan from Infrastructure Ontario.

In her financial impact statement to council, Treasurer Nicole Leach-Bihun explained that the

cost of financing the new facility will be more than offset by the amount saved on expiring loans for the Keeler Centre and the old arena demolition. The net saving will be about \$70,000 annually to the taxpayer.

Cramahe signed an agreement with Northumberland County for the shared facility in June, 2015.

CRAMAHE COUNCIL BRIEFS

Safety request

A Morganston safety request will go to Northumberland County council.

Marsha Turney lives at the intersection Morganston Road and County Rd. 25 and is concerned about the speed of vehicles that travel through the 60 km/hr zone on the county road. She wrote to Cramahe Township council requesting a flashing speed limit sign on the county road. After a brief discussion council agreed to forward her request to the county. Councillor Don Clark

will take her concerns to the Police Services Board. Turney is primarily concerned about the safety of seven children who live in the hamlet. Two of them cross the road daily to catch their school bus.

New CAO

He's been on the job since Aug. 8, but Craig Brooks is now officially the new CAO for Cramahe Township. Brooks and the township agreed to terms in July.

Councillor Don Clark moved that the bylaw approving his hire be passed, with Deputy Mayor Sandra Arthur seconding. Terms were not disclosed at the Aug. 23 meeting, but it was confirmed that Brooks has an exit clause guaranteeing one year's salary if he is released early in his contract. Mayor Marc Coombs stated that exit clauses are standard in many CAO hirings.

Roads

Cowie and Penryn roads will be

hardtopped this year. Cramahe Township council awarded the \$336,007 contract to Behan Construction at the Aug. 23 meeting. Behan was the lowest of four bidders. Fidelity Engineering was next lowest at \$342,584. Council budgeted \$400,000 for the work. Cramahe council voted on June 7 to seek tenders to rehabilitate Penryn from Shiloh Road to Dale Road, and one kilometre of Cowie from starting at County Road 21. Construction hardtop surfaces on the two roads was approved in an issue paper connected to the 2016

Cramahe budget.

Building permits

The building boom continues in Cramahe Township. The July report states that there were 13 permits issued. Five were for the construction of new homes. Total value of construction in Cramahe in 2016 is \$9.781 million, up from \$3.874 million a year ago. There have been 25 new home starts in the first seven months of 2016, which is 15 more than last year.

Folks enjoy annual Shelter Valley festival

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