

# Colborne Chronicle

## CRAMAHE COUNCIL NEWS

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### Emergency signage for farm fields and acreage supported

Emergency number signage for farm fields is being urged by FARM 911, The Emily Project. The organization is scheduled to appear as a delegation at the June 6 meeting of Cramahe Twp. council. Two years ago, a Quinte area family lost their young daughter, Emily, 11, in an accident. A factor in the tragedy was the inability of emergency response to locate the accident site due to lack of farm field 911 signage. A FARM 911 committee was formed to address emergency location issues. While cell phone positioning is accurate, the technology has to be functioning properly. In more remote and rural areas, signals drop or fail. "Having a location that is GIS entered and physically marked with a sign in the ground alleviates the possibility of untimely error," the FARM 911 statement says. "The next step is to meet with local councils to share more on this project and answer any questions. We believe it should be a community success and with that comes

community effort. "This project is set to launch alongside the Hastings County Plowing Match and Trade Show on August 23, 2017. At this time, representatives from all municipalities and councils will come together with emergency services personnel and the rural community in attendance, in support of this crucial project."

### Road closure requested for June 4 Legion Zone F2 Drumhead service in Colborne

A Royal Canadian Legion Zone Drumhead parade and service is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 in Colborne's Victoria Square Park. The 10 Legion branches in Zone F2 are invited to participate. To facilitate the parade to and from the WWI Cenotaph where wreaths will be laid and large drums stacked as part of the service, the Colborne Legion is requesting County Road 2 in the downtown be closed to traffic from Victoria St. on the east to Church St. on the west for two 15-minute intervals (12:45 to 1 p.m. and 2 to 2:15 p.m. or thereabouts). Cramahe Twp. will forward to request to Northumberland County, because King St. is part of County Road 2, for approval. In the event of rain, the ceremony

will be relocated to the Keeler Centre in Colborne. Cramahe Twp. council agreed to waive any rental fee for the centre should it be required.

### Stop signs requested

The volume and speed of north- and southbound traffic on Ontario Street in Colborne is a concern for one King Street West resident. King St. West resident Mike Corp asked Cramahe Twp. council May 16 to consider installing stop signs for Ontario St. and the King St. West intersection. "At present there is only a sign stopping traffic proceeding westbound on King Street West," Mr. Corp noted. "Many children play in this area of town and navigate this intersection on bikes, skateboards, scooters and on foot, and introducing stop signs there would continue to ensure the streets are safe for our children." Council approved proceeding with stop sign installations on Ontario Street at King St. West.

### April building stats released

In April, \$2,025,600 worth of new construction brought in \$12,862.58 in building permit fees for Cramahe Twp. council heard May 16. There were five new single-family

dwelling, a sun porch, commercial reno, interior reno and roof-mounted solar operation were the projects approved. In addition, there was \$1,970 gained for plumbing permits. As of the end of April 2017, there have been 30 building permits issued representing \$3,796,600 worth of construction including seven single dwellings.

### Rising cost of Barnes Bridge replacement stalls project

A steep jump in the cost estimates to replace the closed Barnes Bridge over the CN railway track east of Colborne has derailed immediate plans to proceed. The cost estimate now, according to CN Rail, is over \$2-million, up from \$800,000 being considered in 2015. Cramahe Twp. was to be responsible for 12.5 per cent of the cost to prepare road access to the bridge. "To reinstate the bridge at a cost of over \$250,000 to the municipality was not feasible," a staff report to Cramahe Twp. council May 16 states. "Given the increase in cost of the project over the last two years, we are hopeful than CN would be open to looking at alternative cost-sharing models in order the have the work completed."

Council directed staff to go back to CN to discuss alternative cost-sharing options — and come up with a municipal cost cap rather than an open-ended percentage cost-sharing.

### Two new trucks to be purchased

Two new Chev pick-up trucks will be purchased for Cramahe Twp. Council approved the \$65,056.34 expenditure May 16. Two tenders were received, from Quantrill and Fraser Durham. The Quantrill tender was the lowest by about \$5,000, hence the winner. The cost was \$4,008.34 over budget so that difference will be drawn from the roads equipment reserve fund to make up the balance.

### Signage for new drivers not endorsed

New drivers (G1 and G2 class) should be readily identifiable with "New Driver" signs on vehicles an Ontario municipality is urging. The Township of Essa is sending the request, with an illustration of a potential sign, to the federal and provincial governments and asking all other Ontario municipalities to support the request. Cramahe Twp. received the request for information, but no action was taken.

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