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**A PEACEFUL STAND-IN** - Hundreds of people came and went throughout the day last Friday as part of a demonstration in front of the township offices on Toronto St. S. The rally was just one of thousands of similar anti-racism, anti-police brutality protests that have occurred around the world since the death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis. For more, see story on page 3.

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## Flag-raising reopens 'symbolic' debate

by Roger Varley

When the PRIDE flag was raised on the flagpole outside the township offices last Wednesday, June 3, it was against township policy. On Monday, council passed an amendment to that flag policy by granting an exemption for the PRIDE flag - for this year.

That led to a lengthy debate about how the township should approach the display of symbols and flags of movements or organizations.

Mayor Dave Barton said the PRIDE flag was moved to the flagpole because the lobby of the township offices, where it would normally be displayed, is closed to the public because of the COVID-19 situation. The township's flag policy, set several years ago, allows only official Ontario and Uxbridge flags to be flown on township flagpoles. This was done to prevent the township being sued by any organization that felt it was being unfairly denied access to the flagpoles.

In discussing the exemption, Councillor Willie Popp said it was not meant to change the policy overall. Barton added that the exemption was merely to approve something that had already been done. Attending Wednesday's flag-raising were Barton, Popp, Councillor Bruce Garrod, Rev. Mark Kinghan, Kathleen Carroll and her seven-year-old daughter, Aidan, who raised the flag.

Only Councillor Todd Snooks opposed the exemption.

Councillors then debated how to move forward on the subject of inclusivity. Garrod referred to discussions held by this council earlier in its mandate about a rainbow crosswalk, as well as a pathway along Elgin Pond that would feature various well-known symbols. He offered that perhaps the township should designate several sites where groups such as PRIDE could display their flags and symbols, and suggested council set up a committee to address that idea.

"How do we get this very important topic back on the agenda?" he asked.

Councillor Gary Ruona responded that "we've already discussed this at length. I thought we'd buried it. There are only a few who are marginalized."

In turn, Barton replied that "we need a wide-open discussion." Garrod said Friday's demonstration in support of George Floyd protests around the world shows others in the community have concerns that are not being listened to.

"Council needs to show they have listened," he said.

Snooks, talking about forming a committee, advised council to receive feedback from the community as a whole.

"It needs to be an open discussion," he said. "It can't be one-sided either way."

After council approved Garrod's motion to form the committee, Barton noted: "We missed the boat last time."



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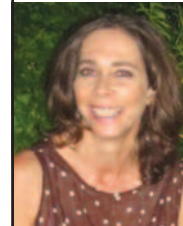
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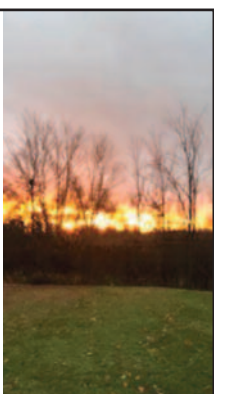


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## Council & Committee Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for June, 2020

Monday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL COMMITTEE OF  
ADJUSTMENT MEETING

Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Check the Calendar of Events at [Uxbridge.ca](http://Uxbridge.ca)  
for upcoming Virtual Advisory Committee  
meetings.

## Important Dates from the Tax Department:

To minimize the financial strain that COVID-19 may have caused residents and businesses, the Township of Uxbridge implemented a two-month grace period, effective from the April 2020 installment date. The final date of the grace period is June 30, 2020.

The 2020 Final Tax Installment Due Dates are:

- July 29 & September 28 for Residential, Farm and Managed Forest Properties
- August 17 & September 28 for Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Residential and Pipeline Properties

## Blue-green Algae Bloom Identified in Elgin Pond

Testing by Durham Region Health Dept. on June 1 has identified a small blue-green algae bloom in Elgin Pond in the area of Mill St. and Conc. 7 (Main St.). The public is advised to be cautious around blue-green algae as some blooms can produce toxins which may be harmful to humans. People and pets should not swim or play in areas where foam, scum or mats of algae are present on the water's surface. Drinking water or consuming fish from affected areas is also not advisable. For more information about blue-green algae, visit [durham.ca/beaches](http://durham.ca/beaches) or call the Environmental Help Line at 905-723-3818 or 1-888-777-9613.

## Temporary Road Closure

Victoria Street from Brock Street West to King Street West, on Sunday, June 14 from 7am – 3pm.



# Uxbridge at a Glance

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## BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Council of the Township of Uxbridge invites applications from members of the public who are qualified electors of the Township of Uxbridge who wish to have their names considered for an appointment to one of the following Committees for the remaining term of Council (expiring November 30, 2022).

### Uxbridge Downtown Revitalization Committee

This Committee will act as an advisory Committee for the Uxbridge Downtown Revitalization Project that will deliver a vision, a strategic plan and an action plan focused on the longer-term economic development and social well-being of the downtown area.

The Township is searching for nine dedicated, results-oriented volunteers for this Committee who have experience, skills and/or training in the following areas:

- Engineer (Site planning and/or technical construction commercial dev.)
- Commercial landscape designer
- Architect
- Four (4) Business and/or Property owners located in the downtown area (within the Central Business District as defined in the Township's Official Plan)
- One (1) Business and/or Property owner located within the Township of Uxbridge, but not within the downtown area; and
- One (1) Resident (own or rent) who resides within the downtown area

Note: Previous demonstrated interest in the downtown will be considered an asset.

The deadline for submissions to this Committee is **Wednesday, June 17, 2020.**

### Economic Development Advisory Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to Council on matters relating to the attractions, development, and retention of all business sectors within the municipality inclusive of aggregates, manufacturing, commercial (personal service and retail), agriculture and home based businesses. The ideal candidate would have experience and expertise in the areas of agricultural and/or agri-tourism.

The deadline for submissions to this Committee is **Friday, June 19, 2020.**

Any person interested in offering their services, and would accept an appointment, is invited to submit a Committee Member Application Form available on the Township's Website <https://www.uxbridge.ca/committees> along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned.

Any questions regarding these Committees may be directed to the undersigned.

Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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## Cancellation of Camps, Summer 2020

We regret to announce that all Summer Camp programs have been cancelled. Full refunds will be issued automatically in the form of a credit deposited to your ActiveNet account, to be applied to future a program. Should you wish to receive a credit card or cheque refund, contact [camps@uxbridge.ca](mailto:camps@uxbridge.ca) and include your full name, address, and name(s) of participant(s).

## Street Sweeping

Street sweeping has begun and will take 6 – 8 weeks to complete. Please try not to park on the streets during this time. Sand may be raked into the curb/gutter but please do not leave sand in piles or in pails, as these will not be picked up. Any areas that are missed due to parked cars will be redone after all sweeping is complete.

Below is the schedule for sweeping:

1. N/W corner of town - COMPLETED
2. S/W corner of town - COMPLETED
3. S/E corner of town - COMPLETED
4. N/E corner of town - UNDERWAY
5. Rural subdivisions and hamlets - JUNE
6. Town parking lots - JUNE

(The town portion is divided into 4 areas with Brock & Main Streets as the centre point.)

## Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to [uxbridge.ca/tenders](http://uxbridge.ca/tenders)

- U20-18 Rout and Seal – due June 16, 2pm
- U20-19 Catch Basin Cleaning – due July 7, 2pm
- U20-15 Design/Engineer/Proj.Mgr. FOU Baseball Diamonds – due July 15, 2pm

The Township continues to accept bids and tenders – all bids must be received by the Township, by the deadline stated. Bids may be delivered electronically or mailed to P.O. Box 190, 51 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge or left in our 'Red Barn' drop box. In-person submissions are not accepted at this time due to the Township office closure. Public tender openings will not be held until further notice.

## Local Resources to Assist

Visit

<https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/news/resources-to-assist-businesses-and-residents.aspx>

for links related to support provided by local organizations, various levels of government, and reliable health sources.

### Create Your Online Store for Free!

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## Service Updates

### Reopenings:

- Uxbridge Public Library is now offering 'Curbside Pickup' Tuesdays through Saturdays 10am-4pm. Items may be placed on hold and picked up at the rear entrance via social distancing wait spots. Contact [www.uxlib.com](http://www.uxlib.com) or 905-852-9747 ext. 2 to leave your name, library card number and up to 3 items on hold.
- Area trails have reopened including TRCA, LSRCA and Durham Forest! Visit <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/news/walking-trails-open.aspx> for details.
- The Fire Ban has been lifted – fire permits are available for sale at the Fire Hall, Monday through Friday between 8:30am – 4:30pm. Social distancing measures are in place and exact cash payment or cheques are preferred - no debit sales.
- The skate park, pump park, off-leash dog park, tennis courts, soccer pitches and baseball diamonds have re-opened for the enjoyment of families/individuals. Team sports and games (formal or informal) are prohibited at this time. Physical distancing requirements remain in place as are bans on groups of more than 5 people (not from the same household).
- Visit <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/news/select-township-facilities-reopen-for-use.aspx> for updates.

### Closures/Cancellations:

- Decoration Service at Zephyr Zion Cemetery scheduled for Sunday, July 5 has been cancelled.
- All events at the Thomas Foster Memorial are cancelled for the remainder of the year.
- Outdoor playgrounds, washrooms, water stations, play structures and fitness equipment, public swimming pools, splash pad, museum, library and arena remain closed.

Township of Uxbridge documents are available in alternate formats upon request.  
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Local protest part of international stand against racism

by Roger Varley

Dozens of protesters lined Toronto Street South in front of the township offices Friday, joining the thousands of similar anti-racism, anti-police brutality protests that have occurred around the world since the death of George Floyd, a black man who died at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis.

The protesters held up a variety of signs, eliciting supportive car horn blasts from most of the passing traffic. One resident, James Drake, brought a supply of bottled water for the protesters.

The day-long protest was organized by Zed Pickering and Maggie Finlayson, both young Uxbridge residents. Pickering said the protest began at 7 a.m. and continued until 9 p.m., with about 20 people per hour scheduled to take part or about 300 people in total. The protesters

represented almost all age brackets. Pickering and Finlayson were there most of the day. The group was joined by people from Bowmanville, Whitby and Port Perry.

"We wanted an opportunity to show Uxbridge is standing with others," Pickering said. He said the protest would only be for one day, but hoped the issue of racial discrimination becomes part of the daily conversation.

Pickering said he has been the victim of discrimination, but noted there are different levels of discrimination. He said it might be as simple as seeing someone cross the street to avoid him or refusing to sit next to him on a bus. His sister, Carleigh, said she had seen some intolerance when she went to school in Blackstock, but added she hasn't seen any discrimination in Uxbridge. She described Friday's action not as a protest but as "a peaceful stand-in."



Signs and protesters outside the township offices. Photo by John Cavers

Take a stroll through the gardens - virtually

COVID-19 and the lockdowns it has caused has prevented people from enjoying many of their annual spring activities, including going on local home and garden tours. The Gardens of Uxbridge Tour, however, is still on! Online, that is.

Seven outstanding gardens in the Uxbridge, Claremont, and Sunderland areas are just now being captured on film at the very height of their June magnificence. The photos and videos of the peonies, the roses, many unusual blooms, the fabulous lawns and trees, will show the gardens at their absolute best.

On Saturday, June 20, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. only, visit gardensofuxbridge.org, sign in, then sit back and imagine smelling the flowers. Visitors will be able to sit at home with a computer screen, and hosts will walk them through the paths and past the flowerbeds.

"We will show you unusual plants, and groupings of plants perhaps you haven't seen before," says Barb Pratt, one of the organizers of the online tour. "Some of this year's garden hosts are artists, and you will see how beautifully their art is incorporated into their gardens."

Marjorie and Jeff Mason, broad-

casters ("Let's Get Growing", CKDO, 9 a.m., Saturdays) and garden professionals (Mason House Gardens) will be in some of the gardens to comment and give expert opinion and advice.

The online tour is free of charge. It will be online any time between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 20. uxbridge.org, and sign up.

"This will be a unique version of our popular annual Gardens of

Uxbridge Garden Tour, says Pratt. "Enjoy the experience!"

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Please continue to support the businesses that we feature on these pages and online - they keep the Cosmos alive.

**The Uxbridge COSMOS**

Lisha Van Nieuwenhove  
Publisher/Editor



# Our two cents

## Don't take away that privilege

Last week the *Cosmos* had one editorial cartoon all done and ready to go. Then, things changed, and the cartoon could no longer run in colour, it had to be black and white, so we changed the original a little and ran the black and white one. We did, however, post the colour cartoon on our Facebook page. It features Ches and Wal, our resident squirrels, walking together, and everything about them is not the colour it "should" be. The sky is yellow, the trees are purple, the boys themselves are green. One of them quips "Does colour *really* matter?" It got some interesting response. In a nutshell (pun intended), the *Cosmos* was criticized on for expressing "white privilege" in the cartoon, that it was a "prime example of the misunderstanding of the Black Lives Matter movement." Those who made comment on it made it clear that they completely missed the point of what the cartoon was trying to say.

The *Cosmos* was not coming from a place of white privilege, and we take umbrage with being told we did. Would the writer have said that if they *didn't* know the publisher, or cartoonist, or editor, was Caucasian? What would the replies have been then? We're truly curious to know. Because we didn't see it as a "white privilege" statement, although we can certainly see, upon revisiting the cartoon, how it could be taken like that. Step back, however, and look at the bigger picture, if you will. All that was meant was that the colour of someone's skin is *not* the defining feature of *anyone*. As a sign from the rally last Friday here in town said, we all bleed red. Our only response to the Facebook post said: "attaching different colours to different things - or people - doesn't fundamentally change what or who they are in relation to others. Whether a tree is green and brown, or purple and orange, it can still be appreciated as a tree, and celebrated for its differences! Colours of people don't matter - we should love, celebrate, accept and allow everyone to be as they are."

If that's white privilege talking, then we're not sure what else we're to say, how else we're supposed to think. We personally have not walked a mile in the shoes of one who has suffered from racism. We never claimed we had. But damn it, we *know* that we *do* have a live and let live philosophy with regards to every single human with whom we come into contact. A jerk is a jerk, no matter what colour their skin. A saint is a saint in the same way. And if those statements are "white privilege," then we demand to know just what it is that people of colour are fighting for, and wanting us to fight for alongside them. Because we truly don't see what else there is besides fairness, equality, understanding, and love. This is way oversimplifying things, but if we all took this fundamental approach towards one another and loved our fellow humans *for* and in *spite* of our differences, the world would be a very different place. That *is* the endgame, is it not? To create a better, different reality for us all? According to its official website, the Black Lives Matter movement is "committed to struggling together and to imagining and creating a world free of anti-Blackness, where every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive." This. Yes. YES.

To paraphrase singer/songwriter Billy Joel, the publisher of this newspaper didn't start the fire. But we *guarantee* that we are trying hard to learn, understand, and even help put the fire out. We don't want to be put in a position where we're essentially damned if we do, damned if we don't. All we wanted to do was show open minds and open hearts. If that's privilege, then it's a privilege everyone should have.



## Letters to the Editor

### Re: "Catch the Ace" Progressive Weekly Lottery Update

A sincere thank you to all those who have supported the Uxbridge Rotary Club "Catch the Ace" Progressive Weekly Lottery during our first three draws. Over \$100,000 has been donated to local charities as a result.

Given the uncertainty of these unprecedented times, and not knowing exactly what the new normal in terms of handling cash and paper ticket sales is going to look like, we have elected to wrap up the current lottery, and donate the progressive jackpot, which was accumulated during the first seven weeks of our third lottery, totaling \$3049.50, to the local Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

Our committee is currently investigating how "Catch the Ace" tickets in Uxbridge might be safely and re-

sponsibly sold in the future. Please watch the *Cosmos* for updates later in the year and thanks again for supporting this successful community fundraiser.

### Rotary Club of Uxbridge Catch the Ace Progressive Lottery

Now that the situation [re: COVID-19 cases] at Revera's ReachView Village has been recognized, the people of Uxbridge can rest easier knowing there isn't an unseen army of COVID infected people waiting to bring us down.

Keeping conditions like this under wraps confounds me. Why the need to hide or camouflage this information from the public? The full knowledge would serve to rally support for ReachView Village as well as comfort the minds of those in the area who are intimidated by the virus' spread.

Another effect of not stating the situation clearly is that we can become suspicious of other long-term care homes whose names don't appear in the statistics. Has Butternut Manor or Revera's Port Perry Place had no cases or are they being cloaked in secrecy?

I believe that taxpayers deserve the respect of our governing bodies and their departments in treating us with honesty and transparency.

**Dave Jones**  
Uxbridge

**Editor's note:** Neither Butternut Manor, a privately owned retirement residence in Uxbridge, nor Port Perry Place appear on the list of institutions that have or have had outbreaks of COVID-19, as provided online by the Durham Region Health Department. For details, visit [durham.ca/covidcases](http://durham.ca/covidcases)



**PUMP UP THE BANK ACCOUNT** - The Optimist Club of Uxbridge, represented by Chris Wilson, right, safely delivered a \$75,000 cheque to Mayor Dave Barton in front of the township offices recently. The money was raised by the local Optimist Club during the Fantasy of Lights, and will go towards the completion of the Optimist Pump Park, located at the Fields of Uxbridge.

Photo by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

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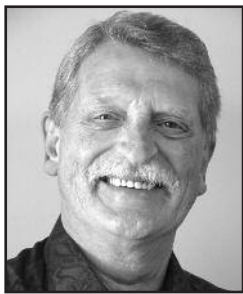
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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### Missing the bigger picture

This is not the column I had intended to write this week, but my editor just let me read the editorial written for this week's edition and I have to respond: not to the editorial, but to what led up to it.

Last week, the *Cosmos* ran a cartoon by John Wood. There were two versions, one in black and white and the other in colour but with the trees, the sun and the sky all in colours not usually associated with said items. It included Wal and Ches saying "Colour doesn't matter anyway."

Surely, anyone with a modicum of intellect would take that quote exactly as it was intended: a statement that everyone needs to be treated with respect and dignity regardless of the colour of their skin. But a handful of our readers took exception to the cartoon, labelling it as an example of "white privilege." "White privilege" is, of course, another way of saying racism.

Anyone who could possibly believe the *Uxbridge Cosmos* is a bastion of racism obviously needs a remedial lesson in reading and digesting what they have read. This newspaper has always stood against racism or discrimination in any form. I have written several columns decrying racism, although in my case it usually has been aimed at the never-ending discrimination faced by Canada's native population. This newspaper has come out strongly in support of the LGBTQ+ community over the years. However, those accusing the *Cosmos* of white privilege either chose to ignore our past history of support for marginalized communities or, to give them the benefit of the doubt, haven't been reading the newspaper that long.

But to take a four-word quote in a cartoon that graphically illustrates what that quote means and take it out of context requires some astounding mental gymnastics. It has been my experience, however, that too many people either just read headlines and form their opinions from them or miss the entire premise of an article because of their own prejudices.

As an example, a number of years ago I wrote a column that seriously impacted my personal life. I wrote that I would not be

standing for the national anthem anymore and listed a number of reasons why. Without re-running the entire column here, I pointed out that U.S. law officers were allowed to make arrests - at gunpoint - on Canadian soil, that China had bought a B.C. coal mine and decided only Chinese nationals could work there, that Canadian banks were being forced by the U.S. government to hand over records of their American-born customers, that U.S. border guards had access to a Canadian woman's health records and on and on. I then asked: "Who stands on guard for Canada?"

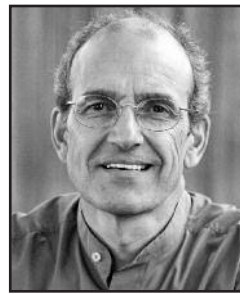
None of the points I raised were ever addressed by my detractors. Instead, I was subjected to lectures on how our veterans had fought for the rights and freedoms I enjoyed and I was disrespecting them if I didn't stand for the anthem. None of them, including my own family, saw the irony in chastising me for exercising those rights and freedoms. They just read what they wanted to read and went off half-cocked.

So it is with the current wave of protests across the U.S. While hundreds of thousands of people are calling for justice and equality under the law, too many people prefer to focus on the fact that a few are taking advantage of the situation to loot stores. They focus on one small detail and miss the big picture.

In the theatre, every member of a cast receives a copy of the script where all the words they have to say are written down. But in a well-directed play, the cast sits down with said scripts and studies the lines to understand just what exactly the character actually means when he says those lines. We look for the underlying message. Otherwise, the script has no nuance, no subtlety. It's the same with anything you read.

But it seems that in today's society, there is no room for nuance or subtlety. Social justice warriors are primed to jump on anyone using what they deem to be the wrong word or phrase. It further seems to me that the only way for anyone to avoid criticism these days is to keep their mouth shut.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### The will that sparks change

I should have recognized the prophetic nature of his view of life. I could have understood it, if I'd experienced as much living as he had. But when I met him, he was a 50-year-old dishwasher in the back of a popular roadside diner near Baltimore, Maryland, and I was a 16-year-old bussing tables and stocking shelves in the same restaurant, owned and operated by my uncle. I worked many a hot night side-by-side with Mr. Beale (as we all knew him) back in the summer of 1965. And early on in our kitchen co-worker relationship, I naively asked him what life as an African American had taught him.

"We shall overcome," he said.

Those words weren't original to Mr. Beale. They were, of course, adopted by a generation of Americans who'd witnessed a beloved president assassinated, astronauts land on the moon, an unpopular foreign war, the desegregation of U.S. schools and the martyrdom of their nation's greatest civil rights leader all in the same decade. But I remember Mr. Beale using them whenever I asked him about the apparent injustice of life for blacks in America. When I wondered why a middle-aged black man hadn't managed to get ahead in life, he said he was content to have a job that provided for his family. When I asked if he was angry at a society for treating him as a second-class citizen, he applauded the freedom for which his country's constitution stood. If I questioned his apparent calm in the face of blatant racism, he smiled and assured me that change would happen.

Isn't it extraordinary that more than 110,000 Americans have died as a result of infection from the novel coronavirus, but it's the death of one man in a Minneapolis street during an arrest gone horribly wrong, that has shaken the American Republic to its core and grabbed the world's attention daily for nearly two weeks. George Floyd, handcuffed and being taken into custody because four Minneapolis police officers wanted to question him about a counterfeit \$20 bill, lost consciousness and died because the officer's knee on Floyd's neck apparently asphyxiated him.

"I can't breathe," Floyd repeated to the officer for many minutes before another officer noted their suspect had no pulse. And Floyd's dying words have become a clarion call-to-action across America for a complete review of the way police, courts, educators, the health system, politicians and civilians view their fellow black Americans. "I can't breathe," now millions of protestors have repeated, demanding change.

I thought the tipping point might come with the presidency of Barack Obama. I watched. We all watched when the first African American president was sworn in on Capitol Hill in Washington. When he said, "This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed," during his 2009 inauguration, and spoke with astonishment that "a man whose father, less than 60 years ago, might not have been served at a local restaurant, can stand before you to take a most sacred oath," we all thought this was the moment change would happen. But it wasn't. There were more police shootings of young black men and women. There was more violence and then came a president prepared, indeed eager, to set the clock back to the 19th century.

I've wondered since those summer days in 1965 why it's taken us - yes, I include those of us of Caucasian privilege in Canada - so long to do something against systemic racism. Then, I watched CBS News' *60 Minutes* broadcast Sunday night. In an interview with correspondent Bill Whitaker, Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the legal defence fund with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, noted the catalyst her country (and Canada too) has been waiting for.

"This is 2020. But you know what happens when you don't deal with things that you should've dealt with? You keep reliving the past," she pointed out. "So, for anyone who's lamenting what we've been seeing over the last two weeks, ask them how much they have worked to improve the country." And about the 18th century founders of her Republic, she added, "They didn't get the job done. They left this work for the rest of us to do."

That's why I've been thinking about my 1965 acquaintance in the back of my uncle's diner this week. Mr. Beale wasn't nearly as angry or frustrated as some of his younger fellow citizens in the 1960s. But unlike so many of them, who demonstrated and demanded, Mr. Beale never gave up the will. I became more politically active after that summer. I read up on history and politics of inequity and studied to become a journalist. But I became one of Sherrilyn Ifill's "lamenters." Mr. Beale, it turns out, knew the secret of bringing about change.

"I never get angry," he told me. "But I never give up either."

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# Municipal summer camps a no-go, but a 'modified' version still possible

by Justyne Edgell,  
Local Journalism Initiative  
Reporter

Thanks to COVID-19, hundreds of kids won't get to go to summer camp. In a report to council on Monday, recreation co-ordinator Hunter Jarvis

announced that the township's summer camp program will not take place this year. But campers (and parents) - don't despair. The team behind UxCamps is working in conjunction with Public Health to come up with a modified version of the popular day programs.

"We're trying to keep the spirit alive, but these are really tricky circumstances and whatever we come up with won't look like the traditional UxCamps," says Jarvis. "Naturally, these programs would be of a smaller scale, so as to comply with physical distancing protocols, and

further requirements for health and safety would need to be implemented"

COVID day camp regulations limit camp groups to 10 participants maximum (including staff and parents/guardians), which would realistically look like eight campers per group. Each facility is also limited to hosting only one camp group where a distance of two meters can be maintained between participants. For example: Elgin Park can usually hold between 150 and 280 campers, but under COVID regulations, the park could only accommodate 16 campers.

As of now, no modified camp plans have been solidified.

"We have to look at the facilities we have in the township. We're looking at all angles to see, but we don't know what that will look like yet," says Jarvis.

Jill Blanchet has put her children in the day camps in the past. "I, like a lot of parents in the community, rely on UxCamps as a safe place for my kids to have fun while I'm at work - it's bittersweet. As a nurse in our community, I can understand the weight of making that decision but we must remember it's for the greater good of our community."

For those who have already registered, full refunds will be issued to the participant's ActiveNet account and can be used towards future township programming. Visit [uxbridge.ca](http://uxbridge.ca) for details.

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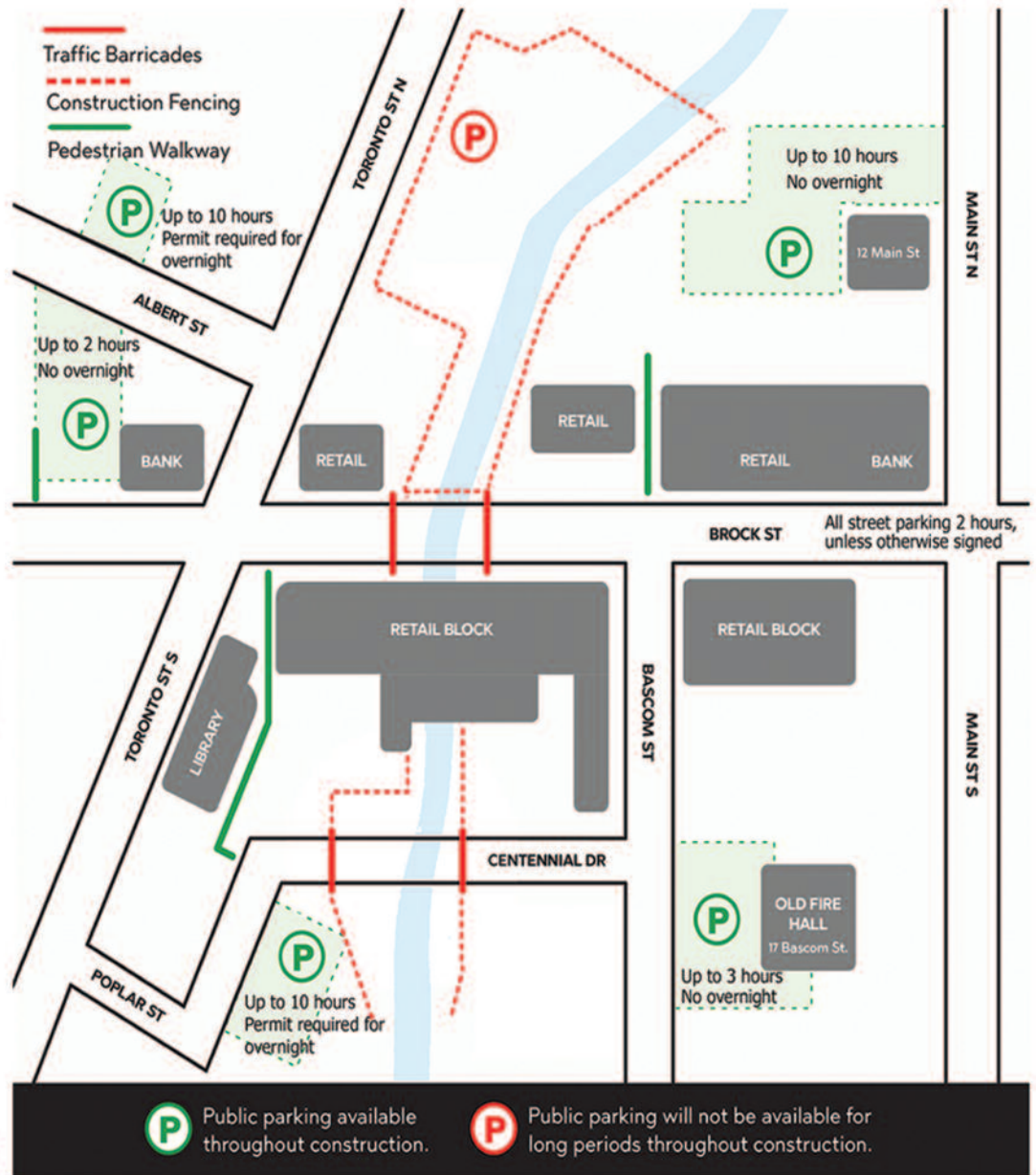
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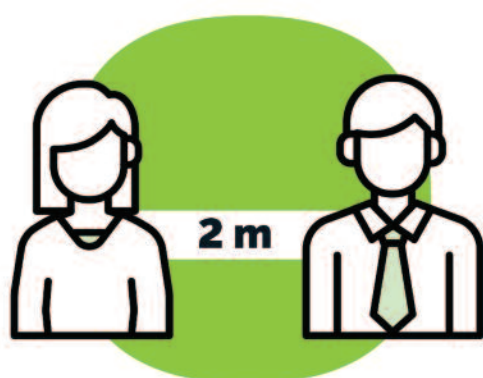
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Durham doesn't make stage 2 list

by Justyne Edgell,  
Local Journalism Initiative  
Reporter

On Monday, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced that, as of 12:01 a.m. tomorrow (Friday, June 12), parts of the province will enter stage 2 of re-opening, after having been in practical lockdown due to the novel coronavirus since the middle of March. This good news, however, does not extend to Durham Region.

The provincial government decided that the safest way to enter stage 2 is with a regional approach, recognizing that different geographical areas of the province have experienced this pandemic differently, and that re-opening should reflect the progress of each region.

The regional chief medical officers will work with the government to determine an appropriate opening for each specific area, as the COVID case counts are seen to consistently diminish.

Those regions who are allowed to enter stage 2 will see more businesses resume work, such as hair salons, movie theatres, restaurants and childcare centres, all at 30 per cent capacity and with social distancing guidelines still in place.

It was also announced Monday that province-wide, the social gathering count will rise from five to 10 people, and places of worship can open at 30 per cent capacity.

While regional businesses won't be opening their doors just yet, as of last week, Durham Region has joined the ShopHERE program, which helps independent business owners and artists create an online store, free of charge. Store owners will work with marketing and business students to create an online presence, which will hopefully provide some revenue while awaiting a physical re-opening. To learn more, and to apply for the ShopHERE program, visit [digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere](https://digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere)

The Golden Horseshoe, which surrounds the western end of Lake Ontario and of which Durham Region is a part, is the only area in the province besides Windsor-Essex and Lambton to remain in stage 1. These areas are reminded to continue to practice physical distancing and proper sanitization.

The provincial government says it will announce further updates next Monday, along with any possible new regional re-openings for the following Friday.

Local churches keeping doors closed for now

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

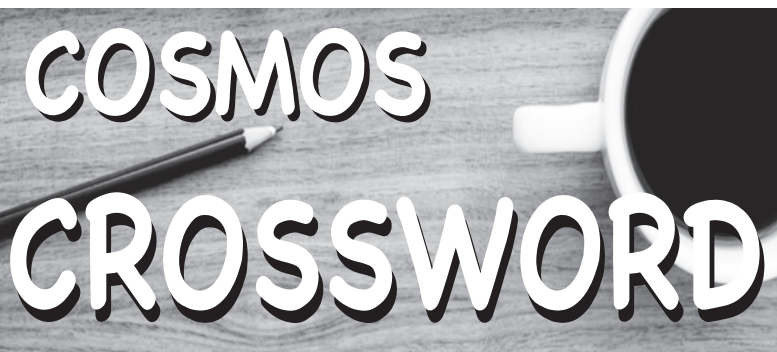
Despite being told they could welcome worshippers again, many local churches will keep their doors shut, and continue to operate as they have been for the past three months.

On Monday, the provincial government announced that places of worship could open up, but only seat 30 per cent of the building's capacity, as well as follow current physical distancing and sanitation guidelines. However, St. Paul's Anglican Church will continue to offer online worship services that include prayers, readings, hymns and a sermon. The videos are available at [stpauls-uxbridge.ca](https://stpauls-uxbridge.ca), and a few were done in partnership Trinity United Church, which will also remain closed for now.

St. Paul's Rev. Mark Kinghan explains that "many of our members are vulnerable due to their age. We are using as much technology as we can to offer spiritual resources, worship services and hymn sings. As well as nurturing people's spirituality and faith, we are conscious of the need to remain connected with each other in a time when we are socially isolated from one another."

St. Andrews-Chalmers Presbyterian says it will continue its online worship services at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube.

As of press time, the Uxbridge Baptist Church was still evaluating whether or not it would open.



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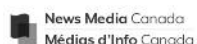



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# Focus on Finance

with Tammy Scuralli, Edward Jones

## Highlights of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will provide a monthly taxable benefit of \$2,000 for up to four months to certain workers impacted by COVID-19. The Government of Canada confirms individuals will qualify for the benefit if they meet all of the following conditions:

- Live in Canada and are at least 15 years old.
- Stopped working because of COVID-19 or are eligible for EI regular or sickness benefits.
- Have not voluntarily quit their job.
- Had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application. On April 15, the government announced changes to expand the eligibility rules to:
- Allow workers to earn up to \$1,000 per month while collecting the CERB
- Include seasonal workers who have exhausted their EI regular benefits are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work because of COVID-19.
- Include those who have recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a

job because of COVID-19.

### Top Up for Essential Workers:

- The federal government and provinces will cost-share a temporary top up to the salaries of low-income workers deemed essential in the fight against COVID-19.
- Essential workers who earn less than \$2,500 per month will have their incomes topped-up.

### Increase to the Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

The federal Government is providing up to an additional \$300 per child through the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for 2019-2020 and estimates this will mean

an additional \$550 more for the average family.

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## BROPHY, Barbara Ann (née Beard)



Passed away peacefully at Lakeview Manor, Beaverton on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Chris Brophy (April 6, 2020). Loving mother of Tina Vale, Michael (Bonnie), Catherine (Corey) Anderson. Cherished Nan to Josh, Cassandra, Mindy, Christopher, Lindsay, Taylor, Griffin and Grace; and adoring Great-Nan to Danika, Daiya, Darcey, Dax, Dustin and Vivian.

Barbara was born in Toronto on May 6, 1938, to Francis Russell (Russ) and Christine Ellen (née Carter). She is survived by her brother Rick (Sharon) and predeceased by her brothers Fred and Tom.

A Celebration of Life, now combined with her late husband, Chris, will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge (905-852-3073). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes or Community Care Durham. For online condolences, please visit [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)



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Went to be home with his Lord after a full life marked by love, purpose and adventure. Beloved husband of Aleta for 44 years, father to James, Jon (Karen), Charis (Aaron), Sarah (Byron), and Benjamin (Brooke). Inspirational and fun-loving Opa to Jobe, Grace, Mary, Ruby, Oliver, Amber, Taylor and Leah.

Rod grew up in Winnipeg with parents Jim and Nanie, and brother Richard. At the age of 23 he began a teaching career that spanned 40+ years. He is remembered by students as a tough but fair and compassionate mentor, who taught with grace and humour. Rod loved the outdoors and logged more than 40,000 miles crossing Canada by canoe, snowshoe and dogsled, leading school groups and family trips.

After retiring from Holy Trinity School in 2012, Rod continued to volunteer teach, participate in mission trips to Africa and Ontario's far north, organize teams to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Canada, and pour boundless energy into Africycle. He helped coach youth baseball, took up taekwondo with the grandchildren, and began the Uxbridge Pickleball Club. He was a friend and helper to many, including several Syrian refugee families. A man of action, a communicator and organizer, Rod displayed Christ's love to all of us who knew him.

Sadly, the cancer Rod fought so valiantly and diligently for nine years eventually took him away from us. We wish to thank the staff at Sunnybrook Hospital, especially Dr. Emmenegger, for their excellent care, as well as Rod's primary and palliative care physician, Dr. Wu. We are grateful to family, ex-students and colleagues, and many friends for your prayers and encouragement along the way.

A service of remembrance will be held at a future date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, PO Box 388, Uxbridge, L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). In lieu of flowers, a donation could be made to one of the organizations close to Rod's heart . . . Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Africycle, or Uxbridge Baptist Church's Heart to Heart mission. Condolences may be made at [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca).

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