

# Cramahe plans annual party for Aug. 20

## Cramahe notes

Cramahe Township council has learned it is empowered to act to prevent pollution of Little Lake by persons washing themselves or their animals in the water.

In answer to a request from a delegation of Little Lake Ratepayers, the township sent a letter a few weeks ago to the local health unit, asking that signs be erected to protect the lake from soap or shampoo pollutants.

The health unit's response, read at the July 18 meeting, was that the township council has the power to pass a bylaw and sign the lake, warning against such uses.

The health unit's letter further stated that it would "support" Cramahe's initiative in such an effort.

"This (shampooing) is regarded as a source of contamination to the water quality of Little Lake and should be discouraged," the letter read.

Council has decided to pass a bylaw prohibiting soap in the water. The township will sign the lake and the bylaw officer will enforce the regulation.

**POUNDKEEPER**  
Cramahe Township

council has passed a bylaw to appoint Jack Reddom as large animal poundkeeper for the township.

The poundkeeper is the person to call if you find yourself with a large animal of unknown ownership on your property or running at large.

Council also resolved to advertise the name, address and phone number of the poundkeeper in the local press.

### PAVING TENDER

Cramahe council accepted the lone tender of Miller Paving to complete an 8.5-km. section of township roads, including Trenear Rd. and others.

Although Councillor Lee Dekeyser said he was not sure he wanted to accept Miller's tender, council did not find fault with the price of the price of \$54,520.78.

Mr. Dekeyser reminded council the township had found fault with work done by the company in the past on Morganston Road.

Roads superintendent Ernie Stoneman told council that he had a price of \$5,400 per km. from the roads crew of the County of Northumberland, which would bring the total to about \$46,000 — cheaper than

the Miller bid.

However township administrator Gerry Morrison pointed out that the township was planning to use monies from the federal-provincial infrastructure program to pay for the work, and he expressed doubt that the work would qualify for the subsidy if the county were to do the job.

"This grant was designed to create jobs, not create work for people who already have jobs (with the county roads department)," Mr. Morrison told council.

He said he would do some checking to ascertain whether the grant program would subsidize the work if it were done by the county.

However, council decided to accept the tender of Miller Paving, with the proviso that all work be done under the strict supervision of the township roads superintendent.

Reeve Stuart Oliver made the additional recommendation that the township hold onto the performance bond submitted with the tender, until it is established that council is satisfied with the job.

### NEW TRUCK

Council accepted the tender of \$112,161.80 total price for a new tandem truck — without trade-in — equipped with snow plow, wing harness, leveling wing and one-way snowplow. The lowest and winning tender of three was submitted by Edwardson Ford Sales in Kingston.

### RIGHT TO APARTMENT

The Ontario government has recently endorsed legislation that would allow all owners of single family homes to establish an apartment on their premises.

However, says Cramahe township building and bylaw officer Joe Bonura, the new law "does not necessarily apply" to owners of properties on private services — that is, wells and septic tanks.

But rural grannies might not be prevented from having granny flats by the restriction.

Mr. Bonura explained that a pre-existing township bylaw allows for the creation of a second dwelling unit on a single lot, "where all requirements are met."

To find out if your property could qualify for an on-site rental unit, contact the building and bylaw office at the township hall in Castleton.

Mr. Dekeyser suggested to administrator Gerry Morrison.

Mr. Morrison informed council that the township's insurers had indicated they would add coverage for the McComb ballpark at no charge to the township, but that, if there were more requests for insurance on private property, the bottom line might have to be renegotiated.

Reeve Stuart Oliver said, if insurance was available at no cost, there was no need to learn whether the ball league was organized or not.

"If the insurers will not charge any extra, add them. It's all recreation for Cramahe taxpayers," the reeve said.

### ANNUAL HOEDOWN

Cramahe Township's annual corn and wiener roast is on for Saturday, Aug. 20.

The township has been hosting the event, at minimal cost to attendees, for about 10 years.

Olde-tyme cost of a hot dog or ear of corn is still 25 cents.

### IF YOU CAN'T STAND THE HEAT...

... stay out of the council chamber. Cramahe council will only be meeting once in the month of August, on Monday, Aug. 15.

Although the non-air-conditioned premises are very hot during summer meetings, it is not the heat alone that prompted the decision to have only one meeting.

Typically the township council faces less business during summer months when parliament is in recess and residents are busy relaxing.

Also the first Monday of the month, Aug. 1, is a holiday, so that meeting would have needed to be rescheduled. Council decided to make do with one meeting only in August.

### PLANNING SHOULD STAY HOME

Township of Cramahe councillors were agreed July 18 that planning matters should be handled at the local level, by councillors who had intimate knowledge of the land and the people.

A proposal by Queen's Park to shift responsibility for municipal planning to Northumberland County met with no sympathy in the township.

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### LESLIE HERBERT SAMUEL RICE

Leslie Herbert Samuel Rice died in Colborne on Thursday, Aug. 4. Herbert Samuel Rice M.I.M.A. (life) was the beloved husband of Ethel Alberta Gibson. Dear brother of the late Yvonne Gertrude Rice and son of the late Samuel and Sarah Rice. Funeral service was held at MacCoubrey Funeral Home, Colborne, on Monday, Aug. 8. If desired, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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