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Vaccinations in Uxbridge, North Durham, to begin next week

by Justyne Edgell,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Durham Region residents are rolling up their sleeves as COVID vaccines for those 80 and older become available in the Region. While this feels like a huge step towards a safer, and more normal, future, many people are confused as to where, when and who actually qualifies for the shot.

On Monday morning, the Region opened up vaccine booking for those 80 years of age and older (or turning 80 in 2021), at either the Clarington or Pickering vaccine clinic. Booking for those first available slots reportedly filled up in about 45 minutes. Those who were unable to sign up for a shot due to the clinic being fully booked are encouraged to check back frequently, as more appointment times will become available.

Throughout the province, each region's public health department is in charge of following the

phased vaccine roll-out plan, which explains why there may be some differences when it comes to the timing of each region's vaccine availability. At this time, the vaccine is available *only* to those who are 80 years of age and older, to adults receiving chronic home care, or to those who live in congregate care settings.

Local family physicians, Dr. Carlye Jensen and Dr. Jennifer Wilson, released a detailed newsletter on the specifics of getting vaccines into the arms of Uxbridge community members. And they explain in this newsletter that "the vaccine roll-out is extremely strict and we must play by the rules."

They acknowledge that many people are feeling anxious about when they will get their turn, but offer assurance that no one who is willing to be vaccinated against COVID-19 will be left out.

Community-based vaccination clinics in North Durham are set to open on March 15. These clinics will operate on a rotating sched-

ule with select days in Brock, Uxbridge and Scugog per week. By *Cosmos* print time on Tuesday, information on how and when to book at community vaccination centres was not yet available. More information will be released in the coming days.

Along with the question of where and when also looms the question, "what"? With four approved vaccines now available, can one choose which one to receive? In short, no. Procedures, as they stand right now, dictate that the vaccine administered is the vaccine that is in stock at the vaccination centre attended. Right now, the only vaccine in stock in Durham is the Pfizer shot.

While each vaccine may be a little different, with varying degrees of reported efficacy, they have all been approved to significantly reduce the effects of the COVID-19 virus, and to help get the public back to a safer future.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for March 2021

Monday, March 15
10:00 a.m. COMMITTEE MEETING
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. COUNCIL EDUCATION
SESSION - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY TRAINING
Open to the Public
7:00 p.m. OFF LEASH DOG PARK
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
BIA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 3:00 p.m.
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.
PUBLIC MEETING (ZBA 2021-01
EVENDALE APARTMENT)

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 1 to approximately May 1, 2021.

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Parks Department
STUDENT, GENERAL LABOURERS
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Have Questions about COVID Vaccination Clinics?

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Active Transportation Plan

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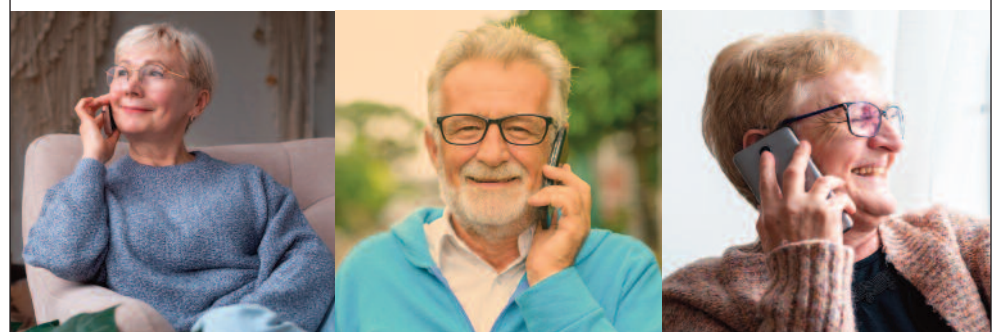
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Uxbridge at a Glance

Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning an Application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

This Notice is to inform you that the Township of Uxbridge has received an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application which has been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Sections 17 and 34 of the Planning Act. The Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Township Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Sections 17 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, submitted by Evendale Developments Ltd.

The statutory public meeting will be held in an electronic format only in order to practice social distancing and help stop the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with Ontario Regulation 149/20, Special Rules relating to a Declared Emergency under The Planning Act. The Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS:

• The purpose of this application is to amend the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan to re-designate the subject property from "Residential Area" to "Residential Area Higher Density" and introduce site specific

permit the proposed 6 storey apartment building.

• The purpose of this application is also to amend the Township Zoning By-law to re-zone the subject property from "Residential Holding (RH) Zone" to "Residential Multiple Density (RM) Zone" to permit the proposed 6 storey apartment building.

• The subject property is designated as "Living Areas" on Schedule 'A' – Map 'A2' of the Durham Region Official Plan and identified as "Residential" on Schedule "A" of the Township Official Plan. It is currently zoned "Residential Holding (RH) Zone".

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property, is located at the north-west corner of Herrema Boulevard and Brock Street E. It is legally described as Part of Lot 31, Concession 7, Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE NO.: Zoning By-Law Amendment 2021-01 (ZBA 2021-01)
Official Plan Amendment 64 (OPA 64)

APPLICANT:
Evendale Developments Ltd.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information relating to the proposed Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments is available for inspection in the

between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario. However, the Township Offices can only be accessed by appointment due to the COVID lockdown. It is preferred that if you require additional information that it be requested by email, mail, fax, or telephone from the undersigned. However, if necessary, the Township Offices can be accessed by appointment by contacting the undersigned.

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PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

This Notice is being given in accordance with Planning Act requirements. A final recommendation on the application will not be presented until after the Township Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, physical attendance is not permitted at this public meeting. The public meeting is being held electronically and will be livestreamed for public viewing at 7:00 p.m. The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 22, 2021

TIME: Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.

REPRESENTATION:

ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

1. Written Submissions

Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments should be submitted before Tuesday, April 6, 2021. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption of the Official Plan amendment and the by-law.

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the meeting on livestream, you must pre-register with the Clerk's office by email at jmachesney@uxbridge.ca, or telephone at 905-852-9181 ext 209 or mail at the address below before noon on Friday, March 19, 2021. Please include your full name, address, and a call-back phone number. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office to confirm your participation and receive the online

and call-in information before the meeting. Technical assistance may be provided to ensure you are able to participate.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

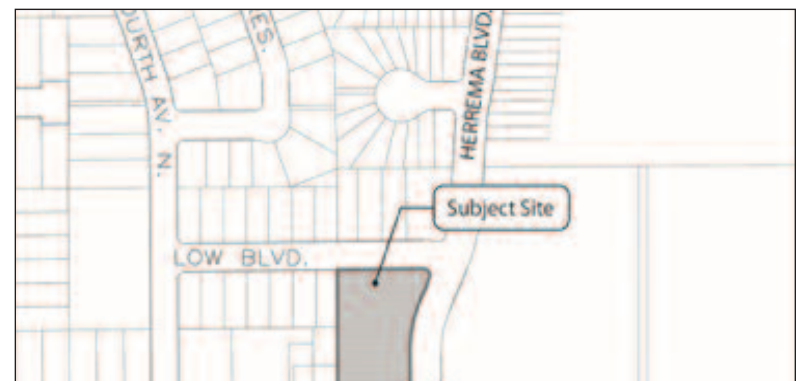
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the proposed applications are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Uxbridge to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or a public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the applications are passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk
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Our two cents

One year and counting...

Everyone's anniversary dates vary - some say it was Jan. 30, 2020, when the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. Some say it was March 12, when the Ontario government announced that March Break, which was beginning the next day, would be extended by two weeks. Some say it was when the province went into its first lockdown on March 17. Canada is officially marking the one year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic here by declaring today, March 11, a National Day of Observance for "the people who lost their lives and the significant impacts we have all felt because of COVID-19."

No matter the date we choose, it has now been one full year that we have been living with a modern-day plague. We are well aware of what it has cost us, both literally and figuratively. We are (or at least should be) well aware of what it will take to see the end of this plague. And, if we're reading this editorial, we are lucky that we are on this side of the grass and able to say that we are seeing this through. Ask anyone right now how they're doing and that's how they reply: "Oh, I'm plugging along, one day at a time."

That's all any of us can ever do, right? Is take it one day at a time. The situation right now is less than ideal, to put it mildly. We all want to get back to where we were before, to our sports, to our clubs, to our friends and family. We've said it before, we'll say it again - this sucks. But every day that passes is one day further away from when it all began, and one day closer to the eventual end.

This time last year, the thought of a vaccine being made available was akin to the thought of going to Mars for Spring Break. And yet here it is (whatever the situation for roll-out and procurement aside). We have, in our own individual ways, done amazing things this year. Medical personnel have been amazing. Those working in long-term care homes have been amazing. Those who have diligently followed the rules have been amazing. Those who are aching to give another person a hug and refrained are amazing. With a few bone-head exceptions, we really have been amazing.

If you want, you can dwell on all the negatives that the pandemic has brought our society, but what good will that do? It won't make it all end any sooner, and it certainly won't help anyone's mental health (it will, in fact, make it worse). So have an un-party, as it were, for yourself and those in your bubble. You have been amazing, and are capable of continuing to be amazing.

One year and counting. Count on one another, and be amazing.



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Letters to the Editor

Re: 'Lower speed limits considered for urban roads', March 4 edition

Last summer a young man was killed when he was driving his motorcycle at 100 km/h per hour on our 40 km/h road [Conc. 7].

The problem isn't that the speed limits are too high, the problem is the lack of enforcement of the existing speed limits.

The best solution is to have a greater Durham Regional Police Service presence on our roads, ticketing the aggressive drivers and speeders

Rob Carson
Uxbridge

I dearly wish I lived in the same fantasy world as the town council and the director of public works. I and other (dog) walkers, runners, cyclists and families with children in the rural hamlets would be a lot safer in this fantasy world, where lowering the speed limits would automatically cause drivers to slow down.

I have seen drivers doing 80 to 100 km/h in a 50 km/h zone 150 meters from a stop sign on the rural road, and I live on.

Lowering speed limits is a great idea, but the only thing that will cause drivers to slow down would be some police enforcement. Wait - there is no police enforcement in the rural hamlets. We pay 30 per cent of our taxes for police service, and we

are lucky to see one police car driving by each month. The last time I asked a DRPS officer in person to provide enforcement, I ended up with two officers lying to me that they had been on my street with enforcement several months before.

I asked the mayor if there had been police presence in my area and he said yes there had been. When I asked for times and locations, he told me that the information was classified. Why is it "classified"?

The speed and calming committee's major accomplishment to date is a 20-page summary that looks like a make-work project for someone's secretary.

Why is the town wasting more of taxpayers' money on signs when they should be going after the enforcement that is supposed to be provided by the taxes we pay?

Robbie Robertson
Goodwood

This letter is a sincere thank you to numerous good Samaritans, including Sameer Remtulla of Pharmasave Uxbridge Medical Pharmacy & Home Health Care Centre.

On June 13, 2020, my beautiful stepdaughter Shannon Wood (Holland) suffered a life-changing brain injury. She spent several months in hospital before returning home.

Learning of her situation, Shannon's amazing friends launched a Go-

FundMe campaign in January 2021 to help with costs and equipment for her recovery. The equally amazing ladies in charge of the Uxbridge Helping Hands Facebook group posted it.

Our family received so many offers of money, support, encouragement, and equipment, it was overwhelming. To the numerous residents who offered us wheelchairs and other mobility items - words fail us. On behalf of our family, I say a heartfelt, tearful thank you.

The funds raised were used to purchase equipment that gives Shannon the ability to move around her own home safely during recovery.

But the game changer appeared in the form of Sameer and his team when they offered to provide and install a chair lift for Shannon at a significant discount. This allowed her to sleep in her own bed in her own bedroom for the first time in almost seven months, and to tuck the kids into bed.

My family and I are humbled by the generosity of Uxbridge residents, businesses, and the extended online community. In such a painful, turbulent and uncertain year, personally witnessing such generosity really illustrates the power of community and the difference single actions can make.

While there are too many individuals to thank personally, please know your generosity is appreciated and recognized every single day. We would like to thank the following local organizations for their kindness and support: Sameer Remtulla of Pharmasave; Ginger Jackson and family of McDonald's Uxbridge; The Bonner Boys; and Lindsay and Karen of Welsh & Co. RE/MAX All-Stars Realty Inc.

Holly Barkwell
(on behalf of Shannon Wood and family) Uxbridge

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Time to be bold

There are a number of groups studying the downtown right now and most, if not all, are concerned with making the Brock Street shopping area more attractive to shoppers and pedestrians.

The Active Transportation Committee has just released its long-term vision for making the township as a whole, including the downtown area, more available to those who eschew the use of motorized modes of travel. The ATC encourages walking, cycling and wheeling in all its various forms as a means of making more people healthy through physical activity and lessening the impact of vehicular traffic.

The Accessibility Committee is engaged in trying to make all parts of the township, especially the urban area, easily accessible to those with disabilities, such as people in wheelchairs or on mobility scooters.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee has been meeting for several months now with the aim of bringing new life back to the downtown core, and a good part of the discussions have revolved around making that area more pedestrian friendly.

With that in mind, I'd like to suggest that the construction of the Brock Street culvert has shown the township that it is possible to have a downtown core that is not dependent on huge swaths of parking lots.

Since the construction began well over a year ago, the main parking lot in the centre of town has been unavailable to motorists. Some of the parking spots that were lost due to its closure were covered by the use of the rear grounds of a building on Main Street as a temporary parking lot, along with a few spots in front of the old fire hall. But the main parking lot was not the only place where parking spots were lost. The culvert construction also resulted in a number of parking spaces in Centennial Park being taken up by equipment.

Now, I realize that the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a decline in traffic to the downtown area because of store closures and such, but overall the loss of all those

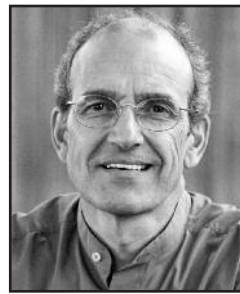
parking spaces doesn't appear to have had much effect. People are still visiting the stores and, for those driving, there hasn't been a mad scramble trying to find some place to park the old Tin Lizzy. It has been a rare occasion that I haven't been able to find a parking spot, either on the street or in one of the other municipal lots dotted around the area.

If we have managed to survive over a year with reduced parking availability, surely we can keep it going. When the culvert construction is completed, most of the downtown area will be lifted from the flood plain, making development easier. Although it is difficult to imagine what kind of development could take place on what was the main parking lot - (after all, it's likely any buildings that would be erected would not have a basement) - nevertheless, the idea of having a huge swath of land in the heart of the urban area dedicated solely to parking runs counter to the aims of the ATC, the AC and the DRC. Furthermore, when the parking area on Centennial was doubled in size a couple of years ago - (taking away a large chunk of green space) - we were told the extra parking was needed. The culvert construction appears to have put the lie to that.

On those grounds, I would suggest that now is the time for council to be bold and forget about returning the main parking lot to its former use. The township owns the building that houses Coffee Time and Circle K and it also owns the parking lot behind. Taken as a whole, that chunk of land would have developers drooling to get their hands on it. Maybe I've had too much wacky tobacco, but it seems to me that there is an opportunity for some type of development, including a small green area or plaza, that would make the heart of downtown a destination for residents to shop and gather together.

As it is now, that whole northeast quadrant of the main intersection in town is rather unsightly and unappealing. We could do better.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Earth, wind and fire

It's euphemistically called an "RFP." But if you really want to get technical, it's Section 3, under Article 2.6.3.4 of the Environmental Protection Act, and it says:

"Notwithstanding, any provisions herein, no person shall cause, permit or allow a fire to be set or cause, permit or allow a fire to burn in the open air..."

Just before Christmas, I grabbed my COVID mask and my wallet and visited the firehall to buy an RFP, a Recreational Fire Permit. It all began - just before the second emergency lockdown over New Years - when one of our daughters suggested I build a portable firepit so that handful of us (in the immediate family) could gather 'round a small fire on chilly evenings.

"Great idea," I said. "I'll get right on it."

In the garage, under several years' accumulation of junk, I found the pieces of a portable firepit. In what was left of the packaging, it looked to be just a barbeque-sized bowl and sundry other bits. I figured all I had to do was plunk the bowl on the ground, throw in some kindling and light an inaugural fire. It turned out, the package contained about 50 different parts - trusses, handles, legs, wheels, ring clips, fibre washers, lock ones washers, a circular screen and a lid. It took a while, but I eventually found the assembly directions and put it together. Then, I bought my RFP (fire permit), and we christened my new firepit. One evening, we gathered a few of our grandkids (at a distance) in the backyard snow to toast some marshmallows, and to escape the confines of the pandemic, if only briefly.

There's nothing like tackling with the elements as an antidote to the ill-effects of being cooped up all these months. Another of the elements arrived a few weeks ago, during that quick February thaw we had. On the surface the sun felt wonderful. Then, I spotted Niagara Falls flowing over the edges of my frozen eavestroughs and knew I'd better clear the gutter of ice so that the melt-off could flow through the downspouts instead. I was a few hours too late, because we were soon mopping up the results from our basement floors. The irony was, all last spring and summer I had built up that side of the house with fresh soil, new sod, and my wife's new rose garden, to soak up any abundance of moisture. As they say, "Best laid plans..."

Having dealt with fire and water, I awaited

another round with the elements. And I didn't have to wait long. Remember the high winds about a week or so ago? We got such strong gusts that week, I felt as if we were living in the wind tunnel of the National Research Centre for a few nights. But that wasn't what kept us awake.

"Did you hear that odd sound in the walls last night? I asked my wife.

She had. And her immediate conclusion was: Critters! We both had visions of raccoons or squirrels or bats or some wildlife tenants taking up full-time residence inside the walls or up in the rafters of the attic. So now I'm thinking, "How do I get a pest control expert here in a pandemic?" Well, my wife wasn't about to wait. One night, when the rattling and banging persisted, she got up, took a flashlight, and did a complete circuit outside the house looking for unwelcome guests poking holes in our shingles, walls, soffit and fascia. Nothing. We were really wondering if we were just hearing things. Next morning, we visited our neighbours for a better look. Their porch was higher than ours, about even with our eaves, so we figured maybe a better vantage point? Again nothing.

"I'll come over later and maybe we can have a look in the attic," my neighbour offered.

"Not that easy," I said. "I've been up there. It's jammed with insulation."

Our imaginations were running wild. What if we found critters up there? What would we do? Set traps? Clearly the winter elements were having their way with us. Then, as we thanked our neighbours for the porch view, I did one more pass along the outside wall of our house looking for clues. I accidentally bumped into the plastic downspout outside our bedroom wall. Wait a minute! It clattered a familiar clatter. I bumped it again on purpose. It sounded just like the clatter that had kept us awake the last few nights. My wife and I both listened as I bumped it again on purpose.

"The wind!" we both said. We'd considered all the other elements. But it was the wind wiggling the spout that got us imagining, "Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my."

It must be a sign of the times.

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Vaccines, from page 1

“Due to faster roll-out in other parts of the world, we are seeing that all of these vaccines appear to be equally effective at preventing death and serious disease, which is what we truly care about above all else. The best vaccine is really the one you get the soonest,” says Dr. Jensen.

The province also announced on Tuesday that, starting later this week, 300 pharmacies will be allowed to administer the AstraZeneca shot. The list of selected pharmacies will be announced later this week.

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TOWN HALL

by Roger Varley
Notes from the March 8
Council Meeting

Council balks at beer drinking in stores: Addressing letters received from two Ontario municipalities on the subject, Uxbridge councillors indicated Monday they are not in favour of allowing beer consumption in convenience stores.

Both Oshawa and Ajax councils sent copies of resolutions they passed opposing a bid by 7-Eleven convenience stores to be allowed to sell beer for on-premises consumption at 61 locations in the province.

Councillor Willie Popp said the application by 7-Eleven is "problematic."

"I have some serious concerns," he said.

Councillor Todd Snooks opined that there already is "clear enough access" to beer and alcohol sales at

other current locations. Noting that there are no 7-Eleven stores in Uxbridge, he added that if 7-Eleven is allowed to sell beer for on-premises consumption "you can bet others will follow."

The councillors are not alone in their concerns. The union representing Beer Store employees also released a statement this week opposing the serving of beer in the convenience store.

Council decided to have Popp, Snooks and township staff confer with the BIA to garner its opinion

on the subject before processing the township's own resolution.

Brief skating period ends: Mayor Dave Barton said Tuesday that skating on Elgin Pond is going to be shut down.

The mayor said warm temperatures over the next few days, together with changing water levels in the pond, have made it necessary to declare the ice unsafe.

Skating on the pond resumed only a month ago.

Honouring COVID-19 victims: Flags at township facilities will be flying at half-mast today (March 11) and Friday in honour of Uxbridge residents who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

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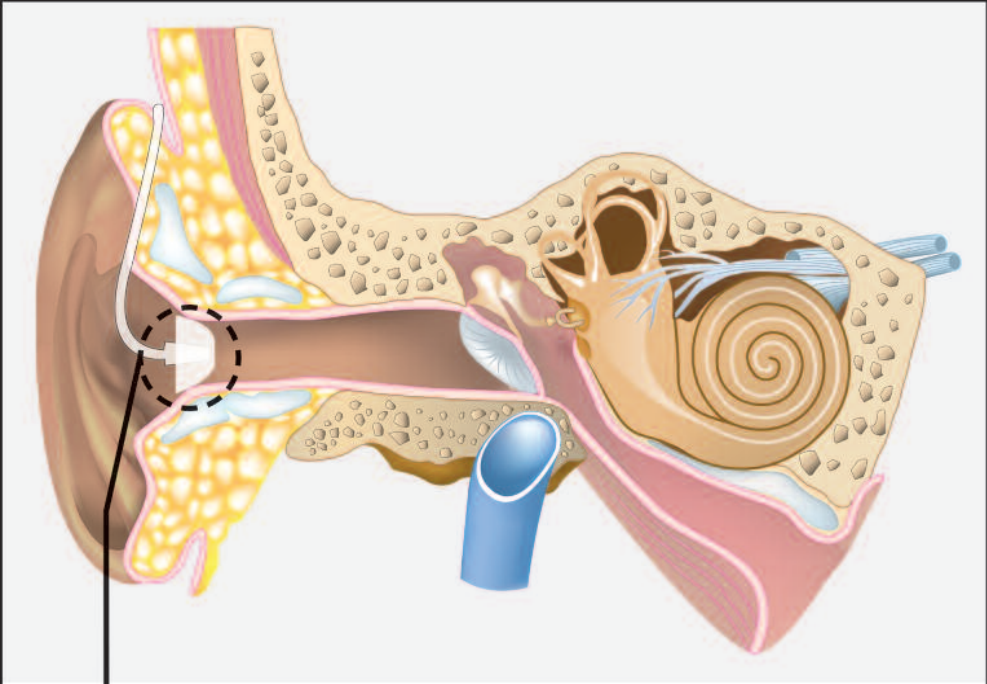
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Locals start petition against trail fees

by Roger Varley

An Uxbridge couple has started a petition aimed at persuading council to abandon its proposal to begin charging for parking at some of the trailheads in the south part of the township.

Steve Horvath and Kim Pagliaro have already garnered about 100 signatures but hope to have around 5,000 names added by the middle of summer. Horvath said signatures on the petition will not be restricted to Uxbridge residents, because trail users from other areas of Durham, York and Toronto already help to maintain conservation lands through their taxes.

Horvath said that although the original proposal made at council a few weeks ago referred only to parking fees, "that's not the approach taken by the conservation side," adding that conservation authorities want user fees as well. He claimed that the Durham Mountain Biking Association, which volunteers many hours to trail maintenance, also is in favour of user fees. He further claimed that a former member of the DMBA executive and one of

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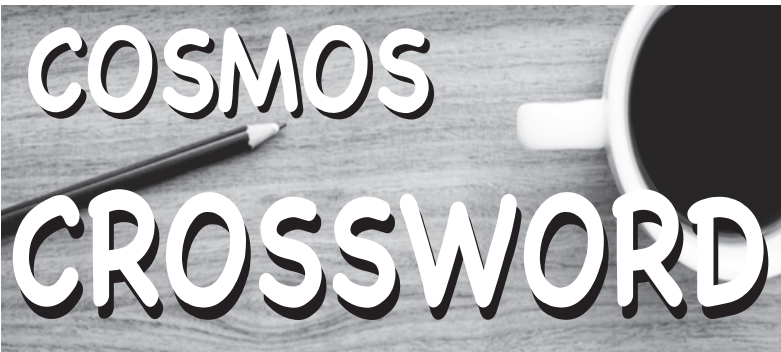
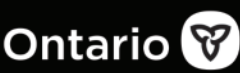
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- 4. Small amount
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- 10. Name
- 11. Babies' food collectors
- 12. Scarf material
- 13. "___ Robinson" - song from "The Graduate"
- 14. Celtic language
- 15. "Coyote ___" movie
- 16. Concept of self
- 17. Much
- 18. Pager alarm
- 19. Negative alternative
- 20. Slippery road hazard
- 21. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
- 22. Protest
- 24. Get in shape
- 25. Piano keys
- 27. British general in America
- 29. Con
- 32. Youths
- 33. Mushroom
- 34. Helpful connections
- 36. Poet Pound
- 37. Wear down
- 38. Horror writer
- 39. Catty remark
- 40. Bowlers
- 41. Sports contest
- 42. Oriental belts

- 43. "I'm working ___!" (2 words)
- 44. Formerly
- 45. "___ a chance"
- 46. George Washington's dream
- 47. Biblically yours

Down

- 1. Billboard designers
- 2. Porridge made of rolled oats
- 3. Soak up
- 4. African wind
- 5. They deliver babies
- 6. Puts to work
- 7. Bird common in cities
- 8. Cause of hereditary variation
- 9. Internet phone company
- 11. Have faith in
- 12. Secretly (2 words)
- 23. Puzzles
- 24. A ___ in a teapot
- 26. Inactivity
- 27. Park feature
- 28. Clever
- 30. Game with a piece of wood
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From the MP's desk

column by Jennifer O'Connell, MP

Rolling out the vaccines

This month marks one year since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Canada. It has been an extremely difficult year for many in our community, but with vaccine delivery ramping up this month we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

In the past couple of weeks, after rigorous testing, Health Canada has authorized two new vaccines for use in Canada - AstraZeneca and Johnson and Johnson. In total, we now have four safe and effective vaccines to protect Canadians against COVID-19.

However, it's vital that once vaccines are approved that they make their way into Canadians' arms as quickly as possible. That's why, starting early last summer, our government has been working to establish agreements with companies of leading vaccine candidates, so that as soon as their vaccines are approved by Health Canada, a procurement plan is in place.

Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine was approved on Dec. 9 and by Dec. 13, we had received our first batch of doses.

Moderna's vaccine was approved on Dec. 23, and a little over 24 hours later, we saw doses arrive.

AstraZeneca was approved on Feb. 26 and five days later, we received 500,000 doses from the Serum Institute of India's version, CoviShield.

Most recently, Johnson and Johnson's one dose vaccine was approved and 10 million are expected to arrive in the second quarter.

I, like many in our community, share the urgency for Canadians to access COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible, especially for our most vulnerable.

Our government was very frustrated to see delays in receiving vaccines in February. The manufacturers did assure us this was a short-term delay and was necessary to improve production.

It's for this exact reason that our government developed a diverse vaccine portfolio. Every country around the world is working to access these limited resources, and so to avoid being reliant on a single manufacturer, we diversified. However, procuring these vaccines was contingent on Health Canada approving their safety and effectiveness.

As a result of this diversification, Canada now is set to receive eight million doses by the end of March, surpassing our original goal of six

million in the first quarter. This is due the recent delivery of Covid-Shield vaccines, as well as Pfizer confirming that Canada will be receiving an additional 1.5 million doses by the end of the month.

Pfizer has also announced that it will be accelerating vaccines deliveries in both April and May by one million.

Overall, Canada is on track to receive at least 36.5 million doses of vaccines by the end of June, for a cumulative total of 117.9 million doses by the end of September from Health Canada's four currently approved suppliers.

Once the doses are on Canadian soil, the federal government will distribute them to each province and territory (visit Canada.ca/covid19 for regional breakdowns and delivery schedules). They, in turn, will deliver the vaccines to our communities. Here in Ontario, the provincial government is distributing the vaccines to our local public health units to administer. For us living in Durham, it's the Durham Regional Health Department. It is responsible for running vaccination clinics and has now opened appointments to those 80 years and older. Visit durham.ca/covidvaccines for all local updates, including when and how you can book an appointment.

In addition to the work we are doing to procure safe and effective vaccines, we know COVID-19 continues to impact members of our community and Canadians across the country. That's why we've recently announced that we'll be ex-

tending several of our current support measures.

Our government has introduced legislative amendments to increase the number of weeks of benefits available for the Canada Recovery Benefit, the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit, the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit and Employment Insurance regular benefits.

We also know how much the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Lockdown Support has helped to protect millions of Canadian jobs and support businesses of every size. That's why we'll also be extending the current rates of these measures from March 14 to June 5, 2021.

This past year has been tough, and as your Member of Parliament, I will continue to work hard to listen and advocate for our community's concerns in Ottawa. Please continue to follow local public health measures and we will get through this together.

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance with any federal department, please contact my office, we are available to help. We can be reached at Jennifer.OConnell@parl.gc.ca or call 905-839-2878.

No parking fee petition, from page 8

the region's top mountain bikers have joined together to purchase Skyloft skiing on Chalk Road, which will become a hub for cyclists and provide parking, making paid parking at trail heads unnecessary.

Horvath said he and Pagliaro often ride on the trails and walk the trails twice a day. Noting that he and his partner are against user fees while the DMBA favours them, Horvath said there already is a division within the cycling community over the issue.

"I'm not averse to some kind of fee schedule, but it needs to be done better," he said.

He noted that Mayor Dave Barton has suggested Uxbridge residents would not be subject to the parking fees, but explained that would not work. He said one group of trail users cannot be given a discount not available to others.

Anyone wishing to view the petition can find it at stopuxbridgefees.com



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Greg was born in Toronto, Ontario. He grew up at 39 Riverdale Ave., and attended Danforth Tech High School. At 18 years old, he started a long career at IBM Canada, where he flourished and gained international respect for his expertise in Canadian Customs and Classification.

He is loved deeply because of his kindness, compassion and generosity. Greg took much pride in his 10-acre property in Uxbridge, Ontario, where he spent many long hours pruning, cutting and entertaining friends and family. Greg loved traveling with his beloved wife, and they enjoyed a multitude of excursions across countries, cultures, beaches, oceans and sand. He was proud to be the president of Thornhill Ski Club, organizing many ski trips to various places throughout the country. An avid reader, he always had 3 or 4 books on the go at once.

Greg is desperately missed by his wife, best friend and soul mate, Lee Pearson, and his daughters, Trinity Popowica (Robert Paulin), Skye Popowicz (Ian Munro), Lark Popowicz (Logan Krupa), and Shea Popowicz. His grandchildren - Destiny, Avery, Lenix, Scarlett, Hunter, and Hendricks are very sad Grampa Greg has gone to be with the angels in Heaven. He is missed terribly by his brothers Terry (Louise), Bill (Janice), sister Nancy Pearson, and his many family members and friends. Greg was the son of the late Ken Pearson and Violet Begley, and big brother to the late Richard Pearson.

When the time comes that his many friends and family can come together, there will be a celebration of Greg's life. Donations can be made in Greg's memory to The Margaret Behan Hospice in Newmarket, where Greg was tenderly and compassionately cared for until his last breath.

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