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THE LOOK OF SOCIAL DISTANCING - Mayor Dave Barton, left, and Ward 4 Councillor Willie Popp use two grocery carts in Zehrs to demonstrate appropriate social distancing. Each cart, plus the space occupied by the cart operator, represents six feet (two metres), the distance that the Public Health Agency of Canada recommends people maintain between one another in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, a hostile coronavirus that has caused a global pandemic.

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Uxbridge all but shut down by COVID-19

by Roger Varley and Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Uxbridge has been shut down by the COVID-19 virus to the point that a council meeting was held yesterday (Wednesday) with no one present in the council chambers, including the mayor and councillors.

The special emergency meeting was conducted electronically, with council members, staff and the media logging in via their computers. Deputy clerk Josh Machesney said the meeting used technology similar to Skype to connect all the participants live. The public could watch via a live video feed on the township's E-Scribe page. Questions from the public and media arising from the proceedings were sent by way of e-mail. Machesney said amended provincial legislation allows for such an electronic meeting.

It was the latest strategy put into place by the township to help contain the virus. Over the

weekend, all municipal parks, playgrounds and outdoor recreation facilities, with the exception of the trails, were closed. Previously, the township had closed facilities such as Uxpool, the arena, the Music Hall, community halls, the Library, the seniors' centre and the youth centre. At one point on Tuesday, there were only two employees in the township offices.

The township has also issued a ban on all open-air fires in order to free up the fire department's resources for COVID-19 related issues. As well, the township is offering to delay automatic property tax payment withdrawals, but anyone wanting to take advantage has only until tomorrow (Fri., March 27) to notify the township. Details can be found at https://uxbridge.ca/news_Notice_Regarding_Pre-Authorized_Tax_Payments

The downtown retail area resembles a ghost town, with few stores open and almost all on-street parking spaces empty. At the south end

of town, Zehrs market is attempting to keep grocery shoppers apart by marking out large squares around the cash registers. Still, many shelves remain empty as people continue to panic-buy and hoard.

Dr. Carlye Jensen of the Uxbridge Health Centre said Tuesday that some Uxbridge residents have been tested for the virus but she didn't know the exact number. She said privacy issues come into play when talking about positive tests, but added if any tests were positive it would likely be announced by health officials. She noted it takes five to seven days to get test results.

"We're not seeing massive numbers" of tests, she said.

Jensen said the clinic is seeing "a fair number" of people with respiratory ailments but it is hard to tell whether they result from the 'flu, colds or the virus. She added, however, there

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for the Month of March, 2020

Monday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.
COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

Wednesday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.
**EMERGENCY SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

Proclamations for the Month of March

- Purple Day to Promote Epilepsy -
March 26, 2020
- Pi Day of Giving to Ontario Tech University -
March 14
- March is Epilepsy Awareness Month

Tender U20-06

Propane Furnace Zephyr Community Centre

Sealed Tenders will be received until 2:00 pm on
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Weight Restriction Season

Reduced load regulations will be in force on all roads under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge effective March 1st, 2020 to approximately April 30, 2020. .

Vehicle loads must not exceed the allowable limit of five (5) tonnes per axle.

Uxbridge at a Glance

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- Garbage and recycling pickup continues without interruption
- Water and Sewer bill payments are not accepted at Town Offices at this time
- Indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, the skate park and the pump park are closed. Parks, trails and the Countryside Preserve remain open for use at residents' own risk. Please maintain a 2 metre (6 feet) physical distance between other users
- The Township of Uxbridge Municipal offices are closed to the public. Sale of transit tickets, garbage tags and recycling bins is suspended. Please direct inquiries to 905-852-9181 or info@uxbridge.ca
- Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter is closed to the public. Pet adoptions and donations of supplies are suspended at this time. Call 905-985-9547 between 10 am and 5 pm for assistance with sick or injured domestic wildlife and animals at large
- Water Sample dropoff at Town Offices has ceased - residents may visit 181 Perry Street, Port Perry. Drop off sampling east side rear entrance. Telephone Number: 905-985-4889
- A Fire Ban is in full effect throughout the Township - no permits will be sold, no open-air burning of any kind will be permitted until further notice
- All Advisory Committees are suspended until further notice
- The Arena is closed until April 6th. Call 905-852-3081 for more information
- Uxpool is closed until April 6th. Call 905-852-7831 for more information
- All Community Halls are closed and bookings cancelled. Call 905-852-6761 for more information
- The Music Hall is closed until April 6
- Seniors Programming is cancelled at the Seniors Centre, most permits cancelled.
- Communi-Teas are postponed until further notice
- The Library is closed until further notice

Please visit www.uxbridge.ca for a current list of closures and updates.



Residents Urged to Contact Tax Dept. prior to March 27th to stop or withhold payment
The Township of Uxbridge is advising residents who wish to cancel the next monthly tax-payment withdrawal or stop pre-authorized tax payments to contact the Tax Department prior to March 27th. The next withdrawal date is April 1st. Any PAP payments cancelled (unpaid) will remain on your tax account, to be paid at a later date.

Please contact the Tax Collector by email at sstraughan@uxbridge.ca or call 905-852-9181.

Township of Uxbridge Employment Opportunities

Full details on employment opportunities for students and adults looking for summer employment within the Township of Uxbridge can be found at uxbridge.ca/employment_opportunities

The Township and its associated entities continue to accept job applications for current positions. The interview process to fill positions may be delayed or postponed. Applications and resumes may be submitted electronically, through the mail, or in our "Red Barn" dropbox. Closing dates still apply.

We are an equal opportunity employer in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and the Ontario Human Rights Code (OHRC). The Township of Uxbridge will provide accommodations throughout the recruitment and selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities and/or needs related to the OHRC. Personal information provided is collected under the authority of The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Local Resources to Assist

Do you need help, or can you help?

A good number of local organizations and residents are teaming up to assist the vulnerable in Uxbridge:

- Durham Region Transit is temporarily not requiring fares to use the transit system
- Helping hands - a volunteer task force set up to help those at home, will run errands, pickup drug prescriptions, shopping or supplies. Contact them at uxbridgehelpinghand@gmail.com
- Community Care Uxbridge 905-852-7445
- Community Resources:
<https://www.durham.ca/en/regional-government/covid-19-community-resources.aspx>
- Financial Security:
<https://www.durham.ca/en/regional-government/covid-19-community-resources.aspx#Financial-Security>
- Support for Vulnerable Residents:
<https://www.durham.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=946e64d5-3722-43ba-8997-3f71df90fc7d>
- Walmart Uxbridge and Zehrs Uxbridge provide health-vulnerable and seniors-only shopping hours from 7-8 am daily
- Vince's Uxbridge provides order picking, delivery to car or home-delivery service
- Several pharmacies offer home delivery of prescriptions and medical aides

Remain up to date:

- Uxbridge Health Clinic (Dr. Carlye Jensen and Dr. Jennifer) Wilson provide regular updates at: <https://www.uxbridgehealth.ca/covid-19>
- Durham Region provides accurate regional facts at: durham.ca/NovelCoronavirus

Concerned about COVID 19?

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COVID-19 update, from page 1

are no positive cases at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

She said staff at the clinic and the hospital are doing well.

"We have a strong team of professionals in Uxbridge," she said. "Adversity can bring people together. We're going to win this."

Further afield, Pickering-Uxbridge MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy has spent the last week confined to a 15 x 15-foot room in his home after being

tested for COVID-19. His office said he was tested March 17 after complaining of a head cold, fever and tiredness. As of press time Tuesday, he had not heard the results of the test.

Last week, the Region of Durham closed its headquarters and all regional offices to the public. On Tuesday, the region declared a COVID-19 state of emergency, but the region's bulletin did not say just what that declaration entails. Within the region, Durham Transit is providing service for free, while operating

ing on a reduced service schedule. GO train and bus services are also on a reduced service schedule.

The province has set up a "self-testing" site on the internet. It can be accessed at ontario.ca/dw6j. The Ontario government has also released a list of non-essential businesses that must be closed, which includes all personal services such as hair salons, nail spas and the like.



Longtime Goodwood resident celebrates a big birthday

Lillian Hope (née Bacon), who has lived in the Goodwood area her entire life, celebrated her 101st birthday on March 15. Along with partaking in the usual cake and ice cream, Hope also challenged a friend to a walker race.

"For someone at 101 of age, you wouldn't expect such incredible agility," marvelled her niece, Betty Groff. "Yes, sometimes her arthritis acts up, and yes, she needs a little more help these days, but she recently fought a bout of pneumonia - and won!"

Hope still lives in the home that she built with her husband approximately 70 years ago, now sharing the space with her brother. Her family is inviting those who know her to take respect social distancing right now, but to take some time for a phone call to mark this milestone birthday. "Enjoy your year, Aunt Lilly! We look forward to celebrating your 102nd birthday!" laughs Groff.

Photo submitted by Betty Groff

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23 Game table fabric

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29 Bow wood

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31 Hillary Clinton ____ Rodham

33 Arousing or provoking laughter

35 Ship part

36 Rulers of Russia

37 Cluttered

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44 Monopoly avenue

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35 Noted economist

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43 Victoria's Secret model wear

45 Aromatic drink

46 Genesis vessel

47 Caustic substance

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

What you need to know to help you and your family stay healthy.

- Only visit an assessment centre if you have been referred by a health care professional.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- Monitor for symptoms after travel.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Be prepared, but avoid panic stocking.
- Caring for those who are ill? Take precautions.
- Clean high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Order your prescription medication.
- Practice cough and sneeze etiquette in transit.

If you have symptoms, take the self-assessment at ontario.ca/coronavirus. Or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007) or your public health unit.

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Our two cents

The karma of kind

One can certainly agree with us when we pronounce that the COVID-19 pandemic that has us all in its grip at the moment is bringing out the best in some people, and the worst in others. We know firsthand of two instances where the most unbecoming aspects of humanity have shown themselves. One happened at a local box store. We saw a woman loading her large shopping trolley with multiple cans of baby formula and jars upon jars of processed baby food. Another woman approached the shelves and, finding them freshly emptied, asked the woman with the overloaded cart if she could have just one can of the formula, and four jars of food.

"No! It's mine! First come first served," snapped the cart-pushing woman as she marched away with enough baby supplies to service a busy daycare for three months.

The other miserable example of ugliness occurred in a local grocery story. A woman had taken her 86-year old father out to get some necessities. As they wandered the empty paper goods aisle looking for toilet paper (what else?), they spied four lone boxes of tissues. "We'll take two, and leave the other two for someone else," the daughter told her father. As the elderly man was lifting his two small boxes off the shelf, a woman came racing up the aisle and lit upon the man, grabbing his tissue boxes and shouting - literally shouting - "Mine, mine, they are mine!" The poor man, too stunned to know what was happening, staggered back and automatically relinquished the boxes, but his daughter, who apparently was in the armed forces in a previous life, reacted more quickly, and grabbed the attacking woman's arm. The tissue taker then struck the daughter's face, to which her reaction was a good solid shove into the shelving unit. Long story short, the father had to have the back of his hand looked at where the tissue taker had gouged a hole with her fingernail when she launched herself at him. The tissue taker was taken away by security.

Shame. Shame is what both the tissue taker, and the baby food lady, and any other person who has stepped on another to get what they want in these unprecedented times, should feel. We want to wish that the coronavirus would deliver them a blow that would make them think twice about being so wretched, but it isn't nice to wish ill upon people. And we need to be nice right now.

Nice like the Facebook group that's calling itself Uxbridge Helping Hands. Nice like the gentleman in our Classifieds who's willing to help. Nice like our loyal advertisers at Coldwell Banker, who gave up a week's ad spot to tell the township that they are on call, not to sell you a house, but to help you while you're stuck in your house.

So many of our local businesses are working hard to maintain a sense of normalcy through a time that is anything but normal. Curbside delivery of a coffee? Doable! Curbside delivery of your medications? Also doable! We can't be close to one another physically right now, so why can't we forge links and bonds that transcend physicality? A kindness, a good deed - they shouldn't be heroic acts right now, they should be the norm. We don't know for how long this could go on. If we want to come out on the other side with our health and sanity intact, we have to not only heed the rules, but heed one another. The Golden Rule applies here: do unto others as you'd have done unto you. And if you don't, remember - karma is a b@\$#. Who just might need toilet paper.

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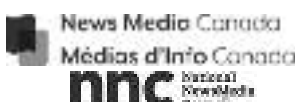
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Letters to the Editor

Spring Song in Uxbridge

The ice is gone from Elgin Pond. Drab colours will soon turn to soft pinks and greens.

The sun sparkles diamonds on the water where ducks are upended and squabbling geese fly by in family groups.

Nearby the mayor and his cohorts sweep down on a swath of trees.

In their relentless search for gold the beauty and lungs of our community are quickly reduced to sawdust, soon to be replaced by ticky-tacky.

Elsewhere where the streams of nature are rejected bricks crumble and sidewalks crack.

Mature trees on Reach await the axe. Where is vision, where is thought...the Mother of us all cannot be bought.

Saundra Reiner
Uxbridge

Re: 'New money paves the way for cyclists to enjoy local roads,' March 5 edition

This headline in the March 5 issue of the *Uxbridge Cosmos* made my blood boil. The first thought to enter my mind was, "Oh great, now local residents will get to see even MORE ig-

norant, belligerent and uncaring cyclists in Goodwood."

It truly baffles logic, how this municipality panders to (non-township-taxpaying) cyclists, most of whom have no regard whatsoever for the rules of the road. These people have either forgotten about the safety provided of riding in single-file (which I learned about when I was a child), are indifferent to the security it provides, or have never heard of it (which I would find extremely difficult to believe). They do not understand that stop signs apply to them too, as they do to motorists.

I am not convinced that a death caused by not heeding these basic rules will change their mindset; they obviously think that they are invincible.

The mantra "share the road" applies just as equally to cyclists with motorists, as it does to motorists with cyclists, period. The fact that I have to state this is a sad reality.

Considering that there is much more vehicular traffic in general, where is the money to repair Hwy. 47 from Goodwood to the York-Durham line? That is an area in much more dire need of repair than Conc. 3 from Wagg Rd. north 0.8

km towards Goodwood. Where are the funds to repair the treacherous railway crossing on Goodwood Rd. between Hwy. 47 and Conc. 3? Why are we appealing cyclists? To invite additional, inappropriate and unwelcomed behaviour? It makes no sense. The township has its priorities backwards (again).

As for Ward 4 Councillor Willie Popp's comment of "These paving improvements will be appreciated by our local cycling clubs and visiting cyclists who will be able to enjoy our spectacular country roads without worrying about flat tires or dangerous pavement conditions," I say boo-hoo. I have little sympathy for those who categorically refuse to observe laws enacted for personal safety.

K. Stiles
Goodwood

Re: 'Am I Wrong?', March 19 edition

You're right, Roger! Thank you for sharing so many common sense points. I believe we have all become a little lax on our social common sense, and a reminder at this time is beneficial. We may go overboard, but let's be safe and considerate of others.

Donna McKenney
Uxbridge

CORRECTION

Re: 'Township hunkers down amid new COVID-19 directives', March 19 edition; particularly the portion of the article that refers to the discussion on the use of the Delegated Authority powers.

The article reports that CAO Honey stated "an Emergency did not need to be declared." In fact, she was indicating that in order to implement delegated authority, an emergency did not need to be declared. Councillor Highet had asked questions about the generic conditions under which this delegation of authority would be used. He did not ask if an emergency needed to be declared as a response to COVID-19. The CAO's response of "I don't think it needs to be declared" was addressing the terms under which the Delegation of Authority would be implemented. It was not a comment on the gravity of the pandemic situation.

The *Cosmos* apologizes for this error and any confusion it may have caused.

Perhaps we should get our priorities straight during this COVID-19 pandemic and donate to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, Community Care, Salvation Army, Canadian Red Cross, and so on. These care-giving organizations give comfort and assist our town and community in times of health needs, loneliness, stress and depression.

It's time to make thoughtful decisions re: donations.

BJM
An Uxbridge senior



From the MP's desk

column by Jennifer O'Connell, MP

Canada is coping with COVID-19

For well over a week now, you've been self-isolating and practicing social distancing to protect yourself, your family and vulnerable groups in our community from the spread of COVID-19. I know you're worried about caring for your kids and your family, or worried about your business or your job and how you will pay your bills.

While you are helping protect your community by limiting the spread of the virus, your government is unwavering in its commitment to support Canadians, our health-care system, and our economy. These are truly extraordinary times, and no Canadian should have to worry about paying their bills, rent, or putting food on the table.

As the first phase of Canada's COVID-19 \$82 Billion Economic Response Plan, we are providing immediate help to Canadian workers and business that are most in need. For a full, comprehensive look at our government's response, visit joconnell.liberal.ca. Here are just some of the measures we'll be taking:

- Introduce an Emergency Care Benefit of up to \$900 bi-weekly for up to 15 weeks to provide income support to workers who must stay home and do not have access to paid sick leave. This measure could provide up to \$10 billion to Canadians, and includes workers, including the self-employed, who are sick, quarantined, or who have been directed to self-isolate but do not qualify for Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits.

- Provide eligible small employers a temporary wage subsidy for a period of three months. The subsidy will be equal to 10% of remuneration paid during that period, up to a maximum subsidy of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer.

- The Canada Revenue Agency will allow all businesses to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020. For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020.

- Workers, including the self-employed, who

are taking care of a family member who is sick with COVID-19, such as an elderly parent or other dependents who are sick, but do not qualify for EI sickness benefits, as well as EI-eligible and non EI-eligible working parents who must stay home without pay because of children who are sick or who need additional care because of school closures will also be eligible for benefits.

- Provide additional assistance to families with children by temporarily boosting Canada Child Benefit payments. This measure would deliver almost \$2 billion in extra support.

- Provide additional assistance to individuals and families with low and modest incomes with a special top-up payment under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit. This measure would inject \$5.5 billion in the economy.
- Reduce required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25 per cent for 2020, in recognition of volatile market conditions and their impact on many seniors' retirement savings.

While these measures will take 2-3 weeks to roll out directly to residents, this wide-ranging support will help ensure Canadians can pay for rent and groceries, and help businesses continue to pay their employees and their bills during this time of uncertainty.

This is just the beginning, and our government will be there with you every step of the way. We will do whatever it takes to keep you and your family safe, and our community thriving. This situation is changing on a daily basis and you can stay updated on the latest information by visiting canada.ca/coronavirus. The prime minister has said there is nothing we won't do to keep Canadians safe. I know that together, we'll get through this.

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The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Front-line forces waging war on a virus

I don't think I'd ever encountered a more driven medical professional in my life. When I met Bill Wilson back in 2004, to me he epitomized the ultimate first-responder. He was young, fit, even-tempered and well-informed; in fact, when I interviewed him, he'd already served as a front-line medic in Canada's military operations to Somalia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Afghanistan. Yet, there he was, a veteran from all those military hotspots, back studying at Canadian Forces Borden.

"I enjoy the role of responsibility," he told me. "I love the challenge."

On April 17, 2002, medical sergeant Wilson faced perhaps the toughest challenge of his medical career. That night, U.S. Air Force jets mistook Canadian ground troops for insurgents in Afghanistan and unleashed a 500-pound, laser-guided bomb on training companies of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; it killed four and wounded seven more.

"I flew out of that ambulance so fast," Wilson said. "I was focused on the casualties."

When I caught up with Wilson a couple of years ago, he'd retired from the military, but not from medicine. He told me after his honourable discharge, he'd upgraded his skills to become a physician assistant in Windsor's hospital system, and this month found himself back on the front lines fighting COVID-19, applying the same intensity with which he attended the wounded in the war on terrorism back in 2002.

"Eighteen years ago, I was painting my face for missions in Afghanistan," Wilson emailed me this week. "Yesterday, I shaved my face for the war on a virus. ... My N95 mask, at least, will have a better seal."

On Monday morning, Prime Minister Trudeau stepped from Rideau Cottage, where his family has self-isolated for the past week. While most of his daily press briefings this week have exhibited an air of reassurance, on Monday he showed the most emotion yet. He's clearly angry that too many Canadians refuse to take seriously medical experts' advice to self-isolate.

"We've all seen the pictures of people who seem to think they're invincible. Well, you're not," Trudeau said, his face as stern as we've seen it. "Enough is enough! Go home and stay home!"

The Prime Minister has not resorted to the most powerful weapon in his legislative arsenal. But Justin Trudeau might have to unleash the Emergencies Act – as his father Pierre did with the War Measures Act in 1970 against FLQ terrorists – in order to get non-compliant Cana-

dians' attention.

I don't toss Trudeau's "enough is enough" rebuke out there as a threat, but rather as a plea on behalf of Canada's front-line medical professionals. You and I cannot know what they're experiencing because, unlike doctors, nurses and orderlies in our urban and regional hospitals, no cameras or microphones are allowed beyond the walls of the COVID-19 quarantine. Only they who are battling this unprecedented disease know its virulence and trauma.

By coincidence, this past week, I connected with a second professional inside the Windsor-area health-care system. Dr. Dave Paterson and I have communicated because, in a few weeks, we were supposed to fly to the Netherlands to join 75th anniversary commemorations of the Dutch Liberation at the end of the Second World War. Predictably, Dutch authorities have cancelled all commemorations in May because their pandemic numbers, like the rest of Europe, grow exponentially. Front-line Dutch health-care workers are deeper into the so-called coronavirus upsurge than we are, but we're getting closer.

"It's like sitting on a tranquil shore by the sea," Paterson described to me. "Suddenly, this giant wave appears. There's nothing you can do."

If you think Dr. Paterson is fear mongering, I'd point out to you that authorities in Windsor – as in other Ontario health networks – are contacting retired physicians, such as Paterson, to reactivate their medical certificates and return to the medical front-lines ASAP. Add to that, I'd also direct your attention to the comments of Drew Dilkens, the mayor of Windsor.

"Our supply of masks, ventilators, gloves and gowns is not robust," Mayor Dilkens warned on CBC News on Monday. "We're not in dire straits, but the situation is critical."

Behind where the mayor sits, where Ontario's stretched medical system works furiously through admission, triage, quarantine and intensive care unit processes, out-of-retirement doctors such as Paterson and former wartime medics such as Wilson confront this menace day and night.

"My floor (has just been) designated the COVID admission floor," Bill Wilson emailed me this week, and remembering that night in Afghanistan, he added, "I am right back in the thick of things."

He's not allowed to shame his non-compliant neighbours the way a prime minister can, or he too would say, "Enough is enough! Go home and stay home!"

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A note from Dave's desk

column by Mayor Dave Barton

Uxbridge & COVID-19

I'd like to start this column by stating how proud I am of Township residents for pulling together to isolate in order to slow the spread of the

coronavirus, and for volunteering to help others in our community. I know the staff on our front lines at the hospital and in our medical clinics appreciate your support.

In order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect our community, we have closed all outdoor playground and recreation amenities. We took this step to help minimize the number of surfaces multiple people can touch, and to reduce the opportunities for people to gather in

groups where they might spread the virus. Our sidewalks, trails and parks are still open, so take time each day to get outside and enjoy fresh air and sunshine. Just remember to maintain public distancing to avoid the spread of illness between households.

We know that residents are concerned about financial stability. Our tax department is working on ways to help residents manage their tax payments in order to give people flexibility planning their household budgets over upcoming weeks. Check out uxbridge.ca to learn more about this topic.

We announced a fire ban to reduce unnecessary calls to the fire department. We need our emergency services staff to be focused and ready to respond to community needs.

Municipal staff are working to provide the services you need. We are

asking the public to contact us via phone or email. We have updated each department's webpage with the information you need to connect with our staff. Ward councillors and myself are listening to community concerns as well, so continue to reach out via email, phone and social media.

Things will continue to evolve, and we likely have tough times ahead. Please stay connected - your community connections, 105.5HitsFM, local papers and township/regional/provincial/federal websites are the best ways to stay informed. This is an extremely stressful time for us all. Please, as much as you are able, use technology to communicate with your friends and loved ones and try to limit your hours spent dwelling on this pandemic and the 24-hour news stations.

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No Bruins banquet but lots of awards

by Roger Varley

The Uxbridge Bruins have postponed their annual banquet until later in the year because of COVID-19. However, the team has announced the winners of the awards

handed out each year.

The Ivan Cox Memorial Defenceman of the Year award goes to over-ager Adam Turner, the team captain. In his last year in a Bruins uniform, Turner had six goals and 16 assists.

The Rookie of the Year award recipient is Uxbridge resident Andrew Swan, who played all 42 games with two goals and seven assists.

The Spirit of the Bruins award, presented by the *Uxbridge Cosmos* and Vince's Market, went to another retiring Bruin, Cameron Moffitt, who contributed 11 goals and 12 assists.

Toby Copper was the recipient of two awards: the Coaches and the Roy Cordingley Memorial Most Sportsmanlike trophies. Cooper finished third in team scoring by notching 11 goals and leading the PJHL's Orr Division in assists with 40.

The most improved player was 16-year-old goalie Cameron Smith, who was thrown into the fire as the team's number one goalie.

The team's Most Valuable Player award went to veteran Justin Bennett, who finished his last season as a Bruins first in scoring, with 20 goals and 34 assists for 54 points.

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A & W Uxbridge - Drive through/Take out
 B & L Country Kitchen - Take out
 Boston Pizza - Takeout
 Captain George's Fish & Chips - Take out
 Extreme Pita - Delivery/ Take out
 McDonald's - Drive through/Take out
 Pizza Pizza - Take out
 Swiss Chalet - Delivery, Take out
 Thai Village - Delivery / Take out
 Tin Truck - Take out
 Urban Pantry - Delivery/Take out
 Wimpy's Diner - Delivery/Take out
 Dominos Pizza - Take out
 Free Topping Pizza - Delivery/Take out
 MC Asian Kitchen - Delivery/Take out
 Uxbridge Smokehouse - Take out
 Pizzaville - Take out
 Subway - Take out
 Wendy's - Take out
 Halibut House - Delivery/Take out
 Tim Horton's - Drive through/Take out
 Nexus Coffee Co. - Take out (limited hours)
 Tin Cup Café - Take out
 Col. McGrady's - Take out (limited hours)
 The Bridge Social - Delivery/Take out
 Corner House Pub - Take out
 Hobby Horse Arms - Delivery/take out
 The Second Wedge Brewing Co. - Drive through,
 Wixan's Bridge - Delivery/Take out
 Scrambles Kitchen & Bar - Take out (limited hours)
 Harvey's - Delivery/Take out

The Bar Café -Take out
 Annina's Bakeshop - Take out
 Osmow's - Delivery/Take out
 Symposium - closed
 Village Cupcakery - closed
 Chen's China House - Closed

Food Shops

Bulk Barn - Open
 M&M Food Market - Open
 The Meat Merchant - Open/Delivery
 Today's Natural Solutions - Open/Delivery
 Vince's Market - Open
 Zehrs Market - Open with revised hours/Seniors hour avail.
 Shoppers Drug Mart - Open/Seniors hour
 Pharmasave - store open, delivery
 Trail Capital IDA - store open, delivery
 Rexall - open
 LCBO - Open, reduced hours
 The Beer Store - Open, reduced hours
 Kawartha Dairy - Walkthrough window open
 Global Pet Foods - Open
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Shops & Services

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 Passionate Cook's Essentials - Store open with reduced hours/delivery avail.
 Passionate Cook's Bistro - closed
 Blue Heron Books - Delivery/services available

Canadian Tire - Open/delivery
 Mark's - closed
 Woods Clothing - Closed/delivery
 Dollarama - Open
 Keith's Flowers - Store closed/Orders taken/Delivery
 Rutledge Jewellers - Closed
 Staples - Open
 Community Cleaning - Open/Delivery
 Sugar FX - Closed/Delivery
 Rona Cashway Building Centre- Delivery
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 Williamson's - Open
 Ron Brown Auto - Call ahead
 Rusnell Auto - Open
 Uxbridge Auto - Call ahead
 Wash Worx Laundromat - open
 Brian Evans Financial - open
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