

Colborne Chronicle

Mayor expects 2016 boom to continue in Cramahe



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New Years is always a good time to take stock of the previous year and look forward to the months ahead, this year especially as we hit the midway point of the current council term. Through most of last year I thought that when asked 20 from now what this current term of council accomplished I'd be able to sum it up in two words: backyard chickens!

Fortunately there are indeed several other items of note that we can speak about. Firstly, we are finally at a full staff complement. The new management team has brought enthusiasm to the organization and it's nice to move from fighting fires to being more pro-active. Last summer, with the help of Heather Candler of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Sherry Hamilton of the Brighton-Cramahe Chamber of Commerce, we put together the idea of creating a fast track program to develop an economic development strategy for the municipality. Council supported the formation of a Taskforce to undertake this and we recently presented the draft plan to Council who approved it just before Christmas. The Taskforce was made up of a cross section of very talented and dedicated individuals that worked extremely hard in order to meet our self-imposed deadline. I found it inspiring and invigorating to work with such a group. In the next few months a newly formed Economic Development Committee will star to tackle the many recommendations included in the report.

This dovetailed nicely with the owners of the Big Apple going public with some of their future plans for the land they have acquired over the past three to four years. I have been working closely with them since they purchased the Big Apple and it is exciting to see this project moving forward. 2016 saw one of our biggest booms in construction and new home builds in quite some time. I really have to commend our new Chief Building Official Gerald Sproule and the whole building/planning department for their hard work throughout the year. I believe 2017 will see this continue.

Finally, our new Colborne Fire Hall/Northumberland Paramedics Emergency Services Base is now 99% complete. This is another exciting project and I'm looking forward to cutting the ribbon in early 2017 after everyone is settled in. Now that the holiday break is over, council and staff will be diving right into our 2017 budget talks in a week's time. We are aiming to have it passed by the end of February. On behalf of council, best wishes of the new year to you and your family. *Marc Coombs is the mayor of Cramahe Township*

LIONS SHOPPING SPREE WINNERS DECLARED



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Campbellford Lions and Sharpe's Food Market announce the winners of the Shopping Spree Draw held in December. Marie Forgrave was the first place winner of \$500 in grocery vouchers. The Campbellford Food Bank was the recipient of \$100 in grocery vouchers as second place winner and Judy Marshall received \$100 in grocery vouchers as third place winner. The Lions thank Sharpe's Food Market for co-sponsoring this draw and all those who purchased tickets. The funds raised will be used in the community. Pictured l to r: Lion Eric Holmden, Judy Marshall, Thea Dunk, Bruce Dunk, Marie Forgrave, Lion Fred Lee.

POLICE BRIEFS

Northumberland OPP dealt with a variety of calls during the holidays from Dec. 24 to 26. Here are some examples they provided on Dec. 30.
Dec. 24
Police provided advice to a separated couple in Trent Hills who were arguing over where their child would spend part of Christmas day. Officers advised both parents to speak to a lawyer and have a custody agreement in place to avoid problems in the future.
A Cramahe Township resident contacted police for advice after a neighbour complained to him about his using a shotgun on the property.
Dec. 25
A Brighton resident accidentally dialed 9-1-1 when changing the band on his Apple watch. He advised officers that this wasn't the first time it had happened.

Officers responded to a family dispute at a Brighton home where an adult son was heavily intoxicated and fighting with family members. He was held down by relatives until police could arrive at which time he was taken into custody for breaching the peace. He was held at the Brighton detachment until sober.
A Trent Hills resident accidentally dialed 9-1-1 when programing his Apple watch.
Dec. 26
A Trent Hills couple dialed 9-1-1 after one of them dared the other to call police during an argument over ones 'attitude'. Officers attended and conducted a thorough investigation which resulted in no charges being laid.
Police attended a Warkworth area home to settle a dispute between two separated parents arguing over child custody matters. Both were advised to contact a family court lawyer.

Obituaries
GROULX, Gerald Robert - A dedicated family man, passed peacefully on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg, in his 80th year. Son of the late Rene and Viola. Beloved husband of high school sweetheart the late Jean. Loving father of Pamela (Doug), Rob (Andrea), and Catherine (Ray). Cherished grandfather of Alex, Dennis, Matthew H., Matthew G., Natalie and Isabella. Dear great grandfather of Adelyn, Yasmina and Elaine. Gerald will be missed by his aunt Marie Marsh and his extended family. Friends and family will be received on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 10-11:30 am at **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 30 King St. E., Cobourg followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and Interment at 12 noon at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grafton. Gerald worked hard for his family and is now forever with the Lord and his loving wife. In lieu of flowers, donations by cheque to the St. Vincent de Paul, Grafton will be gratefully accepted. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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