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Revisiting a childhood friend • A little lesson on media literacy • Getting ready for the Coldest Night



**DONATION TO THE FOOD BANK** - Adrienne Grant, manager of food distribution at the Uxbridge Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, happily accepts a \$500 cheque from Uxbridge Kinsmen Jim Campbell (club treasurer), and Bill Campbell (club president).

*Photo submitted by Bill Campbell*

## Council takes school trustees to task

by Roger Varley

Members of council had some harsh words Monday for Carolyn Morton, chair of the Durham District School Board, and Morgan Ste. Marie, chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board, over a letter the two sent to the provincial government asking for funding to facilitate school bus turning on dead-end roads.

In their letter to Transportation Minister Carolyn Mulroney, Morton and Ste. Marie asked that funding be made available to municipalities to "construct areas for school bus vehicles to safely turn around on dead-end roads." Currently, Durham Student Transportation Serv-

ices does not allow school bus drivers to turn around on dead-end roads. Instead, students living on such roads must walk to a spot where the school buses can pick them up without entering the road.

Morton and Ste. Marie at times appear to be blaming municipalities for the problem, stating that "municipalities have not been willing to make upgrades to their roadways and this issue has been a cause for many conflicts between DSTS and municipalities over the past few years."

Mayor Dave Barton said the two chairs were, in effect, asking taxpayers to pay for the cost of constructing turn-arounds in addition to the education taxes they already pay to support stu-

dent transportation. Councillor Willie Popp said a number of parents are now choosing to drive their children to school instead of letting them walk long distances along roads to get to the bus that they pay for.

Barton noted that the Ministry of Transportation's current handbook for school bus drivers has a number of sections detailing how drivers should back up their vehicles and read a section that specifically mentions dead-end roads. Nowhere in the handbook does it say drivers cannot back up their vehicles. Barton offered that the DSTS policy against making three-point turns at the end of dead-end roads runs counter to the MTO handbook. The DSTS

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## Council & Committee Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for February, 2022

Monday, February 21  
NO MEETING – FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 28  
COUNCIL, 10:00 a.m.

**Proclamation for the Month**  
February 19 – Women's Institute Day

## Closures

- Lake Ridge Road from Myrtle Road (Regional Road 5) north to Goodwood Road (Regional Road 21) will experience lane restrictions from February 15 onward, due to emergency road repairs. A half load restriction will also be in effect.
- Sandford Road from Concession 2 to Concession 3 will be closed for bridge repairs from January 31 to March 8, 2022.
- Brock Road south from Hwy. 47 to Taunton Road will experience periodic lane restrictions to facilitate installation of a fibre optic network.
- York/Durham Regional Road 30 from north of Durham Regional Road 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Road, East Gwillimbury. Bridge repairs over the Mount Albert Creek require road closures in the above area from January 21, 2022, until completion, expected in 2024.

## Family Day Closures Feb. 21

Town Hall - closed  
Uxpool - closed  
Uxbridge Arena - regular programming cancelled

# Uxbridge at a Glance

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## From the Tax Office

**FIRST Tax Installment is due on February 24, 2022.**

**SECOND Tax Installment is due on April 27, 2022.**

2022 Interim Property Tax Bills have been mailed for all properties, with exception of properties enrolled in the Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan or tax bills paid by Mortgage companies.

The taxes due are based on the billing date. If your account is currently in arrears, the February 1st interest charge on "Past Due Taxes" is not included on this bill and will need to be paid in addition to the February installment.

### Tax Payments Options:

- In person at Town Hall during regular business hours of Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Accepted payment methods are cash, cheque, or Interac debit. All visitors to Town Hall must sign the COVID Contact Tracking sheet, wear a mask, and sanitize their hands.
- In an after-hours Drop Box located in the Municipal Office front parking lot. – DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH Post-dated cheques are accepted.
- By Mail - Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date.
- Through Internet or Telephone Banking.
- At most Financial Institutions.
- Credit cards and e-transfers are **not accepted** for tax payments.

### Penalty/Interest Charges:

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

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

If a reprinted tax bill, receipt or Statement of Account is required for any year's taxes, a fee of \$15.00 will apply. If you did not receive your 2022 Interim Tax Bill, please call the Tax Department at 905-852-9181.

## Weight Restrictions on Lake Ridge Road (Regional Road 23)

Weight restriction of 5,000 kilograms or five tonnes per axle comes into effect immediately and until further notice, on Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 23) from Myrtle Road (Reg. Rd. 5) to approximately 2 kms south of Goodwood Road (Reg. Rd. 21) in the City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, and townships of Scugog and Uxbridge.

## Employment Opportunities

Complete details are available at

[uxbridge.ca/employment\\_opportunities](http://uxbridge.ca/employment_opportunities)

### Community Services Department

**Age Friendly Coordinator, P-T contract**  
Closes Thursday, February 17, 2022

### Treasury Department - Student

**Accounting/Tax Clerk**

Closes Monday, February 28, 2022

### Community Services Department

**Camp Counsellor, 16+**

Closes Thursday, March 31, 2022

### Community Services Department

**Assistant Camp Counsellor, 15+**

Closes Thursday, March 31, 2022

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## Bids & Tenders

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

### • U22-04 Traffic Control Markings

Closes February 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

### • U22-06 Parking Stall Line Painting

Closes February 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

### • U22-08 Fields of Uxbridge Lighting

Closes March 9, 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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# Uxbridge at a Glance

## Mobile GoVaxx Clinic

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# Our two cents

## 'Mainstream media' made Canada what it is

Imagine, if you will, a HUGE boardroom filled with publishers, editors, journalists, reporters, tv and radio station executives, from all sizes of news media, from the likes of the CBC through to the little ol' *Uxbridge Cosmos*, and everything in between. Now imagine a tiny group of people, maybe only one person, even, telling them *all* that they will receive copious quantities of money if they *only* print/air exactly what this tiny group/person tells them to print/air. Then imagine *all* those people around that gigantic boardroom table *all* agreeing to this furtive plan, nary a question asked. They simply go out into the world and do as their new boss dictates.

Sounds like the beginning of a John Grisham novel, doesn't it? Alas, we wish it were that simple. Instead, it's what's being implied by almost every individual who is wandering various city streets throughout Canada crying "Freedom" at the top of their lungs. Decrying what they call the "mainstream media" has become a pastime as popular as the Netflix series *Ozark*. And we, the "mainstream media," Have. Had. Enough.

We invite anyone who thinks that we've been paid off by \*insert politician or political party here\* to come sit with us and take a look at our bank accounts. You'll find no pay-offs there. We invite you to point us *directly* to the individuals that you seem to think are surreptitiously calling the shots. We invite them to define what the "truth" is, and direct us on the precise way to find it, because we, the "mainstream media," the media that has been helping civilization along in myriad formats for centuries, apparently has it all wrong.

News is, by its very nature, a public commodity, and as such, the public likes to think that it *understands* the news process. The public thinks it *knows* what reporters and journalists go through to do what they do. News flash - it *doesn't*. Some Joe Public on the street who captures a video of something and then posts it on Twitter is no more a reporter than the editor of this paper is an accountant when she adds 2 + 2.

The "mainstream media" encompasses traditional and/or established broadcasting and publishing outlets. They've been around a long time because they've got a bit of a track record for being the voice of the people they serve. Are they perfect? No, of course not. What is? Are they completely unbiased in everything they do? No, they are not. But if their longevity can prove that they have a track record for getting it right most of the time, then there is no reason to suppose that, since COVID-19 came along, they have suddenly thrown their scruples into the fire, lost all sense of objectivity and principle and succumbed to dark, nefarious powers that aim to take over the world as we know it. (Even writing that makes us giggle, it's so absurd.)

Journalists, reporters and their crews are often putting their lives on the line everywhere in the world in order to get information on situations that could otherwise go unnoticed. In a democracy, they work hard to call truth to power for the majority of the people they are serving. Just because *you* don't happen to like what the "mainstream media" are saying, it doesn't make them corrupt liars. The country you enjoy living in right now has been created, in part, by these establishments. You should thank them for what you have, rather than moan about what you don't.



## Letters to the Editor

### "Freedom Convoy" 2022

First of all, I'm a news junkie. I watch a lot of news. American, European, Canadian, etc. Even social media "news." I've been amazed that the mainstream media has portrayed the overall stance and mood of the protest in Ottawa to be as aggressive as it has.

It's been contentious that the government has worked to have the GoFundMe money confiscated, the fuel taken away, and threatened to use Children's Aid Society against the children of the protesters. In other words, to act un-Canadian.

My fiancée and I made the decision to better understand the circumstances, and like journalists, see for ourselves.

We drove to Ottawa last weekend. It was terribly cold. Upon seeing the crowd come into view, the feeling was intense. Uplifting. It was incredibly clean, and there were police around, but not in the crowds. We saw people smiling, laughing, and having a good time. Carrying flags and chanting "FREEDOM." It was like Canada Day on steroids.

As a person from Holland, I'd never felt this feeling of unity behind this flag before.

You can agree or disagree with this protest, but all these people, people from all over Canada are here to see the prime minister. A prime minister that hasn't come to see them. That's no leader. Yet he'll speak to special interest groups. Yes, we vote for these politicians, but we don't always agree with them. This is why people protest, and I have a lot of respect for the protesters of the

### "Freedom Convoy."

We put Canadian flags on our vehicle, but around here people look at you with contempt or are afraid to put one up because patriots are being associated with terrorists. I never thought this would happen here.

A lot of people have lost money during this pandemic. Others have made money off of it. Certainly not the middle class. I didn't see any unions or wealthy people at the demonstration. I saw teachers, nurses, and doctors; I didn't see any Donald Trump supporters or other far right protestors. I even saw expolice, veterans, etc., who were all standing up for freedom.

I think this represents a new beginning. This was a multi-cultural gathering that rejected hate and divisive politics. It included veterans around the war memorial who reassured that the memorial was for the people. This was a protest for the people by the people, contrary to how the mainstream media is portraying it. Egging on cancel culture. I've cancelled my satellite television because of the bias in the media.

This protest has nothing to do with blockading the bridges. I'm not for that.

Thank God for these people: the majority of Canadians only make enough money to commute, work, and barely make ends meet. More of us wish we had the time and resources to join the demonstration. The maple leaf on our flag stands for freedom for all, even the voices some may disagree with. Before taking a side, perhaps take a step in the opposing side's shoes and see what

it is really like for those people.

**Ron Bouwmeister**  
Uxbridge

### Sports are a refuge

We are living in a dystopian world. People on all sides of the various issues feel cheated and frustrated. We have spent our evenings, weary of news, gaming and watching dramas and comedies. These provide a great refuge, but nothing (other than playing them) gives us the excitement and real-life drama of watching live sports.

Sports provide us with an escape, in which we can enter another world, where politics and beliefs are forgotten, for a brief blissful interlude, because the game is all that matters. Sadly, sports are one of the few things in our society that we can count on now. We can be confident they will be there to provide that necessary respite from reality. We can be sure that, in sports, there are clear rules that are quickly enforced. Most winners will be modest and most losers will be gracious.

Maybe they remind us of that feeling of working together toward a common goal that seems so distant these days.

**Brian MacIsaac**  
Uxbridge

### Truckloads of sense

I was delighted by the truckloads of common sense delivered on page 5 (Feb. 10) by *Cosmos* columnists Roger Varley and Ted Barris. Yes, the "freedom" occupation of downtown Ottawa by a "rudderless

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Your Universe

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### An old friend hasn't changed after 70 years

When I was 12 years old, I spent several weeks in hospital in England with a serious illness that almost cost me my life.

Towards the end of that hospitalization, a lady came through the ward pushing a library cart and I selected a book from her collection. The book, *Paddle-To-The-Sea*, written and illustrated by Holling Clancy Holling, was first published in 1941. That book has remained in my memory ever since. It was my first introduction to a place called Canada.

The plot was pretty straightforward: a native boy carves a canoe with a paddler seated in it and calls it Paddle-To-The-Sea. On the bottom is the message: "Please put me back in water. I am Paddle To The Sea." When he is finished, he places the canoe on a snow-covered hill in the Nipigon region and, as Spring arrives and the snow melts, the canoe is carried by the melt water down the hill and into a stream. Thus begins the canoe's epic journey through the Great Lakes and, eventually, after surviving saw mills, lake freighters, forest fires, storms, backwaters and a plunge over the Horseshoe Falls, Paddle-To-The-Sea reaches the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way, various humans find him, repair him, clean him up and then set him back in the water to continue his travels.

Every second page was devoted to a full-colour illustration, while the margins of the text pages featured small black-and-white drawings to further illustrate what the author had been talking about. And, as the journey progressed, maps showed the canoe's route, complete with loops and backtracks caused by adverse winds and currents, and pictures showed all the animals and human activity it encountered along the way.

That was 70 years ago and the book has stayed in my memory ever since.

This past Christmas, a lady I know only as Carol G. left a gift certificate for me at Blue Heron Books. It took me two months to decide what I wanted to do with the gift and then, a couple of weeks ago, out of the blue, I thought about *Paddle-To-The-Sea* and asked the book store to order it for me. It ar-

rived last week and it was like greeting an old, old friend that I hadn't seen in decades. But what is amazing is the fact that he hasn't changed a bit. The illustrations that were imprinted on my mind 70 years ago are just as I remember them.

However, the world has changed. The book talks about the cities of Port Arthur and Fort William, which have since been joined into one city called Thunder Bay. And when Paddle-To-The-Sea reached the St. Lawrence, the Seaway had not yet been constructed.

The beauty of the book is that, as a 12-year-old, I was unwittingly being given a geography lesson which told me of all the industry to be found around the shores of the Great Lakes and the people who lived there, from French-Canadian lumberjacks to Indigenous people to fishermen to factory workers.

It is not a long book: there are 27 chapters, but each chapter contains only one page of text and one full-page colour illustration. The second-to-last chapter is titled "Paddle finds a new friend." And so he did, 70 years ago, and I am so happy to meet my old friend again after all this time.

However, he'd probably be surprised that, nowadays, some people might take offence at some of the text. For example, Indigenous people are called "Indians" and those of French-Canadian heritage might not like the way the author has French-Canadians speaking as though they were in a Hollywood B movie. But the author obviously had great love and respect for the characters who move in and out of the story and for the young readers who would be his audience. As the *New York Herald Tribune* said in a review: "The little traveler . . . will teach many children many things."

If any children would like to check this book out, the Uxbridge library has a copy in the children's department. Who knows?: Paddle-To-The-Sea might just make some more new friends.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Line in the sand

Until last weekend, I'd become kind of blasé to the words of protest and counter-protest. Every day, I'd read the latest on the demonstrations at Parliament Hill and the border crossings and winced at the deadlock and rhetoric. And, as I pointed out last week, I feared for wider freedom being trampled. But a TV news story the other night stopped me in my tracks. Carolyn Dunn, CBC's Alberta reporter, stood adjacent to flashing police cruiser lights, and parked semi-trailer trucks near Coutts, Alta., reporting but also looking over her shoulder anxiously.

"Things remain tense for citizens and the media," Dunn said in her report. She went on to say that some of the demonstrators had directed abusive language at her and other reporters. In other words, in a weirdly Trumpian way, media not just mandates, had become the enemy. And Dunn said she felt uncomfortable having to hide who she was from strangers. "We've been told to be careful."

After weeks of street occupation in Ottawa, the blockading of the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor and intermittent trucker traffic jams on University Avenue in Toronto by the so-called "Freedom Convoy," I don't think many people were surprised by either Doug Ford's state-of-emergency declaration, nor Justin Trudeau's invoking the never-before-used Emergency Act. But what neither legal response is likely to halt is the public's genuine fear of being outed by so-called convoy supporters. In this week's edition of *The Hill Times*, in Ottawa, Mike Lapointe wrote that he and his media colleagues had contended with "pretty intense anti-media sentiment."

Not only have some anti-mandate leaders and their followers threatened reporters and camera crews; they've also been "doxxing" public servants. That is, they've published the personal information of Members of Parliament with malicious intent. And the tactic worked. Within days, demonstrators with placards, loudspeakers and foul tempers began parading in front of the homes of MPs in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. I believe strongly in the right to free speech, but stalking lawmakers where they live, taunting them, and calling them treasonous, I think, makes convoy demonstrators look like Hitler's Brownshirts.

These ugly convoys, now lost in extremist rhetoric, came even closer to home when demonstrators drove transports, pickups and tractors to the heart of Toronto's hospital row last weekend. Health-care workers on University Avenue were so intimidated by the potential for violence directed against them, that Toronto Police

Service circulated a memo to them: "Out of an abundance of caution (TPS) suggests you not wear clothing which might identify you as a hospital worker on your way to and from work."

A year ago, these thousands of doctors, nurses, orderlies et al., were considered heroes. Everybody applauded them and bashed pots and pans on balconies and doorsteps each night in support. But in the wake of Donald Trump's mis-handling of the pandemic and his misguided disbelief in science, health-care workers across North America have felt the brunt of anti-vaccine and anti-mandate hostility, threats and violence from the alt-right and their kin. How demoralizing and disheartening, for hospital workers to feel so intimidated.

"There's been harassment and bullying," health-care worker Vikky Leung told CBC News recently. "There's been emails telling (us) not to wear scrubs, that identifies (us) as health-care workers. That's truly scary."

I really thought we'd lost out completely to intimidation and fear of being identified for supporting vaccination, masking and the good of public safety for all. Then, I heard about Andrea Harden, the Ottawa resident who decided she wasn't going to take the occupation anymore. Last weekend, she learned that more trucks were convoying along Riverside Drive toward Ottawa's downtown. So, she called on five other women in her neighbourhood. Together they began walking in circles at one end of the Billings Bridge and – allowing regular traffic through – they prevented trucks with flags and anti-mandate slogans from continuing into downtown, telling their drivers to turn around and leave.

"Before I knew it," she told CBC Radio, "I had my back to the hood of a truck as it tried to move past. Eventually he stopped and turned around."

Harden explained that when they could she and the other women – eventually numbering 30 – struck up conversations with the convoy drivers, explaining that they were standing up for their community's rights to free passage. She and her fellow counter-protesters stayed there all day. I'm not usually in favour of taking the law into one's own hands, but when Canadian journalists, health-care workers or residents cannot live, work or move freely out of fear of being demonized for who they are or what they do, that's the end of civil society and a line no convoy or anti-vaxxer may cross.

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**No dead-end stops, from page 1**

has said the MTO directives are more of a "guideline."

Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey noted that there have been no problems for township snowplows or graders turning around on dead-end roads.

Councillor Todd Snooks noted that "kids have been going to school by bus in rural areas for decades."

Popp said he was "very disappointed" with the letter for many

reasons. He noted that council has asked DSTS to attend a meeting to discuss dead-end roads and DSTS refused. He said they also refused to meet with Barton.

"Quite frankly, I'm insulted," he said. "Their vision statement doesn't marry up with how they've treated us. They continue to look down their noses at us."

In his opening statement on the subject, Barton described the letter as "the most ridiculous thing I've seen in a long time from government."

He was equally blunt in a reply that

he sent to the two chairs, saying their letter to Mulroney "doesn't make sense."

"Why do you think the tax payer should fund turn arounds on dead-end roads when the MTO have given clear direction for bus drivers to back up on dead-end roads?" he continued. "Please just follow the MTO's direction before a child gets hurt waiting on the side of a busy highway."

Council agreed that Barton should write a letter to Mulroney giving the township's position and asking the minister to deny the school boards' request.

**Letters, from page 4**

mob," exhibiting "wilful and criminal stupidity," actually distorts any sensible concept of freedom.

Freedom does not require caving in to those few who, with angry, impatient, and undemocratic voices, reject science and common sense in favour of misinformation and conspiracy.

What the protesters view as government overreach, even the thin edge of a totalitarian wedge, sensible Canadians know to be nothing

more sinister than a helpful pandemic safety net. Vaccination mandates, plus business and social restrictions, are in place as emergency measures because they are the only weapons we have to fight COVID-19. Our federal government, together with provincial and municipal jurisdictions nationwide, have repeatedly shown distaste for imposing vaccination requirements and social restrictions. But they do it because keeping Canadians healthy eclipses temporary economic damage, and social inconvenience. When pressure caused a premature lifting of restrictions, illness and death have followed.

It is doubtful that the protesters speak for the vast majority of truckers, who are vaccinated, and who are, hopefully, aware that their essential services are truly valued by Canadians. The goals of the vocal minority are illogical and obscure, their methods crude and harmful. Who protests measures to save lives and prevent illness? Who incorporates pollution, property desecration, and offensive imagery into a protest toolkit? Who sanctions, as legitimate collateral damage of their protest, the noisy eviction of sleep-deprived Ottawa residents from their homes, and the domino effect lay-offs suffered by so many workers? Who can't understand the concept of temporary, emergency measures in a time of trouble? And who advocates for our freedom to

become infected with a potentially deadly, communicable disease? Sometimes, a democratically elected government, no matter its political flavour, is justified in cranking up its own powerful 18-wheeler and rolling right over the "freedom" to be stupid. Kudos to Roger Varley and Ted Barris!

*John Tomlinson  
Uxbridge*

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## Bruins lose first of triple-header against Chiefs

by Roger Varley

Failure to capitalize on a 78-second two-man advantage, plus over 30 minutes in penalties, led to the Uxbridge Bruins dropping a 5-3 decision to the Lakefield Chiefs at the Uxbridge arena Friday night.

The teams were evenly matched through the first two periods. The Chiefs took the lead in the opening stanza, with the Bruins' Quinn Meek tying the score with just 18 seconds remaining. He was assisted by call-up Jack Kemp and Ryan DaPonte. The Bruins had a two-man advantage near the close of the period, but were unable to find the net. Apart from those two back-to-back penalties, the Chiefs only visited the sin bin once more during the game.

Lakefield took the lead again in the second with a power-play goal, only to see Daniel Giorgio tie it up again 12 seconds later, as-

sisted by Dalton Strongman. Giorgio gave the Bruins a brief lead with his second of the night, with assists going to Anthony Messina and Strongman, but the Chiefs came back to tie the game again.

The Chiefs regained the lead late in the third and, after goalie Jack Randall was pulled for the extra attacker, put the icing on the cake with an empty-netter that went almost the entire length of the ice.

The Bruins were to face the Chiefs again Tuesday night in Lakefield, with a third game between the two teams scheduled for the arena tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:45 p.m. After that, the Bruins travel to Apsley on Saturday night to meet the North Kawartha Knights and then wrap up the regular season on Feb. 25 when the Clarington Eagles visit the arena.

## Get ready to walk on the Coldest Night of the Year

by Justyne Edgell

Homelessness in Uxbridge does exist, although most don't see it. On February 26, residents can help combat this growing problem by experiencing the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY).

"The Coldest Night of the Year is a super-fun, family-friendly fundraising walk that supports local charity partners who provide essential care and service for people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger," according to the organization's website.

Uxbridge will be joining virtually in support of North House, a local charity which supports those facing homelessness, both people who are at risk and in crisis.

The virtual event holds all fundraising online, through the Coldest Night website, then encourages walkers to map a route of their own, and get out and walk with their COVID- safe bubble on Feb. 26.

The walk typically takes place in the evening, or at night, to give participants a small taste of how it would be for those experiencing homelessness through the cold winter

months.

Mona Emond, executive director of North House, says, "All of the money raised will be directed to building shower, laundry and kitchen facilities in our new office. These new features will allow people



**One of the 34 teams currently registered to walk and raise money for North House on Feb. 26, the Coldest Night of the Year.**

*Photo submitted by Mona Emond*

who don't have access to these things and are living unsheltered to come and have a shower, clean their clothes, and eat a hot meal. We will also be able to use the new space as a warming/cooling centre in extreme

weather conditions."

Later this year, North House will be moving from its Toronto St. location into 2 Elgin Park drive, the "Rexall Plaza." Emond says construction is scheduled to start soon and they hope to be open by mid-summer.

Last year's goal of \$25,000 is being bumped up to \$40,000 for this year.

"Last year we raised just over \$38,500 and had 19 teams which represented 139 walkers," says Emond. "This year, we have a wonderful opportunity of a matching gift from St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church up to \$40,000!"

Uxbridge currently has 227 walkers registered and 34 walking teams. With 11 days to go, it looks as though they will smash their fundraising ambitions, as participants have already raised 94 per cent of the \$40,000 goal.

"We are really hoping the community gets involved and helps us exceed our goal," says Emond. "The money that is raised will have a lasting impact on the community for a very long time!"

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