

Residents may not favour name change

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Initial survey responses as well as the indication from people attending a public meeting in Centreton on Tuesday night are in favour of keeping the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand name as is, says Mayor John Logel.

While survey responses will be taken until the municipal office closes at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 10, 55% of those surveys submitted so far want the status quo, he said in an interview following the public meeting.

Some of the reasons at the meeting about keeping the name were about retaining the historical link, as well as an emotional tie when people referred to their relatives being involved in choosing the original names of the two municipalities that subsequently amalgamated in 2001.

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The Big Apple to expand

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The owner of The Big Apple in Colborne will soon be adding a new food manufacturing operation to its holdings in Northumberland County, the county's economic development director Dan Borowec told Alnwick/Haldimand councillors at their most recent meeting.

John Vince Foods of Toronto, which does food items including the well-known Planters Peanuts made in Kingston, took over The Big Apple in 2013. About six months ago, it added a cidery to the apple-based baking it does on site, and has marketed the destination targeting even more tour buses, Borowec said in an interview.

The private company already employs about 180 people at the Colborne location and there will be "more jobs to come" with the upcoming announcement, Borowec said.

Borowec also noted that in partnership with the county's operated Agri-Food Centre in the nearby industrial park, The Big Apple is now carrying some of the products developed there in its retail outlet.

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New video from Toronto's SickKids Hospital features Grafton's Grace Bowen

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TORONTO -- Grafton's Grace Bowen is featured in a new video from Toronto's SickKids Hospital.

The video, released on Nov. 3 on YouTube, shows Grace and her family at the hospital and is the second in a SickKids campaign, said Lynn Bessoudo, public relations with SickKids.

Grace died at the age of nine of osteosarcoma cancer on March 13, 2015. The Grafton Public School student and Northumberland Wild Atom BB hockey team member was known for her strength, friendship and courage. Grace also formed a friendship with gold-medal Olympic hockey player Hayley Wickenheiser. Wickenheiser invited Grace to attend her induction to Canada's Walk of Fame.

The first video, *Anthem*, in the SickKids campaign was launched on Oct. 14 and had more than 4 million views and coverage in more than 13 countries, said Bessoudo.

The video featuring Grace and her family highlights the courage, strength -- and very real pain -- of kids and families in the face of a deadly disease, Bessoudo



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Toronto SickKids Hospital photo

TORONTO -- Grafton's Grace Bowen, here with her mother Andrea Bowen, is featured in a just-released video for Toronto's SickKids Hospital. Grace died at age nine from cancer in March 2015.

added. It is hoped Grace's story inspires people to support SickKids and make a donation. It will also be aired on television starting Nov. 7.

The video can viewed here: <https://youtu.be/jVTQeN1ojSY>