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Proposed development meets resident disapproval

by Roger Varley

More than 60 letters were received by Uxbridge council from citizens opposed to a major development proposed for the northwest corner of the urban area. In addition, many of those speaking at a public planning meeting on the proposal Monday night voiced their opposition.

At times, as many as 100 residents were tuned in to the virtual meeting, held to discuss a proposal by John Spina and his Bridgebrook Corp. to build 588 housing units on a property stretch across the top of Quaker Village, from Conc. 6 to Centre Road. Bridgebrook is seeking amendments to Durham Region's official plan and a rezoning of the land from Future Residential

to Residential. At some point, Bridgebrook will also have to come before Uxbridge council to seek similar amendments.

Before the meeting began, resident Doug Moffatt requested that the meeting be postponed until such time as people can attend in person, noting the province's recent relaxation of limits on public gatherings. His request was denied.

Matthew Cory, planning consultant for Bridgebrook, said the proposal calls for the construction of 588 homes on 40 hectares (100 acres), ranging from townhouses to single detached homes to row housing. He said the site would preserve an area of natural heritage and would also contain a park. Cory said he had read the residents' letters and offered that concerns fell into three

main areas: density, environmental protection and servicing. As far as density is concerned, he said the applicant is working under the provincial growth plan to provide diverse housing choices. He said many of the units will be smaller homes. On the environmental issue he said the conservation authority has vetted the plans to preserve the natural heritage features. On servicing, he said studies are underway on increasing the capacity of the water treatment plant.

Councillor Todd Snooks led off questioning by noting that Quaker Village sits on 80 hectares but only has approximately 340 homes. He said the proposed development would put more homes on land that is half the size. He asked why the developer

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Council & Committee Meetings Meeting Schedule for November, 2021

Monday, November 1 COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 8 COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4:00 p.m.

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Volunteers are wanted to cut small Scot Pine trees in meadows as part of the commitment to protect the open landscape and habitat for grassland species. The event will occur on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Please meet in the parking lot at the entry to Uxbridge Countryside Preserve, 12 Welwood Drive (behind Walmart).

- Volunteers should bring work gloves and wear appropriate foot wear.
- If possible, bring your own loppers and / or hand saws to cut small pines.
- Volunteers under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Social distancing will be expected.

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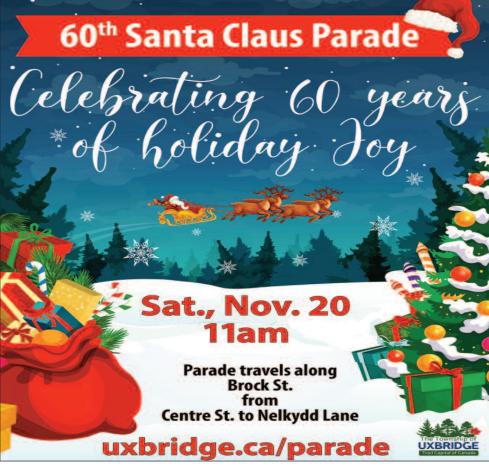
- Parking on Township streets is not permitted between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., from November 1 to April 1.
- Parking in a manner that interferes with snow clearing operations is not permitted

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Closures

- Chalk Lake Spring on Lake Ridge Road in Port Perry will be closed for maintenance from October 4-8, and again from October 26-November 12.
- The trails near the pond on the West side of the Countryside Preserve will be temporarily closed until further notice, to allow maintenance work on the dam. All other trails remain open.
- Closure of the Toronto Street sidewalk adjacent to the Uxbridge Public Library may be in effect through to early November for clock tower restoration work.
- Victoria Street will be closed for the Farmers' Market each Sunday (7:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.) from Brock St. W. to King St. W.



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"would think that would be reasonable."

Cory said Quaker Village homes were built "under different circumstances" and the new development would have small homes.

Snooks, a member of council's traffic calming committee, then raised the question of extra traffic being generated by the development. Cory replied that a traffic consultant had determined the current road system could handle the traffic.

When Councillor Bruce Garrod noted that some local schools are near capacity and asked what talks the developer has had with the school boards, Cory replied that he's still waiting to hear back from them. Garrod then suggested such a development would put a strain on existing local recreation facilities and asked if the applicant would be willing to help in some way. Spina said he's open to discussions.

Mayor Dave Barton questioned activities on the land prior to presenting the application. Saying the land is currently used for farming, he noted that some of the land had been cleared to accommodate extra crops. He suggested such clearing would meet with conservation approval and would be accompanied by much lower costs than if the land was cleared for development.

"It just seems a little odd that someone would clear land for agricultural purposes and then, 24 months later, put in an application for development," Barton said.

Resident June Davies said it was her opinion that the development was not about growth but about speculation. She said she has started a petition against the development and already has over 300 signatures and "it's growing each passing day."

Doug Moffatt returned to opine that the province's intensification

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policy is designed to build accommodation close to public transit hubs. He said the homes proposed are not needed, noting there are developments already under way on Reach Street, Brock Street and Elgin Park Drive.

Planning committee chair Gordon Highet announced residents will have 28 days to submit written comments on the proposal to the township.









Our two cents

Just say no!

"It's a nice feel to come into Uxbridge."

Many residents can relate to that quote, which came from a member of the public at the end of a marathon public meeting Monday night on a proposed development for the northwest corner of the urban area. We at the Cosmos feel exactly the same way each time we return from trips outside the township's boundaries.

It is quite possible residents felt the same way 20 years ago when the township rallied to fight against the proposed massive Gan Eden development just south of the urban area. Joey Tannenbaum wanted to build 2,000 homes in an "adult" community on the property bordered on the south by Old Highway 47, on the east by Concession 6 and on the north and west by Highway 47. Some familiar names, including Wynn Walters, Brian Buckles and John McCutcheon, led the fight, which eventually saw Tannenbaum walk away.

We suggest similar opposition be mounted against the current proposal. Admittedly, it is smaller in size and is not slated to be an adult community, but building 588 housing units on the property in question would have a major impact on the character of the town, as well as pose a number of problems.

At a time when our local schools are near or at capacity, where would all the children moving into this development be accommodated? It would require either a new school or a number of portable classrooms. Whatever route was taken, the taxpayer would pay for it.

At a time when council is busy working on traffic calming, speed reduction and active transportation, how is the township going to handle the huge volume of traffic this development would create?

What kind of pressure would such a massive influx of new residents place on our recreational facilities, on our health professionals and hospital, on our township services?

The township already is faced with the prospect of a large - (and, to some, unsightly) - apartment building on Brock Street East. This will be part of a development which will see subdivisions on both the north side and south side of Brock at Herrema. A number of wellkept single-family homes were recently demolished on Reach Street to make way for a townhouse condominium project.

The town's character, its small-town feel, is already under severe attack. The current proposal, if approved, would surely be the coup de grace. Which is why we believe our local council must abandon all the political niceties of following the rules and regulations and just say "No" when this proposal comes before them. Then the developer will be free to take his case to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) for a ruling. That would cost the township a lot of money in legal fees and there is a good chance the developer could win his case. But at least the people of Uxbridge would see council is actually fighting for them, instead of just rolling over and saying "our hands are tied."

This township's residents rallied and won against Gan Eden. We believe the residents should rally against this development with similar ardour.

And a final note to the by-law department. When people start putting up lawn signs opposing the development, leave them alone.

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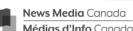
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Re: Township decision-making

representation we want and need. We want an animal shelter, and some residents worked tirelessly for years and years to raise the money. But no shelter, nope: lots of prevarication from the council as to why

Years ago, we were polled about having three chickens per house and it emerges (ages after the poll was taken) that by an overwhelming margin, we want that option, but we're told it would require changing a couple of bylaws (can't have that, can we? too much work? would make us too happy? would get in the way of all the other bylaw-making?), so nope! No chickens. Even apparently for those of us out here in the hamlets surrounded on most sides by farmland or the odd golf course.

And finally, this proposed development on Conc. 6, which no residents want, which would require fundamental changes to our town plan, which requires rezoning and which would challenge our local facilities beyond their capacity - oh! yes! That's just fine with our town council. I guess changing bylaws and zoning restrictions and town plans isn't so difficult when filthy lucre is involved.

What happens when you get elected? I'm so curious. For decades I've been watching the bizarre alteration in behaviour, values, and the ability to fulfill promises in formerly fine individuals. Is there some secret ceremony upon induction that absolves elected people while in office from treating their constituents without disdain?

No animal shelter, no chickens no to retaining the ethos of the beautiful rural small town we love so much. But Yes! to urban sprawl and apparently to any developer with a cheque book (or etransfer capability). What's up with that?

> Chris Clark Siloam

Re: Time to come together

The time has come for stability, unity, and working together. There has been enough divisiveness. It is time to put aside the personal interests of our individual countries,

work on our common goals.

We do not need tactical execution on social media platforms with targeted ads and campaigns with the aim of re-enforcing beliefs that lead to division and isolation. The goal is unity and connection, not short term division.

We do not need laws and government action on COVID-19 vaccination that lead to a healthy but divided country, we need immunity and unity.

We do not need trade policies that reduce competition and on-

business that was meant to flourish in global locations. Trade barriers are short term solutions to a lack of creative ideas and policies. Support innovation, not protection.

We do not need large global players moving on smaller democracies because they think they can - they can't.

Furthermore, we do not need minor efforts at driving conflict through fear - we need hope. We need people that stand for a unified approach, global in scope to tackle hard issues that affect our global family, like climate change, pandemics, plastics in the oceans, and poverty reduction.

These issues are bigger than ourselves, and they require ideas from all over the world, a s well as cam paigns/programs/laws to drive action. We need international summits to solve these problems, and grassroots campaigns to involve our kids, friends, families, companies and governments to create and share new ways at solving these larger issues - the time is now.

> R. Carlstrom Uxbridge



Letters to the Editor

Re: Missing Bredin's, "The Barris Beat," Oct. 21

Ted Barris has it so right: Uxbridge is now missing some of the essential "flavour" of small town Ontario with the recent loss of our delightful little bakery.

I was not a regular visitor at Bredin's (I love baking at home too much), but when I did go in, I was always greeted warmly, served graciously, and left with a delectable treat or scrumptious loaf. I truly believe that our town would happily support the next incarnation of a local bakery.

I personally know of several wonderful talented bakers/artisans here in our midst. I envision a downtown storefront featuring a co-op styled assortment of breads, pastries, cookies, etc., contributed to by a variety of makers. Imagine the possibilities!

As someone who taught kids' cooking (ok, mostly baking) classes locally years ago, I know Uxbridgians love their baked goods. Can we find a way to continue the fine Bredin's tradition?

> Jen Thorson Uxbridge

What an interesting town council we have in Uxbridge. Regardless of who we vote for, the residents of this fair township never get the



A Blonde Moment

column by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

A weird kind of déjà vu

Déjà vu. You know it, that odd, overwhelming sense that can unexpectedly come over you, telling you that you've somehow been here, done this before. Experiencing a déjà vu can be unsettling, or strangely comforting, it depends on the situation.

What I experienced last Friday evening wasn't a déjà vu in the normal sense of the phrase, but it certainly was a "been here, done this" moment that was exceedingly familiar and yet strange at the same time.

My husband is a Canadian Football League fan, and he (for some odd reason) is a diehard Toronto Argonauts supporter. He had been long denied access to watching a live game, thanks to the pandemic. When things started opening back up, he decided to look into getting tickets to a game. None were available (not in his price range, anyway) for a home game at BMO Field, so he spent some time doing some research, and eventually informed me that he had found tickets to a game! Oh joy! Oh bliss! They were for a game against the Montreal Alouettes...on their turf. We had to go to Montreal to see his beloved team play.

I had never been to Montreal for a proper visit. My only brush with the city had been on highways motoring through to the East Coast, or at the train station. So I didn't let the fact that I would have to sit through an Argos game dampen my excitement over going on a wee trip. A trip! It had been so long! Did I know where my suitcase was? My travel-size shampoo? Would I remember my travel manners?

As I write that, I feel like a bit of a git. I was lucky enough to spend a week in Cuba a month before COVID-19 brought the world to a halt in March 2020, so it's not like I've been chained to home for the past decade or so. But let's face it - it FEELS like we've been chained to home for the past decade or so! And preparing for a real, honest-to-goodness getaway was almost like getting ready for Christmas, it was so exciting.

Here's where I get to the business about déjà vu. Everything about our weekend was like déjà vu. It was just like travelling had been Before COVID, but it wasn't. The camaraderie that exists between travellers on a train or a plane (we took the train) wasn't there. Everyone was too wary of doing the right thing, keeping their masks just so, staying just the right distance apart. It was a teeny bit sad, really. It felt like all we wanted to do

was swap notes on how we'd spent the last few months of our lives while we sat next to one another on a five-hour journey to a different location, but we knew we couldn't let our guard down, so we all kept to ourselves, in our own little - you know it - bubbles.

Grant and I toured the streets of Montreal never really knowing whether we should remove our masks or not. Some people had them on, some didn't, and we were in a constant state of flux - should we or shouldn't we? We eventually adopted the newest fashion trend of wearing our masks around our chins, like a beard-sling (if either of us had a beard), so that it was ready to whip up if a person passing us was just a little too close because the sidewalk was a bit narrow.

Déjà vu really kicked in, though, at the game on Friday. Just like old times it was, sitting in an almost-filled stadium with loud fans who were perhaps a little too boisterous, but easily forgiven because they, like us, had waited a long, long time to have this experience again. Jostling for a spot in the line for super-expensive beers, climbing over legs and feet to get to an assigned seat, being a part of the mass exodus from the stadium when the game was over - it was all just as it was Before. And yet it was so weird. The same tentative relationships that had - or had not, as the case may be - existed between passengers on the train or those crowding the streets also existed between the rows upon rows of people watching the football game. I could feel that people wanted so badly for it to be completely normal, but knew it just couldn't be. Do we leave the mask off while drinking a beer, or do we have to beard-strap every time we want to take a sip? Can we high-five those around us every time we get a touchdown...oh wait. That one didn't matter to us, as we were probably only two of about six Argos fans in the stadium. THAT was awkward too, but in a whole different way...

Life is slowly returning to a semblance of what it was, but the presence of the pandemic is deeply seated in the way we do things now, and it may be a long while before the stain of it is cleanly and completely wiped away. I'm certainly not complaining, though. It was a fabulous weekend away, and offered a great opportunity to gain a little perspective, remind myself that the world is larger than the Township of Uxbridge. We're all dealing with the same weird déjà vu right now. The feeling will pass, it always does.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Corporate profits at whose expense?

Most evenings you'd see her as you entered the restaurant. Six or seven nights a week, my aunt met customers at the front door of the Double-T Diner in Baltimore, Md., with the warmest, most genuine smile ever. On the job, Virginia always dressed appropriately – hair neat as a pin, makeup just right and clothing not a thread out of place. She was the best restaurant hostess (she preferred that title herself) I ever knew.

"You never know who might arrive," she told me. "Best to be prepared."

My aunt Virginia came by her job naturally. Her husband Angelo and other members of her Greek-American family had acquired the restaurant in the 1950s. And in those days, if you could, everybody in the family pitched in. Another uncle worked in the bakery at the back of the Double-T. My grandfather often prepared his specialty, crab cakes, there. And one summer I worked as a busboy in the kitchen. The big difference was that I got paid a modest salary. My aunt didn't. Oh, she never went without. But because she never officially received a paycheque, I learned recently, when Virginia retired, the U.S. old-age pension system had no record of her, so she received no pension for all her years of work. What's more, because the family had never allowed a union to represent any of the workers - hostesses, waitresses, busboys, dishwashers, cashiers, etc. - nobody else had any basic assistance for healthcare, dental, injury on the job, or ultimately any collective bargaining rights to seek wage increases for loyalty or seniority.

Employees' attempts to acquire protection, or at least representation, in large international packing and distributing companies such as Amazon - have put the issue of workers' rights and wages on a collision course with corporate profits in North America. Most recently, Teamsters Local 362 have filed for a vote on union representation at an Amazon centre in the town of Nisku, just outside Edmonton. The union says that 40 per cent of the fulfilment centre workers have signed cards calling for union representation; that would trigger a vote at the plant. Two more Teamsters locals have told CBC that so-called precariously employed essential workers at two Amazon facilities in Ontario are signing similar membership cards. An Amazon spokesman responded: "As a company, we don't think unions are the best answer for our employees," Dave Bauer said.

Recent history in the United States suggests otherwise. Back in March of this year, Associ-

ated Press in the U.S. interviewed Linda Burns, a gig worker in Alabama. She explained that her Amazon job had her picking up customers' orders and moving them to packers in a massive warehouse. If she didn't pass along enough orders to meet company quotas, she faced dismissal. "They are treating us like robots rather than humans," Burns told AP.

I can imagine all of my anti-union friends rolling their eyes and making claims of workers feeding at the union trough, and forcing private enterprise companies out of business with "outrageous" minimum-wage demands. Well, I understand how difficult it's been for businesses – especially during COVID lockdowns and restrictions - to stay afloat. I've been a freelance writer (i.e. self-proprietorship) for 50 years; I get it! But I'd remind anyone in business about the view from the other side, especially skilled women who, because they've had to quit or take a leave-of-absence from their jobs to care for children at home during the pandemic, are under-represented in the workplace. Have you tried to feed a family with Ontario's minimum wage (Oct. 1 it went up a dime to \$14.35 per

This week, Monte McNaughton, Ontario's minister of labour, introduced legislation to reduce what experts call "availability creep." His "right to disconnect" bill would entitle workers to ignore workplace emails and phone calls when not on the job. Fair enough. But if it really cared about Ontario's workers, the government might consult unions, who've had workers' rights as their highest priority much longer. McNaughton might do better to increase the minimum wage to respectability. instead.

From 1979 to 1987, I served as president of the ACTRA Writers Guild of Alberta. I joined negotiations on behalf of writers facing TV Ontario and ACCESS (its Alberta equivalent). We negotiated fair rates for our scripts. We sought funds to assist freelance writers (gig workers of the day) to receive some health coverage and pensions – a hardly feeding at a trough or driving broadcasters out of business. Back in the 1960s when I worked as a busboy at that family diner in Baltimore, I wish I'd told my aunt, the diner's hostess, to protect herself by demanding an actual paycheque. If she'd had a union representing her, it would have ensured her such basic human rights.

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Smaller ceremony planned for Remembrance Day

by Roger Varley

Remembrance Day observance, cancelled last year because of

COVID-19, will return to Uxbridge's cenotaph this year, but in a scaled down version because of the continuing pan-

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Sherrill Hodgson, president of the Uxbridge Legion, said the parade to the cenotaph will be shorter, starting at Brock and Main, and it will be smaller, consisting only of the Legion Pipes and Drums band, a colour party, Legion members and the fire department. Outside groups, such as scouts and schools, who usually take part in the service, are not invited this year.

Hodgson said the service itself will be similar to past years, except there will be no laying of wreaths by individuals representing various groups and organizations. Nor will the public be invited back to the Legion after the ceremonies, as has happened in past years.

As for the cenotaph itself, Recreation director Amanda Ferraro said she hopes the scaffolding on the library clock tower will be down before Nov. 11.

"It's touch and go," she said,
"Our fingers are crossed."

She said the work was delayed by some "surprises" the contractor found with the louvres in the tower.

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Bruins split weekend games

by Roger Varley

In an impressive showing, the Uxbridge Bruins finally made it to the win column on Friday with a 7-4 defeat of the Georgina Ice at the arena. However, they were defeated by the Merchants 4-2 in Little Britain the following night.

Despite trailing 1-0 after the first 20 minutes, the Bruins completely dominated the Ice in the first period, outshooting the visitors 18-4 and handing out a number of solid body checks.

Midway through the second period, Tomas Palandra scored Uxbridge's first goal on a power play after some nifty stick-handling at the blue line. Assists went to Daniel Giorgio and goalie Jack Randall. Fifteen seconds later, Sean Mateer was knocked into the boards so hard he put a large hole in the boards, causing a 43-minute delay in the game while the boards were repaired. After play resumed, Matthew Gordon, assisted by Travis Winder, put the Bruins ahead with four minutes left, followed quickly by Mateer's first of two, assisted by Caleb MacLeish. After a Bruins goal was disallowed because the puck was kicked in the net, Mateer tipped in a shot from the blue line during a power play. Assists went to Quinn Meek and Liam Vogan.

The Ice rallied in the third period, scoring at the four-minute mark, only to see Ryan DaPonte score two minutes later, assisted by Vogan and

Anthony Messina. Not dead yet, the Perry MoJacks. Ice retaliated with two quick goals, but Zach Power increased the Bruins' edge, assisted by Mateer and Andrew Swan, with Palandra and DaPonte combining for an empty

Players of the game, chosen by the Cosmos, were Mateer for the Bruins and Austin Paulmert for the Ice.

In Little Britain, the Merchants scored the only goal of the first period, a power-play effort.

Early in the second, Quinn Meek teamed with brother Declan to even the score, but the Merchants scored two more before the stanza ended.

Palandra scored one more for the Bruins late in the third, but Little Britain added one more with less than a minute remaining.

The Bruins were scheduled to meet the Eagles in Clarington tonight (Thursday) and return to action at the arena tomorrow (Friday) night 7:45 p.m. when they host the Port

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by Justyne Edgell

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Uxbridge resident Amanda L'Ecuyer is a fully trained esthetician who decided to specialize specifically in sug-

"After working for some not so great bosses, I decided to open my own shop out of my apartment in Toronto," says L'Ecuyer, who has been running her own sugaring business, Sweet Mango Sugaring, for 11

"After the long lockdown, I decided I had to shut my place down, but it gave me the opportunity to start up

business here," says L'Ecuyer. "I also had a baby during that time so I had to sort of re-think and strategize how I wanted to work."

L'Ecuyer grew up in a small town outside of Niagara, and after living for many years in the city, she moved back to her small town roots and is now living and working here in Uxbridge.

"I love being in Uxbridge, the people are all so friendly, I can't imagine going back to the city, and I love that my daughter is going to grow up here," she says.

Body sugaring uses a paste made of only three ingredients: water, sugar and lemon juice, which L'Ecuyer makes herself. She then uses a glove and applies the paste to the body in the opposite direction of the hair growth, then flicks to remove it in the direction in which the hair grows.

"Waxing is notorious for cross contamination and is full of harsh chemicals that can be harmful for skin," says L'Ecuyer. "Sugaring is not, and there is never any double dipping."

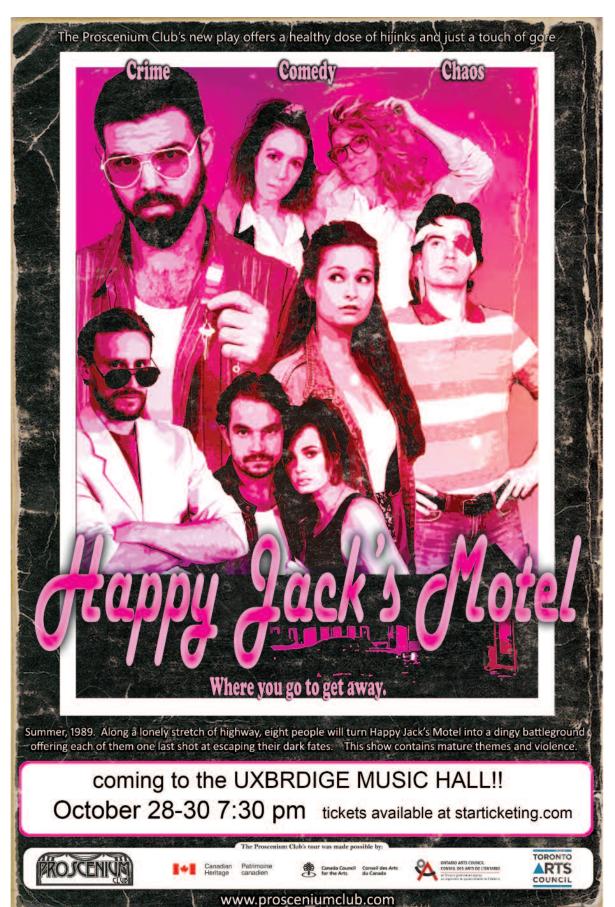
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"Waxing only removes about 80 per cent of hair, and the rest breaks off. It also takes off layers of healthy skin. Sugaring only attaches to the hair and dead skin cells and leaves you smooth and bump free almost imme-

L'Ecuyer is passionate about her job and loves getting to know her clients. "One of my main objectives is helping women to feel confident in their bodies and in themselves. It's one of the main reasons why I started doing what I do and why I fell in love with

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Capacity limit changes not changing some business owners' minds

by Justyne Edgell

Uxbridge recently made another step closer to "normal" as capacity limits have been lifted for locations where proof of vaccination is required.

As of this past Monday, movie theatres, restaurants, gyms and more, are now able to operate at full capacity. This is the first stage in the provincial reopening plan that the Ford government announced at the end of last week.

With 87 per cent of Ontario residents aged 12 and older vaccinated with one COVID-19 vaccine dose and 83 per cent having received both shots, Ford announced a plan to reverse the public health measures which were put in place to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This plan includes a possible lifting of proof-of-vaccination requirements by early 2022, with a lift of masking requirements by late March. While some experts say this is happening too quickly, especially as we enter the winter months, Ford says this plan is "super cautious."

Here in Uxbridge this means that local gyms can welcome in more vis-

NRG For Life Fitness says this is "great news," and is excited to open fitness classes up to a full 18 participants again. While capacity limits can increase, the gym is still taking

"The feedback is that participants like the markings in our main group fitness class studio," says NRG, "so

another row of individual "squares" will be added over the next couple of days. Also, there are no limits in the gym or cardio areas. With smaller classes and large gym areas, there is lots of space for all!"



Some local businesses, including some gyms, are excited about the most recent lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, while others are planning to continue doing what they have been to keep patrons happy and safe.

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The Roxy Theater is also accepting more movie-goers into their comfy, red seats once again!

"Everyone has been amazing and so appreciative that we are open once again!" says Roxy owner Cathy Christoff. "We check all patrons 12 and older for double vaxxed status and ID, and also have them sign in for contact tracing and screening. They must all wear masks until they're in their seats; like in all public areas, this is mandatory."

However, not all local business owners are completely excited about this next step. Jude Anthony, owner of Wixan's Bridge restaurant, is hesitant about opening up to full capac-

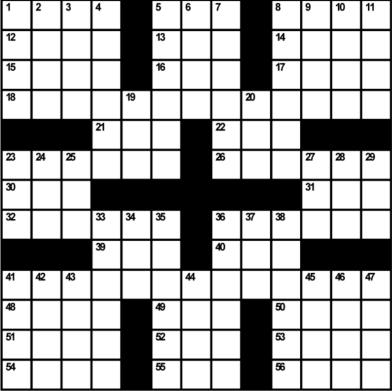
"I think people will be scared to come out when they know their table will be only six feet from the people next to them," says Anthony. On their first night at full capacity, Anthony says they were actually less busy than usual. "At 8 p.m. on Monday we had no customers, it was just my staff in the restaurant."

Anthony worries that, in a town with a large population of seniors, opening up this quickly will make customers worried about health and safety while out in the community.

Even after the Thanksgiving weekend, when families likely gathered in larger groups than they had in almost two years, there hasn't yet been the spike in cases that would have been expected at this time last year. Health experts say this is a direct result of a high percentage of the population getting vaccinated, yet they are encouraging continued caution because the possibility of the virus rising up again exists if the public lets down its

As of Cosmos print time on Tuesday evening, Uxbridge had two active COVID-19 cases in home isolation. There are currently just over 85 per cent of Uxbridge residents 12 plus vaccinated with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination and just over 82 per cent fully vaccinated.

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- 1 Dearth
- 5 Football referee
- 8 Good looking girl
- 12 Cold European capital
- 13 Prevent
- 14 "Goodness gracious!"
- 15 Box elder shrub
- 16 Former Pres.
- 17 Hubs
- Skating move (3 words)
- Squirrel's love
- Senate vote
- Evil fame, public reputation
- 26 Defile
- Dove's sound 30
- 31 Broke bread
- 32 Builds a skyscraper
- Reached the highest point
- 39 Electricity source
- 40 Muff
- 41 Protector (2 words)
- 48 Open
- 49 Dent
- 50 Little bit
- Originate
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- 53 Masterstroke
- 54 Plenty
- 55 Chance 56 Cuckoos

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Down

1 Bread block

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3 Swift fly

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8 Theory

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5 Existing in certain space

9 Excited with anticipation

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7 Home built in a day?

10 Mozart predecessor

Intoxicating liquor

20 Appreciative ability

Here ___ there

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Opponent

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- 34 Little bit

23 Hotel sign

- 35 Tarnish
- 36 Repressed (2 words)
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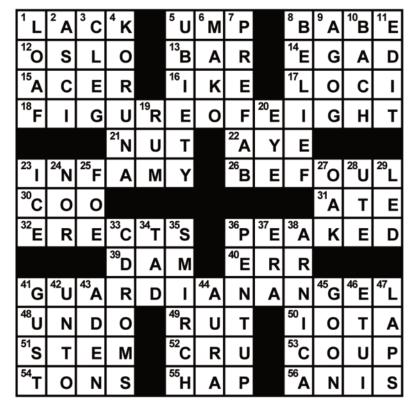
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Perspective with Brian Evans

Further to the last Perspective article, this is the second in the series on Estate Planning issues everyone needs to prepare for.

Since the beginning of time, living beings have come to the end of life. Because no one will avoid this event, it is prudent to be prepared and to instruct those left behind. In this article, let's think about a few other perspectives that may help in estate prepara-

The responsible use of your hardearned funds

As much as a person may want to maximize the benefits after death for their family, handing over significant amounts of assets to beneficiaries may not be a good thing for them. In most cases, your estate is the result of your hard work and that effort is often not understood or appreciated. Case in point is the call received from a lawyer's office several years ago requesting that a particular estate liquidation be expedited much faster since one of the beneficiaries had purchased a new Mercedes and needed their estate funds to pay for it. The deceased person had scrimped and saved through life to be able to provide value for their family. In most cases, you cannot ensure responsible use of your hard-earned funds by your family. Be assured that with many families there would be no problem. Yet money inherited easily can change people who are not prepared. Some beneficiaries may benefit from a trust that puts certain restrictions on the use of funds or at least controls income and the distribution of assets over a certain time period.

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Many people, when planning for their estate affairs and the care of their loved ones, fail to consider that the grieving process may put serious limits on their family's ability to make good and appropriate choices. People who are grieving are often vulnerable and may make decisions that they later wish to reverse. It is important to ensure appropriate counsel from trusted family, friends and advi-

sors who will have your family's best interests at heart and a clearer head to help navigate through required decisions.

Trying to avoid all estate costs may not be best

The cost of authenticating a Will and authorizing trustees through the provincial courts is one of those estate requirements that may not be avoidable. It is commonly referred to as the Probate fees. Minimizing this tax is good.

However, sometimes an attempt to reduce probate can create unexpected tax or estate costs. One example would be the potential tax implications if a principal residence is re-registered to joint ownership with family other then your spouse. Should the new joint owner already own property, a portion of your principal residence may lose its tax advantage. Changing the ownership of some investments would be another example that may create a deemed disposition, triggering a taxable capital gain not anticipated. Additionally, trying to avoid probate may lead to an inequitable distribution of your estate. Any assets with joint ownership or a named beneficiary are not typically included in an estate value for distribution. Surviving joint owners and beneficiaries would legally receive assets outside of your estate and then may also participate in the distribution of assets as directed by your Will. Some beneficiaries could receive benefits that all beneficiaries were to share equally.

You need good professional advice on the most appropriate distribution and tax effective transfer of assets to your beneficiaries. It might be better to pay a little and save more.

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Rachel May Mansfield (née Reid)

Peacefully, on Monday, September 27, 2021, at Southlake Regional Hospital in Newmarket, Ontario. Rachel was predeceased by her parents, Colonel Douglas Muir Reid and Olive Ashley Biggs Reid, and her sisters Hazel and Beryl. She is survived by her loving husband, Norman Frederick Mansfield.



Rachel came to Canada from the U.K. in 1958. Rachel was vicepresident of McGraw Hill Ryerson Publishing Company for many years, and was a devoted member of the Anglican church, most recently at St. Paul's in Uxbridge and at St. James's the Apostle in Sharon, Ontario. Auntie Rachel will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews in the U.K. and across Canada, and especially by her furry friends - her pussies.

A private funeral service was held on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 1 p.m., followed by interment at Goodwood Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge, L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences may be made www.lowandlow.ca







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