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A QUICK GAME OF PICK-UP - People of all ages came out to have fun at the official opening of the new Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court on Saturday afternoon. Canadian Tire owner Pat Higgins, who spearheaded the building of the complex, hosted a free BBQ for all who attended. The complex is located on Capstick Lane. *Photo by John Cavers*

Culvert project costs starting to trickle in

by Roger Varley

Uxbridge council received a report from treasurer Donna Condon on Monday outlining the latest calculations on the cost of the Brock Street culvert project, which Condon said was estimated at \$25.5 million as of August 2020. The actual cost of the project to date is \$24.2 million.

When the project was first announced a decade ago, the council serving at that time estimated the cost at \$10 million. In 2018, that was revised to \$17.6 million and in September 2019 the estimate had climbed to \$23.7 million.

Condon pointed out that the original \$10 million estimate was in 2012 dollars and did not include costs for such things as building demolition, temporary parking, paving the

parking lot and several other items. She said all the estimates were based on information and circumstances that existed at the time. However, all the estimates do not include a wide range of expenses.

But a news release put out by the township later on Monday indicated the estimated \$25.5 million is likely to go higher and the true cost might not be known for several years. That is because, although the construction has wrapped up, there are outstanding legal issues associated with the project.

The release said disputes arose between the general contractor, Brennan Paving & Construction Inc. (a subsidiary of the Miller Group), AECOM Canada Limited, which was the engineer and project administrator, and the Township of Uxbridge. Brennan has sued the township and AECOM for a combined claim

for \$8 million dollars. Most of this amount is a placeholder for the potential claims of third parties against Brennan. Public Works director Ben Kester explained that means \$8 million is what Brennan is claiming but the specific total has not yet been determined.

The news release went on to say the township will be asserting a claim in a similar amount against Brennan. Kester said the township has not yet filed a statement of defence and counter claim, but that the details will be made public when it is done.

As well, there are other outstanding issues, include allegations of damage to buildings adjacent to the construction. The township claims that any such damage is the responsibility of AECOM or Brennan Paving & Construction

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Monday, May 23
NO MEETING – VICTORIA DAY

Monday, May 30
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND
TRANSITION, 6:30 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month

May is Community Living month
May 20 - Bike to Work Day
May 28 – World Menstrual Health
Awareness Day
May 29 – June 5 – Durham Pride Week

Closures

- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) will be closed from Wagg Road to Aurora Road between May 16 and July 19 for replacement of culverts across the road.
- Reach St. from Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 30) to 39m east of Medd Road in the Township of Scugog will have lane restrictions between May 16 and August 19 to facilitate road rehabilitation, roadway widening to provide bike lanes, culvert and guiderail replacement.
- Victoria Street will be closed each Sunday (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) from Brock St. W. to King St. W., from May to October due to the Farmer's Market.
- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury. Bridge repairs require road closure to 2024.



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Contractors are installing a footbridge on a section of trail leading to the Countryside Preserve from Elgin Park Drive.

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.

Notice of the Extension of an Interim Control By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge passed **By-law No. 2022-063** to amend **By-law No. 2021-059** which was passed on the 10th day of May, 2021, pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, to extend the period of time during which Interim Control will be in effect on all the lands in the Township of Uxbridge with respect to New Drug Addiction Treatment and Harm Reduction Facilities including Methadone Dispensaries for a total period of two years.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Interim Control By-law applies to all of the lands within the geographic limits of the Township of Uxbridge. For this reason, no Key Map is provided.

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge has authority pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, to extend the period during which the Interim Control By-law will be in effect to a total period not exceeding two years.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any individual, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the **17th day of July, 2022**, a notice of appeal. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection together with the Ontario Land Tribunal fee of \$1,100.00. Cheques must be made payable to the **MINISTER OF FINANCE**.

PLEASE NOTE that only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is given below and a complete copy of the Interim Control By-law is attached.

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

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Interim Control – New Drug Addiction Treatment and Harm Reduction Facilities including Methadone Dispensaries

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

• The Interim Control By-law (No. 2021-059) was passed to allow Township staff and consultants to undertake a study in respect of land use policies for new drug addiction treatment and harm reduction facilities including methadone dispensaries and clinics, needle exchange sites, overdose prevention sites, and drug addiction treatment and drug rehabilitation residential facilities for all the lands in the Township of Uxbridge. The study will provide a basis for the development of a policy and regulatory framework, anticipated to include amendments to the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

• The Interim Control By-law provides that notwithstanding the permitted uses and regulations of the Township Zoning By-law, no person shall use any land, building or structure or expand any use on the land, or use or erect any building or structure, including any addition to an existing building for the purpose of new drug addiction treatment and harm reduction facilities including methadone dispensaries and clinics, needle exchange sites, overdose prevention sites, and drug addiction treatment and drug rehabilitation residential facilities (including those located as an accessory or ancillary use within a pharmacy, other retail store or other similar commercial or institutional use).

• The Interim Control By-law was to remain in effect until May 10, 2022 unless otherwise extended in accordance with Section 38 of the Planning Act or repealed by Council at an earlier date.

• Council has now extended the Interim Control By-law to provide for the Interim Control to be in effect for a total period of time being two years from May 10, 2021 in accordance with Section 38 of the Planning Act.



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Protesters try to mar candidates' forum

by Roger Varley

Only three of the invited candidates showed up last Wednesday for the all-candidates forum hosted at the community hall at the arena by the *Uxbridge Cosmos*.

On hand to address the approximately 50 people who attended the forum in person were incumbent Peter Bethlenfalvy, PC; Ibrahim Daniyal, Lib.; and Khalid Ahmed, NDP. The Green Party candidate sent regrets because of a scheduling conflict, while the New Blue Party candidate, who RSVP'd that she would attend, didn't show.

Lisa Robinson of the Ontario Party arrived but refused to enter the venue because the *Cosmos*, which had rented the facility, required everyone, including candidates, to wear masks. Free masks were provided to anyone who needed one. Instead, Robinson set up her own table and sound system outside the hall and held her own meeting with a small group of protesters who refused to enter because of the mask requirement.

Inside, the main topics addressed by the three candidates on hand were health care and the rising cost of living. In his opening remarks, Ahmed said the NDP will make housing affordable, lower Hydro costs and ensure decent wages. He said the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities "is unacceptable" and said the NDP would take the profit out of LTC.

For his part, Bethlenfalvy pointed to the Ford government's recent announcement of funding for a new hospital and LTC in Uxbridge. He said now is the time to focus on jobs and good wages. He said many jobs will be created by the government's plans to build new highways and subways and added that the government will reduce provincial tax on

gasoline by 5.7 cents a litre on July 1 for six months.

Daniyal offered that "this is the most important election of our lifetime," noting that COVID-19 has changed Ontarians' lives, health, economy and dreams. He said the Ford government has not acted responsibly during the pandemic and further claimed the government's use of ministerial zoning orders (MZOs) is damaging the environment and threatening species.

Pointing to soaring prices for food, gasoline and housing, the *Cosmos* asked the candidates what their parties are going to do to help the average Ontarian cope. Ahmed said an NDP government would work with the Ontario energy board to regulate gas prices. He said the current government scrapped an increase in the minimum wage. He also claimed the NDP would build 1.5 million housing units, with 260,000 of them being social assistance housing. He said both he and his wife work and they cannot afford to buy a house.

"It's scary," he said.

Bethlenfalvy blamed the previous Liberal government for high Hydro prices and said that same government had increased the cost of licence plate sticker renewals. Reiterating the promise to cut gas tax by 5.7 cents a litre, he also said the minimum wage will increase to \$15.50 from \$15 on Oct. 1 and tax rebates will be offered to anyone earning up to \$50,000.

Daniyal said a Liberal government would increase the minimum wage to \$16, would also increase seniors' pensions by up to \$1,000 and introduce "buck-a-ride" transit fares. He said every penny matters to those living paycheck to paycheck.

In response to an audience question about LTCs, Bethlenfalvy said the Ford government has built more new LTC beds and is recruiting 27,000

personal care workers and nurses and offering more support for home care. Daniyal said a Liberal government would take the profit out of LTC homes, saying LTCs should be publicly owned and publicly funded. Ahmed said new standards for LTCs must be established, along with the hiring of specialists to avoid future COVID-19 outbreaks.

"I can't imagine my mother going into long-term care," he said.

In closing statements, Daniyal said the Ford government had failed to support small businesses during the pandemic, is endangering the environment and, although it promised to remove the tolls on Highways 412 and 418 in 2018, waited until the election was here to do so. Ahmed said the people of Ontario have been neglected for far too long. He said the NDP's platform is "not aiming for the moon and stars." Bethlenfalvy said his party wants to rebuild Ontario's economy by building infrastructure such as highways and transit.

"We're going to continue to build this province like it wasn't done for 15 years," he said.

The full forum can be watched on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/BBiaeBfBzbE>

Body discovered on Conc. 6 belonged to Toronto man

Investigators have confirmed the identity of the human remains that were located in Uxbridge last week.

According to Durham Regional Police, the victim's name is Ariel Kaplan, 32, of Toronto. Kaplan had been reported missing to the Toronto Police Service in August 2021.

On May 10, members of North Division were called to the area of Conc. 6 and Allbright Road after human remains were located. A home owner in the Uxbridge area located a hockey bag floating in a pond and contacted police. The hockey bag contained the body of the deceased. These remains were sent to the Ontario Forensic Pathology Services who confirmed Kaplan's identity.

An extensive ground and water search was conducted by members of the DRPS Public Safety Unit as well as the York Regional Police dive team. The investigation is ongoing.

The DRPS Major Crime - Homicide Unit is working jointly with the Toronto Police Service and are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

Investigators are looking to speak with anyone who spoke with or saw Kaplan prior to his disappearance in

August 2021. A tip line has been set up for anyone to call with information and the investigative team will follow up with callers. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-888-579-1520 ext. 5444.



Culvert mired in legal, from page 1

and persons working for them. On top of that, all businesses in the construction area were notified prior to construction about how to make a claim for lost business during construction and the township will process all claims once submitted. Depending on the results of those claims, the cost of the project could be increased.

Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey said the township is "frustrated with both Brennan Paving and AECOM," noting both firms had been hired based on their professional experience and commitment to deliver the culvert project within a specific budget.

"Cost overruns should have been avoided through project management

basics," Honey said. "We expected them to deliver on budget and to have an engineering and construction plan that accomplished the job for the contracted price. They clearly didn't meet our expectations."

Honey pointed out that, because some matters are already before the court, there are some details about the project and resulting litigations that cannot be discussed publicly.

The culvert project, which Kester told council was known to be needed as far back as 1983, was undertaken to mitigate the flood risk in the downtown area and to reduce the size of the flood plain to allow for development downtown. He said the old culvert was in poor repair and its collapse could have caused significant damage, claims and lawsuits.

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Our two cents

Wasn't that a party?

The *Uxbridge Cosmos* has long enjoyed the tradition of being the only enterprise in the township that hosts open forums for all candidates, all levels of government, when it comes election time. We added another forum to this long list last Wednesday evening, several weeks in advance of the provincial election to be held on June 2. We sent out "save the dates" back in April, and formally invited all the candidates that we knew about at the very beginning of May. When we invited these candidates, we told them all about what was to be expected, including the format, the timeline, what would be available to them, that it would be available to view online, and that we expected everyone in attendance - candidates, press, attendees, etc. - to wear a mask (which was perfectly within our rights to do, we checked). One candidate, who had RSVP'd 'yes' to attending, did ask whether she had a choice about the mask wearing edict. After sending back to her, and all the other attending candidates, the information that various levels of government had released regarding mask-wearing in enclosed spaces, I informed her that the *Cosmos* maintained its position on mask-wearing, and that her choice was whether to attend the forum or not. She chose not.

We point this out because people who chose to listen to said candidate just outside the arena doors apparently heard that she was "denied the right to join the political debate" and that she was "excluded". She was offered every opportunity to take part in the forum; she chose to exclude herself.

Let's be perfectly clear, here. This was our gig. We paid to rent the community centre, and as the renter, got to call the shots. As the publisher told those assembled at the forum, if we'd wanted anyone attending to wear yellow t-shirts and purple pants, and that those who wouldn't need not bother stopping by, that's how it would have been. Trouble is, those who have politicized the wearing of masks used it as a tool to lure those who were already on the same page into the parking lot. Purple pants never would have garnered the same attention, however, but would have been a lot more fun.

We're glad that we provided an opportunity for "the outside candidate" to speak, as she likely wouldn't have had that kind of platform if we hadn't held our event. Too bad she was already preaching to the converted.

We weren't being "undemocratic". In fact, that one candidate helped us be even more democratic than usual. Democracy, you see, is about choice, and we offered a choice - pop on a mask, c'mon in, listen and learn from the three candidates who attended (another candidate who had RSVP'd 'yes' didn't even bother to show up). Or, stay home and watch the event live on Facebook/YouTube. Attendees were offered a third choice - don't wear a mask, stay outside and listen to just one person's point of view. Oh, the options!

The *Cosmos* quite readily admits that it could have done more to relay to its readership that masks would be required at this event, and has already stated this on social media. Speaking of socials - all that vitriol on Facebook - rather entertaining, frankly. We love that the people of Uxbridge are ready to stand up and fight for what they believe, but wow! Pick a hill worth dying on, folks! As forum moderator Ted Barris put it, there we were, inside and gathered to partake in democracy while the people outside were complaining about masks, and people in Ukraine were having bombs dropped on them. Perspective is everything.

TOP THINGS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THESE DAYS

1. War in Ukraine /potential nuclear annihilation
2. Homelessness / Housing crisis
3. Rising costs of living
4. Increasing gas prices
5. Continuing COVID-19 pandemic

1,000,000. Wearing a mask for two hours

John Wood, 2022
UXBRIDGE COSMOS

Township CAO welcomes Ukrainian family to Uxbridge

by Justyne Edgell

A Ukrainian family of five is, for the moment, calling the Uxbridge CAO's house home.

After reading about a woman matching hosts with Ukrainian refugees in Ottawa, Township of Uxbridge CAO Kristi Honey and her husband, Tom, felt compelled to sign up as hosts.

"We received a call Saturday evening about a family of five in need," said Honey. "It's been a long time since we've had little ones living in our home, and we knew there are likely not a lot of homes who could take in a large family. We had the space, and we welcomed them to our home late last Tuesday evening."

The Bortnyk family, including parents Bogdan and his wife Inna, and their three children, Nika (5), Luka (3), and Daniel (5 mos.), lived in a flat in Kiev, until the Russian invasion forced them to flee their home.

They made their way to Spain, through Poland, with only what they could carry, where they learned about the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel - Canada.ca visa.

"Bogdan was permitted to leave as he had three children under the age of five," says Honey. "If he wasn't granted exit, the family planned to return to Inna's parents' home to help support the refugee efforts while Bogdan took up arms."

After only a few days in town, the Bortnyk family is already beginning to settle in. This weekend they visited the grand opening of the Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court, and say they love all the green spaces.

"It has been a very difficult time for all Ukrainians," says Inna. "The support and generosity of the Canadian people is amazing. We never imagined having to leave Ukraine, and when we did, we didn't know what we would be coming to. With three

small children, we were very worried. We didn't know what to expect. The entire community has been so welcoming and kind, and we are grateful for all the outpouring of support from everyone."

Several community members stepped in almost immediately to help Bogdan find a local job. An hour after Honey posted a job search on Facebook, Bogdan had received an interview.

"We realized he needed clothing," said Honey. "I messaged (councillor) Willie Popp, who provided a suit, and (councillor) Bruce Garrod, who provided dress shoes and socks. Mayor Dave Barton met us at Town Hall to do a mock interview, while (communications officer) Colleen Baskin and I edited his resumé." Others donated clothing and supplies to the family. And good news - Bogdan got the job!

Honey says there is a wave of Ukrainian refugees arriving in Durham Region in the coming weeks.

"For those that are able, consider hosting a family. You can register at UkrainetoCanada.org or the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Durham chapter at: Home - The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) official website."

The UCC is also accepting donations of gently used clothing, toys, and household items, all of which will be in great need for the incoming families.

"Consider donating to our local food bank, as these will be essential for families settling in our community too," says Honey.



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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

I hate to say this, but...

"Few people can be happy unless they hate some other person, nation or creed." Bertrand Russell.

This is not the column I originally wrote for this space, but my editor thought it was a little too harsh on some people. So I offer this instead, although it does indirectly touch on the subject matter I originally addressed.

That subject matter is hatred. Almost everywhere one looks these days, someone hates someone else. It used to be that we hated certain hockey teams or people that cut us off in traffic, but such hatreds were not necessarily deep-seated and didn't consume us.

How times have changed! And I lay the blame squarely at the feet of social media platforms. Before these came along, anyone with vitriol to spew first had to find someone to listen to them, let alone agree with what they had to say. Either that or write a letter to the editor and hope the editor would publish it. However, with social media, anyone with two thumbs can merrily post their hatred online, unedited, unchecked and be almost sure that somewhere out there is someone who will agree with their screed.

About 40 years ago, I attended a writing seminar, and something the instructor said at that time has remained with me ever since. He said that, as writers, it is possible we will never know it, but something we write could significantly affect or change someone else's life. So it is with social media posts. A diatribe aimed at someone or some organization could just possibly trigger someone else into taking it as a go-ahead to do something regrettable.

Take the latest mass shooting in Buffalo as an example. It appears the young man responsible had been looking at hateful conspiracy theory rhetoric online and been drawn in by it. As a result, he went out and killed 10 people simply because they were of a different colour. In the not-too-distant past, conspiracy theorists used social media to spread the lie that Democrats were running a pedophilia ring out of a Washington pizza parlour. Normal-thinking people would laugh at such nonsense, but one individual actually believed it and showed up at said pizza parlour with a rifle. Imagine what could have happened.

Another danger is that posting hateful dia-

tribes encourages others to join in and before long it seems (but isn't necessarily true) that there are a whole lot of people who think the same way. And one of those people might just turn out to be unstable enough to take the rhetoric to the next level.

Unfortunately, Uxbridge is not immune to such hatred, although I admit it hasn't reached the levels we see elsewhere. A number of times, on local social media platforms, I have seen hurtful comments levelled at someone because they have a different point of view and others gleefully jump on board and feed off each other.

The hatred I see around me these days is staggering. Politicians used to bicker and fight but, for the most part, respected each other. Now, Conservatives consider Liberals as their arch enemies and vice versa and people even base their friendships on another's political leanings. The hatred aimed at the LGBTQ community has always been there, sometimes with fatal results, as experienced a few years ago by one Uxbridge family. And the question is: Why?

Why can it possibly matter to anyone else if I have a relationship with a one-legged Episcopalian kangaroo, to quote *The Goodbye Girl*? Why can it possibly matter to anyone where I was born or what kind of clothes I wear? As long as I am not agitating for everyone to find an Episcopalian kangaroo or wear the same clothes that I do, who am I hurting?

But apparently such things do matter to some people. Women wearing the *hijab* are constantly harassed, BIPOC people face discrimination and abuse on an almost daily basis, and people who wear masks because of COVID-19 are regularly harangued. And who does these things? The haters.

Are their lives so devoid of purpose and fulfillment that they can only find it by attacking others who are "different"? Are they so intellectually stunted that they cannot see the flaws in their thinking?

It seems to me that social media platforms need to do a better job of moderating the comments. You know: if you can't say something nice . . .

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Peek-a-boo election campaign

At about 6 o'clock, last Wednesday night, my *Cosmos* editorial cohabitant, Roger Varley, and I arrived at the arena and began setting up chairs. It was the night of the election debate that the newspaper had organized. And, as usual, it was an all-hands-on-deck effort. By about 6:30, Roger and I had pulled about 50 or 60 seats out onto the floor. We paused a moment, each scanning the arrangement as if to say:

"Do you think that's enough? How many people do you think will show up?"

During most federal, provincial and municipal elections over the past 20 years or so, our all-candidates forums here in town, have indeed reflected the title. All the candidates (and sometimes more than we expected) have arrived and joined the discussions. What's more, so have the audiences to watch and/or pose questions. As moderator, I've always found myself eyeing the clock worrying whether I can squeeze all the questions and the candidates' responses into the allotted couple of hours. But last Wednesday an oversized audience was not the problem. Numbers were down, partly because the *Cosmos* had made the event available on-line.

The more perplexing dilemma originated on the candidates' side of the room. Did you know that our Pickering-Uxbridge provincial riding has nine candidates running? According to Elections Ontario, the PCs, the Liberals, the New Democrats and Greens have officially nominated candidates. But so too have the Ontario Moderate Party, the Ontario Party, and the New Blue Party. There are also two independent candidates running. Nine aspirants in all. But the *Cosmos's* all-candidates forum – advertised immediately after the May 3 dissolution of parliament – attracted only three candidates. Bad promotion? I doubt it. Apathy? Perhaps.

Virtuality. I think that's the problem. And yes, the COVID-19 pandemic that has paralyzed everything else over the past two and a half years is partly to blame. We've looked to Zoom as a panacea. But this panacea has become a crutch, an illusion, and – in political terms – an attractive form of evasion, or more seriously an alternate reality for proper political exchange.

Take Monday night's Ontario Leaders' Debate on television. It was billed as the last debate of the campaign. With the exception of the northern debate (held May 10 in North Bay) wasn't it the only debate? A convenience, I'd say, for a premier who has a penchant for putting his foot in his mouth, avoiding reporters' questions, and never looking the least bit comfortable meeting

the average Ontario citizen unless it's part of an orchestrated photo opportunity. No. Virtuality has come along at just the right time for politicians who don't want to or feel they don't need to meet the electorate. Zoom – and elements of social media – have created a peek-a-boo election campaign.

I remember when TV debates were invented back in the 1960s. Even the nominees for president of the most powerful western democracy on the planet – John Kennedy and Richard Nixon – were expected to participate in four nationally televised debates, each with a focused theme, each closely moderated, and each requiring statement, head-to-head rebuttal, and response to journalists' tough questioning. Four times in the month leading up the federal election in November 1960. Sixty minutes each time. And we saw both men sweat under pressure each time.

I give full marks to Conservative Peter Bethlenfalvy, New Democrat Ahmed Khalid and Liberal Ibrahim Daniyal for appearing at the all-candidates forum at the arena last week. (In fact, candidate Daniyal raced from a nearly coincidental meeting with his party leader in Pickering so that he could join the forum in progress and still answer the public's questions). They responded to the call to appear. They presented their parties' policies. They offered personal anecdotes to amplify their points of view. They answered questions from reporters and the public. But where were the others? The Green Party candidate offered regrets. The Ontario Party rep chose not to enter the hall, fabricating an affront to the organizer's (publisher Lisha Van Nieuwenhove's) choice to require masks inside for safety of the vulnerable. The New Blue Party said it would be there, but didn't show.

Again, I have the greatest respect for the three candidates and the voting public who participated in the *Cosmos* forum on May 11. But I am angry that we've allowed elections to be run by the convenience of artificial discourse. We've encouraged a technological youngster – virtual reality – to run roughshod over the hands-on traditions of democracy in action – knocking on doors, writing and delivering speeches in public – actually physically engaging the electorate. I fear that politicians and voters have gladly welcomed a virtual Trojan horse inside the hard-fought-for freedoms of a functioning Parliamentary democracy.

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Meet the candidates - Ontario Election 2022

In preparation for the upcoming June 2, 2022, provincial election, the *Uxbridge Cosmos* has asked the candidates who have supplied their

names that they are running in the Pickering-Uxbridge riding to answer the following questions:

1. Which of your party's policies are

most important to *you*?

2. Which of your party's policies do you *not* agree with, if any?

3. What do *you* bring to the table for the riding of Pickering-Uxbridge?

Responses are being published in the order in which they are received, and the first two have been edited for length. Full responses can be readily viewed at thecosmos.ca/meet-the-candidates

Khalid Ahmed, candidate for Pickering-Uxbridge for the New Democratic Party (NDP)

1. The Ontario NDP's policies aren't separate pieces of a platform but are part of a bold vision for the province of Ontario. To pick just one isn't feasible, because they are tied together to help Ontario recover from two years of a global pandemic, and a decade and a half of mismanagement and faulty leadership first by the Liberals and then by the Conservatives.

It's obvious that health care is top of mind for many Ontarians, as is affordability.

Here in Pickering-Uxbridge, it's impossible to forget the grave injustice that occurred at Orchard

Villa long-term care home. The Ontario NDP will take the profit out of long-term care, and renew the emphasis on the core component of that phrase - care. Creating conditions where seniors can age at home, with better support from personal support workers (PSWs) will help relieve some of the pressure on our care facilities.

The first thing we'll do after forming government is repeal Bill 124, which punished our front-line health care workers with wage caps and reduced nurses' ability to bargain for their positions.

Affordability is another issue I'm hearing a lot about. The pandemic has put a strain on the province's finances, but Doug Ford and Peter Bethlenfalvy's policies have done little to relieve the pressure people in Pickering-Uxbridge are feeling.

An NDP government would act immediately to address affordability.



Khalid Ahmed, New Democratic Party

The Ontario NDP will cap taxes for low- and middle-income earners. We'll invest in dental care and vision care to reduce people's health care expenses. We'll gradually increase the minimum wage to \$20 to help move Ontario closer to having a living wage while providing small businesses with grants to make that transition less burdensome.

Finally, the NDP has a plan for Ontario to lead in the highly competitive international green market with our Green New Democratic Deal. We hope the plan will launch one of the world's largest green building retrofit programs, creating at least 100,000 jobs alone. All told, about one million jobs could be created over the life of the plan.

2. It's not about what I do or don't agree with, it's about the fact that things have been broken by years of Conservative and Liberal governments, and about how I, Andrea, and the NDP will fix it.

The Ontario NDP has tremendous momentum in Pickering-Uxbridge. We know that the three major parties are all fighting for the seat. We also believe that the NDP has the best chance of unseating the Ford Conservatives.

3. The most important thing I bring to the table for the riding of Pickering-Uxbridge is a deep connection to the community and a belief that with

the right support the people of this riding can do anything.

I was raised in the riding, went to high school here, started my family here and have begun a rewarding career here. I've started two very different but complementary careers here. My educational background is as a social worker. I worked for the John Howard Society managing a program that helped men have non-violent relationships. Now I work for a major financial institution,

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The Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario (LMMSO) is holding auditions later this month for a new musical based on *Rainbow Valley*, a novel Lucy Maud Montgomery wrote while living in Leaskdale. The play will be produced at the Historic Leaskdale Church in mid-September.

The show will be directed by Conrad Boyce, who has staged a number of LMM-related plays for the Society in the past. The show has a lead cast of four adults and five children, plus a small ensemble. The children, aged 9-12, have demanding roles as both actors and singers.

Auditions will be held at the Leaskdale Church Friday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 29, at 1:30 p.m., no pre-arranged appointment necessary. Auditioners need only attend one of the sessions.

In addition to reading from the script, auditioners will be asked to sing a Broadway-style song of their choice (please bring sheet music for the accompanist).

Any questions should be directed to Mr. Boyce by email at conradboyce50@gmail.com



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Step aside, Navarro College - Cheerapalooza shows how it's done

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

With the popularity of shows like “Cheer” on Netflix, competitive cheerleading is becoming a much-talked about sport. Uxbridge will have a chance to witness the athletic prowess of its own cheerleading club at next week’s “Cheerapalooza”!

The Air Force Mavericks are all-star cheerleaders ranging in ages four to 18, and want to show the community how it’s *really* done. On Saturday, May 28, between 1 and 5 p.m., they’re taking over the demolition derby ring in Elgin Park, setting up a special sprung floor, pumping up the music, and inviting the town to watch both competitive and recreation cheerleading at its finest.

“Most people think about pompoms when they think about cheer and not the athleticism,” says Patrick Mislan, operations director and a head coach for the

Mavericks. “We’re going to show people what we do while we’re right at the height of season. Cheerapalooza will bring the community together, and hopefully open up this sport to young people who may never have thought of it as being possible for them, right here in the park.”

Lending to the festival atmosphere will be bouncy castles, face painting, a BBQ, balloons, some character mascots - “It will have a real carnival feel,” says Mislan.


One highlight will be demonstrations and performances by some of the country’s best cheerleaders. Veterans from Team Canada, including some world champions, are, according to Mislan, “the best of the best coming to strut their stuff!”

Because cheer is essentially a contact sport, given the physical contact between teammates during stunting (more simply defined as building pyramids), the Mavericks were prevented from practicing

during the most severe lockdowns of the pandemic. “We couldn’t start stunting until late summer 2021, so we were a couple of months behind our normal seasonal trajectory,” explains Mislan. But the 200+ athletes who make up the Mavericks came back strong, placing amongst the top teams during the recent national championships, held in Niagara Falls.

Parking for Cheerapalooza will be on the grass by the south entrance to Elgin Park, and will be manned by the 1st Uxbridge Scouts. Donations for parking will go directly to the Scouts. Entrance to Cheerapalooza itself is free, and all donations collected inside will go towards expenses that the athletes incur during the competition year, like bus and travel costs.


For more information on Cheerapalooza and the Air Force Mavericks, visit [airforcemavericks.ca](#) The Mavericks practice at “The Hangar”, located at 40 Anderson Blvd., just west of Goodwood.



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Cemetery Rd. up for more development

by Roger Varley

Council's planning committee held a public hearing Monday night on the first Cemetery Road development application received since township planning consultant Elizabeth Howson gave her extensive report on the neighbourhood a few weeks ago.

The applicant, Coral Creek Homes, wants the property at 150 Cemetery Road rezoned from Residential to Residential Multiple Density to allow for construction of 25 townhouses and two semi-detached homes on just under one hectare of land. The property in question has about three hectares of bush behind it that the applicant said would not be touched.

During the meeting, councillors raised a number of concerns, including the size of the lots, parking availability and snow removal. Mayor Dave Barton noted that the plan for the development "feels really tight." The applicant's representative said the lots are similar in size to others in the region and each townhouse would have room for two vehicles.

But concerns were also raised about the fate of mature trees that currently front the lot. Howson's earlier report spoke about "the sylvan nature" of the neighbourhood and the importance of retaining the look of the area. The representative acknowledged the trees would have to come down but said they would be replaced.

Howson told the meeting that this was just the first step in a long process, saying a review of the application "will take as long as it needs," adding that the conservation authority, the fire department, the township and the region all have to review the application before anything happens.

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Auditions at the Leaskdale Church **Friday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m.**

No appointment necessary. Auditioners need only attend one of the sessions.

In addition to reading from the script, auditioners will be asked to sing a Broadway-style song of their choice (please bring sheet music for the accompanist).

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Lisa Robinson, candidate for Pickering-Uxbridge for the Ontario Party

1. Being a representative of the people as your MPP, my job is to find out what is most important to you the people. The Ontario Party has six pillars that we trust will bring a better future to you, your families, and all Ontarians. They include: Family, Faith, Truth, Transparency, Fiscal Responsibility, and Freedom. An Ontario Party government is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government. We recognize the family as the fundamental institution of a healthy functional society, and it is the best place for the formation of healthy, responsible citizens. We believe that regardless of religious background, good governance necessitates an acknowledgment of universal truths that apply to all people. We believe in the freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of education, freedom of association and assembly, and freedom of worship and religion. We believe in limited government and the indispensable role that autonomous institutions play in maintaining those limits by balancing the



Lisa Robinson, Ontario Party

power and size of the state. We firmly agree in the presumption of innocence, the right to justice, and a fair trial without undue delay regardless of economic circumstances. We believe in honouring parental rights as the primary educators of their children and respecting the values they choose to live and raise their children by. We will protect the vulnerable, and we will protect all people from the implementation of digital ID, and the social credit system. We will provide a system where we are moving people to stand on their own two feet. Homelessness is an increasing problem. An Ontario government will have supports in place to deal with mental illness, and make sure those on government assistance are treated fairly.

You can read through our full platform at Ontariopartypickeringuxbridge.ca All of the Ontario Party's policies are important to me. Some of these may appeal to you more than others, depending on you and your needs.

2. I 100 per cent agree with every policy on the Ontario Party's platform. We are guided by a solemn desire to ensure the common good of the people, both present and future. I was involved with the federal PC party and quickly learned that representatives' allegiance is first to the party leader, not to the people. Most of what you say as a candidate is scripted and vetted. If you research our current PC member of provincial parliament, you can see his voting habits. You will see that whatever Doug Ford wanted to pass, he was able to pass, with no opposition or conversations around what the people wanted. It's time to elect representatives who will fight for the people, and not representatives that will only appease their leader, in fear of losing their job. We are here to serve you, to help you, to stand up for you. We are not elected to dictate and rule over you.

3. As your elected official of Pickering-Uxbridge, I bring you strength, courage, truth, transparency, and unity. I will not be bullied, or coerced, and will always stand up for the rights of ALL people.

Last week at the Cosmos debate, many were unable to go inside and participate, due to a "mandate" that (Cosmos publisher) Lisha herself placed upon the people. Not the arena. This was not for the safety of the people, but for her own personal reasons as Lisha has surgery scheduled in June and stated she did not want to get Covid. This is not democracy. No matter your views or beliefs on this topic, arrangements could have and should have been made that would allow ALL people to attend the political debate and be united. These divisive politics need

to end.

If you want an MPP who will represent you and ALL people of Pickering-Uxbridge, then you will vote for me, Lisa Robinson.

Peter Bethlenfalvy, candidate for Pickering-Uxbridge for the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario

1. I am committed to supporting the hard-working people of Pickering-Uxbridge. If re-elected, I am committed to building a hospital here in Uxbridge, building highways and transit – including expanding the 401 in Durham and expanding GO train service to Bowmanville.

In addition, if re-elected, I am committed to keeping costs down for your family, rebuilding Ontario's economy, working for our province's workers, building highways, and ensuring Ontario has a robust health-care system by building hospitals and keeping the province open.

Our PC Party has a plan to Build Ontario, and we will get it done.



Peter Bethlenfalvy, Progressive Conservative Party

2. I agree with all of the PC party's policies.

3. Since my election by the people of Pickering-Uxbridge in 2018, I have been committed to supporting the hard-working people in his riding and across Ontario, both as an MPP, and as a member of Premier Ford's Cabinet, first as President of the Treasury Board, and now as the province's minister of finance.

It is my experience in the financial world that drove me to run for public office in order to get Ontario's finances back on track, create jobs and continue to build Ontario. I strongly believe that economic prosperity can be attained through growth, not painful tax hikes or cuts to services and I believe in a better future for everyone in Ontario.

Last week, the Cosmos published the answers from Elizabeth Tallis (New Blue Party of Ontario); Julia Rondinone (Green Party of Ontario); and Ibrahim Daniyal (Ontario Liberal Party). These can be found at thecosmos.ca

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The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

Spongy Moth - what can I do?

Eric Carle understood butterflies. His book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, featured a “tiny and very hungry caterpillar” that ate a wide variety of different foods before spinning a chrysalis, emerging a couple of weeks later as a lovely multi-coloured butterfly. If only all caterpillar stories were as fun!

Several weeks ago, you read about last summer's very hungry scourge, the LDD (*Lymantria dispar dispar*) moth. It's been renamed to remove a racial slur, and is now called the Spongy Moth, after the appearance of the light brown egg masses laid on trees, outdoor furniture, poles, and other hard surfaces.

The caterpillars hatch out of these fuzzy patches in the spring, at about the same time that tree leaves grow. The tiny black caterpillars (2 mm long) may be carried by the wind up to one kilometer. They are most active during May and June, eating oak, sugar maple, birch, spruce, and aspen leaves. One caterpillar may eat up to one square meter of leaf matter. Their appetite increases as they grow and eventually the caterpillars are 5 to 6 cm long. They're dark and hairy with five pairs of blue and red dots on their backs.

In late June and July, the caterpillars transform into dark brown pupae. After one to two weeks the adult moths emerge and live for about two weeks. Males are brown with dark markings. The flightless females are white with dark markings. Adults do not feed; their only goal is to reproduce. Females stick the eggs together in a fuzzy, spongy mass that may contain 100 to 1,000 eggs. The egg masses remain through the winter.

Outbreaks of Spongy Moths are part of the natural cycle, and many die from viruses and fungus attacks. But what can homeowners do when there's an outbreak? There are a few strategies that will reduce the number of these very hungry caterpillars from destroying neighbourhood trees.

In spring, scrape the egg masses off trees and other solid surfaces into a container. Dump the contents into a large bucket of water with some liquid dish detergent added. Leave them for at least two days to be sure all the eggs are dead, then strain out the solids. Dispose of the material in a plastic bag in the garbage. Be sure to wear gloves to avoid a rash from the fuzzy coating. Don't scrape them onto the ground - they'll still hatch.

Once they hatch, the caterpillars will move down to the ground during the day to avoid predators and sun. The fine hairs on the caterpillars' bodies are a skin irritant and may cause a nasty rash. Wear gloves to squish them, or pick them off the trees and drop them into a bucket of soapy water. Leave them for at least two days to drown, then strain out the corpses. Apparently, they make a satisfying crackle and pop when tossed onto a bonfire, but if that's not an option they should be placed into a plastic bag and added to your regular garbage.

In addition, traps

may be constructed with sheets of burlap. Cut a piece to go completely around the trunk of the tree at chest height. Use twine to tie it around the middle of the sheet, then fold the upper half down over top of the lower half. It makes a sleeve around the tree. The caterpillars will climb over it on their way down, but when returning up the tree many will become trapped in the folded burlap. Lift the flap of fabric to reveal the trapped caterpillars. Wearing gloves, pick them off the underlying sheet of burlap and drop them into that very useful bucket of soapy water. Check it daily. You may also be able to collect female moths this way!

Residents with woodlots won't be able to pick individuals off trees, due to the overwhelming numbers that may be involved. There are sprays that may be applied over larger areas. Contact a local conservation authority to see if there is a program that you and your neighbours may use to try to minimize the damage to your woodlots.

Healthy deciduous trees (oak, maple, birch, poplar) can survive up to three years of defoliation by Spongy Moths. They will regrow tougher less nutritious leaves to make it harder for the moths to survive. Trees that are stressed may not survive, however. Sadly, evergreen trees like spruce and white pine may not survive for more than one year. Your best defense is to keep your trees healthy.

Natural controls can help to lessen numbers. Prolonged cold winter temperatures below -26C and poor snow cover will kill off egg masses. Cool, wet spring weather is perfect for the fungus *Entomophaga maimaiga* to thrive in the soil, infecting and killing many moths.

The best defence is a good offence. Get ready now, with gloves, scrapers, buckets, detergent, burlap, and twine. Check trees and patio furniture for egg masses. Lay burlap traps once the leaves are out. And keep a bucket of soapy water next to your gardening gloves. With some effort now, you may be able to keep those very hungry caterpillars off your trees.

For photos of the various procedures the Nature Nut has outlined here, visit thecosmos.ca

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Huntley Brown 1932 ~ 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Huntley Brown, celebrated artist and illustrator, beloved husband and cherished father and grandfather.

Huntley passed away peacefully on May 4; 8 days short of his 90th birthday. Huntley is survived by his wife of 65 years, Maureen Russell Brown; their four children: Rus, Sherry, Laura, and Kathleen; and his eight grandchildren: Huntley, Trish, Harrison, Kendra, Patrick, Hayley, Lily, and Archie.

Born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta, Huntley had a true gift and love for art that he honed over his lifetime. Nurtured by his father, Dr. Thomas Erwin Brown, who painted as a hobby, Huntley knew he wanted to be an artist from the ripe age of 8, when he and two of his pals created comic books. He attended St. Patrick's in Ottawa as a boarder, and then went on to the Ontario College of Art, now known as OCAD. Huntley met Maureen at OCAD, where they began what was to be an incredibly long and loving relationship that saw them through all the ups and downs of parenthood and a freelance artist's career.

After graduating from the Ontario College of Art in 1955 with a Governor General's Award, Huntley began his career as an illustrator, drawing appliances for Simpson Sears and then joining Templeton's studio, eventually launching a freelance career in the mid 60's. In 1983, Huntley opened his own gallery filled with watercolours largely focusing on subject matter from day tripping over mid-Ontario. Huntley also shared his love of art through teaching Life Drawing and Illustration at OCAD for several decades, influencing and guiding hundreds of talented people, including many of today's most successful creative Canadian artists.

Huntley's body of work is wide ranging and reflective of many historical events, including the cover of MacLean's magazine documenting the financial fiasco of the 1976 Summer Olympics, and the moon landing as portrayed in the Toronto Star. In addition to the editorial work, his most sought-after commercial work was a poster for O'Keefe Breweries promoting the 1974 Canada Russia Hockey Summit featuring portraits of each of the players.

One of his family's favourite series was The Pleasures of, published in Starweek magazine, where he illustrated the joys of everything from gardening to driving to running; illustrations and editorial that would be relevant even today. Huntley also lent his illustrative prowess to other different forms and formats, including Canadian postage stamps, the Regina Centennial Coin, and dozens of books with many famed Canadian authors such as Pierre Berton, Scott Young and Farley Mowat.

His many accomplishments and accolades included his election in 1978 to the Royal Canadian Academy of Artists by his peers in the art community, one of the few illustrators to be so honoured, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Photographers & Illustrators in Communication (CAPIC) in 1997.

In Huntley's retirement years he taught himself to paint in oil, continued his work in watercolours and happily painted his favourite subjects - family and friends. He and Maureen have resided in the Uxbridge area for the past two decades, where they enjoyed the pleasure of seeing their children and grandchildren numerous times a week. His close family was always the heart of his world and Huntley's passing leaves all his family with a hole in their hearts.

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.”

~ Helen Keller

A private Mass for immediate family was held on May 7, 2022. Should you wish to recognize Huntley's passing, please donate to OCAD University where The Huntley Brown Memorial Bursary has been established to assist students in financial need. <https://www1.ocadu.ca/fundraising/#/ways-to-give/commemorative-giving>

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