

Arena bd. hopes for liquor licence, despite objection

Cramahe notes

The application for a permanent liquor licence for the Colborne Cramahe arena should be answered this week.

Cramahe Reeve Stuart Oliver told his council last week that the application faced an objection from Colborne businessmen

Gerry and Bob Hasiuk, who were opposed to the arena being granted a permanent licence to serve liquor.

Mr. Oliver said he was part of a conference call during which an official of the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario heard from representatives of the arena board and the Hasiuk family.

The Hasiuks are the owners of Whistlers family restaurant and Winners sports bar in the former Victoria Opera House.

The arena board wants a permanent licence so that it can train its members to run bars for any functions at the arena at which liquor is to be served.

The idea is that groups running dances and tour-

naments then will be able to concentrate on their event and not have to worry about the expense of procuring a special-occasion liquor permit, or trained servers.

Also, in this way, arena board members feel they will have a better handle on policing events at which liquor is served.

Mr. Oliver said the arena

board is hoping for a favourable answer from the LCBO.

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Building starts in Cramahe to the end of November have exceeded \$3 million in value.

According to the report of building and bylaw official Joe Bonura, a total of \$3,007,390 worth of

building was begun in the township, to that date.

Last year, by the same date, only \$2.7 million in building starts had occurred.

— Eileen Argyris

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Gardeners learn about protected marsh wildlife

Garden Club

Garden Club members and friends had a busy but enjoyable meeting on Monday, Nov. 25. It was a combined awards night, election of officers and a visit with Murial Braham, owner and driving force behind the Lone Pine Marsh Sanctuary.

Marjorie Ferguson presided over our business reports after which Jean Filteau read a letter from our popular past-president, Sharon Rusk and husband, Wayne. They now reside in Tennessee, but will be in the village during the holidays so we may have a chance to renew our acquaintance with them.

Shirley Griffith

conducted the election of officers and the slate for 1997 will be published in full in January. Our new president is Gordon Smith.

Trophies and awards were given to our talented gardeners who work hard all year. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Rose Bowl, most points for roses during year, was won by Mary Jackson. The Joan and Harold Harnden Silver Rose Bowl for most points in decorative section went to Amy Gresham. Hoselton Studio Trophy to the novice with the most points, Sandra Compton; George Gummer Gladious Trophy, Gordon Smith; Arthur and Marjorie Rutherford Trophy for

most points over the season, Doug Johnston; 25th Anniversary Trophy to Gordon Smith for most points for house plants shown.

There are also a number of cash certificates given by local merchants which we acknowledge with thanks and award to members according to points achieved at flower shows: Three at \$15. from Pine Ridge Nursery to D. Johnston, S. Compton, G. Smith; from Downey Pharmacy, two at \$10, Jacques Filteau and A. Gresham; Colborne Needle and Craft, to M. Jackson; I.G.A. \$10 to A. Lee; New Wave Unisex, \$10 to H. Dance; J&R Variety \$10 to K. Island; Salon 41, \$10 to G. Barrett; Castleton

General Store, \$10 to S. Johnston and Dominion Seed House \$10, to Wm. Harris. We sincerely thank these donors.

Mrs. Filteau introduced our guest, Murial Braham of Lone Pine Marsh Sanctuary. She started her dream in 1991 by purchasing a part of the marsh and in 1993 added further acreage. It now consists of 86 acres. The "No Hunting" signs posted around the property are being strictly observed. Mrs. Braham, as originator of this project, has put in a lot of her own finances, time and thought into the marsh.

The Marsh Sanctuary, a class 1 wetland, is now incorporated and awaiting the conservation easement which has been approved

by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. It now has a charitable status number allowing for official tax receipts. For a fee of \$10. paid in 1996, you may become a Charter Member.

Mrs. Braham showed slides to show the progress being made. There are some rare species of birds and plants already identified. Her associate, Mark Rupke, a teacher, commented on slides showing plants, insects and animals from microscopic size, up. He showed how the chain of life works to the betterment of each species if they are left in areas undisturbed by man's intrusion.

The hard work and vision put into this project is quite remarkable and Cramahe Township is very fortunate to have this sanctuary.

You will be seeing a new marsh logo: instead of a

Canada Goose, it will be a frog. Erin Jackson of CDCI West won a prize for her design.

We all thank Mrs. Braham and Mr. Rupke for a most informative evening and the club gave her a donation to the marsh in appreciation of their visit.

Four plants were given as door prizes to: Anne Lovekin, Agnes Lee, Laura Haferkorn and Marian Boys. Gayle Barrett's group supplied a delicious lunch and tea. We have no meeting in December so all members extend Christmas greetings to all members and friends and look forward to meeting at our pot luck dinner on Jan. 27.

We thank the editor and staff of the *Chronicle* for allowing us space each month for our reports. It is indeed a privilege we appreciate. Merry Christmas to all!

— Cicely Scroggs