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**A BIRTHDAY AND AN ANNIVERSARY** - Uxbridge veteran Alan Stephens took part in a front-yard celebration for his 97th birthday on Dec. 23. A private in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Stephens joined the army on this very date, Jan. 6, in 1943, serving as a dispatch rider.

Photo by John Cavers

## New year, new hopes - new COVID guidelines

by Justyne Edgell

Welcome 2022, and yet another chapter in the fight against COVID-19. On Monday, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced a step back to a modified stage 2 in the reopening Ontario plan, a step he said was necessary, as inaction would be “catastrophic.”

This change, effective yesterday (Jan. 5), sees indoor dining closed, retail capacity slashed to 50 per cent, museums and such closed, and another delayed start to in-person learning at schools. As of Tuesday evening, there were 200 COVID cases in home isolation in the Township of Uxbridge. Hospitalization numbers were not available online.

Testing for COVID-19 is now unavailable for the general public and is being saved for those “at highest risk of severe infection” - those in congregate care settings, advanced age facilities,

patient facing healthcare workers and a few more select groups, will have access to PCR testing, while the remainder of the population should assume they are infected if symptomatic or if they have been in close contact to a symptomatic individual.

Self-isolation guidelines have been updated. Now, for those who are fully vaccinated, the recommended isolation period is five days. This is for post-symptom onset or a positive result (whichever is soonest), as long as symptoms have been improving for 24 hours, or 48 hours if gastrointestinal. This isolation period also extends to household or close contacts of the symptomatic individual. Individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or immunocompromised are required to isolate for 10 days, as are high risk healthcare workers.

It's recommended that rapid tests be used only for symptomatic testing, and that the results,

especially if positive, be taken as a confirmed result. Negative results may be “false negatives” if not used at the point of peak infection, but positive results through a rapid antigen test are highly accurate and do not need PCR confirmation. Those who are symptomatic should visit [covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment) to take the self-assessment to receive guidance on self-isolation. Individuals who have been, or who are believed to have been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 should visit [ontario.ca/exposed](https://ontario.ca/exposed)

Rapid tests, however, are hard to come by, so what should you do if you have symptoms and want to know whether it's a regular cold or a COVID-19 infection? Buying a box of tests is an option, but high demand and supply issues are causing backorders and delays. This results in a high price tag for these plastic pieces of

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## Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for January, 2022

Monday, January 10  
COUNCIL, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 12  
MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 13  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
PRESENTATIONS, 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
(if needed)

Monday, January 17  
COMMITTEE, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 20  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
PRESENTATIONS  
1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
(if needed)

Monday, January 24  
COUNCIL, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 25  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
PRESENTATIONS, 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
(if needed)

## Board Opportunities – The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society

Do you have a passion for history, arts, volunteering, and making learning accessible? The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society operates as a 'Friends of the Museum' fundraising arm to the Uxbridge Historical Centre and is looking for new Board members! The USHS provides valuable support to the UHC and advocates for Uxbridge's Heritage through annual fundraisers, events, and more, including popular events like Heritage Day. Positions up for election in 2022 include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and general Board Members. For more information and how to apply, please visit [ushs.ca](http://ushs.ca) or [uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com/opportunities](http://uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com/opportunities)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Complete details and qualifications required for this position is available at [uxbridge.ca/employment\\_opportunities](http://uxbridge.ca/employment_opportunities)

### Fire Department - Volunteer (Part-Time) Firefighters

Candidates must be 18 years of age or older. An information session will be held at 7 p.m. on January 19, 2022, at 301 Brock Street West (Uxbridge Fire Station). Applications are available online or at the Fire Station. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm, January 31, 2022.

Please note: the information session may be changed to an online session and schedules for the recruitment process may be adjusted based on Covid-19 protocols.

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## Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to [Uxbridge.ca/bids\\_and\\_tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders)

U22-03 Tree Removal

Closes January 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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## Election Compliance Audit Committee

Townships of Brock, Uxbridge and Scugog

The Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge are requesting applications from interested members of the public to serve on the Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election. This committee, consisting of three (3) members, will serve all three (3) municipalities for the term of November 15, 2022, to November 14, 2026.

Ideally, membership on the Compliance Audit Committee shall be comprised of one (1) member of the public from each municipality to serve all three (3) municipalities.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to review applications which may be referred by the Clerk or submitted by qualified electors who believe, on reasonable grounds, that a municipal election candidate or registered Third Party Advertiser has contravened the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, related to campaign finances. The powers of the Committee will be to:

- Review applications received and decide whether the application should be granted or rejected;
- If the application is granted, to appoint an auditor to conduct a compliance audit; and,
- Upon receipt of the report indicating a contravention, the Committee may commence legal proceedings against the candidate or Registered Third Party Advertiser; or,
- Upon receipt of the report indicating no contravention, the Committee may make a finding as to whether there were reasonable grounds for the application and determine whether to recover the costs of conducting the compliance audit

### Qualifications

Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the Municipal Act and must be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to those Committee members with experience in accounting, law, and law enforcement.

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, prohibits members of Council, a local board, staff of the respective municipalities, candidates, and Registered Third Party Advertisers from serving on this Committee.

### Remuneration

Members of the Committee shall be provided a retainer and remunerated for their attendance at meetings together with mileage.

### Application Process

Interested persons are invited to forward a written expression of interest and resume outlining their experience and qualifications to serve on this Committee to the Clerk of one of the (3) municipalities.

### Further Information

Further information, including the terms of reference may be obtained from the office of the Clerk in each municipality.

### Application Deadline

Applications will be received in the office of each Clerk until **4:30 p.m. on January 28, 2022.**

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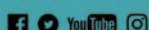
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# Bruins go into hibernation

by Roger Varley

Following Tuesday night's scheduled game in Lakefield against the Chiefs, the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C hockey team will be going into hibernation.

As of yesterday (Wednesday), no indoor sporting activities will be allowed in the province following new COVID-19 restrictions introduced this week by the Ontario government.

Recreation director Amanda Ferraro said Tuesday the arena and Uxpool will be closed for the next three weeks in line with the province's orders. There will be no activities of any kind at either location. She said all user groups have been advised of the closures.

Lakefield community centre confirmed on Tuesday that the scheduled game would go ahead.

The lockdown means the Bruins will miss games against the Little Britain Merchants tomorrow (Friday) and the Georgina Ice on Sunday, as well as games against Lakefield and the North Kawartha Knights next weekend.

If the current restrictions end on Jan. 17 as announced by the province, the Bruins will next see action on Thursday, Jan. 20, in Clarington against the Eagles. Prior to Tuesday's game against Lakefield, the Bruins sat in fourth place in the seven-team Orr Division of the PJHL with 10 wins, 11 losses and one tie.



## Help Plan Our Fall Fair!

### Uxbridge Scott Agricultural Society AGM

Please join us at the Uxbridge Legion\*

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm**  
to elect our board and executive and plan for the next fair  
September 9, 10 and 11, 2022

Memberships will be available for purchase at 7:00 pm

\*Backup plan is Zoom. Please check the fair website.

## MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

**The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the Early Bird Draw winners for the 2022 Trip of the Month Club. All tickets have been sold.**

**First Early Bird Draw** was won by Barb Pratt  
**Second Early Bird Draw** was won by Bette Williamson  
**Third Early Bird Draw** was won by Vince Cicchelli  
**Grand Early Bird Draw** was won by the staff at Blue Heron Books, ticket # 257 sold by Shelagh Fitz

**The winners of the December (and final) draws for the 2021 Trip of the Month Club.**

**The 'Santa Surprise' trip** was won by Bill Ballinger  
Ticket #230, sold by Ron Hunter  
**Second place draw of \$150**, won by Krista Appleton  
Ticket #291, sold by Mike Banh  
**Third place draw of \$100**, won by Stacy Kearley  
Ticket #073, sold by Dale Hickey

Congratulations to our December winners! We are now ready for the 2022 Trip of the Month Club draws.

The January trip is Pacific Pleasure, which includes: round trip non-stop flights from Toronto to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; 7 nights accommodation at the Hilton Puerto Vallarta Resort; all meals, drinks, daily activities and nightly entertainment; complimentary surfing lesson for two; all gratuities and round-trip transfers.

As restrictions are still in place for travel, a voucher for \$2,500 from Getaway Travel or cash option of \$2,250 is available instead of the trip.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, especially through these challenging times.



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'Our two cents' is taking an extended holiday this week so that the Cosmos can provide readers with details on the latest COVID guidelines (see below). 'Two cents will return next week.

### New COVID guidelines made easy, from page 1

antigen testing gold. Purchasing rapid antigen test kits can be done a rapidte-standtrace.ca or canadianshieldppe.ca

Ontario's top health official says that they still plan on delivering rapid test kits at population level, but are dealing with a global supply issue that will likely last for several weeks. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, says he anticipates that there will be more tests to distribute by mid-January, but right now, they are being prioritized for high risk settings like long-term care, cancer wards and transplant centres.

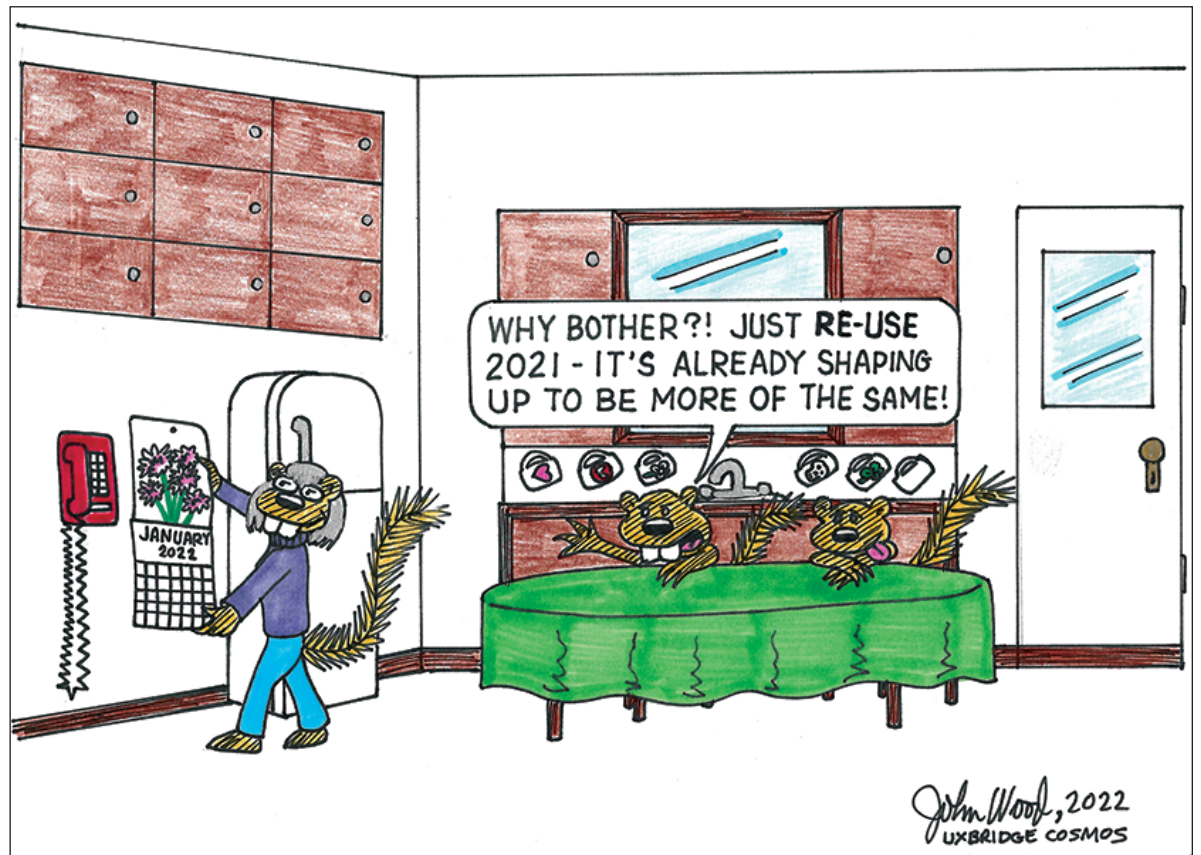
For a list of where you can pick up free rapid test kits visit [www.ontario.ca/page/pop-up-holiday-schedule-rapid-antigen-tests](http://www.ontario.ca/page/pop-up-holiday-schedule-rapid-antigen-tests).

Small businesses and medium sized organizations can apply for free rapid tests, which they can pick up at select local chambers of commerce and pharmacies. For more information and to apply, business owners can visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-free-rapid-tests>

While non-essential travel outside of Canada is not recommended at this time, for those who are jetting off, and require pre-flight PCR testing, it is still available. While a test is not required to leave Canada, travellers must be fully vaccinated to board a train or a plane. LifeLabs and select pharmacies offer FlyClear testing which guarantees results within 48 hours.

Select pharmacies will also have tests available either by appointment or as a take home kit. Again, supply at this time is limited, so should check the specific store's website to see if they have either assessment appointments or swab kits available. Both rapid antigen and PCR tests are available through designated pharmacies; a list of available locations can be found at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations>.

Healthcare professionals remind everyone that resources are stretched severely thin at this time. Physicians' offices, pharmacies, hospitals, are all working in conditions of high demand with fewer resources. Physicians and pharmacists are asking the public to check prescriptions ahead of time to ensure uninterrupted supply, check websites for information as phone lines are often busy, and have patience when dealing with health care workers.



## Letters to the Editor

I wanted to reach out and say thank you for putting our tree campaign in the paper. Again, it's a wonderful publication that keeps Uxbridge Township connected.

Because you placed our info, we were able to gather decorations and ornaments to go along with our trees. And in the end, we were able to distribute 55 Christmas trees to seniors' homes, support centres and individuals who deserved an extra bit of cheer over the holidays. And eggnog...we sent many cartons of eggnog.

Thank you for supporting this and other initiatives 365.

**Zed Pickering**  
Uxbridge

As residents here in Uxbridge in the downtown area for over 50 years, we are very interested in the redevelopment of downtown Uxbridge. We believe that there are real possibilities to make it a destination place, not just a place to pass through on the way to somewhere else.

We are hearing many comments around the township, as well as reading excellent letters recently in the newspaper supporting a larger town square. This square, [which would be located on] the township-owned Circle K convenience store [property] would attract people to the lower end of Brock St. We believe that this town square would enhance the downtown and draw people here. A large square with green space, as well as space for community activities and markets, would best be located on this piece of property on the main street of town.

Other communities have seen the benefit of such downtown squares. An inviting meeting place for locals and visitors is most needed in Uxbridge, and now we have an excellent opportunity to make this happen.

We would urge the council and the Redevelopment Committee to give serious thought to this issue.

**Anne and David Phillips**  
Uxbridge

At the beginning of the holidays, I witnessed transformation, when the ordinary became extraordinary.

My daughter, freshly home from university, had scored a last-minute appointment for a booster shot in Port Perry. She was excited, as her upcoming program placements require maximum vaccination. She tore over to Port on short notice, arriving a couple of minutes past her appointed time. Approaching the pharmacist's counter, she heard a conversation between the pharmacist and an elderly woman, who was struggling with the online vaccine booking system and was clearly frustrated when told to re-visit the website. My daughter then did what we all hope our children will do - she gave her spot to the lady at the counter. This lovely soul was so grateful... and as my daughter recounted her experience, her eyes welled up and I saw just what this woman had given her - a true understanding of the pure, deep and powerful joy of giving.

I have been blessed with neighbours who resuscitate wind-tumbled planters and jump-start dead batteries. I have marvelled at the generosity of our library patrons at

the Giving Tree, and with the food bank donations I have delivered from our Precious Minds community. We've been gifted with the appearance of pint-sized dancing mice *et al* in a downtown store window, and a lovely lights display in our beloved park. The Salvation Army kettle at Zehrs was stuffed every time I pass by. I see it and feel it everywhere... the spirit and the joy of giving is all around us.

**Jen Thorson**  
Uxbridge

We did it again! The fantastic volunteers in the community gave of their time to make sure the Salvation Army Kettle was represented at both Zehrs, who for many years has always welcomed us, and the LCB0, which also opened its doors to participate in the Kettle fundraiser.

The local businesses that stepped forward and gave generously to the fundraising by Salvation Army to support those less fortunate include: Fitzpatrick Electrical, Jones Pools, Uxbridge Fire Department and McDonald's.

The residents who sponsored the families were very generous with the beautiful gifts they brought in, and the residents of Uxbridge who donated to the toy drive made sure every child saw the miracle of Christmas when they got up on Dec. 25.

Thank you to everyone who assisted us with our fundraiser - when a community pulls together great things happen.

**Bev Northeast**  
Chair, Salvation Army  
Uxbridge unit

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### It's time to start living

I have never been one to make New Year's resolutions and I'm not about to start now. However, I have decided that I've had enough of cowering in the shadows of COVID-19 and all its variants, from Delta to Omicron to butterscotch.

We are almost two full years into this pandemic and nothing seems to be improving. The promise held out by vaccines has turned out to be a nightmare of extended waiting lists and waiting times for people wanting to receive their jabs. Even now, as many people still scramble to take their booster (third) shots, we are being told we might have to have a fourth shot.

On top of that, with governments across the country - indeed, around the world - placing restrictions, lifting restrictions and then replacing restrictions, it is almost impossible for anyone to say with any surety just what is going on.

Like many of you, I have spent the last two years grumbling about this and that, hunkering down in my abode and avoiding as much as possible any unnecessary human contact. I believe the vast majority of Canadians have probably done much the same thing, anti-vaxxers notwithstanding. In fact, over the Christmas-New Year's holiday, the only person I had any contact with, save store clerks, was my editor, Lisha. And, to be honest, the state of my mental health has suffered, with a number of serious bouts of depression. But that has done nothing to improve my life or the situation in which we all find ourselves.

So, I have decided that wearing a mask from now on - and for the foreseeable future - will be just as normal as putting on my shoes or my coat. Sanitizing my hands when I go into a store will be just as normal as paying for my purchases. I will no longer feel unsociable because of keeping a social distance between myself and anyone I'm talking with. No more grumbling. No more "poor me."

If I can't go to a restaurant for a meal, I'll cook my own. If I can't join other people for

events such as a Bruins game at the arena, I'll try talking to people I pass on the street. If I want to purchase something, I'll either buy it at a local store or do without. And, most importantly for me, I am going to stop reading the never-ending stream of COVID-19 announcements, updates, arguments and analyses. There are so many conflicting reports, it is almost impossible for the average Joe to figure out what is true and what is not.

So, I am going to live my life as normally as possible in the circumstances. If there is somewhere I want to go and find out I can't, I will do just what I would do in the life gone by: change my plans. If I can't go to the movies, I'll watch movies on the internet. If I need to get out of the house for some relaxation, there's nothing to stop me walking or driving around. I refuse to let this damned plague rule my life any longer. Humankind became the dominant species on this planet because of its unique ability to adapt to all circumstances. I admit I'm a little slow in adapting to this pandemic, but better late than never.

Taking stock of my situation after my most recent bout of depression, I realized I do not have that much to complain about. The pandemic hasn't affected me too much financially, even with grocery prices climbing. The fact that I can't enjoy a cup of coffee in a restaurant or café is not a great hardship. Yes, there are moments of exquisite loneliness, but lots of people are alone. And, unlike some unfortunates, I can continue to do my writing for the *Cosmos* the way I have since I began: from my home.

What brought me to this point is the realization, following Premier Doug Ford's announcement earlier this week, that our governments have absolutely no idea what they are doing. It seems to me that it is pointless waiting around for them to bring this pandemic to a close. I'm just going to get on with living.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Thinking in herds

It's human science. We are a species that gathers. We must gather, connect communicate and socialize. It's quite simply in our DNA. And to our detriment, it's our gathering in these two years of the pandemic that has been our undoing. And now it's the fifth wave, the Omicron wave. The number of COVID-19 patients in Canadian hospitals rose 67 per cent last week over the week before, and Ontario is leading the way in high case numbers. So, once again, the Ontario government has decided to lock everything down to prevent us from gathering.

"We face a tsunami of new cases in the coming days and weeks," Premier Doug Ford told reporters at a news conference on Monday. "The math isn't on our side."

But there are, I think, much more dangerous aspects to our species' gatherings these days than just pandemic viruses. Today is Jan. 6, 2022, one year to the day when supporters of former president Donald Trump reacted to his "stolen election" rant at the Ellipse near the White House. Thousands of Americans had gathered from all over the country, as if waiting for instructions from their leader. They heard more of the lie they expected to hear from him. "You don't concede when there's theft involved. Our country has had enough. We will not take it anymore," Trump told his supporters. "We fight like hell. And if you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore."

Then, he encouraged the riled crowd, "We're going to walk down to the Capitol and we're going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women," meaning that he did not recognize democratic voting in his country (nor should his faithful) and that they should therefore break into the Capitol building and stop the electoral college from voting to recognize Joe Biden as fairly elected president of the United States. In the course of that day's violence, five people died, hundreds more were injured, and the Capitol chambers and offices were trashed by the misinformed rioters.

I've been wondering a lot this past year, when and how our natural instinct to assemble as a human species, drifted into dangerous gathering. I think of historical examples of popular assembly gone mad: the so-called witch hunts in Europe in the 15th century, the rise of Hitler and Nazism in Europe, or the lynching of African Americans by white mobs in post-Civil-War America. Research by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

indicates that as many as 4,743 Black Americans were summarily executed between 1882 and 1968. The NAACP recounts how white citizens were provoked into a frenzy by racist leaders to murder Black men on trumped up accusations of murder, rape, arson, robbery and vagrancy. I'm sure I'm not the only one to consider the videoed killing of George Floyd, a modern-day lynching.

Coincidentally, this week, Louise Penny appeared on CBC Radio's *The Next Chapter*. The bestselling mystery author from Knowlton, Quebec, talked about her latest Armand Gamache novel entitled *The Madness of Crowds*. The storyline has the chief inspector assigned to provide security for a visiting professor of statistics about to speak at a nearby university; the professor's views blur the truth and begin to inflame the community. Penny readily points to a Scottish poet and his book *Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds* as her inspiration for the novel.

"We find whole communities suddenly fix their minds upon one object, and go mad in its pursuit," Charles Mackay wrote in 1841. "Men think in herds ... they go mad in herds." The book, a study in psychology, took a look at the lunacy that gripped people in crises real or imagined, where normally rational, well-balanced people lost their minds. "The crowd psychology is fascinating and terrifying, how it can get out of control," Louise Penny worried. But it yielded another bestseller.

A few years ago, when I joined a European battlefield tour, made up principally of American travellers, I had ample opportunity to listen to them discuss their politics. Several of them openly predicted the gerrymandering of electoral constituencies in African-American ridings, the appointment of politically affiliated judges and the potential for another civil war in their country. In a quieter moment with a retired U.S. civil servant on the tour, I asked him how his nation, more than 200 years into its democratic history, could descend into such chaos. He looked over his shoulder, then back to me and said: "It's tribalism. And he who gets enough of the tribe on his side, wins. No matter if he's right or wrong." This was four years before the Jan. 6 insurrection on Capitol Hill.

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## Durham York Energy Centre Throughput Increase (From 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year) Notice of Completion

**Works Department****First issued: December 20, 2021 (revised)****Public Notice**

The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York have completed an Environmental Screening Process in accordance with the Waste Management Projects Regulation (Ontario Regulation 101/07) of the Environmental Assessment Act to amend the Environmental Compliance Approval for the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), located at 1835 Energy Drive, Courtice, Ontario. The Regions will submit an Environmental Screening Report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2021 for review and approval.

The Environmental Screening Report has been prepared to increase the annual processing capacity at the DYEC from 140,000 tonnes per year to 160,000 tonnes per year. This additional capacity is needed to accommodate population growth within the two Regions, allow the DYEC to operate more efficiently and produce more energy. This increase in capacity will not require any modifications to existing infrastructure.

The Screening process involved identifying and applying criteria for potential environmental effects, public/external agency and Indigenous consultation and the development of measures to mitigate any identified environmental effects. The proposed capacity increase is not expected to have any significant net effects on the environment. The results of the study were documented in an Environmental Screening Report, available for a 60-calendar day review period from December 20, 2021 to February 18, 2022. The report is available for public review at [durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://durhamyorkwaste.ca). If you are unable to access the digital copy of the report posted on this website or require an alternative format, please contact 1-800-667-5671.



If you have concerns or comments regarding this project, please contact The Regional Municipality of Durham (contact details below) to discuss. If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with The Regional Municipality of Durham or The Regional Municipality of York, a person or party may request that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a “elevation request”), which would elevate the project to an Individual Environmental Assessment. Requests for an “elevation request” must be submitted in writing to the Director, Environmental Assessment Branch and to the “Proponent” at the address listed below no later than 60-calendar days from the date of this Notice (December 20, 2021). Elevation request must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in Section B.3. of the “Guide to environmental assessment requirements for waste management projects” ([ontario.ca/page/guide-environmental-assessment-requirements-waste-management-projects](http://ontario.ca/page/guide-environmental-assessment-requirements-waste-management-projects)).

Please submit the elevation request to each of the following two contacts. If submitting a hard copy request, please advise by phone or email as well due to COVID-19 circumstances.

If no elevation requests are received by 4:30 p.m. on February 18, 2022, The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York intend to proceed with the process as scheduled.

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