



MUNICIPALITY OF THE MONTH



July 2015 The Township of Cramahe

Where is it?

Cramahe is a rural township located in Northumberland County. It is situated just off Highway 401 approximately 140 km East of Toronto. It was named for Hector Theophilus de Cramahé, who was Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec. The seat of the Township, and largest town, is Colborne. The Township was amalgamated in 2001, being made up of the former Village of Colborne and the original Township of Cramahe, incorporated in 1850.



What are the biggest attractions?

The Colborne-Cramahe Apple Blossom Tyme Festival is a community event in the village of Colborne that happens on the last weekend in May each year. The festival welcomes everyone to experience the village and surrounding area in springtime, when there are wonderful apple orchards with beautiful and fragrant blossoms to enjoy. In the village, there is a collection of local vendors and food to sample along with motorcycles, vintage cars and tractors on display, a soap box derby race, a midway, baking contests, a competitive and fun spelling bee, and lots of other contests and activities.

Colborne is also home to the Colborne Art Gallery which features an annual juried art show, as well as to a "Music in the Square" program in the summer, showcasing local musicians in Victoria Square.

What makes the municipality unique?

Colborne, (named after Sir John Colborne, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada from 1828 to 1836), is the home of the Big Apple, which is claimed to be the "world's largest apple". With a height of 10.7 metres (35 feet) and diameter of 11.6 metres (38 feet), it may well be! Tourists stop to view and photograph the Big Apple and enjoy the surrounding bakery, restaurant, country store, petting zoo, mini-golf and miniature train, among other attractions.



The Big Apple, located in Colborne, is reputed to be the largest apple in the world, and features an observation deck.

What are the most common issues faced by the Committee of Adjustment/Planning Board?

Council of the Township of Cramahe is the approval authority for Minor Variances. The Township has a Land Division Advisory Committee, made up of four to five volunteer members of the community, which reviews applications for Consent and hosts the public meetings required by the *Planning Act*, and then provides recommendations to Council. Council is the ultimate approval authority for Consents. The Minor Variances typically seen are for relief from setback requirements for structures on lots with restricted building envelopes. There are occasional applications for farm consolidation Consents.



Township of Cramahe Municipal Building

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OACA would like to thank Jennifer Sisson, Planning Coordinator for the Township of Cramahe, for her assistance with this article. More information about the Township of Cramahe can be found on the Township's website at www.visitcramahe.ca