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Trinity United closed for 'foreseeable future' • Coping with emotional damage post-tornado • Where to send financial aid



MAKING THE BEST OF IT - Maddy Garrard from The Second Wedge Brewing Co. helps a craft beer fan at the brewery's stall in the Uxbridge Farmers' Market last Sunday. Normally The Second Wedge hosts the farmers' market next to its brewery on Victoria St., but its building was severely damaged by last week's storm, so they, along with other regular market vendors, moved to the parking lot at Herrema Fields, where it will be for the remainder of the season. *Photo by John Cavers*

Uxbridge experiencing 'a phoenix moment' after tornado

by Roger Varley

Councillor Willie Popp summed up the feeling Sunday following a week of recovering from the devastation of the brief but intense May 21 storm: "This is a phoenix moment."

It took some time after last week's tornado for life to bounce back in Uxbridge, but after days of blocked streets, power outages and residential anguish some semblance of normality began to return.

It started with the rain-interrupted Bonner Boys' Cruise-In of antique cars at Elgin Park on Thursday evening and erupted with exuberance at the same location on Saturday when the Air Force Mavericks staged an hours-long ex-

hibition of cheerleading before a large, enthusiastic crowd. Advance polling continued to take place at the Seniors Centre. On Sunday, an estimated 200 people gathered in Centennial Park for a multi-denominational worship service, while large crowds attended the weekly Farmers' Market at Herrema Fields.

As Mayor Dave Barton remarked at the Centennial Park service: "This is what we needed today. We've been through a lot this week."

The storm, now officially recognized as an EF-2 tornado, left parts of the urban area without power for almost a week. Uxbridge Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey said power was fully restored to the urban area Sunday night. However, several streets remain closed in

the downtown core as the cleanup continues and many are still lined with piles of fallen branches awaiting disposal.

While hydro crews and tree services worked to clear the structural damage, others were on hand to deal with the emotional damage. Durham Region social services provided counselling for residents at the public library, while the Durham District School Board sent counsellors to Uxbridge schools to help students deal with the event. The Uxbridge Baptist Church will be holding a series of "community debriefing sessions" to enable people to talk about their experiences.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for June, 2022

Monday, June 6
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 13
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday June 15
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
7:00 p.m. CANCELLED

Thursday June 16
TRAILS COMMITTEE, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, June 20
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 27
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Proclamations for the Month of June

May 29-June 4 is National
AccessAbility Week
2022 – Year of the Garden
Garden Day – June 18, 2022
Seniors Month • Pride Month
Bike Month • Indigenous History Month

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping has begun. Please refrain from street parking during this time. Sand may be raked into the road/gutter and left for the cleaning crew - buckets of sand will not be picked up. Any areas that are missed will be redone after all areas are complete.

1. N/E corner of town- **completed**
2. Rural subdivisions and hamlets **completed**
3. Storm cleanup
4. N/W corner of town
5. S/W corner of town
6. S/E corner of town
7. Town parking lots

(The town portion is divided into 4 areas with Brock & Main Streets as the centre point.)

Bids & Tenders

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

- U22-21 Tree Removal – Closes June 14, 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

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for this position is available at
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Community Services - Tourism Department
– Assistant Tourism Development
Coordinator, Summer
Closes Friday, June 10, 2022

Uxpool

Summer Swim Lesson Registration Opens
Tuesday, June 7 starting at 9 am.
Register at www.uxbridge.ca/uxpool

Notice of Public Meeting Regarding the Township of Uxbridge Development Charges

Take notice that on Monday, June 20, 2022, the Council of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a public meeting pursuant to The Development Charges Act, 1997, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the Township. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date after the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2022 Development Charges Amendment Background Study relates to the provision of the following eligible DC General Services: Development-Related Studies, Library Services, By-law Enforcement (Animal Control) and Parks & Recreation. In addition to the services considered under the DC Amendment Study, the Township's current By-law No. 2019-076 will continue to apply as it relates to all Township-wide Fire & Rescue and Services Related to a Highway (includes Township Engineering and Public Works).

Council is required under The Development Charges Act, 1997 to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2022 Development Charges Amendment Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public meeting:

Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Council Chambers/virtually via Teams

Any person may attend the public meeting and make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the by-law. Written submissions are invited and should be directed to Debbie Leroux, Township Clerk (dleroux@uxbridge.ca) no later than 12:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Written comments received prior to the meeting and submissions made at the public meeting will be considered by Council prior to the enactment of a new development charges by-law.

Technical inquiries should be directed to Donna Condon, Treasurer at 905-852-9181 x 210 or dcondon@uxbridge.ca

A copy of the 2022 Development Charges Amendment Background Study was made available on the Township's website www.uxbridge.ca on May 12, 2022. A copy of the development charges by-law will be made available on the Township's website on or before June 6, 2022.

DATED AT the Township of Uxbridge this 25th day of May 2022.

Debbie Leroux, Township Clerk



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Uxbridge at a Glance continued

Municipal Storm Update

On May 21st, an EF-2 Tornado touched down in Uxbridge leaving behind extensive damage. The Township declared a State of Emergency on May 21st and is in effect until further notice. There are no restrictions on residents or businesses related to the State of Emergency. The State of Emergency is an administrative tool to assist the Township with storm recovery operations.

What are key resources for Residents?

Durham Region Social Services satellite office is open at 2 Campbell Dr., Uxbridge three days a week from 8:30-4:30pm. Drop-in appointments are welcome. Various resources will be available including family counselling.

For more urgent needs regarding housing, food or personal services, please contact 905-666-6239 ext. 1751 or email ess@durham.ca

Township Facilities

The Uxbridge Public Library, Uxpool and Town Hall have all reopened for regular hours of operation and services. The splash pad has reopened.

The tennis courts and Durham Forest remain closed, along with the Arena building and the Museum.

Donations and Charitable Giving

The Uxbridge Rotary Club is setting up a community fund through the Rotary Foundation. For more information regarding how to donate, please visit www.uxbridge.ca

Donations of material goods, clothing, furniture and household items are not being accepted at this time.

Inspections for Properties with Storm Damage

The Chief Building official is inspecting properties to ensure they are safe for occupancy and to identify critical repairs that need to be made. If you wish to have a building inspected for safety please call the Chief Building Official at 905-852-9181 ext 403 or email inspections@uxbridge.ca

Fire Ban

The fire ban has now lifted. Any open-air fires require a valid fire permit. Residents must follow all instructions on the permit. Permits are available online or at the Fire Hall during regular business hours.

Aid for Residents

The Township has made an application through Disaster Recovery Assistance Ontario (DRAO) on behalf of property owners in the Township. We anticipate hearing if our application was successful very soon.

A property tax appeal is available for properties significantly impacted by the storm under Section 357 of the Municipal Act. Visit www.uxbridge.ca – property taxes to learn about program eligibility and for more information.

Disposal of Waste

The Region of Durham is continuing the temporary removal of the limit of garbage bags that can be placed at the curb. The waste bins continue to be located at the Seniors Centre (75 Marietta Dr.) and Arena parking lot (291 Brock St. W.) for residents to dispose of shingles, storm debris and yard furniture. Please do not put trees or yard waste in the bins.

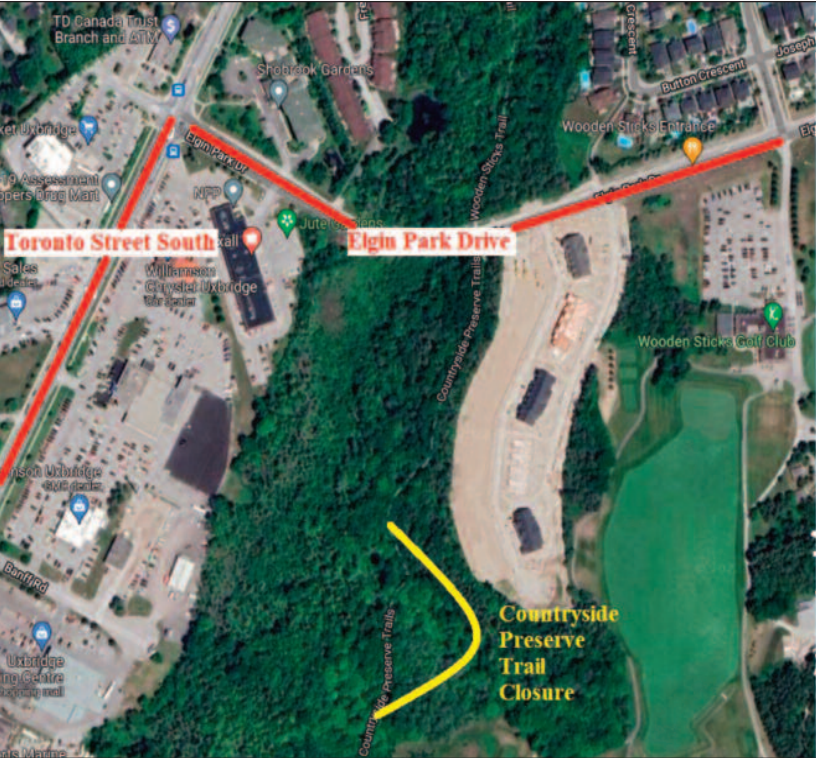
Residents should dispose of food waste with regular green bin pick up.

Tree debris removal continues through the amazing efforts of the Region of Durham and the Township of Uxbridge Public Works and contractors. Please leave all tree debris at the side of the curb.

Power Update

Any residents without power are urged to contact an electrician as their power problems may be caused by damaged services at their building, rather than with the grid itself. Hydro One and Elexicon have restored service to all streets in the Township.

Road Closures: visit Uxbridge.ca/roads for up-to-date notices.



Notice of Trail Reroute

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

The side trail remains open to public during construction, this section may have wet conditions, please be cautious. The main trail will be closed during this time.

Closure in effect May 30-June 15th, weather permitting.

Unsafe Buildings Due to Storm

As a result of our recent severe weather Building Inspectors have been assessing damaged buildings, and the Chief Building Official will be posting Orders as required.

If a building has a posted 'Order Prohibiting Occupancy', the building must not be occupied until the Order has been rescinded.

Alternatively an 'Unsafe Order' may be issued to notify the owner that remedial work to the building is required, however the structure is in no immediate danger to occupants.

Recipients of either of these orders may contact Michael Klose, Chief Building Official at 416-427-8660.

Our two cents

The storm blew in large hearts

Just as we saw at the beginning of the pandemic over two years ago, when Uxbridge is in need, we witness a community that steps up. The devastation of last weekend's storm allowed true Uxbridge spirit to shine bright; neighbours helping neighbours to get through a tough time.

If you drove around town after the tornado ripped through, you saw Uxbridgians almost immediately banding together to cut up fallen trees, patch up holes in homes, and clean up storm debris. We saw exactly that when we drove along Planks Lane, by the high school, on Sunday morning. About 15 people were cutting and hauling, and they almost looked like they were having fun doing it!

It's not only storm clean up that has brought out the good in people. Many without power, and especially those without town water services, have needed support on the humanitarian side, and people continue to help and offer what they have.

For example, early Monday morning Jaclyn Pollard saw a post on Facebook of a woman asking for boiled water. After a 6:30 a.m. kettle drop off, Pollard explained to her young sons the importance of sharing resources and caring for neighbours. This then sparked an open front porch for those in need.

Pollard and her family, whose house sustained some damage itself, but is livable, say they are lucky to have a backup generator and are able to share what they can. "We gathered the coffee machine, kettle and as many k-cups as we could find and set up a station out front. We also considered that others might need to send and receive emails and my husband set up a "FreeWifi" account from our house that others could use."

Since then, the Pollards have had people in the community stop by for a coffee or to hangout on their porch to make work emails, connect with their families or send information to their insurance companies.

"In times like this, we need to take care of each other," says Pollard, "and we are only doing what we hope someone would do for us if we needed it."

Those outside of town, like Brooke St. Onge in Leaskdale, have opened up their space to those in need.

"I felt so very fortunate to have avoided any storm damage, but so helpless in terms of what assistance I could offer others." Also on Facebook, St. Onge made a post on Facebook welcoming those in need into her home to use her shower, laundry services and even just to have a calm space to step away from the chaos in town.

"I hoped that even the smallest gesture could make a difference, even in difficult times like these."

And when dinnertime rolled around, the goodness didn't stop. Sharing a mouthwatering photo of a big pot of pasta, Helen Metzger was offering up a warm meal for anyone in need.

"I have a gas stovetop and extra food to share," posted Metzger. "I'm not a tradesperson, I don't own a chainsaw or extension ladder but I enjoy cooking."

We know there are many, many more stories just like these; we could fill the whole newspaper with them. And we could not be more proud or honoured to call Uxbridge home right now. Too bad it took a tornado to show us that we have kindness and large hearts in spades.



Letters to the Editor

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the people who are doing an amazing job of putting our town back in order!

The Township staff, Emergency Committee, the mayor and the councillors, all the line workers and tree removal companies – THANK YOU! Your crazy long hours and dedication is so appreciated. There are probably so many more people to thank, so an all-round THANK YOU!

I would also like to thank Todd Snooks, my councillor, for keeping us informed and up to date. Taking the extra time in keeping us informed is so appreciated.

This truly is a great town!

Norine Blyth
Uxbridge

The Uxbridge Fire Department. Friends and neighbours with chainsaws, generators and open houses. A pub owner handing out free food. Health care workers and other first responders. Hydro workers from near and far. The incredible workers at Uxbridge Public Works.

I was going to call these folks "heroes" but I think a better word would be "citizens."

A citizen is a person with certain rights and privileges. A real citizen is also a person who exercises the responsibilities of citizenship which include caring for others in a time of great need. Uxbridge is well populated with true Canadian citizens.

Martin Birt
Uxbridge

I just wanted to commend you on a

really great issue. In a tasteful and informative way you brought the news of the storm to the community under what I can only assume were extremely difficult conditions. Thank you to you and your team for all your hard work.

Brenda Near
Uxbridge

I just want to drop you a line to thank you and your staff for the *Cosmos* "Tornado" special edition of May 24. It was a tremendous feat on your part. It was professional and informative.

A special thank you for your intrepid writers, Roger Varley and Ted Barris.

Good job everybody!

John Mellor
Uxbridge

Rising from the woodchips, from page 1

Meanwhile, others were finding ways, big and small, to help with the recovery, such as children operating a lemonade stand in Quaker Village to raise relief funds and the Cub section of the 1st Uxbridge Scouts and 1st Claremont Beavers and Cubs, who were at the Zehrs plaza on Sunday collecting food and cash donations for the Loaves and Fishes food bank. They reported they collected an estimated half-ton of food and over \$2,000 cash. Nevertheless, Honey cautioned that people should be careful when donating to relief efforts, noting that there are no fund-raisers being held on behalf of the township. She recommended that donations should be made through the Rotary Club of Uxbridge or the Salvation

Army.

The food bank opened for extra hours last Friday to handle increased demand for food caused in part by refrigerators and freezers being without power for a week. Ontario Party candidate Lisa Robinson held a free barbecue at the Firebridge location.

Last Tuesday evening, about 50 volunteers showed up to help deliver the *Uxbridge Cosmos's* special early edition door-to-door in the urban area.

The Mavericks' cheerleading show, complete with food, ice cream, cotton candy, bouncy castle and face-painting, provided some much-needed smiles and entertainment, with scores of young athletes showing off their skills and routines. The show also served as the group's awards banquet since the COVID-19 pandemic has played havoc with their schedule.

While others took part in the Centennial Park service, Rev. Karen Crox-

all held a service for Trinity United Church congregants at the Seniors Centre. She said she is still awaiting a full report from engineers on the damage to the church and added that a temporary roof will be installed on the building, but noted that the congregation could be displaced for anywhere between two and five years. Meanwhile, services will be held at the Seniors Centre "for the foreseeable future."

Because of the severe damage suffered by The Second Wedge Brewing Co. on Victoria Street, the Farmers' Market will be held at Herrema Fields, also "for the foreseeable future."

For the Baptist Church, the foreseeable future includes three community debriefing sessions: Sat., June 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Tues., June 7, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Fri., June 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

‘Prepared’ to meet the ‘challenge’

Let me begin with full disclosure: as both a lad and an adult, I was a member of the Scouting fraternity for over 30 years, the last few as a leader with 1st Uxbridge Scouts.

It’s quite possible that residents have seen members of the 1st Uxbridge Scout Group around town on numerous occasions during the past couple of years. That’s because the group refused to let the COVID-19 pandemic interfere with its programming. As group commissioner Craig Marlatt explained to me when I met with him and his Venturers a couple of weeks ago, during the pandemic 1st Uxbridge held all of its activities outdoors, winter and summer. The only time they were affected was for the short periods the province went into total shutdown. Numerous times during the past winter I ran into Scouts and Venturers doing some kind of exercise on downtown streets.

The group has been most noticeable during the aftermath of the recent tornado, especially the Scouts and the Venturers. Living up to their respective mottos of "Be Prepared" and "Challenge," they have been offering their help wherever they were needed, helping neighbourhoods with cleanup, getting information to residents by helping deliver the *Cosmos* door-to-door. The Cubs were in there, too, collecting food and donations for the food bank on the weekend.

It’s all a sign that the group is thriving. Indeed, Marlatt said the group’s numbers grew during the pandemic, rising to a current total of just over 80 boys and girls from Beavers up to Venturers, to the point that they are now looking for more people to volunteer as leaders. That’s quite a turn-around from about five years ago, when the Scout section, now numbering 24, was as low as seven members.

Perhaps it was all the outdoor activities that changed things. One Venturer, Izsak, told me he joined as a Venturer even though he had never been in Scouting before. What led him to join was observing the group build a rope bridge in Elgin Park. As Marlatt said, quoting an old Scouting slogan: "We put the 'out' in Scouting."

To that end, the group has outdoor activities planned for every weekend until the end of July. That includes a Scout and Venturer

Camporee in Elgin Park on the weekend of June 17-19, where the groups will set up a model camp. For the past few weeks, the Venturers have been building themselves a soap-box go-kart for use at the Camporee.

If you should find yourself wandering around the campsite, you might be a little confused by all the different uniforms. That’s because Scouts Canada went through some heavy changes a couple of years ago. Now, each section has its own readily identifiable uniform: Venturers wear dark blue, Scouts wear green, Cubs wear grey and Beavers wear their unique hats and brown vests. Leaders in all sections wear red.

But whatever colour they wear, they all pitch in when it comes to the necessary fund-raising, whether it be popcorn sales or the traditional Apple Day. The funds raised do not pay for leaders: it’s all volunteer. But they do pay for tents, camping equipment, craft supplies and a whole host of other things the group needs to carry on its activities.

However successful the group has been during the pandemic, though, they are in need of new leaders, particularly for Beavers, the five-to-seven-year-old section. As Marlatt pointed out, training is provided for newcomers. But, as a past leader, I offer a word of warning: Scouting can get into your blood. The weekends I spent training at Woodland Trails, just over in York Region, are indelibly etched in my mind and I made friendships that lasted for years. And don’t even get me started on the Canadian Jamboree held in the Alberta foothills back in the 90s, where Scout leader Dianne Blaylock and I took a contingent of Uxbridge Scouts and Venturers. Over 12,000 attendees engaged in all kinds of exciting activities, including building our own raft and sailing it down a river, complete with rapids. It took a lot of fundraising to get us there, but we had as much fun doing that as we did at camp.

Finally, I know this column is a far cry from my usual rants, but in light of what we’ve all been through the past two years - and especially the last two weeks - it seemed to me it was time to take a positive look for a change.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Where have all our sentries gone?

I remember a sultry afternoon in the 1990s, a few years after my wife and I and our two daughters had arrived and put down roots here in Uxbridge. I was sitting on our neighbour’s porch. The July sunshine beat down on Balsam Street North with all the intensity of a mid-summer heat wave. My neighbour, Ronnie Egan, had invited me to sit for a few minutes’ rest from cutting grass. We were both enjoying the shady respite, when she pointed to the Manitoba maple trees that deflected the intense rays of the afternoon sun from both her house and mine.

“Sentries,” she said. “They’re like sentries up and down our street.”

I noted her military terminology referring to the trees – she being a Second World War veteran of the Women’s Royal Canadian Naval Service – and wondered why she’d chosen that word to describe the mature trees along our street. Not a scientist, but a pragmatist, Ronnie emphasized how much those trees protected us, not just from summer heat, but from winter blizzards. Then, careful not to offend any sensibilities of her age, I suggested maybe she’d planted them 50 or 60 years earlier.

“They were here from before the war,” she said and she repeated, “Sentries.” Clearly, she loved those towering maples.

If she were still with us, events of this past week would have broken Ronnie’s heart. Along our street – like so many in the older sections of town – most mature trees in both front and backyards faced the full intensity of the May 21 storm. But they were no match for the tornado that cut a swath through old Uxbridge. The EF-2-velocity winds smashed into those century-old trees and either shattered them into kindling or uprooted and toppled them like bowling pins. Save the one Manitoba maple in front of our house, after the storm almost all of Ronnie’s sentries were gone. A century of protecting us and our homes had disappeared in just a few violent minutes.

The widespread damage became clearer to me last Sunday (May 29), when a number of us dog owners gathered at the Lions Club pavilion on the fairgrounds for our annual walk-a-thon to raise funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Once we’d organized the group and pledges were

logged, we led our dogs from Elgin Park for our fundraising walk through town. Our route passed block after block of damaged houses and apartment buildings; we all wondered aloud about friends and neighbours put out of their homes by the storm. But equally difficult to stomach were the gaping holes we witnessed in front-yard tree lines, huge piles of now discarded tree limbs and trunks, and worst – the vast stretches of open sky where Uxbridge’s famous green canopy once stood. One of our dog-walkers remarked, “We won’t see anything like those old trees again for a generation.”

For our family, the *coup de grâce* in the days after the storm. As we awaited our turn for services to clear downed trees, collect debris and restore hydro, Joel Morvay from Uxbridge Tree Service arrived. We’d asked him to pay a special visit for a closer look at the Manitoba maple that had withstood the ferocity of the storm in front of our house while other trees had fallen. We hesitated, but showed him a visible crack up the maple’s main trunk. He surmised the centrifugal force of the winds had twisted the tree so severely that it had sustained a metres-long crack up its spine.

“I’m afraid it’s time,” he winced. “For the safety of your house, I think it’ll have to come down.”

The next morning the cherry-picker truck and crew arrived. As they strapped on their safety gear and readied their chainsaws, Jayne and I took a few last pictures of our stalwart maple shading our entire home. She even walked around the tree passing her hand over its rough bark and mortal wounds. She said a thank-you out loud to the tree. I sat on the stump of a mature spruce tree snapped off by the winds in the storm. The year we moved in (1987), I’d been able to hang Christmas lights from top lead-branch to its bottom branches; but the now 30-foot-tall spruce was so much brush and severed limbs. And I thought of Ronnie and that sultry summer afternoon when she’d paid tribute to her “sentries” on Balsam, now – with the cutting down of our Manitoba maple – all but gone. A changing of the guard, as it were, and further evidence of a painful changing of the climate.

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If you missed last week’s Uxbridge Cosmos and would like a copy, there are several available to pick up in the lobby of the Cosmos’s office at 38 Toronto Street North.

They will be available there until Friday, June 10. If you are unable to get a copy before that date, please call us at 905-852-1900 and we’ll make arrangements to send copies to you by mail.

Trinity looking at a long road back

by Conrad Boyce

Construction was completed in 1888 on the beautiful Methodist church

on First Avenue. In the ensuing 134 years, there have been many changes, including becoming the township's largest United Church in 1925. Physical changes, too, as the size of

the congregation ebbed and flowed. But nothing to match the transformation that occurred in 15 minutes on May 21, 2022.

The tornado that tore through Uxbridge that afternoon damaged dozens of buildings, large and small, in its path. But the devastation it wreaked on Trinity United Church will undoubtedly be the most expensive, and take the longest from which

to recover.

"It just ripped a huge hole in the roof of the old church," laments Ted Meyers, chair of the congregation's board of trustees. "Two thirds of the material got thrown around the neighbourhood. The rest fell into the sanctuary, on top of the altar and the pews and the organ and the piano. And then the sanctuary fell into the basement; our chapel down there has

been destroyed."

On top of the immediate damage from the tornado, the rains that fell that day and over the subsequent ten days have further weakened the roof structure, meaning that it has been too dangerous for members of the congregation to go in and begin any kind of cleanup.

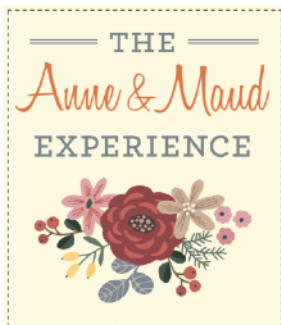
"The insurance company is sending people up this week to assess the situation," says Meyers. "They'll see what can be done to patch the roof to prevent further damage, then they'll begin to go over the whole building. Until they do that, we really have no idea of the final cost of repairs."

Meyers also says it is difficult to know how long the congregation will be without their home.

"I would say at least two or three years. But looking at the example of the church in Aurora that had a major fire, they're just getting re-settled after nine years. So we just don't know."

In the meantime, the Township has generously offered the Seniors Centre, not far away, for the congregation's Sunday morning services, including this coming Sunday, June 5, at 10 a.m.

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Clearing away storm’s emotional debris

by Roger Varley

“I can’t stop crying. I don’t know what’s the matter with me. And I wasn’t even really affected by the storm that much. Not like others were.”

Those were the words of one Uxbridge resident (who asked not to be named to protect her privacy) on Sunday morning, following last week’s storm. But a local professional assures her and others that there is nothing wrong with anyone at all. The damage caused by the tornado is not restricted to physical damage, says Dr. William Wilkinson, a registered psychotherapist.

“While the physical scars will fade, the emotional scars will take longer,” Wilkinson said.

He said the ideas that if there's no blood, there's no damage and that time heals all wounds are both myths.

“Time doesn't heal anything,” he said, noting there will likely be various kinds of “triggers” that can bring on emotional distress following such an event. Triggers such as walking into the room one was in when the storm hit or looking at the empty

space where a favourite tree once stood.

“They trigger memories and fears,” he said. “Those are normal responses to an abnormal situation.”

Wilkinson said some people will experience Post Traumatic Stress, but

quickly pointed out it only becomes a disorder if it isn't dealt with.

“Down the road, repressed feelings can find a way to be expressed somehow,” he said. “The key is to identify what you are feeling.”

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Uxbridge and Port Perry McDonald’s worked together to raise over \$44,000 with \$11,000 going to each of the following charities - RMHC Toronto, Jennifer Ashleigh Children’s Charity, Precious Minds and Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Durham.

We want to thank the community for all its generosity in coming together and donating, the volunteers that came out to help, and the local businesses that donated their money and time to make this McHappy Day our most successful one yet!

We want to thank all of the Uxbridge businesses: Cindy Wood, Lakeland Water Treatment, Legacy Equestrian, Russell Auto Repair, Main Street Pools & Spa, Keys with Watkins at Century 21, Bartley Landscaping and Construction, Bennett Design, Air Force Mavericks, Take Root Creative, Design Loc & Stone, The Hand Family, Dave Barton and Family, Bruce and Robin Garrod, Zehrs Uxbridge, Fix Auto Uxbridge, The Bridge Social, Sugar FX, Arkell Travel, Canadian Tire Uxbridge, Vacay, Travel & More, Boston Pizza Uxbridge, Lawn and Order, Heather MacKenzie at Royal LePage, Nicole Fulchers from Desjardins Insurance, Maureen Borg for Royal LePage, Uxbridge Physiotherapy, Wooden Sticks Golf Club, Williamson Uxbridge, Connor Whitehouse from Williamson Chrysler, Williamson Chrysler, CIBS Uxbridge, Uxbridge Shoes & Repair, Templeman’s Toffee, Stacey Kearly, Slabtown, Uxbridge Ford, Kawartha Dairy, DG Smith Insurance, Kelsey’s Cookies, White Renovations and the Uxbridge Cosmos.

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- MAYOR DAVE BARTON & CAO KRISTI HONEY

If you know of someone whose name should be on this list, please send the name and how they assisted to info@uxbridge.ca. We sincerely regret the omission.

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MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the May monthly draw for the 2022 Trip of the Month Club


The ‘Caribbean Castaway’ trip was won by Michael Broad, ticket # 099, sold by Dale Hickey.

2nd place draw, \$150, won by Cindy Wood, ticket #324, sold by Fran Taylor.

3rd place draw, \$100, won by Gail Verwoerp, ticket # 286, sold by Getaway Travel.

Congratulations to our May winners, and best of luck for the June draw of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Trip of the Month Club for the ‘Agawa Canyon Group of Seven’ package. The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation; 3 nights accommodation in Sudbury, Ontario; 3 full breakfasts; 30,000 Island cruise; admission to Science North and the Art Gallery of Algoma; a Heritage Group of Seven Dinner including a painting session; Agawa Canyon Group of Seven Rail excursion with lunch; Chi- Cheemaun Ferry from South Bay mouth to Tobermory, crossing Manitoulin Island.


A gift certificate from Getaway Travel worth \$2,500 or cash of \$2,250 is available instead of the trip.



Storm of emotions, from page 7

He said that people will experience a number of different reactions to the storm: a sense of grief, a sense of smallness, as well as the loss of sense of security. He noted that many residents saw the skies darken on Friday night and wondered if another storm was about to hit.

Wilkinson said it is important for parents to help their children express what they are feeling, which can be



done either through play or art.

"The hardest thing for parents is to attune to what their children are feeling," he said.

Wilkinson said the Baptist Church will be holding a series of community debriefings, which will offer "emotional First Aid." He pointed out that the sessions will not be counselling sessions, but rather an opportunity for people to tell their stories.

"They put you in touch with what you're feeling and you find out you're not alone," he said.

The sessions will be held Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Tuesday, June 7, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Friday, June 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register by calling 905-852-3662.

Durham Region Social Services satellite office is open at 2 Campbell Dr. three days a week from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Drop-in appointments are welcome. Various resources will be available, including family counselling.

Next steps for Trinity, from page 6

"I hope that can continue for a while," says Meyers. "Other churches in town have been quick to offer to share their service, or even to give us our own time in their sanctuary. We are so thankful. But in the long term, and it is going to be a long time, the ideal would be for us to have our own space."

Among the options are some currently unused churches, either in the township or nearby. Meyers says that using the Seniors Centre in the immediate future will give the trustees time to explore all the possibilities.

Anyone interested in helping out the congregation can make a donation through the website at www.trinityuxbridge.org



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Highet opposes Durham residential expansion plan

by Conrad Boyce

Uxbridge Regional Councillor Gordon Highet, one of the township's two representatives on Durham Region Council, voted last week against a controversial residential expansion plan that could see more than 9,000 acres of Durham farmland taken for development over the next 30 years.

Based on past trends and current projections, Durham Region could see as many as 450,000 new residents in that time. Durham Council and its planning committee, on which Highet also sits, have been considering a number of options on how to house those people.

One of those options, favoured by Highet as well as the Region's own planning staff, proposed the following residential distribution: 28% single-family detached, 28% semi-detached, 41% multi-family (either rented or owned), and the remainder in secondary units, such as basement suites or "granny" flats. This option was projected to require only 950 hectares of new land, or about 2,400 acres.

This option was about to be voted on by the Region's planning committee last month when a new option was brought forward, one that significantly increased the proportion of single-family housing, and subsequently tripled the amount of new land that would be required. This option passed 5-3 at committee, with Highet in opposition, and was forwarded to Council, where it passed by a 16-11 vote, despite delegations from environmental and agricultural groups that strongly objected to it.

Altona resident Susan Reesor, involved with one of those groups, Land over Landings, said, "We're disappointed that Regional Council ignored the advice of its own professional planners, and instead went with a plan endorsed by a consortium of developers. We keep losing farmland in Durham. We need affordable, accessible housing that will accommodate everyone, and Uxbridge needs to do its share in providing it."

The township's other Regional delegate, Mayor Dave Barton, considerably distracted last week by the tornado-related state of emergency, was unable to attend all the debate about the expansion

plan, and did not participate in the final vote.

"It's a complicated issue," the mayor said this week. "Here in Uxbridge, residents want to preserve farmland, but they also don't want 10-story apartment buildings that are going to change the nature of the community. How do you strike the right balance?"

"The right density mix isn't just about preserving farmland, or fighting climate change," said Highet. "It's an affordability issue. We don't know who the 450,000 people will be, where they'll want

to live, but in every case, they need housing they can afford. It's an important issue right now."

The plan passed by Region Council last week only specifies the density mix, and the amount of acreage likely to be required to meet it. It does not speculate on the location of that acreage; that would be decided down the road. But both Highet and Barton emphasized that little, if any of the acreage would be in Uxbridge, because of its location on the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine.

Announcing

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Growing up in Uxbridge, Katrina was a bit of a local singing and dancing celebrity, with many stage performances, guitar gigs at Wixan's Bridge and her Family Channel TV show. She will always love the arts but has devoted the past four years to academic life.

Katrina has worked very hard through a hybrid of in-person and online learning in order to graduate with Highest Honours, completing a double honours major in Psychology and Linguistics. She hopes to eventually earn a Masters Degree in Speech and Language Pathology.

Katrina, we are immensely proud of your work ethic, ability to achieve balance in life and your dedication to friends and family.

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An “around the township” garden tour

Donations to Uxbridge disaster relief

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by Nancy Melcher

It’s been rather tumultuous in the Township of Uxbridge since a tornado cut its way through on May 21, and many of those who weren’t affected by the storm directly are looking for financial ways that they can help those who were. “A lot of people want to help in a financial way,” says Mayor Dave Barton. In response to this, the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Charitable Foundation has arranged to be the trusted community partner for the Township in this critical project. The Rotary Club will accept and distribute financial donations to the community.

Uxbridge Rotary president Michael Bahn says, “We are pleased to be working with the Township to provide a centralized way for people to make donations to help with disaster



relief in our town. All the donations will be distributed to those in town with the greatest need. We are working with Durham Social Services, and they will advise us how best to distribute the funds. We’re going to make sure that hap-

pens as fast as we can.” All donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt – these donations must include the donor’s full name, mailing address and email address. E-transfers can be sent to uxbridgerotaryfoundation@gmail.com. Cheques can be made out to ‘Rotary Club of Uxbridge Charitable Foundation’ and mailed to 121 Second Avenue, Uxbridge, Ontario, L9P2A2. Barton thanked Bahn and the Uxbridge Rotary Club. “This will make a huge difference. It’s the one way we can delegate this responsibility. There’s no organization that’s more trustworthy than Rotary.”



Regional support continues for residents of Uxbridge

The Regional Municipality of Durham continues to support the residents of our region, including the residents of Uxbridge, who were affected by the significant weather event of May 21, 2022.

Waste management update

Uxbridge residents, who are looking to dispose of debris, are invited to use one of three disposal bins located at the following locations:

Uxbridge Arena 291 Brock Street West	Uxbridge Seniors Centre 75 Marietta Street	Durham-York Railway Yard 19 Railway Street
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These bins are scheduled to remain in place until further notice.

Leaf and yard waste

Residents can drop off leaf and yard waste at any Regional Waste Management Facility, at no charge, until 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. The two facilities closest to Uxbridge are:

Scugog Waste Management Facility 1623 Reach Street, Port Perry	Brock Waste Management Facility C22480 Brock Sideroad #17, Brock
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The hours at all Waste Management Facilities will be extended to 8 p.m. until Saturday, June 4. To learn more, or to find a list of locations, please visit durham.ca/WMF. Note: curbside collection, of leaf and yard waste, will also continue.

Financial assistance

Individuals affected by the storm, who need help, can apply for financial assistance through the Region. This includes money for food replacement, and, in exceptional circumstances, help with medication, medical supplies or personal care. Note that not all residents will be eligible for assistance.

Aid is provided through Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program. It is meant for those who do not have enough money for food and housing, have a disability or are in financial need. Visit the Social Assistance page on Ontario.ca or call 1-888-999-1142 to apply.

Access to social services

Employees of our Social Services Department continue to support residents through various programs and services. To reach emergency social services for urgent needs—24 hours a day, seven days a week—please call 905-666-6239 extension 1751 or send an email to ess@durham.ca. Staff will be deployed if there is a need to provide immediate support.

The Uxbridge Social Services satellite office will also re-open at 2 Campbell Drive, beginning on Thursday, June 2. A family counsellor will be on site, on June 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for “on-the-spot” crisis counselling. All regular social services delivery will again be provided, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note that resources for crisis support and trauma counselling are available at this location.

Supporting local businesses

The Region continues to hear about local small business owners, across the region, who were impacted by the storm—many of whom were already working through pandemic recovery. Now, they are dealing with the aftermath of this storm, at the start of their busy summer season.

Our community has always found ways to come together; be #DurhamStrong. That’s why the Region’s Planning and Economic Development Department, in co-operation with the Durham Economic Task Force (DETF), is asking residents—who are able—to show support and empathy towards local business owners who continue to operate through challenging times.

Take some time to visit local tourism operators, food and beverage producers, restaurants, and hometown shops in the region’s 14 downtown areas. Some may be open (and operating), while others might need a little more time to welcome patrons again.

Let’s be there for them when that time comes.

This Sunday, pay a visit to the Uxbridge Farmers’ Market, and support our local farmers. The market has been temporarily moved to **Herrema Fields, located at 85 Herrema Boulevard**.

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YARD SALE Sat. & Sun., June 4 & 5. 6700 Conc. 4, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, power tools, bicycles, pet cages, household items.

YARD SALE 83 Joseph Street. Uxbridge, Saturday, June 4. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Household items, kitchenware, area rugs, games, puzzles, CDs, ceramic dolls, seasonal items and dance costumes.

EVENTS

UXBRIDGE MINDFULNESS/INSIGHT MEDITATION has resumed in-person meetings. Our next one is June 12 at 10 a.m., and every other Sunday following. Whether experienced or new to meditation, all are welcome. Location is Blue Heron Studio. Email Gail: ghorner550@gmail.com

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The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

After the storm

What's happened to all the animals after the big storm? That question was posed to me last week, and I'll try to answer it. We're fortunate

that the path of the worst devastation was relatively narrow. A loyal reader shared a story of a chickadee perching very close to her just after

the storm blew through – as if it was seeking reassurance from a human friend.

Obviously, anything that lives in a tree may have lost its home, including birds, chipmunks and squirrels. It's unlikely any tiny babies survived after the double-whammy of wind and rain. The robin nestlings in my yew were shivering in their nest that Saturday evening, but all four survived, and took their first tentative hops in the flowerbeds yesterday. I know that many younger animals will not have been as fortunate. However, there's a different pair of robins that have built a nest in my porch rafters – perhaps this is a second nesting for them, and I'll do my best to ensure they succeed.

I've noticed more red and black squirrels and chipmunks in my neighbourhood this week, just a block south of the worst of the destruction. There are frequent territorial disputes – lots of cussing and running around on the trees and

power lines, but I think they'll sort out their boundaries eventually.

I've seen just one swan on Elgin Pond. It's my fervent wish that one of this pair is sitting on eggs, and we'll soon see cygnets paddling on the calm waters with both parents. The other alternative is terribly sad – that one swan did not survive the storm. I'd appreciate an update should you have any information to share.

A week later, the debris from the storm is still being gathered, removed from lawns, sidewalks and boulevards. Chainsaws are still heard as the cleanup progresses, but the birds are singing too. As I sit writing this, I have heard robins, blue jays, a winter wren, chickadees, cardinals, crows, goldfinches, a raven, yellow-rumper warbler and mourning doves. A chipmunk ran right beside my chair, and two black squirrels raced across the lawn. My neighbour's bunny was out munching her flowers and grass earlier in the day.

Sadly, some creatures did not survive the tornado, but nature is resilient and adaptable, and life will find ways to go on. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your stories about the creatures and plants around you.

Nancy Melcher is The Nature Nut. Send details of your sightings or questions about the natural world to: general@melcher.cx



One of the swans that graces Elgin Pond.

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Save on gas - June is Bike Month

by Justyne Edgell

Just when gas prices can't seem to go any higher, a good excuse to park the car comes along - June is Bike Month!

Throughout the month, the Region of Durham will also be hosting a selection of fun and educational activities to encourage residents "to explore Durham Region's unique landscapes and scenic trails while practicing safe cycling."

"Bike Month is an opportunity to learn new skills, celebrate cycling and replace car trips with bike trips," says the region's communications advisor, Ashleigh McGill. "As one of the largest celebrations of biking in Canada, Bike Month events across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) brings families, employers, commuters and community organizations together."

Along with cycling through the month of June, residents are encouraged to take the pledge. Share how you are celebrating Bike Month for a chance to win a prize. A \$100 gift card to Northern Cycle, a \$25 Visa gift card (eight gift cards available) or a Durham Bike Month Prize Pack (two packs available).

Bike Month events include: Bike Bingo, complete as many squares as you can for a chance to win, a scavenger hunt on the Goosechase app, and more municipality run events! For more information and to take the Bike Month Pledge, visit durham.ca/BikeMonth

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Local doctor publishing memoir on 15 years of work in Ghana

by Justyne Edgell

On July 14, local doctor Jennifer Wilson is launching a memoir of her 15 years of work in Ghana. In 2004, Wilson, a mother of 5, says she had an epiphany and decided it was time to offer what she could to her global neighbours. On her 37th birthday, she and a handful of her healthcare colleagues set off on a two-week trip

to offer their services in Northern Ghana. After that first mission, Wilson's vision expanded to an international collaboration spanning 15 years and transforming thousands of lives. "The Uxbridge community has been involved in this project in so many ways over so many years," says Wilson, "and this book is my

way of thanking them for partnering with me." Through Blue Heron Books, Wilson will launch "Grant Us Tomorrow" on July 14, at Slabtown Cider (Conc. 6), at 7 p.m. Wilson says proceeds from the book sales will go towards future healthcare workers in Ghana. Pre-orders are now available through Blue Heron Books.

Trail Hub concert becomes tornado fundraiser concert

by Justyne Edgell

A previously scheduled concert that was to take place last Saturday at the new Trail Hub was spontaneously transformed into a fundraising event for Uxbridge storm relief. When Ryan Lindsay, a country music singer from Alberta, heard about the devastation Uxbridge experienced from the storm, he reached out to his sponsor, Peavey Mart, to see if it would sponsor the show as a fundraiser. Bob Henderson, who organized the concert alongside Margot Peck, said, "We already had 100 individual tickets sold, but once the sponsor was in, we tried for more. We got about 200 and between ticket sales, folks making donations, and the silent auction, we raised over \$10,000!" The concert featured Vintage Boring, a band born in Uxbridge that is becoming popular in the Toronto Indie music scene. "I thought we'd go for an upbeat, dancing primed show," says Henderson. "We just felt so welcomed by the community here, and it was quite a special night," said Lindsay on Instagram. All funds raised by the concert will be divided to relief agencies recommended by the municipality, and to support The Second Wedge Brewing Co. "The concert was a huge success and a great time," says Henderson.

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Ronald Down

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Ron was the beloved husband and best friend of Shirley Joyce Down for 57 years. Proud father of son Jeff Down and daughter Andrea Down. Cherished by his grandkids Olivia and Matthew Panjehali. Predeceased by his two sisters and two brothers.

Ron will be greatly missed by his dear friend Norm Goodspeed and the many other new friends he made in Uxbridge.


A Celebration of Life for Ron will be held at the Uxbridge Legion on Thursday, June 16, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. If desired, memorial donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Royal Canadian Legion of your choice.




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Richard Puckrin passed away on December 12, 2021 at the age of 92. Dick was a loving husband, father, grampa and friend.




Jefferson, Kenneth

It is with sadness and much love in our hearts that we announce the passing of Ken Jefferson at Oak Valley Health Markham on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Beloved husband, dad, brother, uncle and friend. Ken will be lovingly missed by the love of his life, Diane, his wife of 51 years. He was an extremely proud dad to Bruce (predeceased) (Linda); Linda Newman (Jeff); and Lori Ennis (John); and cherished grandpa to Rebekah, Meghan, Ethan, Kayla and Alexa. Ken is survived by his sisters Ruth Wagg, Marjorie Wilson (Jim), June Harper, Evelyn Campbell and lifelong best friend Garnet Bacon, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ken was an extremely hard worker. He worked at General Motors for 35 years and farmed, raising pigs, cow and growing crops. Ken loved life on the farm, whether his time was spent in the barn, working the fields, taking the backroads to view crops or reading his farm paper from front to back. Ken enjoyed watching sports and would get to as many hockey games as he could. Ken was most proud of his family and watching their every accomplishment. Ken will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will take place at the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073) on Friday, June 3, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until time of Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the Goodwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca





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