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■ OBITUARY

Former city CAO passes away

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CORNWALL — The city and area have lost “a man dedicated to his community.”

That was the praise offered by longtime school board trustee Ron Eamer, of his former colleague, Charles ‘Chuck’ Adams.

Adams passed away Monday, having served Cornwall 55 years consecutively in many capacities: municipal official, politician and selfless volunteer.

He would have been 82 next Tuesday.

“It was a real surprise,” said Eamer, noting that Adams had just gone in for some medical tests.

Adams was still active in local affairs, having just recently served as a member of the council compensation review committee.

“He was very committed to working for the community; 33 years with the city,” said Cornwall CAO Paul Fitzpatrick.

Adams, his former mentor, was chief administrative officer from 1979-88.

Adams was hired by the city in 1955 as an engineer.

Adams’ modus operandi for the city was a great instruction.

“He had a historical knowledge of the corporation and this knowledge was invaluable,” Fitzpatrick said.

Adams’ devotion to his city quickly took a new turn after his retirement in the spring of 1988.

That fall he became trustee of the S,D and G separate school board, which he eventually chaired.

Eamer had already gotten to know Adams well when Eamer worked for Cornwall Electric, which was then owned by the city.

“He was an extremely effective Catholic school trustee, with a focus on meeting the needs of the students and the



Chuck Adams

effective use of resources,” Eamer said.

Adams showed his expertise for administration work when he took on the “difficult task,” Eamer said, of overseeing the rewrite of bylaws when the Roman Catholic District School Board came into being in 1998.

“He was a good friend to all, besides that,” he added.

Adams was the board vice-chair from 2000-03 and then declined to run again.

During much of his trustee tenure, he served from 1991-2002 as board member of the St. Joseph Villa, where he chaired the finance committee.

He became a director of St. Joseph’s foundation in 2004, continuing to present day.

Adams was a graduate of McGill University’s civil engineering program and was a longstanding member of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and McGill alumni.

Adams and his wife, the late Maureen, had five children: Cathy, Cheryl, Sandra, Philip and Gave.

Visitation is at Wilson Funeral Home, Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Friday, 9-10:15 a.m. Funeral to follow, 11 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

■ GREAT CANADIAN ROADSHOW: Family heirlooms and antiques appraised at event



Staff photo/BRINK

Steven Lowe shows off his collection of fishing lures, which he brought to the Great Canadian Roadshow at the Ramada Inn for appraisal on Tuesday.

In search of treasure

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CORNWALL — The Great Canadian Roadshow expects to hand out up to \$100,000 to local residents this week, as people bring in their old coins and antiques for appraisal.

“It’s really busy,” said the group’s Boris Shreyberg on Tuesday afternoon, noting more than 250 people had already stopped by the Ramada Inn and Conference Centre with their treasures

since Monday morning.

He said jewelry and coins are the top items, but they also see plenty of vintage toys and war memorabilia.

Robert Lowe and his son Steven brought in several fancy fishing lures to see how much they were worth.

“I had them when I was a kid,” said Robert. “My dad had them before me.”

Their collection of 60-year-old lures could have netted them \$250, but the father and son

decided to hold on to the items for sentimental reasons.

Another visitor, Frances Royer, came to the traveling roadshow with an old railroad lantern.

“I’ve had it since I was a kid,” she said. “It has been around for many years.”

Royer said the lantern was passed on to her from her brother, who got it from his godfather, who carried it during his career on the railroad.

“It’s been well used,” she said.

Royer also had a couple of old

timepieces, including a judge’s calendar clock from 1940. She said she didn’t have any expectations of a big buyout, but came out of sheer “curiosity.”

Shreyberg said during a week camped out in a city, the buyers the roadshow represents generally scoop up more than \$80,000 worth of collectibles — many that were simply collecting dust in a garage or attic.

The roadshow will be in Cornwall until Friday, opening at 9 a.m. each morning.

■ RIVER INSTITUTE SPEAKER SERIES

Start thinking about gardening

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CORNWALL — With snow and ice still blanketing the ground, gardening is likely far from the minds of many people.

But for diehard gardeners dreaming of rose bushes, hedge trimming and perennials, gardening guru Ed Lawrence will be speaking at the Cornwall Public Library at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, as a part of the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Science’s monthly speaker series.

Lawrence is well-known for his weekly phone-in segment on CBC Radio’s Ontario Today, and held the position of chief horticultural specialist to governor generals and prime ministers in Ottawa for more than 30 years.

Prior to his presentation, Lawrence will be available to sign his book, *Gardening Grief and Glory*, which is a practical guide to all aspects of gardening and provides problem solving remedies for indoor and outdoor gardening issues.

During his presentation, he will discuss gardening in all seasons, and will provide tips for gardening without the use of pesticides.

At the end, Lawrence will take questions from the audience.

Pam Maloney, communications and development officer for the River Institute, said the Science and Nature Speaker Series has been a monthly event for three years, and runs from September to May.

The series has hosted professors, naturalists, engineers and other speakers knowledgeable on topics of science and nature.

“It’s a chance for us as an environmental institute to connect

with the community and bring science to them,” Maloney said.

She said Lawrence’s knowledge of pesticides and how to eliminate it from use in gardening could be good for the health of the community and for the environment.

“Anything we can learn about changing our daily practices to become a little more environmentally responsible is worth while,” she said.

Maloney said reserving a seat for both events is strongly recommended, and can be done by calling the St. Lawrence River Institute at (613) 936-6620.



Ed Lawrence

■ CONTEST FOR ARTISTS: Local band looking for local art for album cover

General Electryk puts out call for cover art

CORNWALL (Staff) — One local artist could have their work distributed across Canada and Australia through a partnership with Cornwall’s General Electryk.

The band is going vinyl, and they want to put Seaway Valley artwork on the cover.

The group is made up of Cornwall natives Melanie McDonald and Marc Muir, Australian Angus Donnelly, Jason Ryan and Noureddine Ismag. Though they are currently touring and playing in the Land Down Under, they

have reached out to artists in Ontario to submit original work to the design contest.

“We hope to give an opportunity to an artist, young or old, to be both published on a classic format and showcased in a beautiful work of art,” explained the band in an email.

General Electryk was the winner of the city’s ARTpreneur grant last year, which is funding this latest project.

Their most recent record, *Petty Little Things*, will be released on 12-inch vinyl, providing plenty of

space to showcase local talent alongside the music.

The band has opened the competition to anyone in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Images can be sketches, cartoons, photos or paintings; the digital files must be sent to contest@generalelectryk.com no later than April 2.

The winner will have their

image published on the vinyl, with 500 copies expected to be distributed throughout the two countries.

“We are proud to be a part of Cornwall’s bright future and this opportunity highlights the passion the band has for the city,” they said.

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