

# Council will not support increase in Bell rates

The council for the township of Cramahe met in regular session on Friday, March 6. Present were: Reeve James Cochrane, deputy reeve Earl Harren, roads superintendent Art Moore, clerk-treasurer

Rosemary Rutledge, treasurer Lorne Darling and councillors Tait and Rusk.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 1980 and the special meetings of February 7 and 18 were read by Mrs. Rutledge. The minutes were approved as read and filed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of a letter sent to Alex Grant, the township's planning consultant by the Ministry of Housing regarding a residential overview study in which Cramahe is engaged was received and filed.

A copy of a letter from the Ministry of Housing to Sandra Hanmer regarding lands belonging to Charlie Ellis, Lot 15, Con. 3 was received and filed.

A letter was received from the County of Northumberland to advise council that the County Planning Commission is continuing to apply to the provincial government for regional priority funding. The county is requesting information from all member municipalities in the form of suggested projects to be funded by these monies. The letter was filed.

A request from Percy Township Recreation Committee for financial assistance was filed.

A letter was received from the Cobourg, Port Hope and District Red Cross Homemakers Service thanking council for their financial support in past years and advising that no grant will be requested in 1980 since the Homemakers are now billing their clients directly.

A letter was received from Bell Canada requesting an in-

crease in rates. Mrs. Rutledge said she has received a telephone call from Colborne attorney John Carter, chairman of the local Committee for Direct Dialing. The Committee requested a show of support from the council in the form of a letter from council to Bell advising that their request for increased rates is unacceptable until service is improved.

Correspondence was received from Jim Moses, a real estate agent with Burnett Realty, Cobourg regarding a letter received by council from one Georgette Amar in June 1979. Council recalled the letter, it was re-read by the clerk and decided that council's position with regard to the water course on the Amar property is unchanged.

A letter was received informing council that the March 12 meeting of the Central Northumberland Planning Board has been cancelled.

The Ontario Ministry of Housing sent council some information on a 3-day seminar to be called "Ontario Renewal--Action for the '80s". 180 speakers will be available to

speak on a variety of subjects and interested persons from all municipalities in Ontario are invited to attend.

A copy of a letter to Wendy Noble from the Ministry of Housing was received. The Ministry advised Mrs. Noble that her plans to develop 100 residential lots at RD Plans 86 and 87 Lots 14 and 15, Con. 4 are premature. The Ministry letter explained that the township of Cramahe is presently undergoing a residential overview study, whose results should be known in 6 to 8 months. At that time the municipality will be in a better position to decide where residential development will be most needed.

The township of Haldimand sent notice of their bylaw 681 to amend the restricted area bylaw.

A request was received from the Village of Colborne that Cramahe now pay 1/2 of costs incurred at the landfill site. Presently, Cramahe pays one-third of these costs, and Colborne pays the remaining two-thirds. The village council feels that use made of the site by Cramahe warrants the change

in cost-sharing. The request was held over for the next meeting.

It was also mentioned that the village of Colborne has asked for and received an increase in the amount paid by Cramahe for stand-by fire protection. This year's fee is \$2,750 compared to \$2,500 last year, an increase of \$250.

A resolution was received from the council of the city of Toronto regarding Quebec's White Paper. The resolution stated the belief of the people of Toronto in a unified Canada, with cultural or linguistic inequalities being rectified by negotiation rather than by the secession of Quebec from the Dominion of Canada. It further stated that, should Quebec leave this union, the rest of Canada would feel a sense of great loss and sadness. The municipality of Cramahe was asked to endorse this resolution. The letter was filed.

The council was advised of an Industrial Development Seminar for Northumberland County to be held April 9, 1980 at the Cobourg Motor Inn. Cost for registration for each delegate is

\$25.

A thank-you card was received from Lorne and Lily Darling expressing appreciation for flowers sent by council on the occasion of the couple's 65th wedding anniversary. Lorne Darling has been treasurer for Cramahe township for the past 40 years.

A letter was received from Northern and Central Gas Corp. to advise council that Montreal Trust has been assigned as trustee for that firm. Council will forward the letter to the township solicitor for his perusal.

A letter was received from the region of Ottawa-Carleton regarding their resolution on public education about symbolic traffic signs. The letter was filed.

Correspondence was received from the Lower Trent Conservation Authority including minutes, auditor's report, and budget summary for 1980. Cramahe's assessment has been increased by \$156 over 1979.

Notification was received from the village of Colborne of their bylaw 1-80, an amendment to restricted area bylaw 8-74. The letter was filed.

A letter was received from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation regarding their "Experience 1980" program. The correspondence was filed.

A letter was received from the Municipal Planning Consultants to express their appreciation for the township's patronage.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

It was mentioned that there had been no response to council's advertisement for a volunteer to serve on the Colborne and Cramahe Recreation Committee to take the place of retiring member Henry Wisniewski. Some names were suggested by the councillors and these individuals will be approached and asked to serve on the committee.

There was some discussion regarding a clarification received from the office of the Ontario Housing Renewal Plan. Last month OHRP sent a letter advising council that their funds for 1980 were exhausted and that no further applications for

assistance could be considered. It was assumed that OHRP was referring to the 1980 calendar year. They were, in fact, referring to their 1979-80 fiscal year which ends March 31, 1980. After that date, it is possible that more funds will be available.

## APPLICATIONS FOR SEVERANCES

Applications for severances were received from Leslie Huyke, Lot 17 Con. 8 and from Delbert and Gwen Bellamy Lot 14 Con. 1. Both requests will be forwarded to the County Land Division Committee with council's recommendation that they both be approved.

Application regarding a right of way for Audrey Clune on an Ontario Hydro lot at Lot 17, Con. 8 was held over.

Township clerk-treasurer Rosemary Rutledge submitted a request to join the Association of Municipal Clerk-Treasurers and to attend that organization's conference in June of this year. Permission was granted in both cases.

## TYPEWRITER WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE

Since the municipality has recently acquired a new IBM typewriter at a cost of \$976 the old typewriter will be offered for sale.

## IRATE REPORTER DEMANDS INFORMATION

Connie Woodcock, a reporter for the Peterborough Examiner, appeared before council and demanded to see the memoranda of agreement between the township of Cramahe and Agro Industries regarding waste disposal.

Agro is a company which is currently in the process of finalizing agreements with both the township and the village of Colborne for treatment of recyclable garbage and composting of biodegradable waste. Ms. Woodcock was particularly interested in learning what the "tipping charge" (cost to the municipalities) would be. Citing a section from the Ontario Municipal Act, Ms. Woodcock charged that town-

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