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THEY ARE STILL HERE - Members of the Maamawi Collective gathered outside the Uxbridge municipal offices at 2:15 p.m., Tuesday, to form a Circle of Acknowledgement for the 215 children whose remains were found last week beside a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C. The children were from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. Maamawi Collective is a group of volunteers which actively supports reconciliation with Canada's First Nations.

Photo by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

COVID restrictions change - and stay the same

by Justyne Edgell

Ontario's two month long stay-at-home order expired yesterday, June 2. But the province isn't scheduled to enter into Stage 1 of its new reopening plan until the middle of this month. So what does that mean for COVID restrictions and the next two weeks?

A good start is to recall when, back in April, the provincial government pulled the "emergency brake." The restrictions that were in place when that "brake" was pulled are the ones to which the province will return.

As of June 2, it is no longer illegal for residents to leave their home for non-essential reasons, but that's really the only change. Much like the recent days of the stay-at-home order, outdoor gathering is permitted for groups of up to five

people, or larger groups if you all live together. Non-essential in-person shopping remains off limits at this time. Restaurants will continue take-out only, until at least June 14, when the province expects to officially enter Stage 1 of reopening.

Other than the outdoor amenities which opened over the May long weekend, outdoor sports and recreation will remain closed until Stage 1 begins. And finally, getting a summer haircut will have to wait a little longer, as personal care services also remain closed and are not scheduled to reopen until Stage 2 of reopening begins, which will be at least 21 days after entering Stage 1.

On Saturday, May 29, the provincial government announced the extension of certain elements under the Civil Protection Act. This

includes the ban of camping on public lands and recreational interprovincial border crossings.

There is reason to hope that this slow reopening is worth it. Case counts of COVID-19 over the past week have been some of the lowest daily provincial counts since October of 2020. As of *Cosmos* print time on Tuesday evening, the percentage of Uxbridge residents over the age of 18 who had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination was 74.7 per cent, according to the region's online COVID-19 data tracker. This is the highest number in all of Durham Region. Roughly five and a half per cent of residents have been fully vaccinated with both doses.

On Tuesday evening, Uxbridge had five active COVID-19 cases in home isolation.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for June, 2021

Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.
CANADA DAY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 7, 9:45 a.m.
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING
11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING
(OPA 65 – GRAINBOYS)

4:00 p.m.
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

Monday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.
BIA BOARD

Wednesday June 16, 3:00 p.m.
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE
7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.
COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.
CEMETERY RD. RECONSTRUCTION
MEETING

Monday, June 28, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Proclamations for the Month
Seniors Month

Summer Employment Opportunities

Details of all current positions are available at
www.uxbridge.ca/careers

Uxbridge Public Library – Summer Student for
Children's Program, **closes June 4, 2021.**

Uxbridge Tourism - Assistant Tourism
Development Coordinator, **closes June 14, 2021.**

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Uxbridge at a Glance

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Uxbridge L9P 1T1
905-852-9181 info@uxbridge.ca

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

This Notice is to inform you that the Township of Uxbridge has received an Official Plan Amendment application which has been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Section 17 of the Planning Act. The Planning and Economic Development 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 pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, submitted by the Grainboys Holding Inc.

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 as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- The purpose of this application is to amend the Official Plan to add a site-specific policy to permit a grain milling and blending facility.
- The subject property is designated "Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area" and "Natural Linkage Area" in the Township

Official Plan and currently zoned "Rural (RU) Zone".

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property, is located south of Regional Highway 47 on the east side of York-Durham Line, having the municipal address of 3469 York-Durham Line, and is legally described as Part of Lot 12 Concession 1, Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE. NO.: Official Plan Amendment 65 (OPA 65)

APPLICANT: Grainboys Holding Inc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for inspection in the Development Services Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario.

The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE: Monday, June 7, 2021

TIME: Public Meeting 11:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral

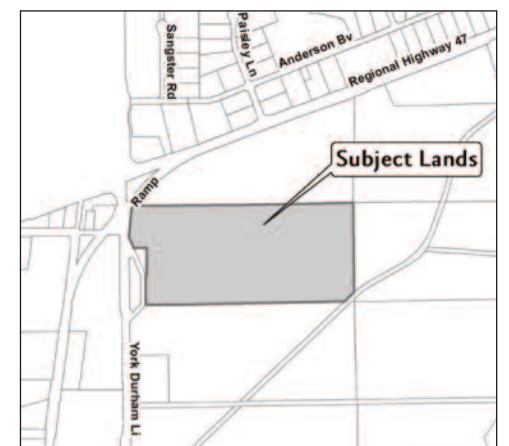
representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment.

The full public notice can be viewed at
<https://uxbridge.ca>

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk
Township of Uxbridge
Box 190, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1T1
905-852-9181 Ext. 228
dleroux@uxbridge.on.ca

KEY MAP (not to scale)



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

This Notice is to inform you that the Township of Uxbridge has received a Zoning By-Law Amendment application which has been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Sections 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 Zoning By-Law Amendment pursuant to Sections 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, submitted by ECMI Properties (125 Villarboit) Inc.

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 Zoning By-Law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- The purpose of this application is to amend the Zoning By-Law to rezone 45 and 47 Anderson Boulevard to facilitate the development of a waste transfer facility for soil.

- The subject site is designated "Countryside

Area" "Policy Area 1.9.4.3 iii Industrial" in the Township Official Plan and currently zoned "Holding Rural Industrial Exception No. 36 ((H) M1-36) Zone" and "Holding Rural Industrial Exception No. 39((H) M1-39)".

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject site has the municipal addresses of 45 Anderson Boulevard and 47 Anderson Boulevard, and is legally described as Lot 12 & 13, of Plan 40M-2336 in the 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 2021-04 (ZBA 2021- 04)

APPLICANT: ECMI Properties (125 Villarboit) Inc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is available for inspection in the Development Services Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario.

The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE:

Monday, June 14, 2021

TIME: Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.

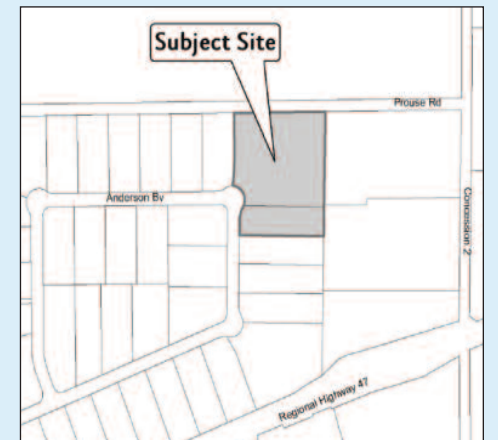
ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

The full public notice can be viewed at
<https://uxbridge.ca>

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2021.

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FROM THE TAX OFFICE

2021 Residential, Managed Forest and Farmland Final Property Tax Bills were mailed May 27th, 2021. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:

FIRST Tax Installment is due on June 28, 2021.

SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 28th, 2021.

2021 Final Property Tax bills for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential properties will be mailed next week. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:

FIRST Tax Installment is due on July 15th, 2021.

SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 28th, 2021.

Tax Payments Options:

- Due to COVID-19 emergency measures, the Municipal Office is not open to receive payments in person.
- In an after-hours Drop Box located in the Municipal Office front parking lot. – DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH Post-dated cheques are accepted.
- By Mail - Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date.

- Through Internet or Telephone Banking.
- At most Financial Institutions.
- Credit cards and e-transfers are not accepted for tax payments.

Penalty/Interest Charges:

For non-payment of a tax levy on or before the respective due dates of each installment, a penalty of 1.25% shall be imposed on the first day of each calendar month and thereafter in which the default continues. Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not excuse the taxpayer from responsibility for payment of taxes nor liability of any penalty or interest due to late payments.

The penalty/interest charges cannot be waived or reduced by the Tax Department or Council for any reason.

PLEASE RETAIN YOUR 2021 FINAL TAX BILL FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES. If a reprinted tax bill, receipt or Statement of Account is required for any year's taxes, a fee of \$15.00 will apply.

If you did not receive your 2021 Final Tax Bill, please contact the Tax Department at 905-852-9181 or tax@uxbridge.ca

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders

- Q21-04 Real Estate Services
Closes June 10 at 2:00 p.m.
- U21-22 Quaker Trail Paving
Closes June 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- U21-23 Testing, Inspection and Maintenance of fire extinguishers
Closes June 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- U21-11 Fire Master Plan
Closes June 29 at 2:00 p.m.

All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person (by appointment only) at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender openings are not happening currently however bid results will be posted at uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders in a timely manner.

Township of Uxbridge COVID-19 Updates

Outdoor Recreation Amenities Open

Off-leash Dog Park
Tennis and Basketball Courts, Horseshoe Pits
Skate and Pump Park (user limits apply)
Outdoor Fitness Equipment and Picnic Tables
Trails, Parks and Sports Fields (no team play)
Park washrooms and water fountains
Splash Pad (10 users at any one time, washrooms not available)

Questions? Contact Us!

t: 905-852-9181

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www.uxbridge.ca

No group gathering larger than 5 people - 2m physical distancing required

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. Please leave the sand on the road as there will not be any special pick up of sand left in piles or in pails. It is acceptable to rake any sand that has accumulated on the boulevard into the curb and gutter prior to the sweeping of the street. Any areas that are missed due to parked cars will be redone after all sweeping is complete.

Below is the schedule for sweeping:

1. Rural subdivisions and hamlets **COMPLETED**
2. N/W corner of town **COMPLETED**
3. S/W corner of town
4. S/E corner of town
5. N/E corner of town
6. Town parking lots
(The town portion is divided into 4 areas with Brock & Main Streets as the centre point.)

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge proposes to enact a By-law to stop up, close and convey the following described road allowance:

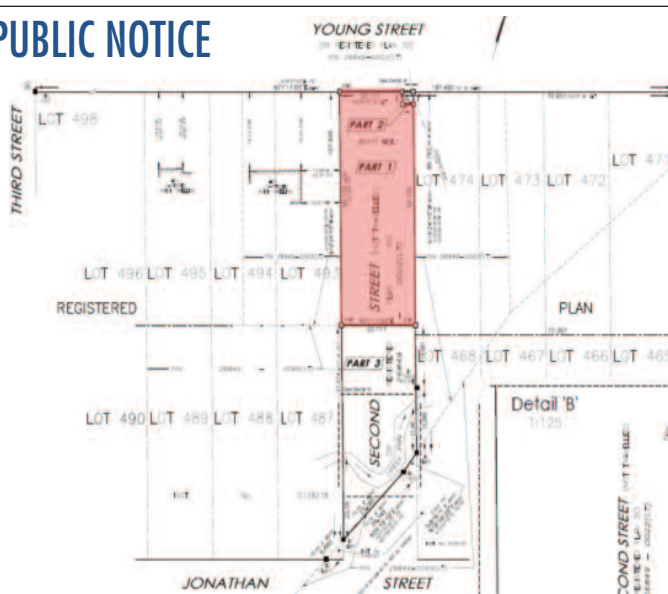
Part of Second Street Registered Plan 30, more particularly described at Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 40R-31341, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham;

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Township Council at its meeting held on May 10th, 2021, declared by Resolution 2021-05 the aforementioned road allowance to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality.

A copy of the plan showing the location of the road allowance may be viewed in the Office of the Clerk. Council will hear any person who claims that their land will be affected by the said By-law and who applies to be heard at the virtual Public Planning Meeting on June 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2021.

Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk



COVID vaccination registrations NOW OPEN in Uxbridge:

- Residents 12+ or those turning 12 in 2021
- 2nd DOSE registration for residents 80+

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Sunflower Contest

Free seeds are available for the
Uxbridge Fall Fair Sunflower Contest!

Learn more at <http://uxbridgefair.ca/2021-sunflower-contests>

Our two cents

Help and healing

As you'll learn on page 8, the Uxbridge Lions are hosting a live stream event next Thursday, June 10, to raise funds for the playground project they have in the works. This project entails the removal of the current main playground in Elgin Park (which is apparently past its sell-by date) and constructing a universal playground - a playground that can be accessed and used by all ages and abilities.

A playground that is, from the looks of it, going to be amazing. We at the *Cosmos* got a sneak peek at a 3D rendering of the playground's concept. It showcases all the amazing features this new playground might have, providing enough money is raised to build it all in. We strongly suggest that everyone in Uxbridge watch the live event - it features Leah Daniels! - on June 10 and make a donation so that this project can happen. It is going to be *amazing*. The concept design has lots of slides, various sorts of swings, a raised sandbox, instruments, a pergola or two to provide shade over seating areas, and our favourite - a long pathway painted to look like piano keys. We don't think they'll make music, but wouldn't that be cool?!

Looking at this video, it made us want to be young again, just to play and hang out in this cool space. So we are really hoping that the virtual event the Lions are putting on earns some buzz regarding this playground. Uxbridge will NOT regret having in such a fabulous feature in its main park.

For details on the June 10 live stream, see page 8, or check out the Uxbridge Lions website.

We had the privilege of attending the Maamawi Collective's silent acknowledgement of the 215 Indigenous children whose remains were discovered beside a residential school in Kamloops, B.C. After the formal part of the gathering, Barbara Blower, the group's co-ordinator, told a story about earrings that she wanted to purchase from a First Nations' artist. She asked the creator of the long, jingling earrings if it was appropriate for her, a "settler", to wear the earrings, which were fashioned after pieces that can be attached to an Indigenous woman's dress, and whose sound is meant as a healing gesture. The artist replied that it most certainly was ok, as it promoted Indigenous culture. Blower purchased the earrings, and wore them proudly on Tuesday at the acknowledgement circle.

As settlers, we should all ask if what we are doing/have done is appropriate to First Nations people. In too many cases, it's not. But if we ask, like Blower did, we learn, and we *need* to be open to learning if we are to ever reconcile.



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John Wood, 2021
UXBRIDGE COSMOS

Letters to the Editor

I am writing this letter with strong feelings towards something that has been brought forward to the town many times over the years, but still has been nothing done about it.

Back in 2011, when I was nine years old, I started to raise money for the New Animal Shelter for Uxbridge-Scugog in hopes that the animals who currently reside in the Scugog shelter would be moved to a much more fit center. I worked hard over six or seven years, until I was 15, to raise enough money for the ongoing shelter project. Myself, as well as plenty of others, went door to door for years to raise the amount of money we did. From walkathons to galas, endless events were prepared in order to raise money for this specific shelter. My blood, sweat, and tears went into raising the \$11,000 that I procured over the years; all the while thinking it would have a good outcome.

By 2018, the shelter was set to be built on Lake Ridge Rd., just a 30-second drive from my house. I was ecstatic that I would be able to volunteer there throughout high school and be a part of such an amazing cause. However, the 2018 start date to build was then postponed to 2019, and then 2020 - and then the "Coming Soon" sign was taken down.

I know that the town had started to pay the contractors around \$400,000 of the money we raised, but it went nowhere.

I can't tell you how much this has crushed not only my dreams, but also the hopes of those who put in as much work, if not more, than I did. I am still upset to this day that there has been nothing done about it after doing so much to raise the required amount. I made presentations that I presented at several schools around town, had all of my friends help raise money, and even knocked on doors

for five years ... only for that work to go nowhere.

I hope that I have helped you [Mayor Dave Barton] realize how much this shelter meant/still means to me and all of the people that worked so hard on it. I never was able to volunteer at the shelter, but I hope someday I will.

Mr. Barton, on behalf of myself and the Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter Committee, please do something. We have no more fight left in us, as it has been drained through disappointment over the years by the town's inability to make the next move.

With that said, Mr. Barton, I pass it on to you. We made our move, it's your turn now.

Mikayla Villanova
Uxbridge

The thought arose in my mind to question the term "out-of-towners" as used by the *Cosmos* - who is an out-of-towner? Is this person someone who lives in Zephyr or Sandford or Uxbridge, Roseville or Siloam or Goodwood, who lives outside of the larger "Town of Uxbridge?" Is it someone who doesn't pay municipal taxes to the Township of Uxbridge and lives beyond its borders and comes to enjoy what the town offers and who may spend some money while here?

In looking about the "town" I see many nice, well maintained parks with equipment for the use of nearby residents, while the smaller hamlets don't seem to have similar equipment, or at least not so well maintained.

A further question arises as to the distribution of tax dollars to these communities within the Township of Uxbridge - do they get a fair share of the tax dollars spent on recreational amenities?

I don't like to open a can of worms,

so perhaps someone can answer my questions.

Bill Richardson
Uxbridge

Living at the north end of Uxbridge, I have become increasingly concerned about the speed of traffic racing past, completely ignoring the posted 50 km/h, especially the heavily loaded trucks screaming by. Of greatest concern is that this area has become such a magnet for children, youth, and families who walk, bike, jog, run, and skateboard along this same road, and frequently cross the road to get access to the skateboard and BMX park.

It is wonderful that our town has invested in providing recreational spaces for youth; however, there appears to be no effort in making sure a terrible traffic incident does not occur.

During a regular school year, young children also daily board school buses in this area.

I have emailed and called Durham Regional Police and the Uxbridge town council repeatedly, asking for a speed-monitoring device and increased police effort at enforcing the speed limit. This is especially important with the large loaded trucks which require so much more space/time to stop safely. So far, I have been told that there may be more km/h signs posted. Sometime...

Truck drivers and other motorists race past the speed signs already posted because there has been such limited enforcement. Why spend money on more signs that are going to be ignored?

Please make some effort before someone is hurt. I am beyond frustrated at the inaction.

Jenifer Dykeman
Uxbridge



Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

I feel your frustration

A week ago, I went to Zehrs to pick up a couple of items. Driving around the parking lot, I became frustrated by the number of spots (all closest to the store) that were designated for handicapped parking, people with babies and those who were picking up their pre-ordered groceries. It seemed as though half the parking spots in the lot were reserved. It made me angry.

Then, I was not allowed in one door, but told to go around to the other, even though I just had to cross the lobby to get to the hand sanitizer. I left the young lady at the door with the unmistakable impression that I was angry.

Then I lost it at the check-out counter and made it clear I was not happy with how the self-service check-outs work.

I left the store fuming.

On Tuesday, I had a telephone conversation with a local councillor and became quite angry with him over his responses to my questions. I later apologized to him and he graciously accepted my apology.

A few times in the past couple of weeks, I have talked with my editor, friend and confidante, Lisha, about the state of my mental health, the depression and frustration I am feeling and my seeming inability to, as the saying goes, "get it together."

Being a reasonably intelligent person, I recognize that I am not alone in how I feel. News reports tell us almost daily that the COVID-19 pandemic is taking a toll on Canadians' mental health, and I'm a living example. This pandemic has not affected me any worse than anyone else but, as evidenced by the above-mentioned incidents, it is starting to take its toll.

Knowing that my unacceptable outbursts are not uncommon doesn't make it easier to accept them. I just feel badly that, for short periods, I was not able to control my emotions.

I'm trying to determine why I should be feeling frustrated now, after over a year of restrictions. Fairly or not, the only explanation I can come up with is that it boils down to the messaging coming out of Queen's Park. Last weekend, the Ontario government announced some loosening of the restrictions, but said, for example, that

splash pads would remain closed. That splash pad ban was changed the very next day. Then we were told baseball, softball and soccer fields could re-open, but no games were allowed. We were told that outside gatherings were still restricted to five people, but our own skate park allows for a maximum of 50 people at the facility. Is it any wonder people are becoming confused and frustrated?

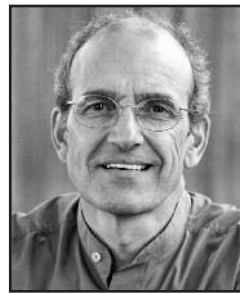
At the same time, the government said golf courses could re-open. Hurray for that, but the golf courses were given only one day's notice to get their facilities in order and arrange for staff to be on hand. As for school openings, it's anyone's guess when that will happen. Is it any wonder people are becoming confused and frustrated?

Up to this point, I have been able to telephone staff at the township offices and reach them at their extensions or at their home numbers. However, this week, a call to the township results in a recording telling us that we can only leave a voice message. This makes it that much more difficult to get answers to questions. What has changed in the last week to bring us to this state? I know that sounds like a reporter whining that doing the job has been made more difficult, but it is part of the whole frustration thing.

The stay-at-home order came to an end June 2, but the government says relaxing the restrictions any further won't happen until at least June 14. Is it any wonder people are confused and frustrated?

I think the Ford government's approach to the pandemic in the early stages was reasonable and well-measured, but as the pandemic has worn on, that same government has made more waffles than an IHOP restaurant. I believe the general public can handle restrictions, lock-downs or whatever as long as the rules and regulations are clearly stated and cogent. But it seems to me that when the government changes its mind from one day to the next, no one can be certain of anything and that results in just one thing. Frustration!

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Charting the sound of Canadian content

It was a Friday afternoon ritual. In the mid-1960s, when everybody's definition of "hip" was knowing which rock 'n' roll songs were the best in the land, we all raced downtown after school. We disembarked from the relatively new Yonge Street subway line at St. Clair and ran a block south to the window adjacent the front door at 1050 CHUM Radio. There, we each grabbed our own personal copy of CHUM's Weekly Hit Parade.

"Who's tops on the CHUM Chart this week?" was the first question blurted out. "The Beatles? Leslie Gore? Bobby Vinton? Jan and Dean?"

Then we checked out the "Pops of the Past" list and the "Chumding: The Record that made the Biggest Jump of the Week" and "CHUM's Pop Pix." CHUM Radio was the powerhouse of popular music in these parts then. Whatever its disc jockeys chose to play, as dutiful teenaged consumers we listened to it and bought it. In the mid-1960s, Bob McAdorey ran CHUM's music programming pretty much like a dictatorship.

"If CHUM was playing the record, a group could sing *God Save the Queen*, and the kids would buy it," he told a Toronto newspaper in 1966.

That Friday afternoon, the CHUM Chart left the 1050 Radio building in Toronto. And by Saturday morning, teenagers all across Ontario had gobbled up its contents and were lined up at record stores to buy their own copies of *She Loves You*, *It's My Party*, *Blue on Blue* or *Surf City*. But as you can see, most of the Top 30 hits, our favourite recordings and artists were almost exclusively American. And most of our DJs and radio stations played them incessantly. As pop columnist Ritchie Yorke wrote in his book *Axes, Chops & Hot Licks*, "the Americans could not have secured more thorough domination of the Canadian record market, if they had deliberately planned it."

And that's the way it would have stayed, if not for the efforts of several Canadians who envisioned a larger role for Canadian pop performers, recording studios, labels, distributors, promoters and broadcasters. When the 50th Juno Awards are celebrated this Sunday on CBC TV, watch to see if any of them is acknowledged for nurturing the Canadian music industry that thrives today.

One of Canadian music's midwives was Walt Grealis, a former Toronto police officer. In the mid-1960s, he took several jobs at Canadian branch offices of American recording compa-

nies. Then in February 1964 he launched *RPM*, Canada's first music trade magazine. Most of the industry – recording studios, distribution companies and broadcasters – ignored him, or worse, told him to get lost, especially when he started plugging Canadian artists.

"If they all had decided to push Canadian talent," Grealis told Yorke, "we could have had a domestic music industry almost overnight."

Enter a civil servant, the former chair of the National Film Board, Pierre Juneau. In 1968, the newly elected government of Pierre Trudeau created the Canadian Radio & Television Commission (CRTC) and gave Juneau, as its chair, a mandate to develop a broadcasting environment that promoted Canadian culture, including a homegrown music industry. Juneau read everything Walt Grealis's *RPM* magazine published, including a 10-part analysis of Canadian radio.

"We have failed to provide ourselves with a cultural background distinct to our people," *RPM* criticized. It demanded homegrown cultural industries be cultivated in Canada.

On Jan. 18, 1971, Juneau introduced Canadian Content regulations. The CanCon rules required AM radio stations to give no less than 30 per cent air play to Canadian artists from 6 a.m. to midnight each day. The result, of course, was a veritable boom in Canadian music production and the flourishing of such Canadian artists as Anne Murray, Lighthouse, Blood Sweat and Tears, Bruce Cockburn, The Guess Who, Gordon Lightfoot, Leonard Cohen, and Crowbar, to name a few. That same year, 1971 the Juno Awards (named in Pierre Juneau's honour) were handed out at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto.

"From an industry that has barely begun to burgeon," wrote Marci McDonald in the *Toronto Star*, "(the Junos) was a ceremony that made all those interminable glory shows, the Grammys and the Oscars ... look like amateur night at the high school gym."

Initially the private radio industry protested having to play 30 per cent Canadian content, until they realized teenagers in this country were just as loyal to professionally performed, produced, promoted and marketed popular Canadian content, as they were to American. Half a century later, the CHUM Chart is gone, but not that loyalty to Canadian pop music. Just watch Sunday night.

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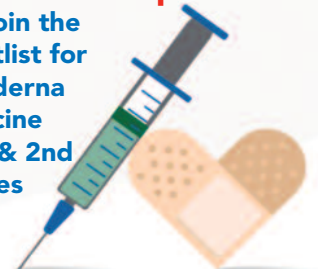
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Remote work may offer financial benefits

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. Nearly one quarter of Canadian business expect that 10 per cent or more of their workforce will continue to telework or work remotely post-pandemic, according to Statistics Canada. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways – and it may end up providing workers with some long-term financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities.

Reduced transportation costs - over

time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. According to Statistics Canada (2016 census data) a total of 1.5 million Canadians spent at least 60 minutes commuting to work at an average cost per week of \$273. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.

Potentially lower car insurance premiums - your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.

Lower expenditures on lunches - if you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week – even more if you regularly get coffee to go. By these figures, you could end up spending

around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

Lower clothing costs - despite the rise in "casual dress" days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can "dress down," reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement? For one thing, you could boost your investments. An Edward Jones financial advisor can help you decide how to best use the additional savings you might have uncovered over the last year. A financial advisor can help you identify and prioritize what's most important to you, and help you get on track to achieving your goals.

You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for something like a major home repair. Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part – but, in strictly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.

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Bruins hire home-grown general manager

by Roger Varley

After spending a year as an assistant under then-general manager Mark Savery, Uxbridge-born Jay Simmonds has been elevated to the general manager position with the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C hockey team.

Simmonds' promotion means that the team's hockey operations are now being run by a crew made up entirely of former Bruins players. Simmonds, who played with the team for three seasons, will be working with head coach Mike Spataro and assistant coaches Trevor Cox and Jamie Showers, all of whom are former Bruins.

Savery will be moving on to work with the Elliot Lake Red Wings of

the Northern Ontario Hockey League.

In announcing Simmonds' hiring, club president Cam Stewart said the new general manager "is a bright young man with an excellent mind for the game."

Simmonds said his aim is to bring the Schmalz Cup, the premier trophy of the Provincial Junior Hockey League, to Uxbridge.

"I am extremely grateful for all of Mark's support over the past year and his mentorship as I made the transition from playing to managing," he said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunities we have to continue to build on the success the team has had in recent years."

MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the May monthly draw for the 2021 Trip of the Month Club.

The 'Green With Envy' trip was won by Andrew Veeren, ticket #289, sold by Ahmad Aslam.

2nd place draw winner, \$150, won by Stacy Kearley, ticket #073, sold by Dale Hickey.

3rd place draw winner, \$100, won by Katie Weekes, ticket #384, sold by Chris Weekes.

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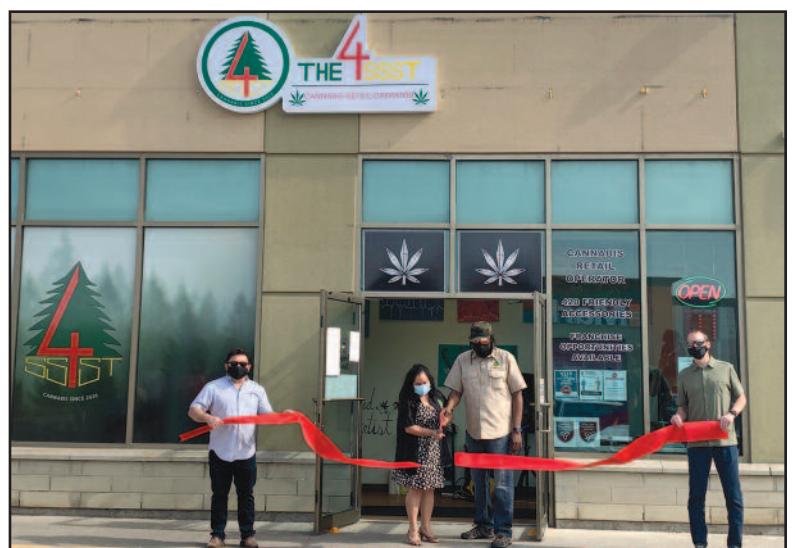


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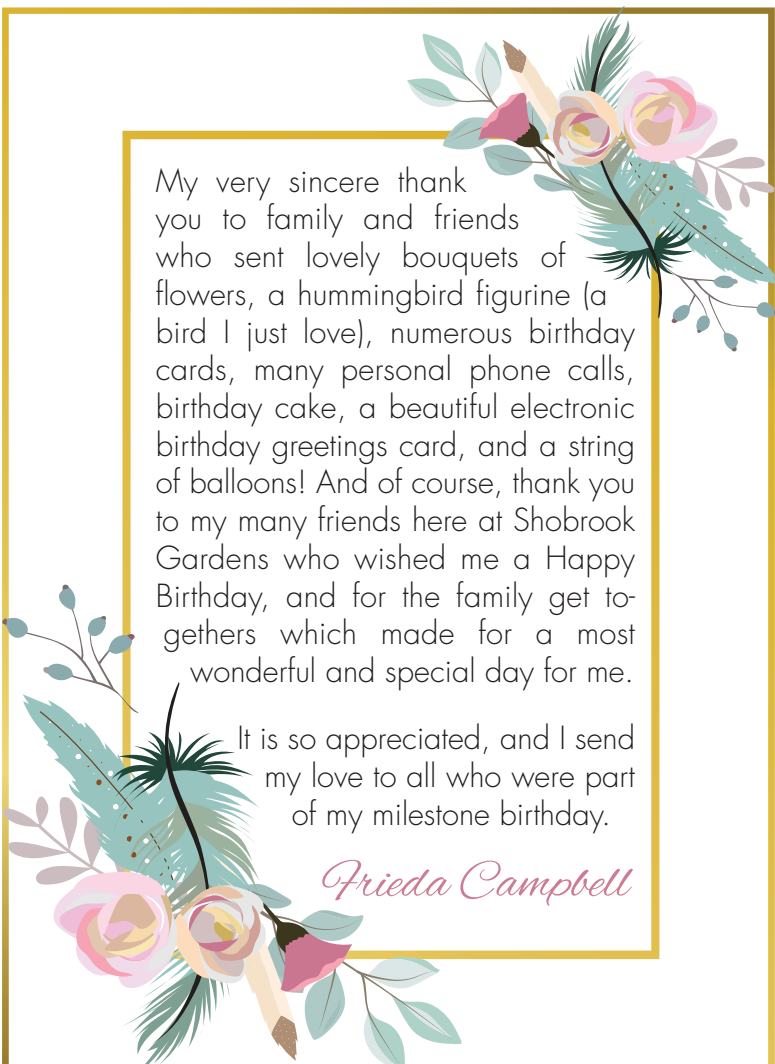
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It is so appreciated, and I send my love to all who were part of my milestone birthday.

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Growing herbs in your garden

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You may want to check your favourite recipes and make a list of what you think you will need. Some favourites to begin with are rosemary, sage, mint, greek oregano, marjoram, basil tarragon, cilantro, dill, and Italian parsley.

The herbs that have survived the winter in my Zone 4 garden are chives, thyme, oregano, lavender, rue, tarragon, and mint. Mint needs to be put in a pot and then planted in your garden — it is very invasive! The rest of the Zone 4 plants should be planted in a permanent location.

Big pots of basil and rosemary, which are not winter hardy, are wonderful just outside your kitchen door.

We are so fortunate to have Richters Herbs just down the road in Goodwood. This nursery grows over 1,000 varieties of herbs. Their main business is shipping plants and seeds all across Canada and the U.S. - in fact, I have their catalogue in front of me as I write this! Each herb is described for its uses in the kitchen and for its medicinal properties.

The Herb of the Year for 2021, se-

lected by the International Herb Association, is parsley. When I was growing up in the 60s, curly parsley was used as a decoration on your dinner plate. Did anyone ever eat it? Today, Italian parsley or flatleaf parsley is a fundamental in soups, stews, on vegetables, fish, meat and eggs. Richters have over a dozen different varieties of this plant.

Well, a new GREEN trend that seems to be catching on in Uxbridge, and hopefully around the world, is having a "meatless" meal once a week. I know it's shocking to some, but a suggestion might be to make your own homemade pesto. All you need from your garden is fresh basil!

Homemade Basil Pesto

2 cups of fresh basil
1/3 cup toasted pine nuts, or walnuts
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
2 garlic cloves
pinch of sea salt
1/2 cup olive oil

Place the first five ingredients in a food processor and pulse until well chopped and blended, then slowly add the oil with the processor running. Serve over hot spaghetti, with tomatoes from the garden, perhaps some fresh bread from the Farmers' Market... Enjoy!



A small tribute to the 215

by Roger Varley

A small group of people gathered in front of the township offices on Tuesday to pay tribute to the memory of the 215 Indigenous children whose remains were discovered a few days ago at a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.

Led by Barbara Blower of the Maamawi Collective, 10 people, all wearing orange shirts and holding a long orange ribbon, formed a circle around a native smudge pot containing smouldering sage and held a silent vigil for the victims. Behind them, the flags outside the township offices were flying at half-mast in honour of the children.

Among the group was Mim Harder, an Indigenous woman who wore a traditional ribbon skirt. Harder said the small gathering and other such events across the country show that "they're hearing what we're saying. People are more aware of what's going on around us."

Blower, who describes herself as "a sympathetic interested settler" started the Maamawi Collective in response to the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its call to promote public dialogue.

This Sunday, June 6, two local churches will ring their bells to remember the 215 children from Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation. Beginning at 12:30, St. Paul's Anglican Church will ring its bells 107 times. Then, Trinity United Church will ring its bells 107 times. Observers must maintain COVID-19 protocol at all times.

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