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WATER ALWAYS GOES FIRST - Several supporters of Maamawi Collective came together on Sunday in Elgin Park to celebrate Aboriginal / Indigenous culture. The theme, "Water Always Goes First", had participants write thoughts regarding water and its place in their lives on blue ribbons, then place the ribbons on a sculpture designed by Stuart Blower for the event. June is Indigenous History Month.

Photo by John Cavers

Bethlenfalvy handily wins re-election

by Roger Varley

It was, to all intent and purposes, a runaway.

Progressive Conservative Peter Bethlenfalvy was re-elected as the member of the legislature for Pickering-Uxbridge in last week's provincial election with a whopping 44.4 per cent of the

vote. In terms of ballots cast, Bethlenfalvy's count of 19,208 was the same as the combined votes received by second-place Liberal Ibrahim Daniyal and third-place New Democrat Khalid Ahmed.

The rest of the field, including the Green Party candidate, all received five per cent of the

vote or less.

Bethlenfalvy said he feels "pretty good" about the win, but added that the pressure is now on him to continue to represent the riding.

"I want to thank the people of Pickering-Uxbridge for the faith they have shown in me

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for June, 2022

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.

Monday, July 11
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Proclamations for the Month of June

2022 – Year of the Garden
Garden Day – June 18, 2022
Seniors Month
Pride Month
Bike Month
Indigenous History Month

Elgin Park Improvements Open House

The Township is hosting a virtual open house on Thursday, June 9, from 7-8pm to share plans for improvements to Elgin Park. Proposed improvements include the new Lions Accessible Playground, winterizing the washrooms, improving lighting and building a pathway of inclusion and shade pavilion. The work is planned to begin in Fall 2022. Township staff and project partners will provide information and answer questions, as well as hear concerns and suggestions. The virtual meeting link is available at <https://bit.ly/396bMqm>



Uxbridge at a Glance

The Corporation of The Township of Uxbridge
51 Toronto Street South, P.O. Box 190
Uxbridge L9P 1T1
905-852-9181 info@uxbridge.ca

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. N/W corner of town **completed**
4. Storm ravaged areas **ongoing**
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.
- U22-10 - Cemetery Road - Sidewalk Installation Section B Only – Closes June 21, 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 <https://www.uxbridge.ca/careers/>

Community Services - Tourism Department

– Assistant Tourism Development

Coordinator, Summer

Closes Friday, June 10, 2022

Payroll Administrator and Accounting Analyst

Closes Saturday, June 25, 2022



From The Tax Office

2022 Final Property Tax Bills for residential, managed forest and farmland properties were mailed May 31, 2022. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:

FIRST Tax Installment is due on June 28th, 2022.
SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 27th, 2022.

If you did not receive your 2022 Final Tax Bill, please contact the Tax Department at 905-852-9181 or tax@uxbridge.ca

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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phone: 905-852-9181 ext.209

Uxbridge at a Glance continued

Municipal Storm Update

What are key resources for Residents?

- For urgent needs regarding housing, food or personal services, please contact Durham Social Services at 905-666-6239 ext. 1751 or [email ess@durham.ca](mailto:ess@durham.ca)
- Durham Region Social Services office is open two days a week at 2 Campbell Dr., Uxbridge from 8:30-4:30pm. Drop-in appointments are welcome.
- Debris clean-up and minor repairs to buildings: Team Rubicon Canada is volunteer-based disaster response organization who has disaster response teams in Uxbridge to provide assistance at no cost. Teams will help with minor repairs and tree and debris clean-up. Residents who wish to request the free services of Team Rubicon can call 647.469.8659 or email request_assistance@teamrubicon.ca to speak to a team member. Teams will also be going door-to-door in impacted areas offering support. For more information on Team Rubicon Canada visit www.Team-Rubicon.ca
- 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

Waste Disposal

- Residents are asked to have all tree debris out to the curb for a final pick-up by **8am on Monday, June 13.**
- Residents and contractors with chipped tree debris can drop them at the Arena **until Monday, June 13.**
- The Region of Durham waste bins located at the Seniors Centre (75 Marietta Dr.) and Arena parking lot (291 Brock St. W.) will be accepting shingles, storm debris and yard furniture until **Monday, June 13.**

Fire Permits

- The Fire ban has been lifted and residents can now apply for fire permits online at www.uxbridge.ca/en/living-here/open-air-burning-permits.aspx. Permits are required for all open air burns.

How Can You Help?

- Those wishing to make financial donations towards a Relief Fund can do so via the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Charitable Foundation or can contact uxbridgerotaryfoundation@gmail.com. Donations can also be made to the Uxbridge Loaves and Fishes Foodbank or the Uxbridge Salvation Army.

Road Closures

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



New resource book available for seniors

by Roger Varley

Uxbridge's Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee has launched a new, comprehensive guide to services and programs available to the township's seniors.

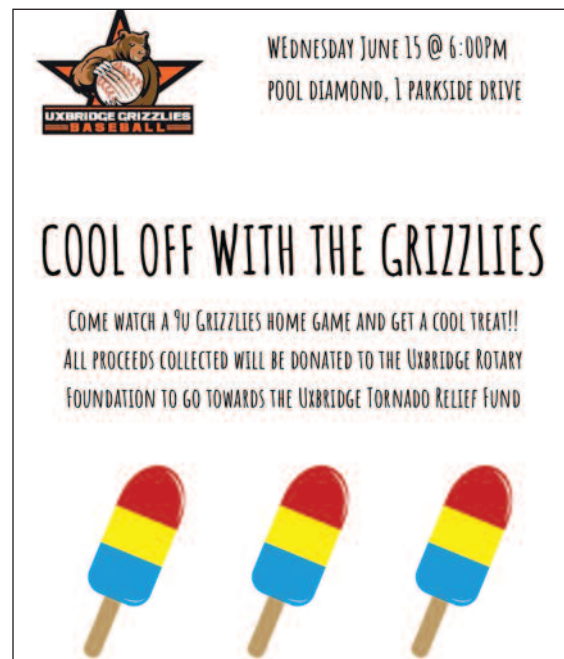
In the first half of "Bridge the Gap," a 38-page, glossy, full-colour guide, are articles on health and well-being and socializing. The rest of the guide offers an impressive directory of the many programs, services and facilities to be found in town.

Councillor Bruce Garrod, council's representative on the age-friendly committee, said the new guide is "a great way to get important information to people who may not regularly use social media or have family members to help them navigate services."

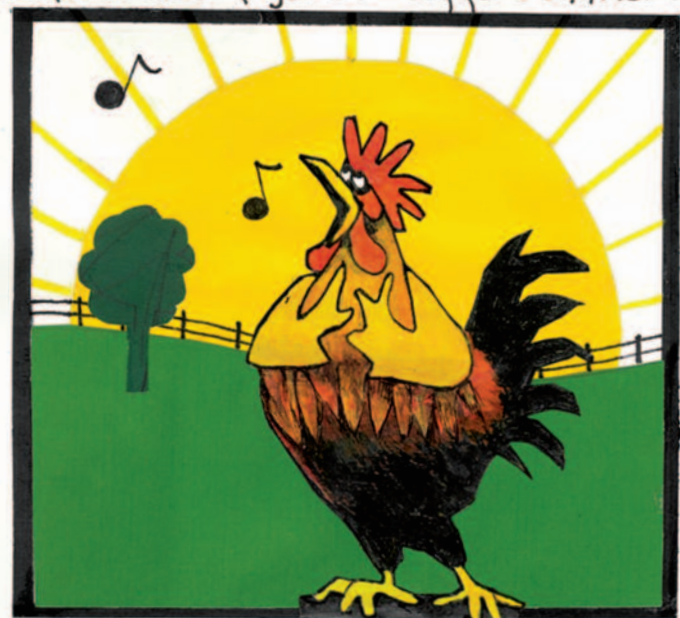
"Bridge the Gap" offers information on various community resources necessary to allow Uxbridge seniors to live independently and actively. It includes information on everything from medical and social services to recreational and volunteer opportunities.

The book was designed by local company Take Root Creative and fully funded by the province as an extension of the previous Communi-Tea program.

Copies are available now at the Seniors Centre and will be delivered to the Legion, the hospital hub, retirement homes and pharmacies in the coming days. He said it will take a little more time to get to the stores in the hamlets and other retail outlets around town.



Monday Morning Singers
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Mondaymorningsingers.com

Our two cents

Given the choice...

The *Uxbridge Cosmos* would like to offer its most heartfelt congratulations to Peter Bethlenfalvy, who will be returning as MPP for the riding of Pickering-Uxbridge (or, as he likes to joke when he's in town, Uxbridge-Pickering).

Mr. Bethlenfalvy's win aside, last Thursday's election was, in a word, underwhelming. It appeared to be a foregone conclusion that the Conservatives would be re-elected; an election was almost unnecessary. And sadly, the people of Ontario seemed to treat it as if it *was* unnecessary. June 2, 2022, saw the lowest voter turnout in Ontario's history, with around 43.5 per cent of eligible voters casting a ballot, according to Elections Ontario. Of the just over 10.7 million registered voters in the province, this equals just over 4.6 million votes cast.

That's pathetic. Now, Uxbridge, we concede, may have had an excuse for not going to the polls last Thursday. We were busy still cleaning up trees and other detritus left over from the tornado, and our minds just weren't in the election game. The same might be said for Peterborough and Ottawa, who were also visited by our tornado. But the rest of the province? What was its excuse?

Experts are attributing the low turnout to a "lack of engagement between politicians and Ontario residents, which may have led to a lack of motivation come election day." (CTV News, Katherine DeClerq, June 3). It's true, the campaign was, as we said, underwhelming. Our own all candidate's forum was underwhelming. But remember this - we *get* to vote. We are fortunate enough to live in a place where we have that opportunity, and to see it ignored and not exercised is, quite frankly, appalling. The world is small enough now that every Ontarian that doesn't live under a rock knows of other cities and countries that *don't* have the opportunity to vote for their leaders. The cries for "freedom" and "democracy" are everywhere, but when no one actually partakes in what they mean or have to offer, they're just meaningless words.

If you don't like how the provincial election turned out, and you didn't vote, you've no business complaining. And don't bother with another bleeding heart convoy - you obviously don't know what freedom and democracy mean.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks, *Cosmos*, for the pictures and articles about the storm.

Thanks for the work to get out the special edition.

Thank you for showing your care for our community.

Jordan Wagner
Uxbridge

I want to thank-you for the issuing of the special edition of the *Cosmos* the Tuesday after the tornado hit Uxbridge. It was a heroic effort and made a huge difference to those I spoke to when walking the core with the Lions the following Friday. The sense I got was that it was a lifeline that people needed to connect to services and just to hear what was happening and how people were doing.

I understand it must have been a massive effort on your part and the rest of the team at the *Cosmos*. You and your paper continually put the people first and take the risks

needed to do so.

Great work, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Rick Carlstrom
Uxbridge

I am so grateful that we live in such a caring and helpful community.

When our home lost two trees, part of our roof and power from the tornado, a good friend, Pat Molloy, came down with a generator to help us out.

When it came time to take down the backyard tree, Ingrid and Robert Adam, Wendy and Doug Terry and Mark Scrutlen, Pat Molloy, as well as MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy came over with clippers and chainsaws and we had it down and to the curb in under a few hours.

Thank you all for your help.

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Bev Northeast
Secretary/Treasurer
Thomas Foster Memorial

SWANS SIGHTED - In last week's edition of the *Cosmos*, Nature Nut Nancy Melcher wrote that, since the tornado hit Uxbridge on May 21, the two swans on Elgin Pond had not been seen together. She captured this photo on Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Nancy Melcher



A Blonde Moment

column by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

No tornado gonna stop the press

Journalists know well the rush that comes when dealing with a breaking story that is big news. They can even get a little ticked when news isn't new, but the same old-same old. They need a stellar story to break the monotony. That's what they want, what they wish for.

Until they don't.

On the afternoon of May 21, just after 1 p.m., I was heading out to a wedding with my family. The sky looked rather ominous, and we were doubtful that the nuptials would be held outdoors, as planned. Ten minutes into our drive, we had to pull off to the side of the road. The rain was so heavy, the wind so strong, it was unsafe to drive. Eventually it passed, and we continued on.

About 20 minutes later, *Cosmos* contributor Justyne Edgell arrived at the wedding, as she had been hired to do the photos. As we were chatting, she glanced at her phone, then looked at me with shock – “Uxbridge was hit by a tornado.”

I immediately started texting town councillors and friends to find out if this was true. One friend was too shaken to speak coherently. I managed to reach councillor Bruce Garrod, but he could only tell me that there was no electricity, there appeared to be a lot of damage, but he knew nothing else, other than Uxbridge had been whacked by a storm.

I began to pace, the urge to grab my car keys, leave the wedding and go to Uxbridge so strong it was almost blinding.

As sparse details trickled in to each of us, Justyne and I began to realize the magnitude of what had happened to our little town. As I paced about and she snapped shots of the groomsmen and bridesmaids, our eyes would connect, each of us conveying a “We should NOT be here, but what can we do?”

Just as the music began to start the ceremony, Bruce called me again, giving me a better idea of what had happened, and what was coming next. I also spoke with both John Cavers and Conrad Boyce, who were already out on the streets capturing the aftermath, and rang off the phone mere seconds before the bride herself walked down the aisle.

I spent the rest of the evening agonizing

over whether to stay at the wedding (in which I played a small but integral part) or head back to Uxbridge to be at the scene. My daughters had travelled great distances to be at the wedding, and there was no option for some of the family to stay and some others to leave (although my husband did have to get back to the farm). So we stayed. But my phone never left my hand. My FOMO had never been so bad.

Conrad asked at one point if I was considering doing a special edition of the paper. I laughed at him. My publisher brain immediately said “I can't do that, an early edition and the regular edition – I can't afford that!” Later that day, however, the township's emergency management team called a press conference. After every question that could be answered was answered, Kristi Honey, the chief administrative officer, called me over to speak with herself, the mayor and the public works director. She asked if it was possible for the *Cosmos* to be published even a day earlier because huge swaths of the township were without power, and cell/internet connectivity was spotty at best. I told her I'd see what I could do.

At home, a generator had been hooked up to the barn to keep dairy cow life moving, and I moved everything I had in my office that I would need to do the paper to a large room there. I made calls, sent frantic emails, and finally decided that, instead of our normal Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday production and distribution schedule, on Tuesday the paper would have to clear by 1 p.m., be printed and picked up by 5:30 p.m. and distributed via a team of incredible volunteers who almost made me cry when I pulled up behind the library and saw ready and waiting to deliver the papers.

The rest, as they say, is history. I'm so glad that Kristi, Mayor Barton and the Township team believed in us enough to ask for an early publication. I'm humbled every time I receive a note or an email praising the May 24 edition of the paper. And I'm pretty chuffed that, in the year 2022, a hard copy newspaper was what got people through a crisis. God, I'm glad I don't publish a daily.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Steps to recovery

It's funny what the eye never sees or what's in plain sight, but not noticed. A week or so into the aftermath of the *derecho*, I attempted some clean-up around our yard. A piece of chrome in the grass caught my eye. When I brushed off the dirt and shingle debris it'd been hidden under, I realized it was a tightly coiled spring. It was so clean and shiny, it could've come right out of a hardware store bin. Then (as I've found myself doing a lot the last couple of weeks) I put the spring in my pocket and asked myself:

“Where did *that* come from?”

I don't think I'm alone when I suggest Uxbridge residents have experienced scenes like those we've watched for years on CNN of Americans in tornado alley sifting through the debris of their decimated homes after the twister went through. They were trying to salvage something of what was, a morsel of the normalcy from just hours before. In contrast, we've been fortunate that for whatever reason – the Amber alert, circumstance or coincidence – no one in our community was killed, injuries proved non-life-threatening, and damage was limited primarily to trees and property. As I've suggested to many who passed by our house with offers of help and words of condolence: “It's all stuff. It can be replaced.”

However, the one thing I haven't said to well-wishers and friends these past two weeks is that I think the storm has left a catalogue of impressions – some positive and some negative – that will never fade. And if you'll allow (in case they resonate) I thought I'd offer a random selection. First, have you noticed how welcome the chirp of songbirds and the rustle of breezes through surviving tree foliage sound? I thought I'd never hear the end of grunting chainsaws and revving diesel engines up and down our streets. Mind you, I do not fault any of the safety inspection crews, hydro linemen, communications repair staff or township clean-up crews. I'm sure they'll be well paid (and should be) for their long shifts and time away from families at night and on stat holidays; some have come from as far away as New York State and Quebec to help. We got power back at our house last Thursday, and let me tell you that first hot shower

was heavenly. Funny the things we take for granted...

Including friends. We may not have had hot water in our house, but we've been showered with countless offers of help. Most of my old-timers hockey teammates have gone out of their way to assist – one offered a vacant house for us to borrow; another the labour to seal off the end of our house exposed to the elements; several knew we'd lost a car and offered grocery pickup; and one has loaned me a car. One afternoon, as two workers (I sensed were immigrants from Russia) installed a temporary hydro pole next to our damaged house, a neighbour dashed up, gave me a sympathetic hug and said the door to her house was open to anything we might need.

“That was very impressive,” said Dimitri, one of the pole installers. “That would never happen where I live.”

Have you noticed how talkative we've all been since the storm? When I emerged from the house basement – within minutes of the tornado passing – all our neighbours had come outside too. First and foremost each asked the other, “Are you OK?” Then, we all compared notes about this sound or that vision. Everybody had cell phones out for video or stills as if to say, “Hey, we made it. We're still here.” It's been more than two weeks and we're still learning what the storm did. I have a couple of startling photos: one shows an asphalt shingle driven – at 90 degrees – into our front-yard spruce tree; another my daughter took of a two-by-four from our neighbour's fence impaling my backyard aluminum shed.

Somebody asked me the other day how I was dealing with all this upheaval. I think I said, “At least I don't have bombs falling on my head, like in Ukraine.” But then I added that after many days of dealing with dead trees and broken possessions, one afternoon last weekend I abandoned the salvage operation and changed my focus. Instead of picking up pieces of debris, I finished a raised bed that I'd started back in mid-May. Then, I planted some potatoes. Somehow the notion of nurturing some new life seemed the best antidote to coping with what we've lost.

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Gardens of Uxbridge

2022

Featuring Artisans in Selected Gardens

Saturday, June 25
 10 am - 5 pm

2022 is Canada's Year of the Garden, as declared by the House of Commons. Uxbridge Township Council followed suit and proclaimed June 17 as the Day of the Garden.

At the start of the pandemic, Canada saw the largest growth in home gardening since the Second World War. Nurseries and garden centres saw huge increases in sales of vegetables and ornamental plants and seeds. Suddenly everybody was in the garden.

On June 25, you can enjoy some of the results of all this passion for growing and cultivating by joining the Gardens of Uxbridge Tour. Buy a ticket online, gather together a friend or two, hop in your car and tour eight beautiful gardens, all in Uxbridge Township.

The eight gardens couldn't be more diverse: small plots in town settings that are jewels in bloom; wide open expanses in the country with orchard trees and rolling lawns; stone walls and running water; shade and sun, marsh and desert. Two of the gardeners will even have plants for sale.

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The tour will also feature a sculptor, a wood carver and a potter. Their work will be present in the gardens. There are suggestions to visit other points of interest and refreshment.

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Notes from the June 6 Council Meeting

Uxpool closing on weekends:
Uxbridge council met in chambers Monday for the first time since March 2020. It was the first of council's so-called hybrid meetings, meaning attendees could either show up in person or take part virtually by video. Since 2020, all council meetings have been virtual.

For Monday's meeting, all members of council were in their seats except for Regional Councillor Gord Highet and Ward 5 councillor Todd Snooks, who attended virtually. Apart from a couple of deputations, the only other people in council chambers, apart from staff, were one reporter and one member of the public.

The main item emerging from the meeting came in the announcement that Uxpool will be closing on weekends for the summer.

Aquatics manager Carolyn Clementson said in a report that a shortage of qualified lifeguards makes the move necessary. Her report said it was determined the pool will not have enough staff to offer lane and public swims during the weekends and still offer lessons and regular weekly programming.

"It has been concluded that we will need to close the pool on Saturdays and Sundays to allow more staff resources during the weekly programs," the report said.

Clementson's report said it is not just Uxpool that is facing the crunch. She said the pool has had a limited opportunity to train future lifeguards since March 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has also created an industry-wide shortage of lifeguards.

"Uxpool is experiencing this same staffing crunch as other aquatic facilities," she said.

Extra taxes for vacant stores?: Deputy mayor Willie Popp suggested that township staff bring a report to council on the feasibility of additional taxation on vacant stores in Uxbridge.

He made the motion as council discussed a resolution passed by the town of Ajax calling for support of a review of a vacant homes tax by Durham Region. His motion carried.

No storm costs yet: Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey said staff is still working on figuring out what the township's costs will be as a result of the May 21 tornado.



The USS Third Avenue Jazz Ensemble, directed by Amy Peck (pictured bottom right) is one of three high school jazz bands performing on the Main Stage at the Toronto Jazz Festival on Saturday, June 25 (2 p.m.) as part of the Big Band Slam, a free outdoor show that showcases jazz ensembles in the GTA. The band will be joined by nationally acclaimed trombonist Kelsley Grant. Photo submitted by Amy Peck

Another four years, from page 1

over the last four years," he said.
He said the priorities for the Ford government are not up to him to decide, but noted that the voters "liked our call to get things built, including

the Uxbridge hospital. That resonated with people and they felt comfortable with it."

He added that, when the legislature returns, it will be time to put into effect some of the measures he introduced in his budget just before the election.

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31 Blade side
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33 Help the environment
35 Bonanza find
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39 Vim
40 In a melodious way
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56 Specialty
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4 Stuffed pancake
5 Pro's opposite
6 Christmas song
7 Unmelodious
8 Sock pattern
9 New "Party"
10 Unusual
11 "The Raven" writer
17 Flightless bird
19 Romanov ruler
20 Dried coconut meat
21 Walking ____! Very happy (2 words)
22 Body trunks
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25 Sea bird
26 Ocean troughs
29 Monument for dead buried elsewhere
30 "Murders in the ____Morgue"
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43 Macho dude (2 words)
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Survey says... U3C shares how Uxbridge wants to deal with climate change

Submitted by the Community Engagement Committee, Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee

Two weeks ago, *derecho* winds and a tornado brought destruction to Uxbridge. Many experienced direct damage, loss of power and loss of internet, at home or at their place of business. These extreme weather events have deeply affected us all in Uxbridge Township.

This powerful storm reduced parts of the town to rubble, with several buildings missing their roofs and mature trees bent over and cracked like toothpicks. The damage to property has been extensive and will take weeks, if not months, to assess and rebuild. What will be missing from this assessment is the human toll and hardships that everyone in

our community has had to endure and will continue to endure for a long time to come. The unfortunate part is that these events will continue and become more frequent and more severe as a result of climate change. This is why immediate action is needed from all levels of government, as well as the active engagement of citizens.

It is for this reason that a small but passionate group of Uxbridge residents have banded together and partnered with the town council to form the Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee (CATC). The committee was formed in 2020 with volunteer membership from local residents with the mandate to provide a community perspective on the impact of climate change and help steer the Township's response to climate change. Its "street name" is U3C (Uxbridge Climate

Change Committee). Back in January, U3C developed a sub-committee to create and share a brief survey that intended to solicit input from residents. The feedback received was very positive and is shaping the programs and activities U3C is offering. Many respondents also indicated an interest in volunteering to support the implementation of these programs and activities.

The survey showed that there is strong support for and interest in developing community-based programs to tackle climate change. This includes raising awareness, educational outreach and community events. Key findings from the survey showed that residents of the township have some major environmental concerns:

- Preserving biodiversity (variety of

wildlife in the region, protecting greenspace)

- Minimizing waste (recycling, waste reduction, packaging)
- Increasing food security (availability/supply, access to, rising costs, quality)
- Protecting water (access to, cost, quality, flooding, water-saving strategies)
- Minimizing energy usage (cost, availability, energy efficient products/appliances, renewable energy, solar, ground water heating, energy saving strategies)

The same sub-committee that developed the survey is now developing an action plan that is also informed by the survey results. Here are a few

examples of an upcoming Speaker Series:

All you need to know about Electric Vehicles. With the skyrocketing price of fuel, there is a significant increase in interest in electric vehicles. This session will provide guidance on all you need to know to make a decision to purchase an EV. It will cover issues such as cost, available incentives, address range anxiety, type of charging stations, charging networks etc.

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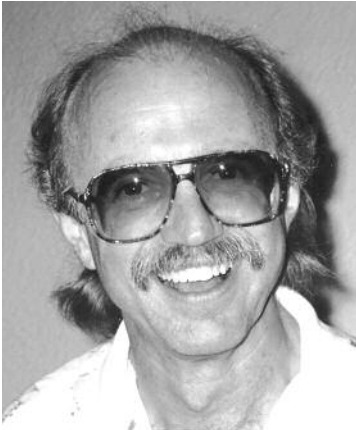
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Many backyard conversations have been about how vulnerable Uxbridge is to these extreme weather events, and what we can do going forward. U3C is committed to providing current information that will help residents make informed decisions as they repair and rebuild the community. Join U3C at upcoming events and stay tuned for the upcoming speaker series.

For more information, contact uxbridgeclimatechange@gmail.com

Obituary of Ernest (Ernie) Ivar SUNDAL 1948 ~ 2022



Ernie passed away peacefully in hospice with his family by his side on May 29, 2022. He is survived by his daughter, Kristina, and his siblings Linda and Grant.

Ernie was capable of anything that he put his mind to. Playing in bands, building street rods and motorcycles, winning championships in motocross, building his own diner and Western Town...The list goes on. He will be remembered for making every moment spent with him an adventure.

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A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, June 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews-Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 40 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, L9P 1G9.

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Ron formed so many close friendships over the years and also retained old friends from his past, all of whom will never forget his sense of humour and character.

Ron operated Ron Brown Auto Repair in Uxbridge until his stroke in 2014. For the past 5 years he made home in the "Little" stone house at the Auto Repair premise until his passing.

Ron occupied his time watching NASCAR, cheering for the Toronto Blue Jays and "texting." He loved his jigsaw puzzles and socializing (especially with the women!) - this love was fulfilled by becoming known to the residents of Uxbridge as "the man in the window" by the Beer Store.

Ron's wave, smile, hellos and "F" Bombs were contagious!

A private family service has been held by Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073), conducted by Reverend Karen Croxall. Ron has been laid to rest in the Goodwood Cemetery with family. A Service/Celebration of Life for Ron will be held at a later date.

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