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UNLEASHING HER INNER DRAGON - Lynn Bernier, of Uxbridge, prepares to let a dragon kite take flight during Family Kite Day, which was held last Sunday afternoon at the Uxbridge Historical Centre. Bernier and her husband attended the event with their grandchildren from Bowmanville. *Photo by Jack MacQuarrie*

Culvert construction shut down - again

by Roger Varley

Construction of a new culvert under Brock Street West in downtown Uxbridge has been delayed because of the discovery of contaminants in the soil and water under the municipal parking lot on the north side of the street. Additionally, construction work has been delayed at the south end of the project because modifications are needed to the engineering designs.

In a briefing for local media at the township offices on Monday, Mayor Dave Barton offered no timeline for when construction will begin again except to say the project "gets invasive again" in the next 30 days. Councillor Willie

Popp suggested there will be "no real action" on the site for five weeks, but said he couldn't give a timeline on finishing the project.

The contaminants, likely deposited when a gas station occupied the site years ago, are hydrocarbons. However, the mayor said "other material" was found on the site, including car parts.

"Contamination was expected, but it has caused a delay," he said. "We're doing all we can to get the project finished as quickly as possible. We knew it would be complex. We're a transparent council. We want to make sure everyone knows where we are."

The mayor said a large piece of dewatering

equipment now sitting on the north end of the parking lot is removing contaminants from the groundwater and releasing cleaned water back into the brook. The contaminated water is being pumped from a series of drill sites running around the perimeter of the construction site.

A briefing memo said the township sampled soils and water on the site before the project began. Those preliminary tests detected "traces of contaminants" but the memo added that "we don't expect these contaminants to pose a risk to residents or those working at the site."

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Schedule for the month of July, 2019

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Monday, July 15th - 10:00 a.m.

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MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
Monday, July 15th - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

Wednesday, July 17th - 7:00 p.m.

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Parking is available at the Centennial St. lot or behind 12 Main St. N.



Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge passed **By-law No. 2019-099** on the 24th day of June, 2019, pursuant to Sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, to amend Zoning By-law No. 81-19, as amended, of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, in The Regional Municipality of Durham - General Commercial (C3) Zone.

AND TAKE NOTICE that through the statutory circulation and review of the application to amend Zoning By-law No. 81-19, the Township received four (4) written submissions, and four (4) verbal submissions which were provided by members of the public and agencies prior to the decision of Council. These submissions were addressed in Development Services Report DS 40/19 and at the statutory public meeting held on Monday, March 18, 2019. Council considered all public submissions received on this application, the effect of which helped Council to make an informed decision.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, not later than 4:30 p. m. on the **16th day of July, 2019**, a notice of appeal. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection together with the required Local Planning Appeal Tribunal fee of \$300.00. Cheques must be made payable to the **MINISTER OF FINANCE**.

PLEASE NOTE that only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is given below. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's Department during regular office hours.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk

Township File: General Commercial (C3) Zone

Township of Uxbridge

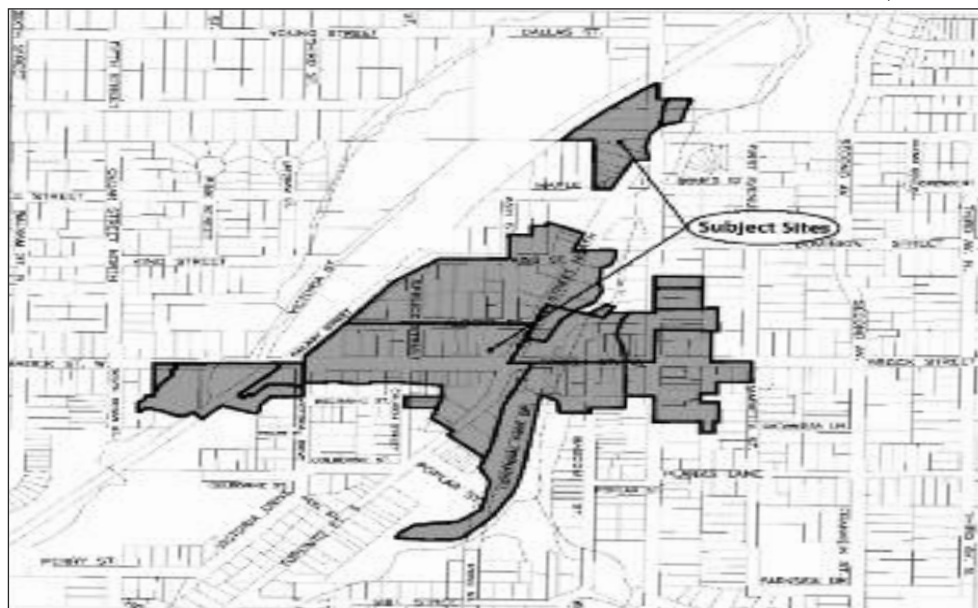
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PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

As a result of changes in the community, and significant changes in the planning policy and regulatory framework since 1981, the Township has initiated a phased review of the Zoning By-law. As part of this review, the Township has undertaken a review of the General Commercial (C3) Zone which is primarily applicable to the Downtown of the Uxbridge Urban Area. Technical Paper #2 -General Commercial (C3) Zone, September 2018 was released in the fall of 2018 for public review. It was the subject of a non-statutory public open house/presentation on November 26, 2018. Based on the results of the review to date, an amendment to the Zoning By-law is now proposed to simplify and make more effective the C3 Zone to better reflect the directions in the Official Plan.

KEY MAP (not to scale)



2018 Consolidated Financial Statements

The 2018 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge have been approved by Council and are now available to the public on the Township's website, www.uxbridge.ca/treasury, under the 'Financial Information' section. A copy of the 2018 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Township of Uxbridge is available for pick up (at no cost), upon request, at the Tax Department in the Municipal Building, located at 51 Toronto St., South in the Township of Uxbridge.

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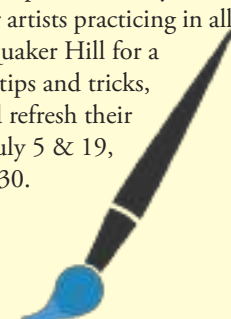
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The Uxbridge Historical Centre is opening its doors to artists this summer for five drop-in studio sessions. Our open studio days offer a welcoming place for artists practicing in all media to gather on Quaker Hill for a chance to chat, share tips and tricks, work on projects, and refresh their creativity. Dates are July 5 & 19, and August 2, 16, & 30.

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Moving forward

column by Jennifer Neveu & Scott Campsall

Fighting change

Ray Gormley was a good baseball player. He was so good he got the chance to go Fayetteville, North Carolina, and join in the Chicago Cub training camp, but he didn't make it to the major leagues.

One of his buddies was a guy named Rocco, who was also invited to the training camp that same year, but also didn't make the roster.

Rocco's baseball dreams had consumed him. He played in neighbourhood games whenever he could and would get his friends to pitch to him for hours. He would run uphill to increase his base running speed. He focused on strengthening his chest, his back, and his arms with homemade weightlifting equipment to encourage his ability to be a real slugger. The power hitters made the big money.

The trip to Fayetteville was a long one and Rocco ended up arriving a day late. A few days into camp, his throwing arm starting hurting him and it hindered his defensive plays. He was still hitting big, but discovered that, despite his efforts, his overall size had an effect on his running. He was strong, but he was too slow to fully capitalize on his hits.

It was on the bus ride home that Rocco confided to Ray that he was deeply embarrassed about how things had turned out. He had told everyone in his home town of Brockton, Massachusetts, about how he was going to be called up to the majors. He would often visit his ailing father where he worked hard at a shoe factory. Rocco told his dad that once he was a major league player, he would financially look after him. He just couldn't go home a failure.

Rocco decided then to change his focus. He had been working out and training hard. If he couldn't be a slugger in baseball, maybe he could be a slugger in another way. Maybe he could be a boxer and start prize fighting. He offered Ray the job of being his manager, but Ray thought Rocco was just grasping at straws. He told him to swallow his pride and go back home to his job at the gas company.

For us, there have been more than a few times that our lives haven't gone as planned. We've definitely had our fair share of obstacles, and they've either slowed us down, or maybe even totally taken our lives off of our intended course. We've also had changes

that seemed to come right out nowhere when we least expected it, and although it has made our lives better we have definitely had to make some adjustments. We now have a cat, and a new dog, for example! It's the result of a long story that we may save for another edition of this column!

There are two ways of looking at a life change. You can either be afraid of it and freeze, or realize the possibility that this could be something for the better and adapt. You can either turn down the chance at being a boxing manager when you've had your dreams crushed of being a baseball player, or you can change your name from Rocco Marchegiano to Rocky Marciano and move forward to become the only heavyweight champion to ever retire undefeated.



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Culvert stall, from page 1

Nevertheless, the presence of the contamination necessitated a health and safety report.

Mayor Barton said he would have expected a health and safety plan would have been put in place ahead of time.

Regarding the south end of the project, where the culvert will run under businesses on the south side of Brock Street West, Barton said the project engineers have decided to redesign the south end of the culvert, making it narrower than originally planned, in order to minimize vibrations, disruptions and noise to buildings adjacent to the construction zone.

Popp said the businesses affected have been supportive and "working with us."

Barton added that if township residents want to "assist" the project, they should shop downtown.

Another update on the culvert's status is expected later this month.



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Our two cents

Facebook versus the forest

A local farmer had just finished up chores on his dairy farm last weekend (Sunday evening, to be precise), and drove his Gator down to the edge of a forest that was on his property in order to throw some landscaping rubbish into the bush, a common practice on the farm. As he turned to get back onto the Gator after completing his task, he noticed something white and orange rustle in the long grass not far from him. "A white rabbit, here?" he thought to himself. Closer inspection revealed not a rabbit, but a rather large rodent that didn't look like anything that would belong in a forest. Even closer inspection revealed that the large rodent was accompanied by another large rodent - both of them squeezed together between two stones in a pile of rocks. Not knowing quite what the animals might be, he consulted a 13-year old family member, who confidently informed him that they were Abyssinian guinea pigs. The farmer easily caught the two terrified animals, and brought them home. Because guinea pigs, as most sensible people know, don't belong in the forest.

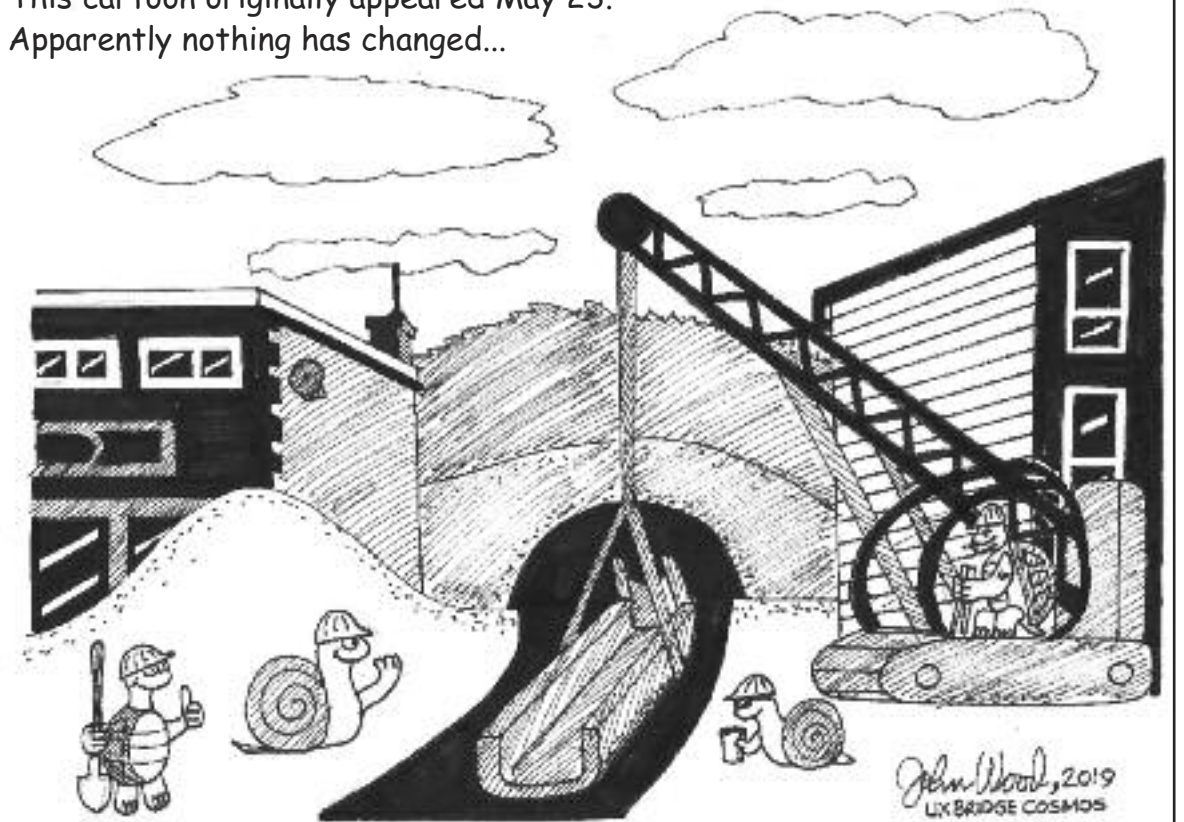
The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) defines animal abandonment as follows: "Abandonment happens when an owner or temporary caretaker of an animal leaves that animal in a public or private place (inside or outside) without intending to return for it and without making provision for its continued care."

What horrible, senseless, cruel person took two small, defenseless *domestic* animals and thought it reasonable to drive along a side road in the country and just drop them off at the edge of a forest? There is, as far as we can surmise, no defense for such an action. Moving? Find a home for them. Did the owner pass away? Find a home for them. Were they too much to handle? Find a home for them. Relationship fall apart? Find a home for them. No matter what the issue is, there is *always* an alternative to driving an animal to the middle of wherever and dropping it off to fend for itself. Those two guinea pigs wouldn't have lasted the night on Sunday - coyotes, bears, even raccoons would have found themselves a lovely late night snack.

Cruelty to animals is not tolerated in Ontario - in fact, it has some of the most rigorous animal cruelty laws in Canada. The OSPCA, however, is no longer responsible for investigating or enforcing animal cruelty laws, but there is an Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre available that can link various resources together (police, veterinarians, etc.) to ensure that animals remain protected while Ontario transitions to a transparent and accountable permanent animal protection system.

This is nice to know, but it really isn't the wisest use of resources to call the police over two guinea pigs. As mentioned earlier, the farmer and his 13-year old sidekick took the wee things home and placed them in a large plastic tote, padded it with hay and straw, and placed some cucumber, apple and water in with them, for them to nibble on. Then they took a couple of photos and put them on social media. Within 12 hours, the two guinea pigs had gained a little bit of fame and a new home. That's all it took, dear low-life who dumped them. A simple Facebook post, and your problem could have been solved. Humanely. Kindly. But no. Cruel to two guinea pigs is what you were. Just remember, what goes around, comes around. And we know of some coyotes that would love a late night snack...

This cartoon originally appeared May 23.
Apparently nothing has changed...



Letters to the Editor

I am very saddened and concerned about the lack of knowledge and understanding of the Rainbow Flag and it's symbol of the LGBT community. It has been established and recognized worldwide. There are only two decisions to be made [with regards to the placement of a rainbow crosswalk or path]:

1. Say yes to our community embracing the idea of a painted pathway. Use it as a positive tool for education and understanding. Or...
2. Say no and announce to everyone that we do not, as a community, welcome LGBTQ members and their families as part of the fabric of Uxbridge.

Council - "Do the right thing!"

Grace D'Andrade
Uxbridge

Last week I attended a meeting with the mayor, two council members and a small portion of our LGBTQ2AI+ and ally community.

We have come a long way, but we need to save every life that we can. That's why a rainbow crossing or some other monument is important, so we can show our support and save lives. We need something visible, not tiny, not one month a year; something that will tell our community, especially our LGBTQ2AI+ community, that we are all welcome, loved and safe here.

It was brought to our attention that a rainbow crosswalk may not be able to be built legally, which we clearly need to look into. I don't want to put our town in a legal place of liability. I would, however, like our town to step up and acknowledge the importance of showing visual support of our LGBTQ2AI+ community. A 'path of inclusion,' as lovely as it may sound, is actually quite painful for us in this community to hear. We are once again being 'hidden' in with all the rest - we don't stand out and

'upset' anyone else. It's time we make keeping our LGBT+ community safe and take a stand to do so.

I suggested painting a rainbow or Pride bridge on the walkway from the Veterans Park to the Elgin Park and putting up plaques with vital information, like definitions, stats, and historical events to educate.

Let's get the ball rolling. Talk to other towns who have the walks already and find out how they got that done without the worry of being sued.

Sometimes we have to just stand together and push for what is right, what is safe, what will make positive change, even if that means going against the grain. Change never happens easily.

Amanda van der Gulik
Uxbridge

The following letter has been edited for length. The full version is available at the cosmos.ca

I was delighted to attend the Uxbridge Secondary School graduation last week. I then read in the *Cosmos*, 1) that the town council was unable to commit enthusiastically to something as simple as a rainbow cross-walk in support of the LGBTQ2S+ community; and, 2) a Letter to the Editor full of scientific misinformation and conspiracy theory. These three events compelled me to write this letter. How are they related? By youth, talent, inclusion, problem-solving, information and our future as a community, as a planet.

The USS graduates represent tremendous potential for the future and I wish them all the best. Based on current demographic data, it is likely that the graduating class includes members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. Through my work in the post-secondary education sector,

I often interact with young people from the LGBTQ2S+ community, who come from small towns just like Uxbridge. I've heard them describe how, as high school students, they felt invisible and afraid in those communities and that, now they have left they are unlikely to return, [living and working in] communities that support and appreciate them.

Consequently, I am disappointed that Uxbridge town council could not enthusiastically endorse something as simple but powerful as a rainbow crosswalk at a central location in town. This failure to act in a positive manner sends a message that is loud and clear to the LGBTQ2S+ community and their supporters.

To members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, and particularly young people, I want to affirm that many of us in Uxbridge value you and support you. I am sorry the town council has failed you in this regard. We need people with different skills sets and innovative approaches combined with accurate scientific information, to inform decisions, develop policy and implement actions.

Finally, to the third aspect of my letter. In contrast to what was claimed by Heinz Nitschke in a recent Letter to the Editor last week, an overwhelming body of data, derived independently using rigorous approaches by numerous scientists across a spectrum of disciplines in many countries around the world, confirms that the climate change we are currently experiencing is not "natural." It is human-induced and it is very serious. Failure to act accordingly will leave future generations, like our own recent graduates, with heavy and complex burdens.

Mr. Nitschke describes conspiracy theories about condensation trails, or con-trails. As a scientist, it is my

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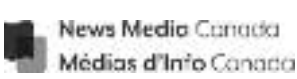
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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Good for the goose but not the gander?

On Sunday, Mayor Dave Barton made a visit to a store in Scugog "to support a great cause." And just what was the cause? A Rainbow Crosswalk fundraiser for Port Perry.

This is the same mayor who vehemently opposes a rainbow crosswalk in Uxbridge to recognize and support this township's LGBTQ community. One of the arguments he put up recently against a rainbow crosswalk in town is that the Highway Traffic Act doesn't allow it. But apparently he has no trouble supporting another community as they seek to, apparently, contravene that same Act.

Both the mayor and Councillor Todd Snooks referred to the Highway Traffic Act a number of times during an informal meeting held on July 2 with members of Uxbridge's LGBTQ community who were trying to convince the mayor to change his mind on a crosswalk. I challenged both Barton and Snooks on that point, asking them if they knew of a single instance where a municipality in Ontario, or even in Canada, had run afoul of a provincial ministry because they installed a rainbow crosswalk. The mayor brought his computer over to the media desk to show me the 164 pages of the Act that are devoted to crosswalks.

"If you can find one mention of the word 'rainbow' in there, then we can talk," he said.

What the mayor apparently fails to understand is, if there is not one mention of rainbows in the Act, then it follows that there is nothing in it that prohibits them.

On the council side, only Barton, Snooks and councillor Bruce Garrod were there. They were not allowed to have a fourth member of council present because that would have constituted a quorum of council and that would not be allowed under the Municipal Act because there had been no official prior announcement of the meeting. I can accept that explanation, but in that case why wasn't Councillor Gary Ruona one of the three on hand? After all, he was the only member of council to oppose Barton's "Path of Inclusion" idea and be in favour of the crosswalk.

During the meeting, the mayor upped the ante on his Path of Inclusion. Now he wanted to call it the "Path of Rights and Freedoms", complete with a mixture of all sorts of various symbols and images designed to "bring a number of people together."

Again, the LGBTQ people balked at the idea. After all, our "rights and freedoms" are celebrated every July 1 and every Remembrance Day.

During the evening, a young girl came close to tears talking about her experiences as an LGBTQ member at school, replete with harassment and discrimination. After her disclosure, the mayor said things are better for the LGBTQ community than they were 20 years ago. He said this to a group of people (most of whom were members of St. Paul's Gay Straight Alliance) who continue to face discrimination. If things are better, Mr. Mayor, why was the rainbow crosswalk in Clarington so quickly defaced by vandals "burning rubber" to leave wide black marks across it? Or the newly installed Sunderland crosswalk, which was vandalized earlier this week.

To my mind, the most egregious comment made that evening came from Councillor Snooks. He noted that the Durham District School Board shows it support for the LGBTQ Community by flying PRIDE flags at school. He then added: "But you want more."

At the end of the evening, after mulling over a few suggestions, the gathering seemed to gather around the idea of a "rainbow bridge", i.e. painting the bridge that connects Veterans Memorial Park to Elgin Park in rainbow colours. If that idea sits well with everyone, there is nothing to stop the mayor or another member of council from presenting a motion at the next council meeting, having it adopted and getting work to proceed. But no, the mayor wanted those present to make a deputation to council asking for the rainbow bridge, at which time it would undoubtedly be referred to staff, who would later present a report which council would consider and so on and so on. In other words, the likelihood of any symbolic show of support for the LGBTQ community in Uxbridge this year is small.

Whenever I pass someone painting a wall, I invariably say, jokingly: "You missed a spot." In this case, it seems to me council has not only missed a spot, they've missed the whole wall.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

What makes a kid's summer

I might have dismissed the email, but the subject line caught my attention. "A Quick Past Memory," it said. A fellow named Bryan Graham contacted me this past week to remind me that his dad and mine had known each other on the job 60 years ago. He explained that he'd tripped over my name in a military newsletter and decided to get in touch to tell me about our families' connection.

"My father, Al Graham, was a district manager in Waterloo for the *Globe and Mail* in the mid-1950s," Bryan explained.

Of course, since my father Alex had worked as a reporter and then columnist for the *Globe* back then, I took a bit more time reading his note.

"The *Globe and Mail* owned a property on the shores of Lake Erie with 12 wooden, very basic cottages and a small recreation building," Bryan continued. "I'm confident our families spent a summer or two there together in the '50s."

He was absolutely right. I'm not sure how it happened, but the Toronto newspaper had acquired these cottages at Port Dover, on Lake Erie, and each summer *Globe* employees took turns – a week or two at a time – staying at the cottages as a summer respite. Bryan wrote about a number of specific memories. He recalled that none of the cottages by the lake had any refrigeration; so, the only way we kept perishables from spoiling was by storing them in an ice box.

"You may remember riding in the wooden wheel barrow with the blocks of ice being delivered to the cottage ice boxes," he recalled.

I couldn't remember the wheelbarrow rides, but I did remember the horseshoe pitches and lawn bowling greens that our parents used as distractions from the day-to-day pressures of working at a daily newspaper in Toronto. I remembered the wooden steps – about 150 of them – that led from the cottages down to the expansive beaches of Lake Erie. And our parents never had to worry about us in the water; we could walk for hundreds of yards into the lake and we'd still only be up to our waists in water.

What made all of this interaction with Bryan Graham even more curious was that only weeks before, I had called the Port Dover Harbour Museum in search of photographs dating back to the Great War. Naturally, I chatted with the archivist at the museum. And we too shared Port Dover memories. She remembered

the downtown bakery. And I said I remembered it too. In fact, I added quickly, I'll tell you of an incident at the bakery that should probably have gotten my father and another *Globe and Mail* cottage pal of his – columnist George Bain – arrested.

"Arrested?" she repeated.

"Yup. Remember the peg just inside the bakery door that held numbers to determine when you'd be served? Well, one Saturday, Dad and George took me to the bakery to help them carry the week's goodies of pastry, donuts, cookies and loaves of bread home. Once inside the bakery, which was packed, Dad and George took a number, got themselves served and then just before they left with their baked goods, they removed all the numbers from the hook, shuffled them, and replaced them."

My friend the museum archivist burst out laughing and then shrieked at the thought of the chaos that must have resulted.

After the exchange of emails with Bryan Graham and the phone chat with the archivist, I figured that would be the last of my memories of Port Dover for a while. But then, following a talk I gave up near Huntsville this week, who should appear at the end of my talk? Bryan Graham. Well, we had to reminisce some more about what was clearly an indelible summer in our childhoods. At some point, over coffee, I asked Bryan if there was a lasting memory of those times in Port Dover.

"I remember walking with my dad past a main street store front," he said. "There in the window was a beautiful, wooden model sailboat. It gleamed in the summer sun. And I never forgot it."

I had a similarly iconic moment from those summers in Port Dover. "Every July, a carnival came while we were renting the cottages," I told Bryan. "And the array of amusements always included something I'd never seen before – bumper cars! Well, I couldn't get enough of them and I insisted my dad take me back again and again all week long."

I've thought a lot about those simple and carefree moments I had that summer as a kid. It's something every kid ought to have. As it is so often with childhood memories, Bryan's golden model sailboat and my bumper car rides hardly seem significant. But isn't it funny how they've stuck with us for a lifetime.

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No to a rainbow crosswalk, but perhaps a bridge?

by Roger Varley

At an informal meeting in held coun-

cil chambers on July 2, Mayor Dave Barton's idea of a "Path of Inclusion" was once again met with opposition,

and it was proposed that the idea of a path be replaced by the idea of a rainbow bridge. The LGBTQ community had originally wanted the township to install a rainbow crosswalk, as has been done in numerous other municipalities.

The mayor used Facebook to call the meeting after suggesting at the June 24 council meeting the creation of a pathway containing a number of symbols, in addition to the LGBTQ rainbow. This suggestion was met with opposition from the local LGBTQ community. About a dozen people, most of them members of St. Paul's Anglican Church's Gay Straight Alliance, attended, as did councillors Todd Snooks and Bruce Garrod.

Barton began the meeting by showing a brief video he had made to illustrate what he now called the "Path of Rights and Freedoms." The path would continue to show various symbols, including the word COEXIST, using an Islamic crescent moon for the "C", a peace sign for the "O", the

Hindu Om symbol for the "E", a Star of David for the "X", a pentagram for the dot of the "I", a yin-yang symbol for the "S", and a Christian cross for the "T". Other symbols he suggested were the familiar wheelchair logo, "Every Child Matters" and a poster with an inspirational message on it.

"We're trying to bring a number of people together, but we can't please everyone," the mayor said. "This is how we can do better at recognizing everyone."

One man in attendance said a crosswalk on a main street would represent safety for the LGBTQ community "from getting run over by society." The mayor responded that the goal of a crosswalk is to let pedestrians safely cross the street and the region and township staff have said rainbow crosswalks should not be installed. He said Ontario's Highway Traffic Act does not allow for rainbow crosswalks. Garrod said some communities have taken out their rainbow crosswalks because of what he called liability issues.

Barton said his opposition to a rainbow crosswalk comes from "trying to do what's best in managing the town."

During the discussion, a young girl came close to tears as she told of the difficulties and harassment she suffers at school. Barton responded that things are better in 2019 for the LGBTQ community than they were 20 years ago. Rev. Mark Kinghan of St. Paul's disagreed.

"We're not better off than we were 20 years ago, especially in small towns," he said, noting the church in general has been an oppressor, "even in Uxbridge."

Councillor Snooks said he agreed with everything the proponents of a rainbow crosswalk said, but added that schools show support with PRIDE flags being flown: "But you want more."

With the people opposed to a multi-symbol pathway and the councillors opposed to a crosswalk, talk turned to other ways of showing support for the LGBTQ community. Kinghan suggested a rainbow sidewalk and one woman suggested rainbow banners be hung from lampposts in the downtown.

By the end of the meeting, there appeared to be general agreement that the pathway across the bridge at the south end of Veterans Memorial Park on Elgin Pond could be painted in rainbow colours. The mayor asked the group to make a presentation to council on the idea, suggesting that the young girl who had expressed distress earlier in the meeting should be the one to make the deputation.



A rainbow crosswalk in Vancouver.

Submitted photo

MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of our June monthly draw for the 2019 Trip of the Month

1st: The 'La Romana Luxury' trip was won by Sharon Trbovich of Whitby, ticket # 340, sold by Doug Wilson.

2nd: The \$150 prize was won by Chasity Gilbert of Sunderland, ticket #374 sold by Ian Morrison.

3rd: The \$100 prize was won by Pat and Bob Van Halm of Uxbridge ticket #174 sold by Elaine deBlicquy

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“We are proud to donate to this organization, a fee-for-service, non-profit organization that provides meaningful day programming for adults with intellectual disabilities,” said Kathy Bridgeman, who co-directed the show with her husband, Mike. “Robin Dwan and Rita van Halteren, who established Creative Connections, are true community heroes in every sense of the word.”

“Uxbridge Creative Connections Support Program is very grateful for being chosen the 2019 uxperience Charity of the Year and for the very generous donation they have presented to us,” replied Dwan. “We had such fun participating in the various

fundraisers and we are very proud of each and every one of our members that were able to perform in the uxperience show. We have earmarked a good portion of this donation to help subsidize families that are struggling to pay for programming. With music being such a big part of our members’ lives, we look forward to supporting uxperience in any way we can in the years to come. All of the uxperience members put so much time and effort into fundraising for the Uxbridge community and a great big thank you goes out to each and every one of you.”

The members of uxperience held several other events to bring in even more money. These included a butter tart festival, a bowling night, a night of helping to serve at Boston Pizza, and 50/50 draws.

This year’s production of music, dance and skits was produced by Cathy Newton. Directors included Christina Enns and James Brown for music, John Wood and Rich Helms for skits, Wendy Dunn and Christine Bowman for dance, and Laura Mombourquette and Jim Peacock for

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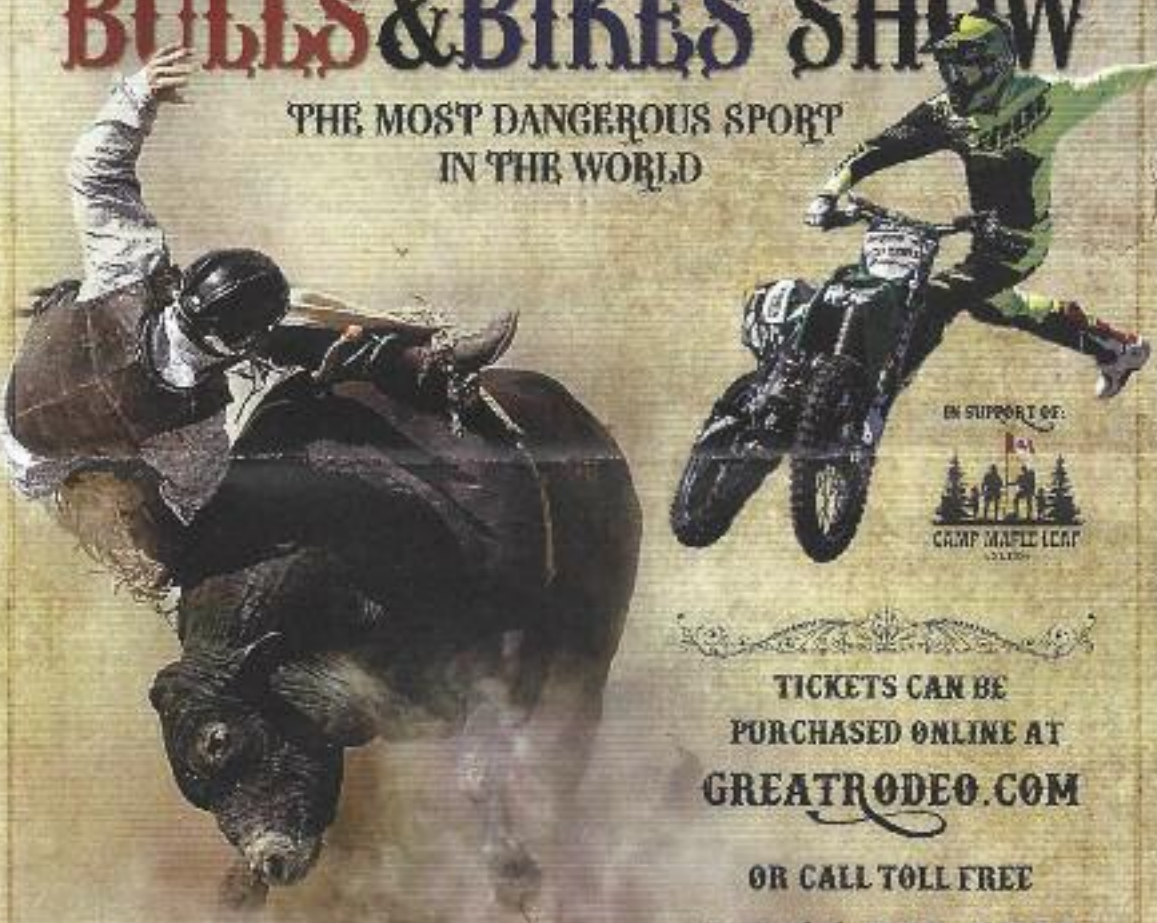
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NEXT WEEK

Fri., July 19: Artists on the Hill.
Uxbridge Historical Centre, 1 - 3 p.m. A drop-in studio session for artists practicing in all media. Gather on Quaker Hill for a chance to chat, share tips and tricks, work on projects, and refresh your creativity. Artists are also invited to set up inside in an air-conditioned studio space, or outside on the museum grounds. Both new and experienced artists welcome. Tables, chairs, coffee, tea provided. Artists to bring own supplies. Admission by donation. For more information, contact 905-852-5854 or email museum@uxbridge.ca
Sat., July 20: Yoga in the Park for Charity. 10:30 - 11:30 am. Elgin Park, Main St. entrance. \$10 each/ \$5 for kids. Hosted by NRG4Life instructors Mo and Mary. All ages & skill levels welcome. Bring your own mat and water bottle (extra mats are 1st come 1st serve). Proceeds benefit Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity.



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UPCOMING

Fri., Sept. 6: Blood Donor Clinic.
Uxbridge Seniors' Centre, 1:30 - 7:30 p.m. Refreshments provided by the Uxbridge Rotary Club.

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responsibility to point out these inaccurate (and scientifically impossible) claims. I offer to connect the writer (and anyone else who is interested) with experienced and knowledgeable sources of accurate information such as aerospace engineers, physicists and environmental scientists.

Similarly, as a biochemist and cell biologist, I can state, with confidence, that aluminium, barium, strontium and sulphur are elements - not nano-particles - and it is the concentration, route of entry, target tissue, perhaps oxidative or ionic state, that, among other factors, determine if an element, compound or chemical is "deadly." Everything around us is made up of chemicals. We are all inherently chemical since chemicals form every aspect of our bodies, from hemoglobin to DNA. Furthermore, the claim that "reported cases of dementia, autism, asthma and respiratory problems went sky-high starting about 30 years ago" (allegedly due to jet traffic) is false. There is no evidence in support of this claim. Disease and disease rates are widely studied by a large community of scholars in most countries around the world. There is a massive body of peer-reviewed literature that is publicly accessible for those seeking accurate information.

Finally, I am huge supporter of local journalism and the role of accurate information and an attentive press, speaking truth to power, in the support of democratic society. Recognizing, celebrating and leveraging all the talent inherent in all of our people is the only way forward for our community and our planet.

Imogen R. Coe, Ph.D.
Uxbridge

On Monday my husband and I went for a walk in the woods behind Walmart. We were surprised to see two Durham Regional Police cruisers there, one idling. Both cars had bike racks, but nobody was around. We walked for about half an hour. When we returned to the parking lot, the car was still idling. On our way out we saw the two officers on their bikes out on the highway.

Wouldn't you think officers who choose to work the bicycle patrol would be more environmentally conscious? Wouldn't you think the Durham Regional Police would have an idling policy for non-emergency situations?

Sheila King
Uxbridge

How disappointing that the Road Safety Committee was tasked to directly look at speed within downtown Uxbridge, and yet this council is well aware of the speeding problems and the high volume of large trucks in Goodwood; a recipe for disaster to the residents and pets in this area. I guess the numerous letters to both the previous council and to this

council (namely the councillor for the Ward 1/Goodwood area) have fallen on deaf ears, as have the majority of complaints for the last couple of years.

There is no sign of the promised solar speed board for Hwy. 47. But then, these boards are only successful with the added enforcement, and that isn't happening.

Also, where are the safety checks on the numerous large trucks (gravel) using the roads in the township, particularly the Ward 1 area? Wouldn't a safety check on the trucks be necessary data to find out just how dangerous our roads are now?

Speeding traffic on residential streets in the township is usually locals who reside in that area, whereas the speeding on Hwy. 47 and Durham 21 are large gravel trucks, delivery trucks and commuters from outside of this area.

Residents have been selected to sit on this Road Safety board; I wonder if any are from the south end of the township, where the speeding has been documented and is a constant problem?

Let's hope the safety of the residents in the south end is important to this board.

Bev Northeast
Goodwood

I imagine a mayor makes a thousand decisions on our behalf every day. Most days, those decisions are just fine with most of us, if we even notice. Now and then, however, there are significant issues in which the public shares an interest, such as a new development application, a big pipe under the downtown, or a friggin' airport!

In a stunning display of arrogance, Mayor Barton has voted in favour of a massive airport development without any public consultation with Uxbridge residents. Our friends and neighbours have been fighting this airport since 1972, after the great expropriation of Grade A farmland for Ontarios' Mirabel. Does Mayor Barton understand that he can be voted out of office as easily as he was voted in? Does [Regional Councillor Gord] Higher?

While the federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is claiming a climate emergency countrywide, the Ministry of Transportation is pushing this environmental disaster. Let's get serious here. There is no such thing as an environmentally sensitive or sustainable airport development, no matter what it's called or how well it's marketed. Further, where will we grow our food if our various levels of government continue to refuse to protect our most productive farmland?

This airport development will permanently and irrevocable change our township into an ugly, flyover industrial satellite, one among many across Canada. Is this what the people of Uxbridge want? Mayor Barton seems to think so.

MK Maynard
Goodwood



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Notice of Commencement

Works Department

July 3, 2019

Public Notice

The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York, the owners of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), have commenced an Environmental Screening Process in accordance with the Waste Management Projects Regulation (Ontario Regulation 101/07) of the Environmental Assessment Act to amend the Environmental Compliance Approval for the DYEC.

The DYEC site is located at 1835 Energy Drive in the Municipality of Clarington, Ontario, Canada and has been in commercial operation since 2016. The DYEC is a waste management facility that produces energy from the combustion of residential garbage that remains after maximizing waste diversion programs in Durham and York Regions.

The Proposed Undertaking: The Environmental Compliance Approval for the DYEC currently allows the facility to process up to a maximum of 140,000 tonnes per year of waste for disposal at the site. The Regions are proposing to increase this amount by 20,000 tonnes per year for a total of 160,000 tonnes. The facility is capable of processing 160,000 tonnes per year with its current equipment and is currently being underutilized despite demand for additional waste disposal capacity for residential waste within the Regions. If approved, the expanded tonnage will allow for greater usage of the existing facility, reducing the reliance on alternate waste disposal facilities outside the Regions' borders.

The Process: The proposed project is subject to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' Environmental Screening Process for Waste Management Projects in accordance with Ontario Regulation 101/07 under the Environmental Assessment Act. The results will be documented in an Environmental Screening Report, which will be released for public and agency review.

During the June 26, 2019 Durham Regional Council Meeting, Council provided the approval to conduct the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference for a separate and possible future expansion to 250,000 tonnes per year at the DYEC. As well, Council approved plans to construct an anaerobic digestion facility with mixed waste processing. These are separate projects and will be conducted under individual approvals processes.

Consultation: There will be public consultations this summer and fall regarding the study and information will be released as the study progresses. For more information about this project visit durhamyorkwaste.ca or sign up for email updates under the What's New section on the home page.



Figure 1 - EA Study Area

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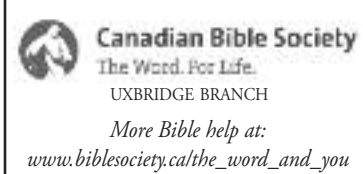
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Spider-Man: Far From Home

If you have not yet seen *The Avengers: Endgame*, stop reading right now as there are spoilers ahead. Ok, that's out of the way here we go.

Why does this new Spider-Man movie feel like an Iron Man film? Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, portrayed by Robert Downey Jr. for 11 years, dies in *Endgame*, a heroic, self-sacrificing death that kills him but brings back the billions who died five years earlier when Thanos (Josh Brolin) wiped out half the population of the universe. Haunting Stark is the death of the kid, the name he affectionately gave Peter Parker, a.k.a. Spider-Man, who like billions of others was reduced to ashes by Thanos. Holding him as he simply faded away, Stark cannot shake his death despite living happily in the woods with Pepper and their child.

Because you are watching a new Spider-Man film, it is very obvious that the Avengers brought back the billions who died, the five year period they were absent now called "the Blip."

Thrilled to be back among his friends in high school (did life not go on during the Blip?), they are about to graduate. But before they do, a trip to Europe has been planned for the class. First stop: Venice, where the water level begins to rise dangerously. An Elemental water creature appears and begins damaging the ancient city. Spider-Man springs into action, aided by Quentin Beck (Jake Gyllenhaal), also outfitted in a super suit. Beck emerges the hero and is dubbed Mysterio, pledging friendship to Peter and the Avengers.

The attacks by the Elementals continue, and Peter learns that Beck is not their friend but is in fact a villain.

Meanwhile, Parker has real teenage troubles, trying to get MJ to notice him so he can tell her how he feels.

Now why does this feel like an Iron Man movie?

The ghost of Tony Stark looms large throughout, from his wanting Peter to lead the Avengers through to the connection to Beck and the Elementals. Even his good friend Happy (Jon Favreau) shows up to coach and advise the young Spider-Man in what he should do and what Stark would want to see him do. Knowing the young Parker loved Stark; that should be easy, but proves rather difficult. It was kind of cool to see Hap romancing Aunt May, played by the smoking hot Marisa Tomei.

Filled with adventure, great visual effects and mad stuntwork, the film is a rollicking good time, typical of the Marvel connection. The films pretty much follow a template. Villain wreaks havoc, super hero shows up to save the day, villain finds out super's weaknesses, but hero defeats villain, rallying from near defeat.

Tom Holland is a terrific Peter

Parker/ Spider-Man, whip smart but raging with teenage hormonal issues. Though Tobey Maguire will always be my Spider-Man of choice, Holland brings a greater sense of being a teenager to the part.

Jake Gyllenhaal is wonderful as Mysterio, something about him is off right from the beginning. He manages just to show up whenever these Elementals are wreaking havoc, a red light. With slippery movie star appeal, Gyllenhall seduces Peter, and he fools Nick Fury too (well, sort of). It was fun watching the actor enjoy himself so much and deliver the goods in the part.

No secret I adore Marisa Tomei, so any excuse to see her, I am down. Favreau does good work and Samuel L. Jackson is rock solid as Nick Fury. Straight up - I missed Tony Stark. Knowing Iron Man is dead was rough, and to his credit, Holland bears the weight of that loss in his performance. It certainly speaks to the impact of Downey Jr. in the films, he was clearly the beating heart and soul of The Avengers. Can Peter Parker assume his position? The huge shoes he must fill might be too large for the web slinger, and Holland is not the actor Downey Jr. is.

A little hint - do stay through the credits because all is not as it seems.

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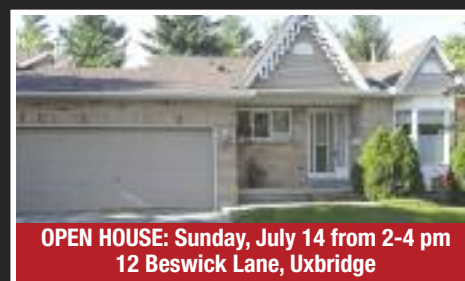
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