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Online this week: Open mic nights return • The lavender of Uxbridge



PLANS FOR A PLAYGROUND - A small but mighty meeting occurred on Tuesday afternoon at Herrema Fields as Bruce Garrod, Lisa Wells-Lasitz, and Courtney Clarke discussed possible plans for a new playground. The meeting was open to all residents, but inclement weather may have kept many away. *Photo by John Cavers*

Mask mandate ending, but not everyone's ready

by Justyne Edgell

Next Monday, March 21, the masks are coming off! But not everyone maybe on board.

The provincial masking mandate for most locations is being lifted on Monday, but public transit, long-term care and retirement homes, health-care settings, congregate care settings, shelters and jails will all maintain masking until April 27.

While masking is no longer mandated, it is still an option, a personal choice, and business owners are allowed to ask for masks to be worn in their establishments.

With vaccination requirements already a thing of the past, the Second Wedge Brewing Co. is

allowing a mask free experience.

"We're cautiously optimistic that it's the right decision for our community and our business," says co-owner Joanne Richter. "Some of our staff and patrons will continue to wear masks, and that's perfectly understandable and welcome."

Feelings about lifting the mask mandate appear to be mixed in Uxbridge. Some are looking forward to freeing their faces, while others are going to keep a mask handy a while longer.

"We will definitely keep wearing one in stores and settings where people don't respect my personal space; this was annoying pre-COVID anyway," says local mother of two, Sabina Goranova. "I understand now why the people

in Japan wore masks on public transit when we visited. Definitely less germs flying around. And I hope people continue to wash their hands, in case they weren't before," she added.

The majority of those who answered a Facebook poll have similar thoughts to Goranova, and report that they will continue wearing masks in certain situations, specifically in public indoor settings and when around a vulnerable population.

However, many say they do feel fully comfortable with taking off their masks.

"The mask is uncomfortable for me so I won't be wearing it," says local resident Tim Medley. "I'm sure most businesses are going to continue

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for March, 2022

Monday, March 21
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
Monday, March 28
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND
TRANSITION, 6:30 p.m.

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Notice of Public Meeting and Open House Concerning the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study and Related Official Plan Amendment

This Notice is to inform you that the Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Township Official Plan Amendment pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, to implement the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study. The statutory public meeting will be preceded by a public open house to allow for an opportunity for additional review of the Official Plan Amendment and the Neighbourhood Study on which it is based.

The statutory public meeting and public open house will both be held in an electronic format only in order to practice social distancing and help stop the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with Ontario Regulation 149/20, Special Rules relating to a Declared Emergency under The Planning Act. The Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Official Plan Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

- The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to introduce a vision and related development policies for the lands in the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood in the Uxbridge Urban Area.
- The Amendment is based on the results of the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study which examines issues related to the ongoing intensification/redevelopment of the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood including impacts on natural features and significant trees, servicing, and community character.
- The Cemetery Road Neighbourhood is subject to the policies of the Uxbridge Urban Area Secondary Plan of the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan. Schedule "A", Land Use and Transportation Plan Uxbridge Urban

Area designates the majority of the area as "Residential Area". The exceptions are the cemeteries which are designated "Cemetery Area" and two areas at the south end designated "Environmental Constraint Area". In addition, the apartment site adjacent to Toronto Street is designated "Residential – Higher Density".

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT

PROPERTY:

The Cemetery Road Neighbourhood is located in the Uxbridge Urban Area. It takes the form of an elongated crescent connecting, at both its north and south ends, to Toronto Street South generally between the northern entrance to Campbell Drive and the boundary of the Uxbridge Urban Area to the south. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE. NO.: Official Plan Amendment 67 (OPA 67)

APPLICANT: Township of Uxbridge

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study, including the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study Report, can be found on the Township website or is available for inspection in the Development Services Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

This Notice is being given in accordance with Planning Act requirements. A final recommendation on the proposed Official Plan Amendment will not be presented until after the Township Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

Current Township policy related to COVID

19, physical attendance is not permitted at this public meeting or open house. The public meeting and open house are being held electronically and will be livestreamed for public viewing at calendar.uxbridge.ca. The meeting and open house dates and times are as follows:

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:

Wednesday April 6, 2022

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE TIME:

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING DATE:

Monday, April 11, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

REPRESENTATION:

ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment.

1. Written Submissions

Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments should be submitted by Monday, April 25, 2022. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption of the by-law.

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the public meeting on livestream, you must pre-register with the Clerk's office by email at jmachesney@uxbridge.ca, or telephone at 905-852-9181 ext 209 or mail at the address below before 12:00 noon on April 8, 2022. Please include your full name, address, and a call-back phone number. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office to confirm your participation and receive the online and call-in information before the meeting. Technical assistance may

be provided to ensure you are able to participate.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the proposed application is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Uxbridge to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or a public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the application is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk

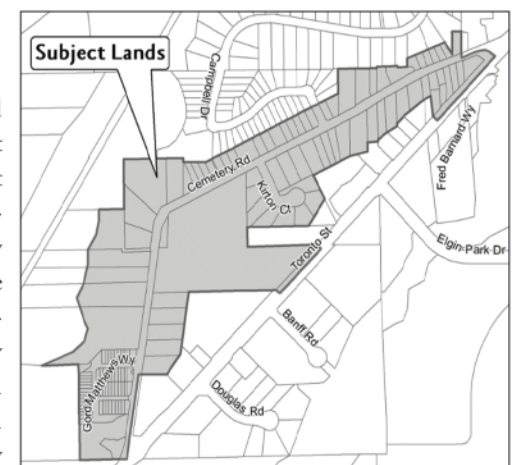
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KEY MAP (not to scale)



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**Uxpool – Aquatic Program Supervisor,
Permanent P-T**
Closes Thursday, March 18, 2022

**Treasury Department – Payroll and
Accounting Coordinator, Permanent F-T**
Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Uxbridge Historical Centre –
Programming and Events Coordinator,
Contract, F-T**
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**Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter -
Animal Control Assistant, Kennel
Attendant, Summer Contract**
Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Uxpool – Lifeguards and/or Instructors,
Spring Session**
Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Development Services Department –
Chief Building Official, F-T**
Closes Friday, March 25, 2022

**Clerk's Department - Communications
Assistant, Summer Student**
Closes Monday, March 28, 2022

**Parks Department – Summer Camp
Counsellor, 16+**
Closes Thursday, March 31, 2022

**Parks Department – Assistant Summer
Camp Counsellor, 15+**
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**Parks Department – Summer Student,
General Labourers, F-T**
Closes Friday, April 1, 2022

**Parks Department – Summer Student,
Horticulture, F-T**
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**Parks Department – Adult Skilled,
Horticulture, Contract, F-T**
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**Uxpool – Lifeguards and/or Instructors,
Summer Session**
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**Public Works Department – Student
Labourer**
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**Development Services Department -
Building Inspector / Plans Examiner, F-T**
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**Uxbridge Historical Centre – Collections
Associate, Summer**
Closes Friday, April 15, 2022

**Uxbridge Historical Centre –
Programming and Community
Engagement Associate, Summer**
Closes Friday, April 15, 2022

**Uxbridge Historical Centre – Museum
Educators (2), Summer**
Closes Friday, April 22, 2022

**Uxbridge Historical Centre – Museum
Preparator, Summer**
Closes Friday, April 22, 2022

Board & Committee Appointments 2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee

The Council of the Township of Uxbridge invites applications from members of the public who are qualified electors of the Township of Uxbridge who wish to have their names considered for an appointment to the Santa Claus Parade Committee for the 2022 Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade.

The purpose of The Santa Claus Parade Committee is to organize and promote the Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade.

Any person interested in offering their services, and would accept an appointment, is invited to submit a Committee Member Application Form available on the Township's Website www.uxbridge.ca along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned by **Friday, April 1, 2022**.

Any questions regarding this Committee may be directed to the undersigned.

Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

P.O. Box 190, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1T1. Telephone: 905 852-9181

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Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders

• **U22-12 Elgin Park Upgrades and Accessible Playground**
Closes March 23, 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 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 in a timely manner.



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So long to masks, from page 1

with sanitization and keep up the plexiglass barriers so the risk should be significantly reduced."

Come March 21, the Township offices will be following provincial recommendations as well.

"We will be very supportive of people's right to choose to wear a mask if they wish. We will continue to support public health messaging that recommends caution, social distancing, hand-washing, self-screening and sanitizing," says Colleen Baskin, assistant to the mayor.

The end of the masking mandate also applies to schools and daycares. Coming just as students return from March Break, and following the federal travel advisory, students who traveled internationally over the break will be required to wear a mask for 14 days post-arrival back home.

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Our two cents

A day to feel green

We don't want to talk about war this week. Or COVID-19. Or snow. We want to look forward to Spring, and green... ah, green. Let's talk about today - St. Patrick's Day! It isn't very often we get to publish right on a celebratory day, so let's take a moment and think on all things Irish.

St. Patrick's Day, as most everyone knows, is, on the Roman Catholic calendar, held on the saint's feast day, March 17. St. Patrick is indeed the patron saint of Ireland. According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, he was born in Roman Britain sometime in the late 4th century, kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established several monasteries, churches, and schools.

Over time, many legends have been attributed to St. Patrick, including that he drove the snakes out of Ireland (he may or may not have, it's hard to say, but there are no snakes in Ireland!), and that he used the shamrock to explain the Trinity (an excellent teaching tool).

Ireland came to celebrate this feast day with religious services, but it was reportedly Irish emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants (many of whom often wielded political power) staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962, Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia website, Canada's first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Montreal in 1824. St. Patrick's Day parades were banned in Toronto in 1878, after previous parades sparked violence between Catholics and Protestants. Toronto did not hold a parade again until 1988.

Interesting factoid - blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now commonly connected with the day.

So now you have all kinds of useless trivia with which to fill your head while you dine on or drink something green today. *Sláinte!*

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Letters to the Editor

I was so pleased to read that 'drive thru' idling is going to be addressed by the Township (March 3 edition). I'm sure that waiting in line for a purchase has been invaluable to the vendors during the pandemic. However, pre-pandemic, I took my dog for a 30-minute walk at the Countryside Preserve. On my way in, I noticed a parked bus, idling. It was still there on my return, idling. I asked him to turn it off, for obvious reasons. And although he seemed surprised, he did. However, it did not change anything because I've seen it since, idling. Why is it so hard to turn a key?

Uxbridge allows and encourages such vendors to be built... count them!

And yet, with new homes everywhere, we still have only ONE full serve grocery store. And even that has installed a 'high end' coffee kiosk. At least it isn't a 'drive thru' at that location - yet.

Marg Pearson
Uxbridge

I recently watched video of Justin Trudeau not wearing a mask while he met face to face with our monarch. She recently had COVID and within three days she was back doing public appearances - pretty amazing for a 95-year-old lady. I watched him enter 10 Downing Street through the trade entrance, shaking hands with a government representative as he entered. I could clearly hear chanting in the YouTube video that was not at all supportive of our prime minister.

Every day I have to see signs where I live that if I am not masked I will

be fined, even in my empty hallways. If I don't, some busybody may call Durham Health and report me.

At what point to we recognize that our prime minister is well past his best before date? I don't know about you, but I am pretty much fed up with COVID and feel it is time to move on and get rid of these silly mask mandates.

Robert Skinner
Uxbridge

Editor's note: As of March 21, masks will no longer be required in schools, restaurants and bars, gyms and movie theatres across the province. The provincial government has said individuals can continue to wear a mask after that date if they choose to do so.

I am writing to commend our Uxpool staff - Carolyn, Ann, Sue, Pavla and their many helpers - for their warm and friendly perseverance and hard work over the past couple of COVID years.

From excellent scheduling to determined regular disinfecting, not to mention their usual skillful admin and leadership, the Uxpool team has continued to make our Uxpool a refreshing oasis for all who enjoy it.

I'm sure I speak for every user but especially seniors. It's hard to describe how invaluable is the service Uxpool staff provide for us. Warm and welcoming familiar faces to greet us every day when we arrive. Knowledgeable energetic leadership in our fitness classes. We admire the excellent and caring instruction they give the kids and special needs

folks who use the pool so much too.

Finally, we admire and commend their bravery and smart caution in showing up every day in the face of a nasty viral pandemic. Thanks a million!

Our community must value this extraordinary affordable fitness and social centre that is Uxpool and the fine neighbours and friends who run it. Never let it go!

Brian Logan and Shelagh Carroll
Uxbridge

Mr. Bouwmeister's letter (Feb. 17 edition) was one of the most uplifting stories we have seen in a very long time.

Full of love, passion, hope and the true feelings of millions of hard working Canadians. He and thousands of others who attended the freedom rally witnessed the most peaceful demonstration in the world's history. All that the protesters requested was to speak to politicians in Ottawa and stop the abusive tyranny that has been created by unelected so called health officials in the name of "common good." Sadly, the top cowards hid in their bunkers, too scared to face the people.

Never was there any talk of changing the government.* Millions of people lined the highways and bridges to cheer the brave truckers on. They selflessly froze their bums off, stood their ground at a totally legal protest, all for our personal freedom and a better future. We know that for every person who attends such uplifting events, there are thousands that feel the same

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

A twist on an old song

"Imagine!"

That was the message Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy gave to Canada on Tuesday, but he wasn't reciting the lyrics to John Lennon's iconic song. He was asking Canadians to imagine what it would be like if *their* cities were under attack, if *their* loved ones were being bombed, shelled and killed by an invading army, if *their* children were dying.

He then told them Ukrainians weren't imagining it: "This is our reality."

While unlikely to go down in history as one of the great wartime speeches à la Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt or Shakespeare's Henry V, Zelenskyy's delivery was obviously from the heart and full of emotion. And, yes, he renewed his call for NATO to establish a no-fly zone over Ukraine to stop what he called Russia's attempt to "annihilate" the Ukrainian people. His short speech via satellite link to the Canadian parliament received a standing ovation that lasted over three minutes.

Following Zelenskyy's address, each party's leader rose to give a response and, predictably, all gave their unwavering support to the Ukrainian people. Indeed, Elizabeth May, speaking for the Green Party, was almost overcome with emotion and asked Zelenskyy to come to Canada. Interim Conservative leader Candice Bergen, calling Russian president Vladimir Putin "a violent predator," said history cannot be ignored and said the West must do more to secure Ukrainian air space.

However, it would appear that the West is ignoring history. Appeasement and diplomacy did not work with Hitler and they won't work with Putin. And if the West thinks all the economic sanctions imposed against Russia will lead to the Russian people rising up against Putin, they'd better think again. No leader has been ousted in Russia since Tsar Nicholas.

Putin is what we like to call a strong man, meaning he has almost total control over his country, and he will use strong-man tactics

to pursue the war in Ukraine to the end.

But, as a strong man, the only thing he respects is some equally strong or stronger.

While all the NATO leaders are telling us that establishing a no-fly zone would likely lead us to a Third World War, with the accompanying horrific threat of nuclear conflict, Putin is taking that message to mean he can continue his onslaught unabated. And since the threat of nuclear war seems to have the West shivering in its shoes, what is to stop him using the same threat when, after taking Ukraine, he sets his sights on other territories? Hitler started out by annexing Austria with little, if any, opposition from the Allies. Then came the Sudetenland area of Czechoslovakia, then Poland, all the time the Allies dragging their feet against engaging with him until it was too late. They didn't want war, but they got it anyway.

So, Ms. Bergen notwithstanding, the West does appear to be ignoring history. And while they dance around, seizing billionaires' yachts and mansions and freezing bank accounts, the Russians continue pounding the Ukrainian people, with the only real opposition coming from the Ukrainians themselves.

If the threat of nuclear war scares the bejeebers out of you, it should. We saw what atomic bombs could do at the end of the Second World War and the nuclear arsenal is far more fearsome today. But so-called conventional war also comes with its own horrors and sacrifices, yet there has been one war or another somewhere in the world since the last great war ended. If the horrors of conventional war don't stop us engaging with the enemy, we shouldn't let the horror of nuclear engagement stop us from confronting a "violent predator" such as Putin.

It seems to me, that the only way to stop a bully is to stand up to him. In this case, it would mean NATO telling Putin to retreat or face a real war, not a "special military operation."

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Mounting a new assault up Juno Beach

It's just 20 years ago I learned about the toughest battle of Fred Barnard's life. On a spring morning in 1944, our Uxbridge neighbour (then just 22) found himself on a landing craft with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada about to storm the Normandy beach codenamed Juno. He had no family in France that needed saving. He knew none of the German soldiers occupying those Norman towns and seaports. Still, he'd felt so compelled by the call for Canadians to help liberate the French from Nazi occupation that he and his brother Don travelled halfway around the globe to join the D-Day invasion on June 6.

"Give 'em hell," Fred had yelled to his 19-year-old brother on the same landing craft.

Then, moments later, as he dashed for cover, among the first Canadians to penetrate Hitler's Fortress Europe, Fred faced a horrific dilemma. There in the sea water not yet ashore, he saw his brother with a bullet hole in his chest – dead before he'd even reached the sea wall. But love for his brother Don was trumped by a soldier's duty not to stop. Said Fred years later, when he shared his tragic D-Day story with me, "I knew I had to go on. No matter what. Success depended on it."

That day, nearly 78 years ago, Fred and Don Barnard risked everything to restore what is almost more precious to the French than life itself – *Liberté!* Freedom! Don paid with his life. Fred paid with four years of volunteer wartime service overseas, several wounds and the trauma of witnessing his brother's death that first day on Juno Beach. But thanks to the efforts of thousands of the Barnards' fellow veterans and several generations of average Canadians who have donated to and have visited it, the Juno Beach Centre has stood on that very same beach since 2003 – commemorating how Fred and Don and 15,000 other young men like them from Canada helped restore a free France.

Today, however, just 19 years after Juno Beach Centre opened, Don Cooper, its president, says, "We face an existential threat."

Foncim, a French property developer, has plans to build a private 70-unit condominium on the beach. For those of us who've visited Juno Beach Centre, we'll note that the planned *Domaine des Dunes* project would rise some four stories (taller than the museum structure) where the sun rises over the River Seulles to shine on the very sand dunes where Canadians secured a foothold during the greatest amphibious invasion in history. While Cooper and the

museum have responded in a press release that they do not generally oppose projects on former battlefields, the actions of the developer and municipal politicians amounts to "trampling on our graves."

I attended the Juno Beach Centre opening in 2003. At the time, I met a Normandy resident and professional, Jean-Pierre Benamou, who'd been instrumental in assisting Canadian veterans secure the former campground from the municipality as a unique tribute to Canada's role in freeing France and the rest of western Europe from Nazi occupation. Benamou, who also leads D-Day Academy tours for visiting Canadians says, "I don't see an indignity with (condo) residents overlooking the museum. ... But it's local politics – a former mayor ... who lost an election ... having signed up with the builders."

Until now, Juno Beach Centre has taken the high road, seeking to overturn the permit allowing condo construction, and raising very real concerns that condo construction would clog the only access road – preventing boaters access to their vessels, citizens moving around the village of Courseulles, and tourists attempting to visit Juno Beach Centre.

"The Centre attracted over 100,000 visitors in 2019, our best year ever," Cooper said. "We're just getting back to normal after the pandemic. (But) this will just be chaotic."

The Centre has hesitated to exaggerate the threat for fear local residents in Courseulles or here in Canada would misinterpret the response as "anti-French" sentiment. But Cooper also realizes Juno Beach – especially since the museum opened – has resonated powerfully among Canadians. So, the museum is now exploring the option to purchase the land from the developer to secure its use for the museum. And that will require a completely new fund-raising effort in Canada.

"We see the land becoming a Canadian memorial park," an extension of the kiosks of commemorative bricks which brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and D-Day veterans themselves have purchased over the years to remember the sacrifice made by Fred and Don Barnard 78 years ago, just metres from Juno Beach. The Barnard brothers would not be deterred. Nor apparently will the Juno Beach Centre.

"We've received the torch," Don Cooper said. "Now we have to carry it."

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Bruins rebound after poor start to playoffs

by Roger Varley

It was a humiliating start to the PJHL Junior C Orr Division playoffs last Tuesday as the Uxbridge Bruins were bombed 9-1 by the Chiefs in Lakefield.

The Bruins' lone goal, scored by Matt Gordon, assisted by Jake Rigillo and Anthony Messina, came in the third period after the Chiefs had already racked up a six-goal lead, chas-

ing goalie Jack Randall from the net after two periods.

Things were only a little better on Friday in Game 2 as the Chiefs overwhelmed the Bruins at the arena with four goals, including two power-play markers, before Quinn Meek managed to score Uxbridge's lone goal late in the third, assisted by Ryan DaPonte and Andrew Swan. The home squad never appeared to be a threat as pass after pass was off the mark or badly re-

ceived. Lakefield consistently used the long, lead pass to put an attacker in the clear and, to his credit, Randall made a couple of great saves on such plays in the second period.

The *Cosmos* selected Patrick Goan as player of the game for the Chiefs and captain Daniel Giorgio for the Bruins.

The following night, in the arena once again, the Bruins appeared to be in for another bad night. The Chiefs took the lead with a goal midway

through the first period, but the Bruins finally came to life late in the second period, resulting in Zach Power's goal, assisted by DaPonte and Jordan Romualdo.

The Chiefs took

the lead again in the third, only to see Jake Kemp tie the game, assisted by Dalton Strongman and Liam Vogan, five minutes later. As the game wound down, Giorgio put the Bruins ahead for the first time in the series with what proved to be the winning goal, assisted by Messina. After the Chiefs pulled their goalie for the extra attack, Romualdo potted an empty-netter, assisted by Kemp.

Once again, the *Cosmos* named Giorgio as player of the game for the Bruins, with Stevie Leskovar getting the nod for the Chiefs.

The two teams were scheduled to meet again in Lakefield on Tuesday, with the teams returning to the arena for the fifth game in the series tonight (Thursday) at 7:45 p.m. Other games, if needed, are scheduled for Saturday in Lakefield and Sunday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. at the arena.

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way at home. We heard of people who lived close to the parked truckers convoy in Ottawa, offering to do the truckers laundry, and inviting them to their homes for a shower or a meal. The stores that had been closed, on government orders**, opened up and made business as never before.

Journalists, including your own Mr. Barris and Mr. Varley, have continued to prove their worthlessness in keeping government institutions in check by refusing to question, let alone investigate, the "facts" that health agencies assert or the effectiveness of blunt force government-imposed "solutions."

Rarely have we seen so much hate and so many lies pouring out of your normally fine little paper as the letters to the editor written by Colin Murphy, Earle Lockerby and Patricia M. Asling. Hard to believe how anyone can distort and try to totally destroy the proven true facts? Are they really so uninformed? Since they are our beloved neighbours, we do not hold their blindness against them.

Fortunately, millions of people have

witnessed the tyranny of the last two years and will never forget what they went through. It was simply absurd that anybody could have the right to make a personal health decision that contradicts the government's official "science," any science that suited their narrative.

In the never-ending boxing match between "freedom" and "tyranny," there is no time to rest on our laurels.

Louise Muller
Uxbridge

Editor's note: The letters referred to above, as written by C.

Murphy, E. Lockerby and P. Asling, did not, in the editor's estimation, contain hate, which is why they were allowed to be published.

**Canada Unity, one of the main organizers of the convoy, released a*

Memorandum of Understanding on its website which set out a framework to effectively dissolve the federal government in favour of a "Citizens of Canada Committee."

***Stores in downtown Ottawa were not ordered by any level of government to close during the truckers' protest/occupation.*

DRAFT REGIONAL NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM ENVISION DURHAM—DRAFT MAPPING AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

Based on consultation with and data from the province, area municipalities and conservation authorities, the Region of Durham has developed mapping that identifies a draft Regional Natural Heritage System (NHS) and is inviting the public and agencies to comment. The NHS is a key component of Envision Durham, which is the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan.

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to participate in and provide feedback through the following:

Interactive Map Viewer

When: March 1 to May 2, 2022

Description: The purpose of the interactive map viewer is to solicit feedback on the draft Regional NHS. This mapping tool allows participants to search, pan and/or zoom to identify and reference specific geographic locations, wherein users can mark with "pins" and comment directly within the map.

To Participate: Any person may respond to the draft Regional NHS by visiting:

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Comments may also be submitted via email to

EnvisionDurham@durham.ca or sent to the attention of: Envision Durham, c/o The Regional Municipality of Durham, Planning and Economic Development Department, 605 Rossland Road East, PO Box 623, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 6A3.

Paper copies and accessible formats are available upon request by contacting EnvisionDurham@durham.ca or 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2538.

Comments or questions? Additional information on the draft Regional NHS is available on the project web page at www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham or may be obtained from the Durham Region Planning Division by contacting EnvisionDurham@durham.ca.

The information collected through the interactive map will help inform and be used as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Regional Official Plan. The Region collects information to enable it to make informed decisions on relevant issues. The information collected is intended to be anonymous. Any information you choose to provide, including personal information, will be collected as a matter of public record.

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