

Small-scale solar panel projects proposed

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CRAMAHE TWP. — Three small-scale solar panel projects are proposed for Cramahe Township on three five-acre leased parcels of land.

Simon Rowland, CEO of Renewable Power Partners Inc., asked Cramahe council to endorse his proposed projects

at council Nov. 1 and they did.

In 2009, the Ontario Government and the Ontario Power Association (OPA) introduced the Feed in Tariff (FIT) program to promote green energy production. Under this program, the OPA offers 20-year contracts for individuals and corporations to invest in solar, wind, or hydro power stations.

Under the original FIT program rules,

the applications were processed mainly on a "first come, first served" basis. However, under new draft rules for the FIT program, the OPA has changed the selection criteria to be based on "priority points." Applications which have the support of the municipality receive extra priority points.

On each five-acre site, the solar panels are designed to cover half the site to gen-

erate electricity. All will be have screening to limit visibility from nearby roads or from neighbouring buildings.

The first 500kW project would be on land owned by Mike Lamers on Dekeyser Road, the second 250 kW project on land owned by Ann and John Dillman, the third 500 kW project on land just north of the 401 owned by Ford and Cramahe Deputy mayor Sandra Arthur.

Jamboree attendees spent \$22,000



MANDY MARTIN FILE PHOTO

Cheryl Adrain of Perth wowed the Saturday night crowd of hundreds during the 12th annual Auction Barn Jamboree at Colborne's Keeler Centre during the Labour Day weekend.

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COLBORNE — The final accounting for the costs/income for use of the Cramahe Township-owned Labour Day weekend Auction Barn Jamboree is still to come.

Deputy mayor Sandra Arthur asked if a report was coming. Cramahe CAO Craig Brooks said the report is pending while staff await figures to come in from the organizers.

Campers and attendees of this year's Auction Barn Jamboree in Colborne spent \$22,000 "with our business community"

co-organizer Gary Warner said in a letter of thanks to Cramahe council.

"We would like to thank the management and staff who worked so hard to make the event run smoothly for the five day event," the letter received by council Nov. 1 states.

"Many thanks also to the business community and the citizens of our town who welcomed our guests for the week. We were advised by many of the warm welcome and the friendliness of everyone in our community. An event such as this requires a lot of help so special thanks to our volunteers. This event is not only a popular social event but contributes substantially to the local economy."

CRAMAHE BRIEF

Next council meeting at Castleton

The Nov. 15 Cramahe Township council meeting will be held at the Castleton Town Hall.

Annually, council schedules a public meeting at the municipally-owned hall.

Cramahe municipal offices will be closed Remembrance Day, Nov. 11.

- Mandy Martin

OPP Report

Bush party in Cramahe Township attracts police attention

BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT NOV. 17/16

Brighton - Cramahe Township-Trent Hills — Northumberland OPP dealt with 366 incidents Nov. 4-9, including a report of a large bush party taking place at 1 a.m. Nov. 6 on Pogue Road in Cramahe Township involving 50 to 100 young people. The teens dispersed when officers arrived.

Nov 5

• Police responded to a domestic disturbance at a Campbellford home where one partner was threatening self-harm with a knife. Officers transported the person to a nearby hospital for mental health treatment.

Nov 8

• A 23-year-old inmate at Warkworth Institution is under investigation for throwing a tray of food at a corrections officer.

• An employee at a Campbellford business heard a nearby homeowner screaming for help, saying he had an intruder in his home. Officers arrived and found no one else in the residence. The man, who was suffering from a mental illness, was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital for treatment.

• A Brighton resident on Tillings Road reported the theft of a five-gallon jerry can of diesel fuel that had occurred hours earlier between 3:30 and 4 a.m. Citizens are encouraged to report suspicious persons or vehicles when observed to allow for possible identification of suspects by police.

Nov 7

• A resident on Booth Street South

in Campbellford reported the theft of a Dewalt mitre saw from her front porch.

• A Brighton resident dialed 911 and informed emergency call-takers he was just checking to see if his new cellphone worked. Officers attended and cautioned him about misuse of the 911 system.

Nov 6

• A youth was observed breaking into cars on Trentview Crescent in Trent Hills around 12:15 a.m. The youth was described as wearing a black-and-white checkered long sleeve shirt. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

Nov 5

• A Colborne area resident on County Road 2 reported his 18-speed Supercycle mountain bike had been stolen sometime overnight. The culprit left behind another bicycle which police seized.

Nov 4

• A bylaw officer in Brighton requested police presence when visiting a home owner who had been ordered to clean up their property. No issues arose.

Northumberland OPP officers also investigated 11 accidental 911 calls, 16 motor vehicle collisions, and 54 traffic-related complaints, as well as conducted seven RIDE programs during this time period.

Police remind the public that it is illegal to reverse up Highway 401 on ramps. Motorists are expected to obey all traffic laws and are asked to exercise patience and caution when entering construction zones.