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LIQUID GOLD IN THE MAKING - Paul Tomory (in red bandana) and his son, Tony (plaid shirt), of Pefferlaw Creek Farms, give a small group tour of their state-of-the-art maple syrup processing equipment during their maple syrup festival last weekend. Beginning April 19, the farm will be open weekends only. *Photo by John Cavers*

Huck Finn fishing day extends to two week-long festival

by Roger Varley

Huck Finn Day will return this Spring, but with a major change in format: instead of being a one-day event, it will stretch over two weeks.

In a deputation to council on Monday, Uxbridge Canadian Tire owner Pat Higgins said the event, last held in 2019, will run from April 30 to May 14. Higgins said the "family fishing festival" will be spread out over two weeks in order to space out the crowds because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also noted that, because of "in-fill," or regrowth around Elgin Pond, there are fewer spaces along the edge of the pond for the anglers to put their lines

in the water. The two-week period will address those problems.

Higgins said there will be \$3,000 in daily prizes handed out, with winners listed daily at uxbridge.ca/huckfinn. Participants can post photos of family fishing and fun on social media using #huckfinnUxbridge, or submit them by email. Event details, including special event days, can be found at uxbridge.ca/en/explore-and-play/huck-finn.aspx.

As usual, bait will be provided free of charge and rods will be loaned, also free of charge, courtesy of the Pickering Rod and Gun Club, for those without the necessary equipment.

Because of the change in format, the roads

around the Mill Street/Main Street intersection will not be blocked off, although the parking spots at the side of Veterans Memorial Park will be barricaded.

Higgins said the pond will be monitored regularly to ensure safety and cleanliness.

He also said 500 brook trout will be released into the pond and noted that trout were loaded into the pond the last two years, despite the fact that Huck Finn Day was on hiatus.

The first Huck Finn Day took place in 2003.

At the same time, Higgins announced there will be a free family barbecue from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 14 and the Jumpstart multi-sport court at Bonner Fields.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for April, 2022

Thursday, April 14
TOURISM COMMITTEE, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 18
NO MEETING – EASTER MONDAY

Wednesday, April 20
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
7:00 p.m.
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
INFORMATION SESSION, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 25
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
EDUCATION SESSION – CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC, 2:00 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month
World Autism Day - April 2, 2022

Uxcamps 2022

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Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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75 Marietta Street, Uxbridge
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- Roles and responsibilities of elected officials, staff and third-party advertisers
- Eligibility rules
- Nomination process
- Campaign finances
- Compliance audit
- Voters' list and voting proxy
- Scrutineers
- Recounts
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- 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.

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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.

Easter Holiday Closures

Town Hall - closed April 15, 16, 17, 18
Arena - closed April 15, 17, 18
Uxpool - closed April 15, 17, 18

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend!

Bids & Tenders

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

- U22-02 Reconstruction of Planks Lane – Closes April 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-14 Sandford Community Centre Washroom Upgrades – Closes April 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-15 Tree Planting – Closes April 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-17 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with Front Mount Snowplow and Drop Sander – Closes April 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-13 Supply and Delivery of 1 Fire Apparatus (Tanker Truck) – Closes May 5, 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 posted at uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders

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The main trail remains open to the public during construction. The side trail will be closed to use.

Closure in effect April 18-May 30 weather permitting.



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TOWN HALL

by Roger Varley

Notes from the April 11 Council Meeting

Bruins headed for television?: In a letter to council, the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C hockey team sought approval for the installation of a video camera at the arena to enable live-streaming of Bruins home games.

President Cam Stewart said the Provincial Jr. Hockey League (PJHL) has signed a five-year contract with Hockey Tech, based in Kitchener, to live-stream junior hockey games on the internet from the respective hometown arenas. Hockey Tech will install video cameras in all arenas at no cost to either the local junior hockey club or the municipality.

Stewart said the camera would only be activated for the duration of each home game and then would be turned off. He said it would be the responsibility of each junior hockey club to provide a suitable internet connection with enough speed to transmit video.

Mayor Dave Barton said council supported the request in principle and township staff was asked to examine the request and provide a report.

Gould House relocation approved: Following an extensive report from Kyle

Rainbow, director of development services, council approved his recommendations for the relocation of the Isaac Gould heritage home at 62 Mill Street.

The home, built in 1866, will be moved from its present location to the northeast corner of the property, which has been approved for the development of 36 homes.

Rainbow said the contractor responsible for the move will provide enough security to completely rebuild the structure should the house be badly damaged in the move. He also said any workers on the building will be required to have at least five years' experience in heritage work.

"This is going to be a successful project," he said.

Preserving Cemetery Road: At a public meeting Monday night to lay out "a vision and development policy for Cemetery Road," township planning consultant Elizabeth Howson said a balance has to be found between development and retaining the street's character.

Noting that Cemetery Road is a "unique residential area" dominated by trees which give it "a

sylvan character," Howson's extensive report said the area is under pressure, with at least seven development proposals made to council. She said the area's character is what has led to the interest in development.

She said that, despite provincial and regional policies, Cemetery Road is not an area where intensification would work. She said the road should be maintained and enhanced and any development proposals should go through a series of studies and assessments. Those applications already received should be dealt with according to the proposed policy and new applications will be judged under stringent requirements.

She said Cemetery Road residents should have confidence that the neighbourhood's look will not change dramatically over the years.



Anne of Avonlea

Kylee Puss

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CLARIFICATION

The March 31 edition of the *Uxbridge Cosmos* contained an article about a report presented to council that outlined councillor remuneration for 2021 ("Uxbridge's Sunshine list grows").

The numbers quoted in the article referred to salaries, benefits, allowances and expenses **within the Township**. Any monies earned outside the township, i.e., from the Region of Durham, were **not** included in these numbers or in this article.

The *Cosmos* hopes this clarifies these numbers, and apologies for any confusion.

The April 7 edition of the *Uxbridge Cosmos* contained an article written by the Uxbridge Climate Change Committee (U3C) ("No plans this weekend? Have a Seedy Saturday"). The U3C would like to emphasize that the Community Seed Library at the Uxbridge Public Library is an initiative of the Library, and that the U3C is an avid supporter and contributor to the program.



Peter Bethlenfalvy
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Our two cents

Looking forward to looking forward

Well, here we are, on the edge of the Easter long weekend, and we at the *Cosmos* have decided that we are going to take advantage of the weekend to unplug a little, gear down, and focus on the good things that are going on.

For instance, last weekend saw the first Leaskdale Loop in awhile, and it appears that this once-a-month event is becoming more and more popular. Also popular was the launch of the Uxbridge Public Library's Community Seed Library. We stopped by just after lunch on Saturday to check it out, and all but two lonely seed packets were left! And they disappeared while we were there! We're so excited about this little library, and hope that it's successful for all involved, from groups to gardeners.

We're happy that we're running a couple of advertisements for upcoming theatre productions, especially the Ryleepuss production of *Anne of Avonlea*. *Anne of Green Gables* often gets all the attention in these parts, so it's nice to see the next installment in the red-head's life get some stage time!

At council on Monday, Canadian Tire Uxbridge owner Pat Higgins formally announced that Huck Finn is coming back to Uxbridge in 2022, albeit in a little different format. In order to keep numbers around Elgin Pond down a bit, it won't be one fishing day, but two fishing weeks! Social media posts and lots of prizes (good prizes, too - we heard about a few!) are sure to keep those fishing rods in the water. Watch for more details over the next couple of weeks for the fun that will start on April 30 and run right through until May 14.

Springtide Music Festival is happening in July, and although it's still a bit away, tickets are already on sale, and are sure to sell out, as this is a popular event that has been much missed by the Uxbridge music scene.

And Catch the Ace starts up again soon - who doesn't want to win some money!

These are just a few of the events that various groups and organizations are putting together, and even though a sixth wave of COVID-19 is apparently upon us, we're sure looking forward to safely enjoying all of them.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter weekend, Uxbridge!

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Letters to the Editor

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, we are pleased to announce that the "Catch the Ace" Progressive Lottery #6 is ready to roll. Since the inception of the lottery, over \$108,000 has been donated to local charities, humanitarian groups and those in need.

Once again, there is a guaranteed jackpot of \$1,000 to kick off initial sales. Tickets will be available starting Wednesday, April 20, with the first draw date on Tuesday, April 26.

All our retail ticket sales outlets are on board: Canadian Tire Uxbridge, Vince's Market Uxbridge, Stouffville IDA, the Royal Canadian Legion club room and Uxbridge Pharmasave's two locations. As a special incentive to celebrate the opening of their Oak Valley Health Centre location on Campbell Dr., and to celebrate the Catch the Ace launch, PharmaSave will give one free ticket to their first 50 customers at that location. Parking is free for 30 minutes.

A big Rotary thank you to all our retailers, and to all our community members who buy tickets and continue to support the good things we do.

Rotary Club of Uxbridge
Ian Morrison
Terry Chapman
Co-Chairs, Catch the Ace

A major report with great impact on the future of Uxbridge seems to have slipped under the radar, with minimal news coverage and no public comment. It's the final report of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, presented to council (and

enthusiastically adopted) on March 28. Perhaps it went virtually unnoticed because many people thought it would be (yawn) yet another downtown study to sit on a shelf.

Not so. This one is different, and deserves attention, because . . . first, it was funded by council, which implies it is serious (for a change); second, the findings and final recommendations are based on serious data gathering resulting from numerous surveys (with all the survey reports, the total document runs to 300+ pages); third, there are many concrete "next steps" identified, with timelines and designation of who's responsible; fourth, and most important, funding is planned to actually implement some actions.

So - compliments to Judy Riseborough, chair, and the committee. It would be fair to comment that some of the vision for downtown, and some of the visual depictions are verging on fantasy, with streetscape illustrations of bold new buildings and impressive street scenes that demonstrate a vivid imagination, rather than a grasp of reality. The answer, I know, is that this is a "visionary" plan - a strategic picture to work towards - not a construction plan.

One area where they've got it wrong is in the issue that ranked highest in virtually every survey - the issue of the town square. Everyone wants one. And the plan from the committee includes "a well-planned town square. My guess is that all those who voted for a "well-planned" town square would not recognize what's being proposed. Instead of a decent-sized public

square, the plan shows a small (about the width of Brock St.) landscaped passage between the closed coffee shop and the derelict shambles of a building near the corner of Brock and Toronto Streets. It's in the right location, but the space proposed cannot masquerade as a "well-planned town square." A proper community square needs to occupy that space plus the area of the coffee shop and convenience store - premises already owned by the Township. Many others agree with this, and I'm confident that council will eventually see fit to do the right thing.

But bottom line: much good work and many excellent recommendations in this report - so compliments to the committee and to council for stimulating the study, and approving it. Now this and succeeding councils need to keep this on the front burner, and ensure adequate funding to actually get something done. We'll see!

Wynn Walters
Uxbridge

P.S. - As the sculptor who created the bronze statue of Col. Sam Sharpe beside the CIBC bank at Brock and Toronto Streets, I was dismayed to see that in one of the streetscape illustrations, Sam had been evicted from his pedestal and place of honour, and dumped on the sidewalk in front of the bank. But Sam is not overly concerned, because I have personally reassured him that the chance of this happening is zero.

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

A wasted asset

In a presentation to council on Monday, Uxbridge Canadian Tire owner Pat Higgins said something that councillors allowed to pass by without comment. By so doing, they silently acknowledged that this council and township has absolutely no plans whatsoever to end the complete neglect of a town treasure, a valuable asset.

I'm talking about Elgin Pond.

In discussing the resurrection of Huck Finn Day - (now be a two-week festival) - Higgins said part of the reason for departing from the one-day format that Huck Finn Day has adhered to since 2003 is to thin out the crowds attending the event. That's because there are fewer places around the pond for people to stand and cast their lines into the water. In turn, that's because most of the pond's shoreline is overgrown with trees, bushes, reeds and weeds.

A number of years ago, the township spent one million dollars - (if memory serves me correctly) - to "refurbish" Elgin Pond. That refurbishment included allowing vegetation to grow along the shoreline as a way to discourage Canada geese from encroaching on the grassy areas. So now, the geese enjoy the water, while people can barely see it. A few benches are placed along Veterans Memorial Park, but they are situated so that people using them look at a tangled growth of vegetation, rather than the sun sparkling on the water.

Mankind has always been drawn to water. Maybe it's some primordial urge to return from whence we came. But whatever the reason, communities that have useable water features usually have a vibrancy denied to waterless municipalities. When I was a child, the park at the top of our road had two quite large ponds. On the smaller pond, we could rent canoes - (no life jackets required) - and we spent many happy hours paddling around and splashing each other. On the larger ponds, one could rent rowboats and skiffs. When we didn't have the money for rentals, we spent our time fishing for "tiddlers" and roaches. The ponds were always busy, especially on weekends.

Higgins has shown with his Huck Finn Days that people will go to the pond if they

have a reason. Making the pond a destination would do the same. The word "destination" was featured heavily in the final report of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, which sees Lower Brock Street, Centennial Park and the railway station area as potential "destinations" that would attract more people. Although Elgin Pond is outside the committee's area of study, the same logic would seem to apply.

The south end of the pond, where it butts up to Elgin Park, is depressing, with stagnant water, tangled undergrowth and litter. There is one small spot where one can even stand close to the water, but who wants to stand by stagnant water? That part of the park could be cleared out, cleaned up and turned into a picnic area. Some relatively minor engineering could direct the flow of water into that end of the pond to remove the stagnation.

Similarly, if most - (not all) - of the growth surrounding the pond was removed, more benches and picnic tables could be installed. In the summertime, some young entrepreneur could rent out canoes or paddle boats. The building in Memorial Park could be rented out to someone to sell ice cream, coffee and treats during the summer - and even in the winter for skaters.

However, in its wisdom, the council of the day decided the best thing to do with the pond was to keep the geese off the grass. Thus, the vegetation. The fact that the strategy didn't work seems to have gone unnoticed. Indeed, council spends a couple of thousand bucks a year to pay someone to make sure the goose eggs don't hatch. That exercise, too, apparently isn't working. But I doubt too many geese would hang around if canoes and paddle boats were constantly keeping them on the move.

A few years ago, during a Cup of Coffee interview, a fellow I was talking to said the reason he moved to Uxbridge was Elgin Pond. Driving through town, he said, he saw the pond and that helped him decide to locate here. It seems to me, if he made the same drive today and saw the pond as it is now, he'd keep on driving.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

The case against hoarding history

His original itinerary involved a flight from Canada to Israel, but when Harvey Engelberg received a letter of inquiry from France, a few weeks ago, his plans changed. Thérèse Férey and her husband, current owners of a farm in Normandy, wondered if Harvey was related to one Cobby Engelberg, a Canadian airman shot down in the early hours of June 6, 1944. When Harvey explained that Cobby was his father, he changed his flight plans to include a side trip to Normandy.

"I own a farm in Bassenville," Mme Férey wrote in her letter, "and we've found pieces of (your father's) plane that crashed on our property. Would you like them?"

"My head exploded," Harvey told *CJN Daily* podcast host Ellin Bessner this week. When he met the Féreys, they took him to the site. Nearly 78 years to the day, Cobby Engelberg (then 24) was serving in an RCAF Dakota aircraft transporting British paratroops to prevent a German counteroffensive when Allied forces landed on the Normandy beaches on D-Day. But the Dakota was hit by flack. Everybody got out of the burning transport but pilot Harvey Jones and Cobby Engelberg. Jones crash-landed the plane, but died, while Engelberg survived severely injured. The former owners of the farm hid Engelberg until a passing Allied patrol helped get the injured airman back to England. Bessner asked Harvey if he planned to keep the pieces of his dad's Dakota airplane.

"I have my father's dog tag," Harvey said, but he's giving all 42 pieces of the Dakota plane to the Juno Beach Centre, Canada's D-Day museum in Courseulles-sur-Mer, France. "They'll do a better job of preserving them for the future. Otherwise they'd sit in one of our drawers and be forgotten."

Harvey Engelberg's strong sense of preserving history is commendable, but not as common as one would hope. When I researched my book about the Canadian airmen flying the famous Dam Buster raid against the River Ruhr dams of 1943, I learned that relevant documents were lost. They'd been stolen by someone purporting to be a historian. A British collector named Alex Bateman had approached the widow of Dam Buster John Fraser asking to "borrow" his flight log. When a trusting Doris Fraser obliged, she never saw the artifact again. Bateman later went to jail for the theft (and likely sale on the black market). The log has never been found - an emotional piece of a family's past and a vital

piece of the world's history gone forever.

In contrast, when the family of another member of the Canadian Dam Busters veteran, Torger Taerum, was approached by the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton, the surviving Taerum family recognized the value of contributing family heirlooms for posterity. They chose to donate Taerum's uniform, flight log and medals to the BCMC and ultimately the public good.

"Helen Robertson (Terum's cousin) told the museum ... she was convinced Taerum's medals belonged in the museum," a museum spokesman said.

Coincidentally, I read this week about another Canadian museum and its treatment of highly valuable memorabilia. Samantha Thompson, the archivist for the Peel Art Gallery in Brampton, recently received a donation, a scroll of paper containing a memoir of Standing Bear, a member of the Lakota First Nation who'd witnessed the Battle of Little Bighorn (a.k.a. Custer's Last Stand) in 1876. Thompson recognized their incredible material value, but had second thoughts.

"There's no question that repatriation was the right thing to do," Thompson told journalist Elaine Smith. "These documents (are) much more important to the community where they came from." And so today the scroll is featured prominently at the Journey Museum and Learning Center in Rapid City, on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota "The documents will speak to the world more clearly through (the Lakota First Nation)."

When Harvey Engelberg visited the farm where his father's airplane crashed, he was overwhelmed by the experience. More remarkable, when he learned that the farmers who had saved his father from the wreck then faced German retribution (the Nazis executed their 16-year-old son), he acknowledged a personal debt. Their courage saved an Allied airman's life. It assured Harvey Engelberg his life. And when Harvey donated the airplane fragments to Juno Beach Centre, that gesture meant we all could all learn about selfless sacrifice.

"Even though it would be nice to have those pieces, they're for the world to see," Harvey Engelberg told the *CJN Daily*. "The (pieces) are too important to be selfish about them."

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Funding announced for downtown revitalization project

by Roger Varley

In a quick, blustery, rain-swept event at the parking lot by Circle K/Coffee Time, local politicians announced \$45,000 in funding to support downtown revitalization.

Peter Bethlenfalvy, minister of finance and MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge, said the province will provide \$22,500 in funding through the government's Rural Economic

Development (RED) program. Also on hand was regional chair John Henry, who said the region will add \$10,000 to the project through Invest Durham, while Mayor Dave Barton noted the township is kicking in \$11,500. A further \$1,000 will come from the Uxbridge BIA.

The funding will go to Uxbridge's Community Improvement Plan to help and encourage business owners in the downtown area to redevelop

their façades. The program matches the business owners' outlay for such work, although there is a cap on how much each business can receive.

Despite the location, there was no announcement regarding funding for a "pop-up" town square. During Monday's council meeting, Councillor Willie Popp did announce that the application for a grant for a "pop-up" town square, applied for earlier this year through the My Main Street Community Activator Program, was not accepted.

Letters, from page 4

Re: Roger Varley's April 7 "Am I Wrong?"

I am incensed by the scammers who prey on seniors. As I arrived at my mother's house last week for a visit, she was on the phone with a man who called claiming to be from Microsoft. He was going to help her "upgrade her computer's security." She told me she had to excuse herself for a few minutes while she went and turned on her computer to follow his instructions. I couldn't

believe she was actually going to do it and told her to hang up and never allow anyone access to her computer. He heard me objecting and I heard him threaten to cut off her internet. At that point, I took the phone from her hand and hung it up. Luckily I was there to intervene or I don't know what might have happened. The more you engage with these people, the more information they get from you.

Laurie Higgins
Uxbridge

Thanks, Barton Farm residents, for the litter clean up! Earth Day is April 22 - let's keep our trails litter free!

What a surprise for the four of us who decided to clean up the Barton trail on Sunday morning. On Friday, I saw a lot of litter in the Second Ave. field beside the trail and planned to tackle it on Sunday. When we arrived at the field, however, another family had beaten us to it and left a bag full. That gave us time to walk the whole trail and

clean up the rest. In total, four garbage bags were filled.

If we all pick a trail, pick a nice day and pick up not nice litter we will make an impact.

Derek Connelly
Uxbridge

THOMAS, Freda

While surrounded by love, Freda Thomas (Corps) passed away peacefully at Canterbury Gardens in Peterborough on Monday, April 4, 2022, at the age of 91. Freda was born in Toronto (Cabbagetown), on March 14, 1931. Daughter of James and Annie Corps (McKinnon), pre-deceased. Beloved wife and best friend of Donald Thomas (pre-deceased). Loving mother of Michael (Pat), Donna, Carol Ann (Bill), Stephen (pre-deceased), and a "neighbour's child," Lynn Lebel (Davis). Grandma/G.G. will be missed by her grandchildren: Melissa (Mark), Kristin (Cory), Ashleigh (Clint), Jarrett (Jessica), Jeff, Lisa, Matthew (Tara), Caitlin (Adam), David (Diana), Jesse (Leanne), Jaime (Joe), and her 20 great-grandchildren. Lovingly remembered by her sister Elizabeth (Ken, pre-deceased), and her sisters-in-law Joy and Helen. Pre-deceased by her sisters Flo and Kay, and her brothers John and Art, along with their spouses, and all the Thomas brothers and their wives. A "special" Aunt to many nieces, nephews and their children. Also remembered as an honorary "mom" to many of her own children's friends.

Throughout her life, Freda was always willing to lend a hand, listen and offer advice or encouragement when needed.

We are so grateful for Dr. Becca Webster (Palliative Care), who guided not only Mom but the entire family through Mom's final journey of life. Canterbury Gardens staff will always be in our hearts for the care, support and love that they provided to our mother over the past ten years. Funeral Prayers were held at the HIGHLAND PARK FUNERAL CENTRE, 2510 Bensfort Rd., Peterborough on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 1 p.m. **At the family's request, guests are recommended to have COVID-19 vaccinations.** A video of the funeral can be viewed by following the link on Freda's obituary at highlandparkfuneralcentre.com

In memory of Freda, donations to the Salvation Army or the PRHC Cancer Clinic would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at highlandparkfuneralcentre.com

Committee of Friends Meeting House and The Friends Burial Ground

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Chalmers Presbyterian Church, South Door
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THE GATHERING PLACE at the Uxbridge Seniors Centre opens May 1. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-in on your own or bring a friend! **UXBRIDGE MINDFULNESS/INSIGHT MEDITATION** is resuming in-person meetings Every other Sunday, 10 a.m. (next one April 6). Whether experienced or new to meditation, all are welcome. Location is Blue Heron Studio. Email Gail: ghorner550@gmail.com

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