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## Mayor disputes open letter from NASUS

by Roger Varley

Mayor Dave Barton dissected a letter to council from the New Animal Shelter for Uxbridge-Scugog organization on Monday, saying parts of it were "inflammatory and inaccurate."

The letter charged that the mayor has not lived up to commitments he has made regarding the proposed new shelter. It said the mayor stated during his mayoral campaign in September 2018 that he would ensure the shelter is built. It also stated that the mayor promised an update on the project "in 60 days" in June of this year. The letter claimed that neither promise has been kept.

Barton denied he had committed to the build during his campaign, saying he would "never commit a blank cheque to a project like this." Instead, he said that, during his campaign, he

had "held the shelter as a priority for both himself and the township."

He also disputed that he had promised a 60-day update.

"We would like to see the new animal shelter built," he said, offering that the township has been looking for grant opportunities. He pointed out that the shelter build stalled under the previous council. He did not give any indication of when the construction might start.

He also disputed the letter's claim that he has refused to meet with NASUS to provide updates. He said he met with the organization in June 2020, and has received no requests for meetings since then.

"I don't hide from meetings," he said. "That's completely defamatory and it's inaccurate."

One of a series of questions posed to council asked "What has the Township done to recover

the funds given to the contractor who abandoned the project?" In response, Barton said this information was confidential and could not be discussed.

Regional Councillor Gord Highet said he believed NASUS has been left out of the loop and the group's letter raises questions. NASUS had a role in planning for the animal shelter reduced in March 2017, when then-mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor said the group would be restricted to fundraising from that point on.

In the letter, NASUS said it has raised \$700,000 for the new shelter with donations coming in from hundreds of local residents. It wanted to know where the money is. Highet replied that it is in escrow.

The last time the public was given an update on the new shelter was in June 2018 when clerk

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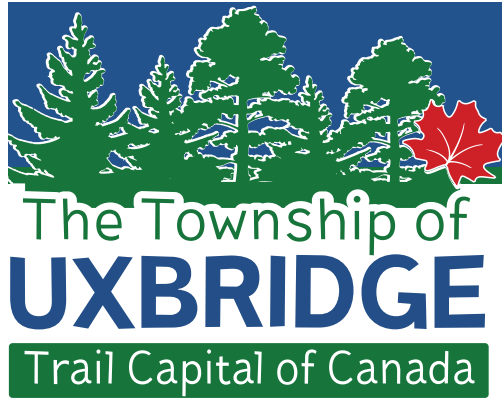
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## Council & Committee Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for October, 2021

Wednesday, October 20

~~COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING, 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED~~

Monday, October 25

COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING – ZBA 2021-03 –  
BRIDGEBROOK, 7:00 p.m.

### Proclamations for the Month

October 24, 2021: World Polio Day

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- The trails near the pond on the West side of the Countryside Preserve will be temporarily closed to allow maintenance work on the dam. All other trails remain open.
- Closure of the Toronto Street sidewalk adjacent to the Uxbridge Public Library will be in effect from August 23 through to early November for clock tower restoration work.
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Oct. 21st | 7:00 pm | 8:30 pm

**An Evening with Jessica Miller: International Psychic Medium**

Admission - \$20

Oct. 29th | 6:30 pm | 8:30 pm

Nov. 12th | 6:30 pm | 8:30 pm

**Fright at the Museum**

Admission - \$3

Oct. 30th | 4:00-9:00 pm

**Printmakers PA Day Camp**

Age: 7-12 years old

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Nov. 12th | 8:30-4:00 pm

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## Notice of Road Closure



**Planks Lane from Third Ave. S. to Franklin St. is closed except for local traffic. Sidewalks are also closed.**

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The Uxbridge Historical Centre Presents

## A PARANORMAL PRESENTATION AND Q&A WITH THE GEORGINA PARANORMAL SOCIETY

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## Don't count backyard chickens before or after hatching

by Roger Varley

The only eggs urban residents of Uxbridge will be collecting from their gardens will be Easter eggs.

Council accepted a recommendation from chief bylaw officer Kristina Bergeron that urban residents not be allowed to keep chickens in their backyards.

Mayor Barton offered that there are more people in favour of chickens than not and suggested the possibility of running a pilot project with about 25 homes. Councillor Bruce Garrod said he hasn't heard a peep about the issue and said he didn't think a pilot project is needed.

In her report to council, Bergeron noted that a number

of municipal by-laws would have to be amended to allow the keeping of chickens and, despite the fact that 410 of the 591 people who responded to a township survey were in favour of backyard chickens, she recommended against them.

### Animal shelter questions, from page 1

Debbie Leroux offered council a report seeking approval for the shelter's design and listing the cost of the project, which the report said would total \$1,165,000. Since that time, any and all discussions regard-

ing the shelter have been held in camera.

Council agreed to have staff draft a letter of response to the NASUS letter, to set up a meeting with both Uxbridge and Scugog councils and NASUS, and to arrange quarterly update meetings.



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# Our two cents

## Very un-Uxbridge-like

Something very city-like and not-very-small-town-like has appeared in the midst of our quaint little mini-metropolis, and we can't say that we're very impressed.

About two weeks ago, as we were turning off of Brock St. W., set to travel south along Main St., we noticed something out of the corner of our eye that made us not complete our turn as smoothly and precisely as a driving instructor with the Ministry of Transportation may have liked. We pulled over to the side of the road (in an accessible spot, naughty us) to quickly take a peek at this anomaly.

Bright yellow bollards and a barricade beam now guard the entrance to the parking lot that once hosted those who had to make a quick dash to any one of the shops or restaurants that surround the parking lot. No one, save those who have a coveted code, can now gain access to the corner lot.

Along with the grim looking red and white barricade that prevents anyone from going in, new asphalt and bright yellow lines and numbers welcome the lucky few who have the aforementioned code. Wait - a barricade?

We completely understand that private property is private, and that people really ought not park on private property. We understand that those who own private property can do what they like with it. But bollards and a barricade for 12 parking spots in the middle of Uxbridge? Seems a bit extreme, if you ask us. Maybe there were heaps of problems occurring at that corner that we know nothing about. Maybe people were spending more time in that little lot than the amount of time it takes to hop out of a car, run to grab a pizza, and hop back in a car again. But maybe we a little bit don't care. Barricaded 12-spot parking lots in the middle of Uxbridge is just so uninviting. So strict and grim-looking. And just when we're trying so hard to make things down there a little more appealing...

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In his "Am I Wrong?" column last week, Roger Varley labelled a couple of the comic book characters he was discussing incorrectly.

It is not the original Superman who recently came out as bisexual. It is Superman/Clark Kent and Lois Lane's son, Jonathan Kent, who is bisexual, according to an announcement from DC Comics made earlier this month.

Also, Batman's sidekick Robin is apparently in his third incarnation (as Timothy Jackson Drake), and it is he who is bisexual, not the original Robin referred to by Mr. Varley. Thank you to the devotees of the DC Comics world for setting us right on this.



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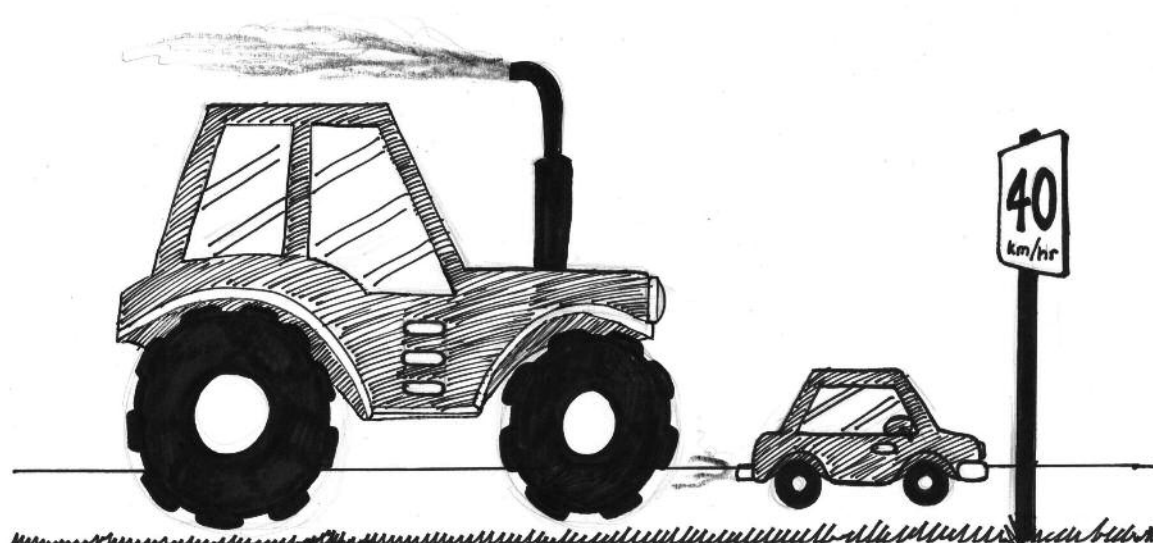
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John Wood, 2021  
 UXBRIDGE COSMOS

## Letters to the Editor

### Re: Housing in Uxbridge

There is a lot of discussion in regards to the new housing development off Conc. 6, on none other than farm land.

I agree that farmland is one of the important issues. We have to look at the cumulative effects of taking away farmland and how it will affect us in the future. When you look to the south of us, particularly Stouffville, you realize we have to protect the farmland we have because we will be feeding the masses to the south one day.

Another issue is, will all of these homes be smaller and not the huge homes we see being built today? Smaller homes are more affordable to the average household.

Will these homes be LEEDS homes, energy conserving in every way, contributing less to the climate problems we are encountering today?

What about the most interesting suggestion of thinking outside the box - a subdivision of homes that does not permit cars into the main part of the development, but have a parking location at the entrance. The air could be cleaner than other locations, there would be less chance of idling a vehicle, and the installation of electricity would encourage electric cars for this living area.

There are some solutions to the status quo, we do not have to accept it as the only way. But remember - quaint is lovely, small town is incredible, but neither one has any status in the planning act. Take local business into consideration. If local business can't see a future in expansion and increased revenue then the quaint and small town won't cut it.

Let's demand a better, cleaner and more affordable development that

will complement quaint and small town, so we can continue to be proud of living here.

If all the residents that were born here had shut the gate, there would be very few residents to keep Uxbridge alive.

Bev Northeast  
 Goodwood

I noted, in a recent *Cosmos*, the notice about the proposed subdivision planned in north Uxbridge. This is in addition to the development on Reach St. and the one on Elgin Park Dr. This will add another 682 units to the town. There is also ongoing scattered development throughout the township rural area.

As the current public transportation system does not, in reality, meet the needs of most residents, the car becomes the dominate choice. Based on recent statistics, the average household is made up of 2.5 people and 1.5 cars. So, these planned developments will add about 1,000 cars and 1,700 people to servicing requirements. This is in addition to significant expansion of the Coral Creek and other projects in recent years.

This prompted the thought, what is the capacity of the present infrastructure? At what point does it simply become overwhelmed. I'm thinking infrastructure in the broad sense - roads, parking, health care, schools, water, sewers, etc. For example, Toronto St. now sees regular backups at any time of day. Parking in the downtown core is always at a premium. What is the plan for the future?

Is it even possible to retain the "small town" qualities that attracted us over 20 years ago and continue to attract "incomers," or is inevitable that Uxbridge becomes another Markham or Stouffville?

Most of us, even daily commuters,

move to the lovely community of Uxbridge to experience a better quality of life free from the major challenges resulting from higher density and inadequate infrastructure. How high is up? Does anyone know?

Albert Martin  
 Uxbridge

Back in the late 90s through to 2001, I was one of many community members who stood against the approval of the proposed Gan Eden development of 7,000 homes, which required the installation of a massive new sewer system in Uxbridge that would have provided a means for near unlimited residential development.

The community rallied and we stopped the so-called Big Pipe from being built here, successfully excluding Uxbridge from a process of suburbanization that has destroyed farmland, green fields, forests and the waterways of our neighbours to the south and west. In those days, the community came together and stood strong as stewards of both the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine.

We understood our actions had economic consequences. We had rejected the standard development model. We talked to community leaders, economists, and green building specialists to develop an alternative model. We held a town hall meeting, asking "Is Uxbridge becoming another Scarborough?", from which we formulated our vision together. We built a collective dream. We created a "made in Uxbridge" solution.

We never got our made in Uxbridge solution. Successive town councils accepted haphazard planning and unsustainable housing so long as developers were willing to

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### Gimme shelter!

I found it rather unfortunate that Mayor Dave Barton felt it necessary to challenge the New Animal Shelter for Uxbridge-Scugog over a letter council received from that organization this week.

Admittedly, the letter was blunt, eschewing the niceties that are usually scattered throughout such missives. In essence, NASUS wants to know just when construction will start on the new animal shelter, what's happened to the money raised so far and why, as Regional Councillor Gord Highet said, they haven't been kept in the loop. In posing those questions, NASUS took the mayor to task over statements they claim he has made on the project over the past few years. As I said, it was blunt but hardly inflammatory, which is the adjective the mayor used to describe the letter.

NASUS, which started out under the sterling leadership of Ginger Jackson a decade ago, was heavily involved in deciding what was needed and ran numerous events to raise funds for the shelter. In 2017, then-mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor, being just as blunt as the current NASUS letter, informed NASUS that their input was no longer required and they should stick to fundraising.

And raise funds they did: \$700,000 at last count, according to NASUS, which was more than the \$540,000 they were initially tasked with finding. That \$700,000 didn't just come from the galas that NASUS hosted: it also came from children's birthday money and lemonade stands and bake sales and a multitude of other small but important initiatives. It came in dribs and drabs from local residents who, like me, contributed 10 bucks here and 20 bucks there.

But after clerk Debbie Leroux gave council a report in June 2018, detailing the plans for the new shelter and the costs involved, the public - that's you and me, folks, the people who donated - have been completely shut out of any news regarding the project. Any discussion about the shelter since then have been held in camera and what is said in camera is confidential, not for the ears of the proletariat.

I have to admit that I was also disappointed with councillor Bruce Garrod's response to the letter. He did reiterate the

message that "everyone wants to see the shelter built," but instead of acknowledging that NASUS might have legitimate concerns, he talked about the excellent care animals receive at the current location and praised the animal control officers who look after them. He then went on to note that chief bylaw officer Kristina Bergeron's quarterly report on the animal shelter, dealt with at the same session of council, was showing lower numbers of animals impounded.

I'm happy that animals in the shelter are being well-cared for, but anyone who has had any dealings with the shelter already knows that. My buddy Smudge and his predecessor, Annie, both were adopted from the shelter. But that wasn't and isn't the point. The point is that the plan to build a new shelter was given a rousing send-off 10 years ago and volunteers of all kinds set out to bring in the necessary dollars. Now, after all these years, those volunteers are wondering what all their work was for, and donors are wondering just what happened to their 10 bucks.

Instead of acknowledging all of this, the mayor decided to "dissect the letter," taking the "I didn't say that, I didn't say this" route, point by point.

It is quite possible NASUS is mistaken in ascribing some comments to the mayor. If so, the mayor could have taken the conciliatory measure of saying he and NASUS have different takes on just what was said and when it was said.

There are questions NASUS did not ask in its letter. The organization was given the undertaking of raising \$540,000. To this would be added, if memory serves me correctly, \$250,000 from both Uxbridge and Scugog for a total of \$1,080,000. But then things started going askew. The original design for the new shelter was cut back; George Brown College, which wanted to be part of the project, backed away; estimated costs started to rise because of delays and now all that remains of this debacle is a derelict sign on the side of Lake Ridge Road.

It seems to me that it's not just NASUS who deserves some answers here and now: it's the whole township.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Bredin's - more missing than the name

They had just finished sprucing up the shop. Walls and trim were freshly painted. They'd replaced some shelving and hung a vintage photograph of family ancestor, Greg Bredin's dad, who'd originated the business. And probably best of all, they'd re-framed and re-hung some of their favourite bakery puns.

"Sorry for being flakey," one read after they remodelled. "We've been procrusti-baking."

Some of their slogans were also strategically placed around the bakery counters and display cases, including, "Have you tried a Bredin donut? If not, we understand. They sell out within an hour and a half every Saturday."

But the one sign that caught my eye, the first Saturday I arrived after their store reno, had big black lettering identifying "Bredins Bakery" on the back wall. And I - the 24/7 editor - asked Bev (Greg's wife), "What about the apostrophe in Bredin's?" She told me that the lettering kit didn't have an apostrophe. And I promised I'd find one to complete their sign...

For a couple of generations, Bredin's provided both staple and decadent baked goods for the town of Uxbridge. Everything from fresh white bread to treats ranging from gingerbread to hot-cross buns to donuts and (my favourite) cinnamon buns. As long as we've lived here, every week from Tuesday to Saturday the Bredin family did it all - making every trip to their bakery on Brock Street an aromatic and delectable one. Then, a couple of Saturdays ago, Greg and Bev suddenly announced they were closing. I was away that week, but they tell me that last Saturday people were lined up around the block and by closing time all that was left were a few loaves of bread. A main-street business that had given this community healthy food, sweet-tooth delicacies but mostly hometown allure ... was suddenly gone.

But more than a family tradition and tasty treats have now disappeared. So has an employer who generally hired locally; most of us have known each and every one of Bredin's counter staff over the years. Everybody claims that small business is the backbone of any community. Whether butcher, bookstore, boutique or bakery, if the people who run these retail and service outlets are also our neighbours, it's more than business. It's familiarity. It's local ownership (not absentee landlords). It's pedestrian-friendly sidewalks or (during the pandemic) patio gatherings. Study after study has shown that family-owned and operated enterprises offer long-term sustain-

ability and stability especially during economic downturns, or as in the past 19 months, during the pandemic.

Not so long ago, I was rereading a small publication assembled by The Senior Scribes of Uxbridge. In *Uxbridge 200 Through the Years*, Catherine Midgley offered musings from her family's memories of walks along Uxbridge's main thoroughfares. Most stores on Brock Street had family names attached: Crosby's, MacPhail's and Brownscombe's were grocery stores, while Griffith's and Watson's were butcher shops. "I remember going for my mother to Watson's," Catherine wrote, "to purchase 25 cents worth of steak ... and they gave (me) a piece of suet to fry the meat."

But the value of locally owned and operated shops goes much deeper than family names out front. Their owners grow roots. They give back. They sponsor sports teams and arts festivals. And they spark community spirit that has no price tag. I remember the weekend when Barb and George Pratt moved Blue Heron Bookstore from Church Street to its current location. I think every customer the store had ever served showed up on moving day to help the Pratts move books, shelves, counters and display cases the several hundred yards to its Brock Street West location. Blue Heron was ready for business Monday morning.

In some respects, the Barris family might never have landed in this town were it not for the generosity of a local entrepreneur. Many will remember Harry Hudson, who, back in the 1980s, ran the Esso gas station. Harry also rented vans and trailers on the side, one of which he brought in especially so we could move our more fragile belongings to our new home in town. Harry even helped carry boxes into the house. It was like an excerpt from *It's A Wonderful Life*, when Mary Bailey presents Mrs. Martini with bread on the doorstep of her new house in Bedford Falls, "that this house may never know hunger" and salt "that life may always have flavour."

Losing Bredin's on our main street doesn't mean we'll suddenly go hungry, or suddenly be without bread; but it's the flavour - in so many respects - that will be absent. I'll now have to search high and low for the flavour Bredin's gave me in my Saturday morning cinnamon buns. And I'll never be able to return the favour - providing their Bredin's sign with that omitted apostrophe.

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# 'Happy Jack's Motel' welcomes theatre-goers back to the Music Hall

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

The Uxbridge Music Hall has been dark since March 2020, but next weekend the curtain finally rises once again. And veteran Uxbridge actress Jennifer Carroll will be among the first to step out onto the boards after a long absence from the theatre.

"It felt so good after so long, to come back and lean into all of the things that we bring and identify with as a company," says Carroll. "As a producer and an actor, being here in Uxbridge is so nourishing. It feels poetic that Uxbridge is our first stop! My deep hope is that people are equally excited to come out and en-

gage with us – it is not lost on me that my community will be the first people to welcome us back!"

The "us" Carroll refers to is The Proscenium Club, a North Bay-based touring theatre company, of which Carroll is a member. Proscenium has done several shows at the Music Hall, including "Barefoot on

the Moon," "The Life and Death of John the Milkman," and "Sit, James." Next Thursday, Oct. 28, their latest offering, "Happy Jack's Motel," opens for a three-night only engagement.

"Happy Jack's Motel" is, in the words of Joshua Bainbridge, the show's director (as well as writer, actor and co-producer), an "examination of toxic masculinity, done through the cultural lens of the 80s."

"We were taught to have this kind of reverence of guys in the 80s," explains Bainbridge during a short break from rehearsal. "We looked up to 80s tv 'heroes' like Magnum P.I. – they were cool, slick, dangerous. Now we see that [that styling] is problematic. We were programmed by pop culture, and now we have to dismantle it, which means dismantling a point of view."

After describing the play this way, Bainbridge and Carroll are both quick to point out that the show is not heavy or preachy. That it is, in fact, quite the contrary. They explain that the play is set on a highway that heads to Thunder Bay, that complete strangers stop at Happy Jack's Motel, and that "crime, comedy and chaos" ensue.

"And the soundtrack is terrific!" adds Bainbridge with a laugh.

The play apparently takes off right when the curtain rises. Bainbridge says it's structured like a farce because there are so many moving parts, and that it tumbles into a "grungy 'Miami Vice' meets 'Upstairs Downstairs.'"

Bainbridge says that, as a male, it's difficult to have a conversation about toxic masculinity, which to him comes with the inference that to not

be macho or masculine is to be weak, which is "a broken way of looking at the human condition."

"If 'Happy Jack's Motel' was written 30 years ago, the villains may have been seen as the heroes then," says Bainbridge.

Carroll agrees, saying that one of the things she loves about the play is how, in 2021, it's easy to see how destructive the presentation of masculinity was. "Those are the guys we cheered for then. What we've been told was aspirational, we've turned it on its head."

Bainbridge realizes that, as a white male, many could suggest that he's not the best person to tell this type of story.

"My role, as a straight, white man, is to be an ally. We're in a time where we're seeing an interesting push, where marginalized groups are coming to the fore. But the conversation of toxic masculine influence hasn't been negative for just the marginalized groups; there's a weird pressure, a judgment, ridicule, that feminine traits has been an attack point towards males."

"Happy Jack's Motel" is on Oct. 28 - 30 at 7:30 p.m. each night at the Uxbridge Music Hall. Tickets are available through starticketing.com

Both Carroll and Bainbridge say that "Happy Jack's Motel" is a show that kids who are in local youth theatre clubs should see.

"It's not your grandma's night at the theatre – although she'd still love it!" laughs Bainbridge. "There is violence, use of firearms, and some mature themes. It's a damn good time!"

For more information on the play and on The Proscenium Club, visit [prosceniumclub.com](http://prosceniumclub.com)

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## Bruins struggle early in the season

by Roger Varley

With four games played at this point in the 2021-22 season, the Uxbridge Bruins have yet to register a win.

Their game against the Little Britain Merchants at the arena last Friday ended in a 3-1 win for the Merchants, meaning the Bruins are the only team in the PJHL's Junior C Orr Division without a victory. All the other teams in the loop have played more than four games, except the Lakefield Chiefs, but the Chiefs have a 3-1-0 record.

Most of the Bruins are new to the team and, with a shortened pre-season practice schedule, still have to figure out how to work with each other. A few of the players have shown early promise but there is little team work so far. The disparity in goals - seven for and 20 against - indicates there are problems on defence and offence.

In Friday's game, officiated by two linesmen with no referee, the Merchants took the lead halfway through the first period on a goal by Brody Ormiston. The lead lasted only 16 seconds, however, with Ryan DaPonte finding the net, assisted by Tomas Palandra. It was a pe-

riod of workmanlike hockey, with both teams evenly matched and no penalties. It was more of the same in the scoreless second period, which saw each team take one penalty.

Little Britain regained the lead early in the third on the power play, but the Bruins were unable to take advantage of three back-to-back-to-back Merchant penalties midway through the period. Little Britain finished the scoring with a third goal near the end of the stanza.

The *Uxbridge Cosmos* selected Bruins' Quinn Meek and Merchants' Ormiston as players of the game.

The Bruins return to action tomorrow (Friday) night at the arena when they host the Georgina Ice. They travel to Little Britain on Saturday for another matchup with the Merchants. The arena will be at 100 per cent capacity for Friday's game. However, there will be a 30-minute window for spectators to enter the arena and, as has been the rule for the first games, there will be no in-and-out privileges. Anyone leaving the building during the game will not be allowed to re-enter.

Hunter Jarvis of Parks and Recreation said Tuesday that rule is a municipal decision, but added that a number of other municipalities also have the same rule.



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Letters, from page 4

pay meagre development fees. More and more, the Town of Uxbridge became the Corporation of Uxbridge separate from the community they serve. The Township corporation's primary source of income is from property taxes.

So big development is coming to Uxbridge again: 588 homes proposed for north of Quaker Village. Pushing both the region and municipality to provide zoning amendments and changes to our official development plan, the Bridgebrook Corporation is asking residents to destroy prime farmland for more sprawl. Bridgeport is asking us to overburden our schools and roads and healthcare. They are asking us to increase our already astronomical levels of CO2 production. They are asking us to pump more human waste into the already imperiled Lake Simcoe watershed. We have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

A couple of things are going to happen at the public consultation meeting on Oct. 25, 2021. Bridgebrook will use the meeting as a focus group. They want to know your fears and needs so they can adjust their plan and appear like rational actors who aren't trying to exploit our community for profit. Give them absolutely nothing.

Despite the Planning Opinion Report submitted by Bridgebrook, an amendment to existing zoning does not support the proactive sustainable urban planning our rural farming community deserves. Farmlands are being conceded and eroded away. Food is Uxbridge's major resource, contributing to feeding the masses.

If the council is determined to open the official town plan, they should open it to amend our density targets and allocate more growth only in the existing development zone and within our current sewage system capacity.

Tell them to open the development plan to mandate sustainable development and put a moratorium on such development until ecological building standards are mandated to decrease the effluent entering the Lake Simcoe watershed and CO2 into the air. Tell them to open the plan to stop predatory development in our community.

Earth is getting so hot that, in about a decade, we will probably blow past a level of warming that world leaders have sought to prevent. It is now time to be part of the solution, not the problem. Not doing so can be seen as morally culpable ignorance.

If you agree, please consider endorsing my petition to council. [change.org/StopTheSprawlUxbridge](https://change.org/StopTheSprawlUxbridge)

June Davies  
Uxbridge

Re: York-Durham Heritage Railway

Yay, Roger, you did it! Every reporter worth her/his salt wants to write an article that stirs people to action. I must commend you on the article which spurred one letter-writer to take YDHR to task for its environmental damage and lack of responsibility. I think they may be brought to change their ways.

Great work, Roger. You were right.

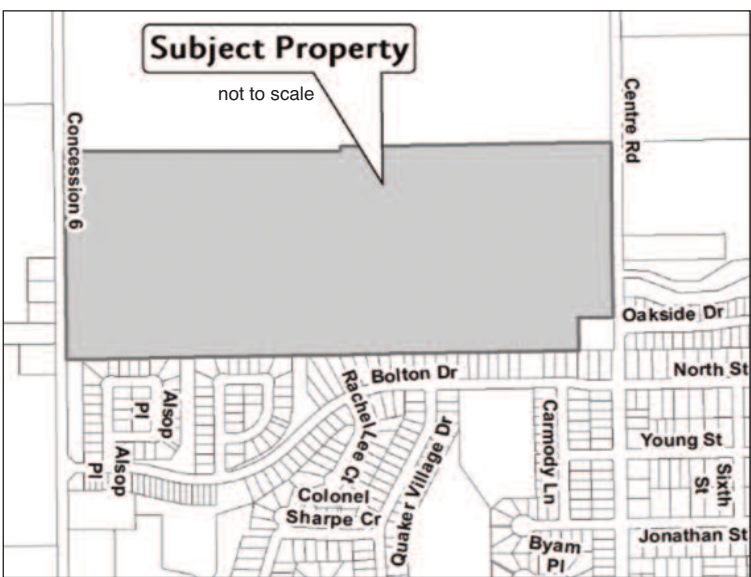
Doug Moffatt  
Uxbridge

Re: 'Am I wrong?', Oct. 14

As the township grows and incorporates people from different places and experiences, it becomes more and more tedious to see senior cis hetero white men be given a platform in the print media, week in and week out. It comes to the point

of embarrassing when they feel entitled to share their hot take on representation, and the local paper publishes their dog-whistle to the good old days gang who would love to keep historically marginalized people oppressed. It's 2021. In the GTA. The tide has turned from finding this rhetoric cute to finding it a slap in the face. It is sincerely well past time to do better for women, Black, Indigenous people, people of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, disabled, and neurodivergent community members by also amplifying their voices amidst those of the historically-privileged old guard.

Lesley Kowalchuk  
Uxbridge



Big suburban sprawl is back on the agenda in Uxbridge

On October 4, 2021, the residents of Uxbridge, Ontario, received official notification that Bridgebrook Corporation is attempting to amend both the existing land use zoning and the Township Official Plan to facilitate the development of a 588-unit subdivision to be located at 7370 Centre Rd. (the "Subject Property").

Re-designating the Subject Property as a "Residential Area" under the Township Official Plan, and rezoning what is effectively prime farmland, would result in an unsustainable model of development that does not serve the current or future needs of Uxbridge or the planet. Rezoning the Subject Property will have disastrous consequences for our community.

Bridgebrook is asking us to overburden our schools, roads and healthcare. They are asking us to increase our already astronomical levels of CO2 production. They are asking us to pump more human waste into the already imperiled Lake Simcoe watershed. They are asking us to concede farmland, our primary resource. We have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

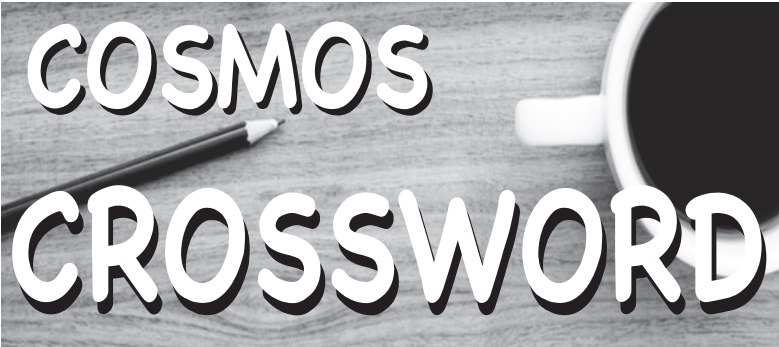
June Davies and the undersigned individuals and organizations refuse to support any change in the existing zoning.

Moreover, we refuse to re-elect any member of the current Uxbridge Township council who facilitates or supports the unsustainable and environmentally hazardous rezoning of any and all farmlands for residential development.

On August 9, 2021, the United Nations declared a "code red for humanity" stating that Earth is getting so hot that temperatures in about a decade will probably blow past a level of warming that world leaders have sought to prevent. This needs to be our primary focus. Healthy Food requires clean earth, clean water, and clean air. We must rally around our farmers for the sake of our future.

We are saying a flat, "No" to suburban sprawl in Uxbridge. If you agree, please endorse this petition to council. [change.org/StopTheSprawlUxbridge](https://change.org/StopTheSprawlUxbridge)

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# Uxbridge getting another service club

by Justyne Edgell

The Kiwanis Club is coming to Uxbridge.

With over 100 years of service, Kiwanis International is an organization made up of volunteer clubs serving the needs of children in over 85 countries around the world. Uxbridge is now getting its very own branch of the Kiwanis Club, which will support “food banks, women’s shelters, children’s programs and much more depending on the needs of the community,” says Mary Ellen Trimble, lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Division 9 Greater Toronto.

Trimble says that, as the lieutenant, she identifies areas where new clubs would be beneficial.

“One of my sisters and my nephew live in Uxbridge and I have seen the large population growth in the last several years, so I thought that Uxbridge would be a great place to set up a Kiwanis Club.”

The Kiwanis motto is “Serving the Children of the World.” While their

focus is on children, Kiwanis also runs programs for women’s shelters and those facing homelessness. Trimble says that while the club will be primarily made up of new Uxbridge members, she and a few other nearby club members will also join the team.

“We will not be making the decisions or choosing the programs that will run, but rather supporting and helping to guide the new club as it gets set up and identifies areas of need in the community.”

The Kiwanis have 8,000 international clubs, both adult clubs and youth teams like the Kiwanis Key Club and Kiwanis K-Kids. Some projects that a few GTA clubs have worked on have been diaper donation to women’s shelters, online, Zoom cooking classes with a chef, sandwich drop offs for those facing homelessness, and one GTA student group even gathered the materials and sewed non-slip slippers for all residents in a local long-term care residence.

It takes 15 members to charter a

new club. For the first year, it will cost \$25 to join, which will go towards the Kiwanis magazine and insurance. Each subsequent year, the Uxbridge club will decide on their own membership fee. Trimble emphasized that “every dime from the community for the people, is returned to the community. We are a true not for profit organization.”

October 23 is also a special day for the club. Kiwanis One Day is a day of service for all Kiwanis clubs around the world. Many of the GTA clubs will be helping to pack refugee care packages with GlobalMedics. And in honour of Kiwanis One Day, the CN Tower will be lit up in blue!

If you are interested in joining the Uxbridge Kiwanis Club you can visit them online at [kiwanis-clubuxbridge.ca](http://kiwanis-clubuxbridge.ca), or reach out to Mary Ellen Trimble by email [maryellen\\_trimble@kiwanisgta.ca](mailto:maryellen_trimble@kiwanisgta.ca), or call 416-757-6754. Further information about Kiwanis International can be found at [kiwanis.org](http://kiwanis.org)

## New wildflower garden installed at Uxbridge Historical Centre



Brenda Near, left, of Pollin Gardens, shows off her newly planted wildflower garden at the Uxbridge Historical Centre.

Pollin Gardens’ business grew out of a desire to see native plants growing in more home gardens. By planting native plants, homeowners can create critical and diverse habitats for birds, butterflies, native bees and other important insects, in their own backyards. Jessica Lanziner (pictured right), curator and manager of the Historical Centre, gladly approved the project as an important asset, in keeping with the purpose and theme of the Centre. This project was an initiative of the Township’s Environmental Advisory Committee.

Photo by Tom Fowle

## Goodwood News with Bev Northeast

The days are shorter and colder and we all know what that means - our first snow fall by Halloween!

I’m sure the kids are anxious to get out to trick or treat and the province is giving its OK to participate in this activity, so let’s have some fun!

It’s time we all took some interest in saving energy and doing our part to keep our community healthy. Remember - when you are saving energy you are also saving money, who doesn’t like that idea?

1. Turn off the lights whenever you leave a room – save money.

2. Appoint someone at home and at work to be the energy conservation officer – save more money.

3. Unplug coffeemakers and toasters when not in use at home and at

work when leaving for the weekend – now save even more money!

See how easy you just saved some money? Soon you can go on a holiday or a shopping trip!

Did you know that yard waste that ends up in landfill sites will decompose without oxygen, producing methane gas that is harmful to the atmosphere? Composting needs ventilation and can be built from wooden skids.

Not much going on in Goodwood these days other than a lot of residents walking more and enjoying the outdoors. If COVID has assisted with the habit of walking more, what a bonus!

We had the speed camera back but

idiots decided to damage it and take it out of action AGAIN. I plan to investigate how much it costs to buy one of these speed cameras; maybe we can have our own set up permanently, because it does work and we need it for safety on this highway, as it is a busy road.

Winter is just around the corner and I know a lot of residents are not looking forward to this change, but remember the old saying: “If we had no winter; the spring would not be so pleasant.”

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## Parker, Cheryl-Elaine (Coppins)



Passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021, at age 58 after a 40-year battle with Lupus. Survived by Steve, her husband of 34 years; her mother, Bev Coppins; sisters Denise Bryan (Fred) and Michele Coppins (Mark); and brother-in-law Wayne Parker (Lin) and sister-in-law Ceil Parker. She will be missed by her nieces Jackie, Samantha and Kim, her nephews Bobby, Kenny (Michelle), Grady, Nathan and Cameron. She will also be sadly missed by her great-nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends. Cheryl-Elaine is predeceased by her father, Gary Coppins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the Claremont Legion, 4937 Old Brock Road, Claremont, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination, identification and mandatory mask wearing are all in effect while on the Legion premises. Donations in memory of Cheryl-Elaine may be made to Lupus Ontario.

Arrangements have been trusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street, Box 388 Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)

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