



## **Solar Panels on Keeler Centre Colborne, ON – August 1st, 2017**

Construction has begun on a new rooftop solar installation at the Keeler Centre in Colborne. On a sunny day, nine hundred and fifty two solar panels will produce enough electricity to power the equivalent of 40 homes — a total of 250 kilowatts of clean energy. Cramahe Township now joins Hamilton Township (Baltimore) and Cobourg in having a major solar installation on at least one of their municipal buildings.

Cramahe leases the Keeler Centre's roof to Community Power Northumberland, a local volunteer renewable energy co-operative who is building and funding the project. Proceeds from sales of electricity are used by the cooperative to invest in sustainable initiatives throughout the county — from community gardens to cycling to working with charitable organizations.

“This is a win/win scenario,” Tony Walker, president of the cooperative, says. “Cramahe receives 20 years of rental income while the cooperative directs surpluses to renewable energy projects and sustainability initiatives.” Construction at the Keeler Centre should be completed by the end of August and certified by the province’s Independent Electricity System Operator sometime in September.

“Having solar panels on the roof of the Keeler Centre has been a longstanding desire of multiple Councils and it is certainly great to see them finally being installed” states Mayor Marc Coombs. He adds “what attracted us to CPN was their community involvement and that the funds they raise go directly back into the Northumberland community.”

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