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WHAT IF CHRISTMAS DOESN'T COME FROM A STORE? - The Grinch appears to ponder this notion while surrounded by children on the Uxbridge Holiday Trail. Hopefully the children will forgive the Grinch for being confused - the Holiday Trail is made up of stores and businesses that may not supply Christmas, per se, but can provide possibilities for making the season merry, bright, and a lot less grumpy!

Photo by John Cavers

New pool, playground, not coming anytime soon

by Roger Varley

Two projects which township residents have been looking forward to might be delayed considerably - or even cancelled.

In discussions on her capital budget last week, recreation director Amanda Ferraro said Uxbridge has applied for a grant through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund to help finance a universal playground in Elgin Park. The Uxbridge Lions Club has already earmarked \$123,000 for the project, but Ferraro said the overall cost will be just under \$1 mil-

lion. That's because the project will also include a new picnic shelter, winterization of the accessible washroom and walkway lighting. She noted that the project will only proceed if the grant is approved. In answer to Regional Councillor Gord Highet, Ferraro said the playground might have to be pushed back a year or even scaled down.

Mayor Dave Barton commented that "it doesn't look like it's going ahead anytime soon."

On an even more sombre note, Ferraro told council that a 2019 application for a grant to be put toward building a new aquatic centre at

the Fields of Uxbridge was turned down in 2020. She said other grant opportunities are being explored, but it means that construction of a new pool will be pushed back. In notes attached to her department's capital budget, she said if the township is unsuccessful in grant applications or receives less than it requests, the new pool will be put on indefinite hold and the 2022 levy of \$100,000 for the new aquatic centre could be used to pay for Uxpool renovations.

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Our two cents

Where are the contenders?

Last week, there were only two "outsiders" tuned in to a council budget meeting - one resident and a *Cosmos* reporter. Councillors and staff were talking about millions of dollars in spending on both major and minor projects, spending that will affect everyone in the township and will be reflected in the property taxes they pay . . . and, basically, there was no one there to listen.

Normally, that would be understandable: budget meetings can be dry and long and leave one's head spinning with all the numbers that are thrown around. However, this is the last budget that will be put together by the current council: there will be a municipal election before the next budget is addressed.

So, where are all those people who are mulling over the prospect of running for office in that election? One would think that any potential candidates would show a little interest in how the process works and what the current council is planning to do with our tax dollars.

But the scenario is almost always the same: every four years, in the months before a municipal election, one can almost guarantee there will be a surge of residents attending council meetings. Would-be candidates seem to think that showing up for a few meetings will give them the qualifications needed to do the job or, at least, would show the voters that they are committed.

We have news for those would-be candidates: you're behind already. The seven people currently sitting on council are already aware of next year's race for votes and they're not just sitting on their hands. Take Monday's council meeting, for example. The meeting ran for just under two-and-a-half hours, but a full 50 minutes of that time was spent discussing a new election sign bylaw proposed by deputy clerk Josh Machesney. It's not often that council spends that much time on any subject, let alone a proposed bylaw, but the councillors can read a calendar and they are already starting to get their ducks in a row. They were not happy with some of the rules governing sign placement in the proposed bylaw and decided to table the report until the new year.

Of course, incumbent members of council already have an edge going into an election. They have name recognition; they can point to things that council has accomplished over its term; and they can get things done.

It is the policy of the *Cosmos* not to endorse any candidate in any election. Having said that, however, we believe it may be difficult to unseat any of the current councillors who choose to seek re-election. With just a few blips along the road, this council has worked well together, there doesn't appear to be any major personality conflicts and, for the most part, each councillor has handled his or her portfolio efficiently.

Challengers are going to have to bring their "A" game if they are to have any chance of scoring an upset. Showing up for a few council meetings ahead of the campaign isn't going to cut it. Would-be candidates will need to show they understand how the township works, why it works the way it does and, most importantly, how the budget works.

That's not to say potential candidates won't have some arrows in their quivers. There have been issues where, in our opinion, council could have done much better. But taking pot shots at current members won't get anyone elected. Candidates need to be well-versed on such topics as the revitalization of downtown Uxbridge, traffic-calming measures around the township, and upcoming major projects such as the proposed new swimming pool at the Fields of Uxbridge.

Anyone wanting to run for council had better do their homework. But so far, they're not even showing up for class.



Letters to the Editor

The Grinch strikes in Uxbridge

Wow! Stealing lights from a non-profit organization participating in a volunteer-driven event, whose sponsor donates the profits to support local youth initiatives. How low can you go?

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch.

You really are a heel...

Decorations from our Christmas display you did steal.

Into the Fantasy of Lights to help yourself you did creep,

You won't buy your own lights because you are just too darn cheap.

Thankfully people of your ilk are so very few,

But don't you know you're not supposed to take things that don't belong to you?

So while your Grinch-like behaviour hits new heights,

You can't hurt Christmas... because it

isn't about the gifts or the contests or the fancy lights.

**Joanne Michner
Cannington**

Eyesore at Elgin Pond

Has anyone walked or driven by Elgin Pond lately and noticed that the beautiful view has been changed? Someone thought that it was a brilliant idea to plunk a big, ugly, gray, metal electrical box of some sort right in front of the beautiful pond.

Ironically, right beside the memorial rock with the brass plaque, the metal bird house sculpture, the pond information plaque and the sign marking the "DiscoverUxbridge.ca" and the "Holiday Walking Trail". All of those items placed in that corner of the pond to commemorate the beauty and his-

tory of the pond.

I think this eyesore should be removed and the pond restored to its former beauty.

**Cathy Shaw
Uxbridge**

Revitalization means a large town square

Mr. Walters' letter of December 2 prompted me to visit the township website and the Downtown Revitalization presentation. This is something I encourage all to do.

While some of the illustrated vision seems to be based on a massive growth in both residential and commercial activity, which seems neither likely nor desirable, it is evident that some valuable work has been done.

As Mr. Walters comments, though, the universally desired town square appears as a token. To call the gap between the current Coffee Time building and the retail unit to the west a town square is borderline silly. A town square, modelled off of a European small town, requires a larger space, one which would be met by adding the space occupied by Coffee Time and the convenience store.

Just like the opportunity missed in paving over the creek, developing the Coffee Time/convenience store lot would be an opportunity missed for a meaningful town square. Development may recover some of the financial losses resulting from the Coffee Time purchase, but this is a short-term gain.

As much of the illustrated vision is based on something far in the future, preserving the infrastructure of a town square is something that can be done now, for the benefit of all, both today and into the future.

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Wandering the Cosmos

column by Conrad Boyce

The old, old story

This is supposed to be the year of the Living Nativity. The year we walk down to Centennial Park through the freshly fallen snow and watch the good men and women of Uxbridge Baptist Church remind us what this season really used to be all about... Christ-mas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Every second year, I would sit in the bleachers, usually with my good Christian wife, sometimes with a grandson who was not very familiar with the story, and I would watch the faces of the crowd as much as I watched the actors. The kids would always eagerly await the appearance of the live sheep and donkey, and hope like me that maybe this year the three wise men would lead on a real camel.

Of the hundreds in the crowd, I would wonder how many were there because they were true believers in the full 30-year arc of Jesus' life, including the cross at the end and what it meant. Or were they just there for the pageantry, and the comforting words from St. Luke telling the story about a young couple forced to bring forth their first-born in a stable, "no crib for a bed."

For me, Christmas has always been about the music. I don't remember how it was that I ended up as a six-year-old soprano soloist in the junior choir at Knox United in Edmonton, because my parents weren't exactly devoted church-goers. But every Sunday morning for the next couple of decades, I was usually the only Boyce who dressed up and went to "meeting." And although there were hymns and anthems I enjoyed the rest of the year, I was really only marking time till the first chance we got to sing *Midnight Clear* or *We Three Kings*. Even now, my favourite Christmas CDs aren't the holiday albums that carry on about snowmen and jingle bells, but the ones that re-tell the nativity story. My all-time favourite, which I heartily recommend if you don't know it, is Kathy Mattea's *Good News*.

When I left Edmonton, though I seldom went to church any more, I sang in community choirs a lot, and so got to re-visit the old story frequently. But in a strange turn of events, it was a choir that never sang church music that got me involved in the most intense spiritual experience of my life.

While at university, I also made my first foray into opera, singing in the chorus of a couple of Verdis and an Offenbach. So it was that after a rehearsal of *Un Ballo in Maschera* one fall evening in 1971, the director asked

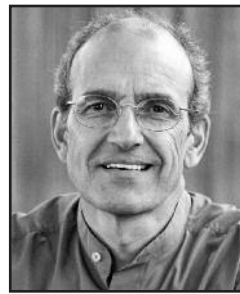
any of us to stay behind who might be interested in being part of a back-up chorus for... a rock opera!

That term - "rock opera" - was brand new back then, which is perhaps why Andy Krawchuk, the leader of the Edmonton band The Privilege, thought he should recruit singers from an actual opera chorus. But ultimately I was the only one that took him up on it. Within a couple of weeks, I was in rehearsal for the very first touring company in North America of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Exactly 50 years ago tonight, we were playing an auditorium in Kamloops, as I recall. And by Christmas, were in the midst of a run at the Pantages in Philadelphia. During the six months I toured with *Superstar* (playing Caiaphas the priest and singing in the chorus), I learned to play bridge (our usual post-performance recreation). And I also learned a whole lot about where I stood as a Christian, more than I did after hundreds of Sunday morning sermons. As you're probably aware, Webber's creation took a pretty radical view of Jesus at the time, a view which was even more widely broadcast when Canadian director Norman Jewison did the movie version a couple of years later.

In essence, *Superstar* contends that Jesus was an itinerant philosopher and riveting storyteller who ultimately found himself way out of his depth, surrounded by disciples who saw him as much a political leader as a spiritual one (Simon wasn't called a Zealot for nothing). In Webber's telling, Judas is more a hero than a villain, who tries to warn his friend from being blinded by the spotlight, but is ultimately, like Jesus, caught up in God's "infernal plan," which requires that the Nazareth carpenter be sacrificed in order to found a new religion that will sweep the world.

As a student of the Bible, I'd long been uncomfortable with the whole "saviour" concept. I wasn't sure it was necessary in order to follow Jesus' teachings, particularly at the expense of so many other millions of lives sacrificed over the centuries in the name of Christianity. And all of a sudden Webber had given me a new way of looking at things, although ultimately I came to admire the gentle teacher of *Godspell* more than the strident victim of *Superstar*.

However you look at the end of Jesus' life, you can still admire the beauty of the story of how it all began. In song, or in Uxbridge's cherished Living Nativity. Merry Christ-mas!



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

What were they thinking?

First, the pages of the big book flipping in the wind caught my attention. Then, the curtain flapping in the breeze at the open window. It looked a bit haunting in the murky darkness of the room. Then, as the camera zoomed to the book of flipping pages of lists, the voice of the announcer intrigued even more.

"Tradition says there are always two lists," she said. "A list for the nice. And a list for the naughty. Every year, children all over the world are scribbled down on one side or the other."

The voiceover went on to say there was one place nearby, however, where children were neither good nor bad. "But rather brave. Courageous children who face the unimaginable. Theirs are the names etched on the brave list!"

Some may have recognized the TV spot by now. It's an advertisement for the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, a.k.a SickKids. More accurately this kind of advertisement is considered a public service announcement. The images of children being wheeled into operating rooms, bandaged to the hilt, attached to all manner of hospital paraphernalia, or recuperating in busy hospital wards, are so captivating and real. And sympathetic. One can't help but be moved. For my money (and that, after all, is the objective of the 30-second PSA, to get me to donate) the SickKids "brave list" ad is the most thoughtful, visually captivating and effective piece of media persuasion I've seen this year.

As the days have ticked down to the holidays, just about everywhere we go - into malls (if they're open during the pandemic), big box stores, boutique shops on our main streets, or to our favourite media outlets (radio, TV and social media) - we're bombarded by ads on paper, on screens, on speakers. Whether they're hard-selling furniture stores where every price seems to end in a "99," or car and truck manufacturers telling us their product is the most advanced on "going forward," or smart-phone companies showing us how their hip technology can photograph, make a movie, text the world and look the sexiest, it's all about getting us to buy, buy, buy. (Interesting, isn't it, that none of the cellphone advertisers ever sell the notion of making a successful phone call as a saleable attraction. Kind of essential, don't you think?)

I've always thought the effectiveness of a pitch corresponds directly with the intelli-

gence of the advertiser. And we've certainly been exposed to a lot of ads lately. For the past two years, we've spent most of our days and nights self-isolated in front of our TV, computer and cellphone screens. In our household, we've watched a lot of news and current affairs programs over the past 24 months. And along with news coverage of COVID on the air, for example, we've watched probably twice or three times as much TV as in a normal year.

Correspondingly, advertisers have spent two or three times as much trying to get our attention. Take for example the U.S. insurance industry. According to the S&P Global marketing analysis, the major insurance firms - Progressive, State Farm, Allstate, Liberty Mutual, Farmers, etc. - spent on average 20 per cent more on ads in 2020 than in 2019. Progressive, for example, laid out nearly \$2 billion in ads. And what did that \$2 billion buy? An ad whose catch line is, "Progressive can't save you from becoming your parents, but we can save you money when you bundle home and auto with us." I'm no marketing genius, but how does preventing me from becoming my parents attract me to their coverage?

Closer to home and even less persuasive during the pandemic were the Intact Insurance ads aired in Canada. One series of spots showed an insurance broker trainee watching a car dropped by a crane from 50 feet in the air to the pavement below, smashing the car to bits. "How does that make you feel?" the Intact trainer asks the trainee. "Sad," the trainee says. "Congrats. You've just completed your empathy training." It wasn't long after that, I called Intact, complained and cancelled my auto and house coverage with them.

On the positive side, I've recently caught the Scotiabank "Hockey For All" ads on TV. One portion of the ad shows a youngster who's Asian as the critical voiceover asks, "Do they even have ice in China?" Another claims, "Women's hockey is just boring!" And when the anti-diversity voice says, "Go back to where you belong," P.K. Subban responds at a press conference mike, "This, this is where we belong!"

I can't say whether the ad will get me to bank with them. But I certainly applaud the intelligent and worldly attitude of their ad agency.

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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign

by Roger Varley

Members of council had a lot of questions Monday when deputy clerk Josh Machesney introduced a proposed new election sign bylaw.

Machesney said he had come up with a new bylaw instead of amending the old one because "we don't want a huge proliferation of signs."

One change would see the township require municipal election candidates pay a non-refundable sign fee instead of a sign deposit as is currently the case. As well, any signs re-

moved by the by-law department during an election because of being placed in a prohibited area would not be returned until after the election. However, Machesney said the proposed new bylaw is not meant to be restrictive.

But councillors focused mainly on that part of the by-law that spells out just where signs can be placed and where they can't, to the extent that they spent 50 minutes discussing the proposal. Confusion resulted from the by-law's prohibition of placing election signs on municipal property.

As councillor Pam Beach pointed out, that could mean hundreds of yards of rural roads are off limits because they border municipally-owned trail lands.

There was also discussion about whether ward candidates could place signs outside their designated wards.

Eventually, councillor Bruce Garrod moved that Machesney's proposed by-law be tabled until the new year to give councillors time to forward their comments to the deputy clerk. The motion carried.

Also on Monday, council was introduced to Kyle Rainbow, the new director of development services. Born in Uxbridge, Rainbow comes with a wealth of experience working with developers, including studying urban development at university.

Rainbow takes the reins from Brian Pigozzo, who will be retiring Dec. 31 after 35 years with the township. Pigozzo, who is currently chief building officer, has also been filling in as director of development services recently, as the position has been open.

Michael Klose was named as acting chief building official.

Swim club signs new coach

by Justyne Edgell

The Uxbridge Swim Club (USC) is bringing talent, experience and "strong female leadership" to the young athletes of Uxbridge in the form of a new coach.

Sarah Steinke has been working in the world of aquatics for over 12 years, following her own 15 year competitive swimming career.

"I have found myself very lucky to have worked for several swim clubs and teams in a variety of roles, allowing me to develop an extensive and unique skill set," says Steinke. "I have a passion for education and skill development that allows for a holistic approach to coaching. I love balancing my education background in sport psychology (which she studied at York University) and certifications

in sport nutrition, CrossFit and Olympic Lifting with my coaching qualifications as a level three trained NCCP (National Coaching Certification Program) coach."

Steinke says she started her coaching career as the assistant coach for

the York University Lions, where she was both an assistant on deck as well as the team's strength and conditioning coach.

"From here I was offered a position at the North York Aquatic Club, where I worked under the late Murray Drudge, a world-renowned coach who was since inducted

into the Swim Ontario Hall of Fame. Murray was my role model and inspiration for pursuing a career in coaching," says Steinke.

After many years as group coach, Steinke says she was eager to take on

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Sarah Steinke is the new head coach for the Uxbridge Swim Club.

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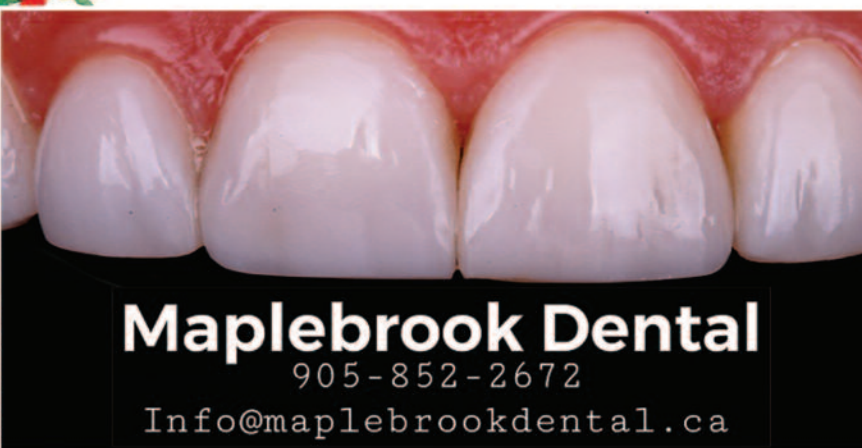
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Good news, not-so-good news in budget talks

by Roger Varley

Councillor Bruce Garrod, chair of the finance committee, opened Tuesday's budget discussion with some good news. The province has doubled the amount that Uxbridge will be receiving from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to \$811,000 from \$405,000.

On the not-so-good news front, during discussion on the new animal shelter, Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey said construction of the new shelter likely will not begin until 2023 or even 2024. She said the township currently is in "confidential communications" with a third party regarding funding of the shelter.

Tuesday's meeting also offered a slight hint that the township might be slowly moving away from some contract work. While discussing grass cutting at various township locations, council agreed with a recommendation from recreation director Amanda Ferraro that the municipality hire an unskilled unionized worker to cut the grass at the Fields of Uxbridge and Herrema Park.

Given the rising cost of grass cutting by contractors, who are themselves facing increased costs for insurance, Ferraro said having a township employee cut the grass at those two locations would end up saving the township money. Regional Councillor Gord Highet asked if there was a possibility that other crass-cutting operations could be handled in a similar fashion. Garrod, in answer to a question from the *Cosmos*, said there have been no internal talks about in-house work, but added that council will look at every contracted service to see if it can be done better and for less cost using township staff, including snow removal.

Downtown revitalization was featured in Tuesday's discussion, with the planning department opting to put \$50,000 into reserve for the revitalization. On that subject, councillor Willie Popp, noting increased costs in building materials, opined that the \$5,000 maximum amount that downtown businesses can apply for to upgrade their facades should be increased. The money is available under the Community Improvement

Plan, which matches a business's investment in facade improvements to a maximum of \$5,000.

The meeting saw council visit the last remaining segments of the proposed budget. The budget talks now take a hiatus until mid-January, when council revisits some budget items for final deliberations. As it stands now, expenditures in the operating budget (the cost of actually running the township) for 2022 will be around \$19 million and the capital budget (the cost of new equipment, buildings, etc.) will be just over \$12 million.



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Diving into coaching, from page 6

a Head Coach title, and, growing up in a small club herself, she knew she wanted a role in a similar type of club. Steinke says the culture, sportsmanship, respect and camaraderie of a small club is something she wants to foster in her USC team.

As this is her first head coach position, Steinke says she is excited to develop and grow her own program in Uxbridge.

"As a coach, what I love most is helping the athletes grow both in and out of the water," says Steinke. "Sport provides so much to the youth in our communities as a source of physical, mental and emotional development and teaches the importance of working as a team."

With her education in sports psychology, Steinke says she knows the importance of reading her athletes at each and every practice.

"Sometimes this means listening, sometimes it is pushing, sometimes it is taking a step back and letting them just swim for a day. I want my athletes to feel that swimming is a place where they can come and be happy, work hard and feel supported. I like to tell them that every day they have to bring 100 per cent of what they have left for that day. No one can be perfect all the time, they have school and family and life going on as well, so I try to make sure they don't feel a world of pressure to be perfect always. If they are feeling 70 per cent one day, then I ask for that 70 per cent."

Steinke has exciting aspirations for her Uxbridge athletes, including carrying on the tradition of having USC represented at the Canadian

Olympic Trials. "I want to create a team of athletes who WANT to swim, and WANT to be a part of this amazing team," she says.

Steinke heads up USC's all-female coaching team, which also includes assistant head coach Taylor Ostrander and assistant coaches Hannah Hoog, Molly Priestman and Rachel Wang.



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Across

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- 5 Does the computer processing
- 8 Rebel without a cause
- 12 Aroma
- 13 Height: Abbr.
- 14 City near Lake Tahoe
- 15 Untangle your hair
- 16 The Gap, for example
- 18 Lettuce variety
- 20 Full of vigor
- 23 Cold Case Files action
- 27 Morsel of food
- 28 Going ___ crazy
- 31 PBS science show
- 32 Intelligence gathering org.
- 33 Military company
- 35 Item in a bucket
- 36 Dwell
- 38 Wager
- 39 Manage, with "out"
- 40 Hide from view
- 42 Tricks
- 44 Garden fence
- 47 Persecuted feeling
- 50 "Once ___ a time"
- 54 Word of woe
- 55 Handful
- 56 Act to eradicate org. crime
- 57 Lamenting sound
- 58 Kicks
- 59 Compost

Down

- 1 "What's up ___?"
- 2 "Lar ___" : 60's Rangers TV series
- 3 Soccer ___
- 4 Circle
- 5 Have concern for
- 6 Roman commoner
- 7 A lot of nonsense! (2 words)
- 8 Triangle
- 9 Long fish
- 10 WSW's reverse
- 11 Neighbour of Sweden
- 17 Breathe
- 19 Dermatologist's concern
- 20 Scottish lakes
- 21 Rock group, with Heep
- 22 Belle ___, outlaw
- 24 Apples, e.g.
- 25 Bring to mind
- 26 Neck sections
- 29 Compromise exchange
- 30 Euripides drama
- 34 Graceful girl
- 37 Soap ingredient
- 41 Expensive vase
- 43 Appropriate
- 45 In preference, in ___ of
- 46 Green expanse
- 47 Parents
- 48 Greatest boxer
- 49 Make fun of
- 51 Eskimo or Tweety?
- 52 Tapi followers, dessert
- 53 "Just kidding!"

*the answers to this week's crossword can be found on page 12, or at thecosmos.ca



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Bruins rebound from loss to Eagles

by Roger Varley

After being beaten 5-2 by the Eagles in Clarington last Thursday, the Uxbridge Bruins bounced back the following night with a 5-1 win over the Port Perry MoJacks.

In the away game, the Eagles scored a goal in the first period, one in the

second and two more in the third before the Bruins managed to find the net. That goal, scored by Matt Gordon and assisted by Andrew Swan, came with just over five minutes remaining in the game. Daniel Giorgio notched an unassisted power-play goal a couple of minutes later before Carington rounded out

the scoring with one last, late goal.

Back home at the arena on Friday, the Bruins wasted little time in taking advantage of a MoJacks warm-up penalty with a power-play goal at the 18:03 mark. Ryan DaPonte tucked the puck in the net during a goal-mouth scramble, assisted by Quinn Meek and Thomas Palandra. Three

minutes later, Giorgio took a pass from Quinn Yule, carried the puck down the left side of the ice and scored what proved to be the winning goal. But the Bruins didn't have everything their own way. The MoJacks kept them hemmed in their own end for most of the second half of the period, eventually scoring a power-play market with just five seconds left in the stanza.

The MoJacks kept the pressure on early in the second but squandered a 65-second two-man advantage early in the period. The only goal came when Dalton Strongman picked up a long lead pass at centre ice and skated in on the MoJacks' goal to

score. Assists went to Anthony Messina and Caleb MacLeish.

Meek picked up the fourth goal early in the third, scoring from his knees, with assists going to Palandra and DaPonte. Travis Winder closed out the scoring as the period wound down, assisted by Zack Power.

Players of the game selected by the *Cosmos* were goalie Nick Acciaccaferri for the Bruins and Nicholas Chokrev-Cerpniak for the MoJacks.

For this weekend's Bruins' games, see page 13. The team then has a two-week rest period over the holidays before facing the Chiefs in Lakefield on Jan. 4, 2022.



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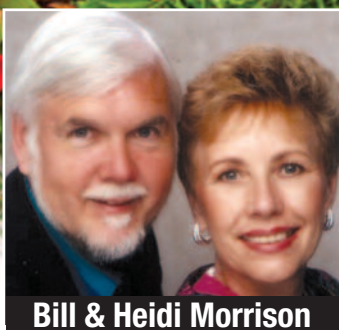
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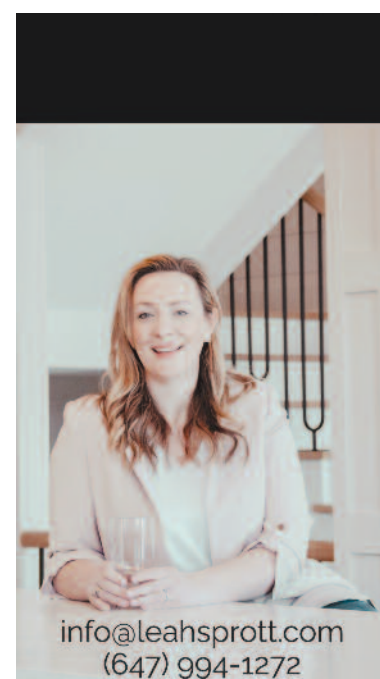


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On top of all this, the capital budget also calls for just over \$790,000 to install lighting at the Fields of Uxbridge for the soccer fields and the skate/pump park. Once again, Ferraro said a grant application has been filed through the Community Building Fund and the new lighting will only proceed if the grant is approved.

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New! Register to receive curbside Christmas tree pick up in the New Year

Residents in Brock, Clarington, Scugog and Uxbridge must register their address by **Monday, December 27 by 4 p.m.** in order to receive curbside collection of their Christmas tree in January.

- Use our online waste collection calendar tool at durham.ca/waste.
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