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Elgin Park gets big money • No beaches here • Environmental efforts around town



WILL THE REAL MATT GUNN PLEASE STEP FORWARD? - The Springtide Music Festival, held this past weekend in Uxbridge, was an opportunity for a good time, as evidenced by local musician Matt Gunn's band, who "pranked" him by dressing up to look just like him. For more Springtide photos, see thecosmos.ca (Just in case it's difficult to tell, the real Matt Gunn is on drums.)

Photo by John Covers

Trinity trustees to recommend demolition of historic church

New building to incorporate housing, smaller worship space and stained glass windows

by Conrad Boyce

The board of trustees of Uxbridge's Trinity United Church, which received devastating damage in the May 21 tornado, has forwarded a list of options to the congregation, and in a meeting next month, will recommend that they proceed with the most heart-wrenching one: to demolish the current building, carefully preserving some of its cherished artifacts, and raise a new building in its place that would incorporate affordable housing and other public spaces, along with a much smaller worship area. The plan would also include the demolition of three buildings facing onto Main Street North, currently owned by the church.

Earlier this month, the trustees finally received an engineers' report from its insurers, which as-

sessed the damage from the tornado. After digesting its contents, the board has sent the following succinct update to the congregation:

"The engineering report has been received and it does not look good. The complete roof, the bell tower and west wall will all have to be replaced. The sanctuary floor, Friendship Hall, Chapel, washrooms, and kitchen have significant damage as well. To safely do a more detailed structural analysis will require the removal of the complete church roof frame and replacing it with a temporary flat roof consisting of steel girders, steel beams and sawn lumber roof joists and sheathing. It would also require the removal of the bell tower. Roar Engineering is currently in the process of detailing the requirements for the temporary roof and will forward these details and cost estimates to the insurance company when completed. This cost could be very significant.

As we plan for our future there are a few challenges and options to be considered regarding our future worship centre.

Option 1 Repair the current structure. This option requires the additional expense of the temporary roof structure to determine the real extent of the damage to the structure below. After the repairs are completed, we will still have an old building without all the new amenities we might like to have to enhance our church experience. It is highly likely that we could not achieve the same acoustic value of our old sanctuary. This option will likely exceed the amount of our insurance coverage and requires us to do some significant fundraising.

Option 2 Rebuild the current structure in place. This option requires the complete demolition of the church. With today's cost of labour and materials the expense to rebuild will also likely exceed the value of the insurance coverage leaving us with a major fundraising project.

Option 3 Incorporate a new church facility into the planned housing development. This option also requires that the current building,

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for Summer, 2022

Monday, August 8
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING
Community Improvement Plan, 11:30 a.m.
PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING
Notice of Complete Application
62 Mill Street, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month
2022 – Year of the Garden

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to
[Uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders)

- U22-28 - Snow Removal from Municipal Parking Lots – Closes July 28, 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 bid results are posted at [uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders).

Heritage Day 2022

We invite you to join us on August 28, 2022, to celebrate Uxbridge's local history, heritage and culture on the grounds of the Uxbridge Historical Centre at 7239 Concession Road 6.

This day of celebration will be filled with artistic and historical demonstrations, as well as various activities and performances. Details for this event:

<https://www.uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com/heritage-day-1>. For other activities, visit at the Uxbridge Heritage Centre: www.uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com

Need Help with the Permit Parking System?

Attend our
Drop-In Tech Support Session
Tuesday, Aug. 2nd
4:00-6:00pm
Council Chambers, Town Hall
51 Toronto St. S.



Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions are available at

<https://www.uxbridge.ca/careers/>

Current Opportunities

Curator & Manager – Full Time Position
(8 month – April to November contract)
and Part Time Position

(5 month – November to April contract)

Closes Friday, July 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

BIA Project Coordinator – Part Time Position
(4 month, 3 week – August 11 to December 31 contract)

Closes Friday, July 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Arena Attendant Assistant (Adult) – Part Time Position
(8-9 month contract)

Closes Friday, August 5, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Arena Attendant Assistant (Student) – Part Time Position
(8-9 month contract)

Closes Friday, August 5, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Aquatic Program Supervisor –

Permanent Part-Time

Closes Wednesday, August 17, 2022,

at 4:30 p.m.

Uxpool - Lifeguards

Closing Date Extended

Board and Committee Appointment

Opportunities

2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee

Closing Date Extended

The Township of Uxbridge is an equal opportunity employer in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and the Ontario Human Rights Code (OHRC). The Township of Uxbridge will provide accommodations throughout the recruitment and selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities and/or needs related to the OHRC. Personal information provided is collected under the authority of The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

2021 Consolidated Financial Statements

The 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge have been approved by Council and are now available to the public on the Township's website,

www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/financial-statements.aspx?_mid_=23667, under the 'Financial Statements' section. A copy of the 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Township of Uxbridge are available for pick up (at no cost) upon request, at the Tax Department in the Municipal Building, located at 51 Toronto St. South in the Township of Uxbridge.

Road Closures

- Hamilton Street from Reach Street to Munro Crescent will be closed for utility service work until July 30, 2022.
- Reach St. from Lake Ridge/Reg. Rd. 23 to 39m east of Medd Rd. in the Township of Scugog will have lane restrictions between May 16 - August 19, 2022.
- Planks Lane will be closed to traffic for road reconstruction from Marietta St. to Franklin St. between July 13 - October 14, 2022.
- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) will be closed from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury for bridge repairs, to 2024.

Notice of Road Closure



Planks Lane is closed between
Marietta St. and Franklin St. for
construction.

July 13 – October 14



Community Improvement Plan

Let us know your thoughts about the proposed amendments to the
Downtown Community Improvement Plan at our Public Meeting

Monday, August 8th, 2022
11:30am

Attend virtually or in person in Council Chambers
at Town Hall (51 Toronto St. S.)

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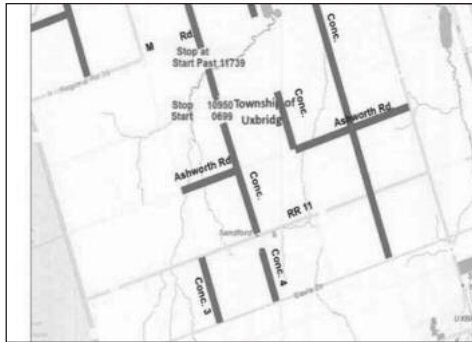
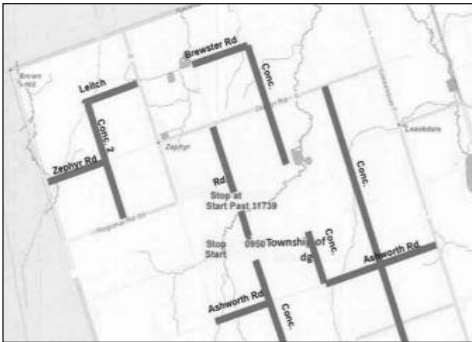
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Uxbridge at a Glance continued

Public Notice - Pesticide Use Within The Township of Uxbridge

The Township of Uxbridge intends to control noxious weeds along the following rural Concession roadsides north of Davis Drive:



The Township of Uxbridge intends to control noxious weeds along rural roadsides under their jurisdiction using Clearview Herbicide, which contains the active ingredients Metsulfuron-Methyl and Aminopyralid (PCP registration number 29752), in combination with Hasten NT Spray Adjuvant, which contains active ingredients Methyl and ethyl oleate (esterified vegetable oil) (PCP registration number 28277). Or alternatively, Navius FLEX Herbicide, which contains the active ingredients Metsulfuron – methyl and Aminocyclopyrachlor (PCP registration number 30922), in combination with Hasten NT Ultra Spray Adjuvant, which contains active ingredients Methyl and ethyl oleate (PCP registration number 31760).

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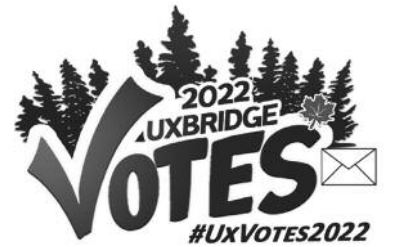
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Nominations - 2022 Municipal Election

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Township of Uxbridge
MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022



CANDIDATE NOMINATION

NOMINATIONS in the Township of Uxbridge for the Election, which will be held on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022**, will be accepted for the following list of elected offices by completing the prescribed form in the Office of the Clerk:

MAYOR One (1) Member to be elected by general vote;

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR One (1) Member to be elected by general vote;

WARD COUNCILLORS Five (5) Members to be elected by the electors of each of the five (5) Wards in the Township of Uxbridge.

REGIONAL CHAIR

One (1) to be elected by the electors of the Region of Durham.

***Note:** Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office of the Regional Municipality of Durham, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 6A3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock. ***Note:** Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office, Township of Scugog, 181 Perry Street, P.O. Box 780, Port Perry, Ontario L9L 1A7.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DURHAM CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock. ***Note:** Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1T1

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One (1) Trustee to be elected by all french public electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West. ***Note:** Nominations will be received at the City of Oshawa, City Clerk's Branch, 5th Floor, Rundle Tower, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE MONAVENIR - FRENCH LANGUAGE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected by all french catholic electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West. ***Note:** Nominations will be received at the City of Oshawa, City Clerk's Branch, 5th Floor, Rundle Tower, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations are required to be submitted on the prescribed form (available at the Clerk's office) and shall be filed **IN PERSON** or by an **AGENT** at the Clerk's Department, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario, L9P 1T1 during normal office hours (8:30am - 4:30pm) commencing May 2, 2022. The last date to file a nomination form is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 (NOMINATION DAY) between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm.**

Each filed nomination form must be accompanied with the prescribed nomination fee (\$200 – Mayor and \$100 for all other positions). No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until a nomination paper has been filed.

Further information related to these requirements or any other issues related to the Municipal Election in the Township of Uxbridge may be obtained from the Clerk's Department by calling (905) 852-9181.

Official Municipal Election Information shall be available through:

- The Township Page & Website www.uxbridge.ca/elections or via email at election@uxbridge.ca and our social media pages
- The Clerk's Department, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario, L9P 1T1.

Dated at the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge this 30th day of March, 2022.

Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk & Returning Officer.



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Our two cents

Not liking our options

Not that we want to sound harsh or callous, but it isn't often that we have a visceral reaction to any of the headlines that we publish here at the *Cosmos*. Yet 2022 has seen fit to make us deliver not one but two written punches to the gut. Number One was on the front page of our May 24 edition - "Storm over. Now real, hard work begins". We couldn't believe that we were producing a newspaper that was full of nothing but information about an EF2 tornado that tore through our town on a Saturday afternoon. Number Two - this week's front page headline.

Cosmos editor Lisha Van Nieuwenhove says she physically reacted when placing those words on the page.

"My throat constricted, tears welled up in my eyes - I couldn't believe I was seeing those words about a place that is familiar to me as my own house."

Unless a God-sent miracle occurs, the congregation of Trinity Uxbridge really has no choice but to go with Option 3 (see article). And from what we understand, this option will come with many benefits for both the congregation and the town in general. Affordable housing, a new, albeit smaller worship space, meeting rooms, offices, "and other general use facilities that the community might need" - it appears to be the best, most financially viable option. In addition, there are many around Uxbridge who will fight to ensure that every piece of heritage *anything* that can be salvaged from the church will be, carefully and painstakingly.

But, Trinity United Church Uxbridge is an icon of our little town. Since 1888 it's been a focal point of the community. It's been on postcards, note-cards, advertising for all things Uxbridge. To even try and imagine it no longer standing tall and strong on First Avenue, just peeking over the trees to survey the valley and slightly beyond, is beyond comprehension.

Even if we won a lottery today and gave every cent to Trinity and its congregation for restoration and renovation, the gorgeous building would never be the same.

We shall miss you, dear Trinity Church. Stupid tornado.

When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.

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Letters to the Editor

Re: Grant Us Tomorrow

Grant Us Tomorrow is the name of a book Dr. Jennifer Wilson has written. It is her medical memoir about her mission trips to Ghana. It covers from the vision in 2006 to the completion of a hospital in 2020, built in Carpenter.

I was very captured by the stories and found it difficult to put the book down. Many times I was moved to tears which were always transformed to joy. It is an awesome read.

Thank you, Dr. Jen, for sharing this glimpse into your medical passions.

Donna McKenney
Uxbridge

Re: "How do I get to Yorkville?" July 21

I enjoyed reading Ted Barris's column about the times he spent in the Yorkville area in the early '70s. It brought back a myriad of memories for me when I was an entertainer there, in the summer of '67. It was a very special place in its time and location and, as Ted mentioned, it was also the birthplace of many musicians who became famous.

I was half of a musical duo named The Remnants, who performed at the Mynah Bird which was, at that time, the first topless dancing event in Toronto. We performed, of all things, Canadian, traditional folk music during the intermission sessions. The audience politely enjoyed our music but the main reason for us being there was to give the top-

less dancers a break and to tone down the audience.

We had taken a year off to pursue an adventure that involved traveling across the country entertaining at coffee houses, *boîte a chansons*, weddings, benefit venues and bars. This was a momentous and very unusual time of my life and also a time that will be forever cherished.

Thank you, Ted, for bringing back that unique era of Yorkville. It held a brief but special space in my year of incredible adventures.

John Wilson
Uxbridge

Free parking for Uxbridge residents at Durham Forest Trailheads is discriminatory

As a Durham Regional Forest trail user, I have no objections to paid parking, or user-pay principles on Durham Regional Forest trails, but I absolutely object to discriminatory fees when one set of taxpayers - Uxbridge residents - are given preferential treatment to access Durham regional property - in this case through the provision of free parking.

Unlike the Fields of Uxbridge, which is a municipal facility, Durham Regional Forest tracts are not exclusively funded or maintained by Uxbridge residents, but by taxpayers, including myself, through the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, and the Region of Durham and its municipalities. As such, charging parking fees for residents of every municipality except

Uxbridge is patently discriminatory, sets a bad example for other public properties in Durham and elsewhere, and, moreover, smacks of a thinly veiled way to discourage broader use of these properties to the benefit of so-called "locals".

To repeat, these properties are owned and managed by regional authorities - they are not the private parks of Uxbridge residents. "Free parking for the privileged" needs to be halted. There is a major principle of equity at play. Everyone should pay their fair share - including residents of Uxbridge.

David Le Roy
Uxbridge

As a resident of Goodwood, and a fan of the award-winning show *Schitt's Creek*, a sitcom which was primarily filmed in the quaint town of Goodwood, I had an inspiration.

My twin boys, at the ages of two to three-years old, were alternately the baby in the film *Anne of Green Gables*, written by Lucy Maud Montgomery, who lived in Leaskdale, just a few miles from Goodwood.

Each time we drove past the Montgomery house, we would comment on the metal plaque commemorating the location and author.

Currently, one of our family works at Annina's Bakeshop in Goodwood and we all stop by to enjoy the baked goods and various coffee and juice drinks weekly. The repeatedly fascinating sight is to see the many visitors about the town - couples, families, and travelers who have

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

"I apologize...but"

When offering an apology for one's past actions or misdeeds, ending the apology with the word "but," (either spoken or implied), totally brings the sincerity of the apology into question. Such was the case this week when Pope Francis offered an apology to the indigenous people of Canada.

While stating over and over how sorry he was for the suffering and traumatization of Canada's Indigenous people caused by the residential school system, under which thousands of Indigenous children were taken from their homes and separated from their families, language and culture, Francis apparently felt it necessary to put in that "but."

"Many Christians supported the colonizing mentality of the powers that oppressed the Indigenous peoples," he said. "Many members of the church and of religious communities co-operated . . . in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time."

In other words, I'm sorry, *but* it wasn't just us.

Francis was invited to Canada to apologize for the Roman Catholic church's role in the running of the residential schools and for all the abuses suffered by the children forced to attend. Instead, by claiming that others also bore responsibility, he watered down the apology with an excuse.

He then went on to say "an important part of this process will be to conduct a serious investigation into the facts of what took place in the past." Didn't we already have that investigation by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? Isn't that what brought us to where we are today?

If Francis really wants "a serious investigation into the facts," why hasn't he ordered various Catholic orders to turn over their records relating to the residential schools? As St. Anne's residential school survivor Evelyn Korkmaz noted after Francis' speech: "There was no mention in his apology of releasing the documents that we desperately need across Canada."

Korkmaz said the records "hold where these lost souls were buried. These documents hold the identification of these children, it would give their families, loved ones, closure. They belong here in Canada. They belong to us. This is our history; they don't belong in Rome."

She added that she has waited 50 years to hear the apology but "I want more because 50 years is too long to wait for an apology."

In addition, apart from the records, why have so many priests who have been accused of sexual and physical abuse of children been moved around from parish to parish by the church to protect them? And why there was absolutely no mention of such sexual and physical abuse in the Pope's speech. Yes, he referred to the residential school system as "evil," but that word means nothing without context. Whether or not you buy the excuse that the church was simply following the policies of the government in power, that simply is not acceptable in the case of sexual and physical abuse. And keep in mind that this is not some event that took place way back in history: the last residential school didn't close until the 1990s.

If you think this papal visit is going to bring about a greater understanding of the Indigenous peoples and the way they have been (and are being) treated, think again. On social media, the comments sections of various news reports on the Pope's apology have been awash with vitriolic, racial slurs against the Indigenous population. On an almost daily basis, we hear of some Indigenous person being discriminated against or treated unfairly. And Indigenous girls and women still go missing regularly.

Finally, I find it difficult to understand how the Indigenous population can believe the words of a patriarchal white man when such men have lied and broken treaties and promises time and time again.

So, I would say to Pope Francis: I'm sorry, but . . .

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Air waves are much poorer today

You know that little trick radio disc jockeys use when they're introducing a song on the air? It's the ability to talk over the instrumental lead-in, and finish the intro just before the singer sings the first lyric. It was the trademark of all the best DJs on private Top-40 radio stations we listened to back in the 1960s and '70s.

I learned how to do that – make a live, smooth-as-glass intro end just before the vocalist begins to sing – from a contemporary of mine in broadcasting, friend Dave Fisher. Let me tell you, it's a lot harder to accomplish than you think. But I learned from Dave, if you prepare your program – I mean *really* prepare – then you can make broadcasting sound seamless, professional and natural.

Dave Fisher and I worked on air together in Lindsay, at AM radio station CKLY Radio 910, in the summer of 1969. Fisher and I came from completely different backgrounds in radio. That year, I was halfway through my broadcast training at Ryerson and looking for a summer job on air to gain experience and to earn some tuition. Dave, on the other hand, had just finished high school. He wasn't interested in *studying* radio. He just wanted to *do it!* That summer I lucked out, landing a DJ job at CKLY hosting the summer all-night show. That meant I picked the music, introduced and spun the vinyl discs, ripped teletype copy and read the news at the top of each hour, and delivered all the commercials live too. In other words, I never left the control room from midnight to 6 a.m.

At the time, Fisher, who was a pal of my sister's, asked if there were any positions available at CKLY that summer he might apply for. I asked the station manager if he'd give Dave a chance to read the news each hour, so that I could catch my breath (and get a bathroom break). The manager said OK. That's when and where I discovered the Dave Fisher school of broadcasting. "If you get a break, make the most of it," was his motto.

Every night that summer, Dave gathered the teletype news material. He retyped it, edited it for time and pacing, and rehearsed it to death. Then, he did it all over again the next hour. It was no surprise later that year, when Fisher landed a full-time job – the evening rock DJ at CKLY.

In those years, a working DJ had to have

thick skin and a suitcase always at the ready. Dave bounced from stations around Ontario to several out West developing his on-air chops, climbing the ladder to bigger city stations and scoring great ratings all along the way. In 1984, he landed in Montreal. He was ready for prime-time radio and it was ready for him. For 32 years he devoured just about every shift the station threw at him. When he landed comfortably on weekend mornings with his show "Dave's World," early risers in Montreal began hearing some of the best talk radio programming in the country. Whether it was politics, science, showbiz, gardening, history or trivia, Dave studied, prepared and was conversant in all of it. I was lucky to be on the receiving end of all that preparation. He interviewed me easily a dozen times on a dozen different books I'd written. In preparation, he read every page and I had to be on my toes for his articulate and challenging questions. He was the best!

My fellow broadcaster and friend Dave Fisher died last Wednesday. He was 71 years young and barely into his well-earned retirement. He was – as everybody's been saying this week, not *a* consummate broadcaster, but *the* consummate broadcaster.

I think I heard Dave stumped only once on-air. One night, early in his CKLY DJ career, our family (pranksters all) called in and asked Dave to play a recording by "the famous" Jonathan and Darlene Edwards. In fact, the performers on the disc were big band stars – pianist Paul Weston and singer Jo Stafford – playing and singing purposely off key because it was a comedy album. On our recommendation, Dave played a cut from the disc. He hadn't time to preview it. It sounded terrible because it was *supposed* to sound terrible. I think it was the only unprepared on-air moment in Dave Fisher's long and storied career. When the song was over, with his distinctive on-air laugh, Dave commented, "Live and learn."

Dave Fisher *learned* broadcasting like no other. He *lived* broadcasting like no other. And if it can be said of anyone, he *mastered* broadcasting like no other. We'll miss you, my friend.

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Elgin Pond 'safe' for swimming – but not recommended

by Justyne Edgell

A recent report released by the region's health department says that Uxbridge's Elgin Pond is "safe for swimming."

During the summer months the

Durham Region Health Department monitors levels of E. coli bacteria at 14 different public beaches. The water is considered unsafe for swimming when "one sample contains 400 or more E. coli bacteria per 100 millilitres, or the geometric

mean of five samples is 200 or more," says the Region. The levels and numbers for Elgin Pond (and the other 14 beaches) are not listed on the report, but Elgin Pond is listed as "open."

While Elgin Pond may not hold a risk for an E. coli infection, it's likely not the best spot to go for a dip. As seen in past summers, the pond can often have dangerous blue/green algae and other bacteria that is not tested regularly by the Health Department.

If your family has been in Uxbridge for a long time, you may know that several decades ago the pond *was* used for swimming, and even had a large swimming dock.

"It has not been a pond for swimming for decades," says Uxbridge Township director of community services Amanda Ferraro. "We purposely planted shrubs around the edges to deter swimming and we stock the pond with speckled trout every year to keep the pond healthy."

"We like to promote Elgin Park and Pond as a great place to fish and to enjoy the scenery," she continues. "Summer Camps also use the pond to learn how to canoe."

If you're planning a dip at a Regional, public beach, check out <https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/beaches.aspx> ahead of your visit for updated reports on water safety.

Letters, from page 4

taken the time and made the trip to see "Schitt's Creek." The town and its buildings continue to appeal to the sitcom's many fans. Most have cameras and pictures are taken, but what's missing is a 5 ft. metal cast plaque to grace any photo accompanied by a visiting fan.

As a resident fan, I am proposing and hoping that residents and visitors volunteer to make donations to produce and mount a permanent commemorative plaque celebrating the six-year running sitcom filmed in Goodwood. Winning seven prime time and nine Emmys is an all-time historic win thanks to the unique little town location, now world famous.

I have personally opened a new TD bank account with a substantial deposit to prime the plaque donations, and suggest that any contribution of \$500 or more have the donor's name inscribed on the back of the plaque.

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Feds give huge boost to Elgin Park project

by Roger Varley

Jennifer O'Connell, Liberal MP for Pickering-Uxbridge, came to town last week to announce a major federal government grant for improvements planned for Elgin Park.

With Mayor Dave Barton at her side, O'Connell said the grant will be in the amount of \$747,750, which she noted was roughly three-quarters of the amount needed for the improvements. The grant comes from the federal government's Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

Noting that the improvements include a "path of inclusion," O'Connell said Uxbridge "is going to be a model on how to be inclusive." Barton said the funding "will help our community bounce back from COVID." He said that apart from the "top-notch accessible playground," the improvements will allow the Uxbridge Optimist Club to extend its Fantasy of Lights display at Christmas, provide year-round public washrooms for downtown visitors and improve safety with additional lighting.

With the majority of funding now in place, work is expected

to begin in September to replace the existing playground with a new inclusive and fully accessible playground; winterize the public washrooms for year-round use; install additional lighting and power infrastructure along pathways; create a "pathway of inclusion" to recognize diversity in the community; and build a new shade pavilion. Construction is expected to be finished in December.

Bob Armitage of the Uxbridge Lions Club, which spearheaded the drive for an accessible playground, said the club still needs to raise somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to reach its goal. He said anyone wishing to donate to the cause can do so by visiting the club's website at uxbridgelions.ca.

In the meantime, the Lions will be bringing back their popular Art in the Park on Aug. 20-21. The event has been on hold since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The fate of Trinity Church, from page 1

including Trinity Hall, be demolished, and then the additional footprint would be included in the planning for a new housing opportunity at 15, 19 and 23 Main Street with a modern multi-purpose worship space (200 seats), kitchen, meeting rooms, offices, and other general use facilities that the community might need. This option could leave our congregation with a new facility which incorporates some of the current church artifacts (stained glass windows, bell tower) in the new design. With this option, it should be possible to avoid any significant fundraising.”

“It is going to be a very difficult decision,” said trustee chair Ted Meyers, “but we believe the third option

makes the most sense from almost every point of view. For some time, we’ve planned to use our Main Street properties for affordable housing in the same style as Trinity Manor, and now we have an opportunity to include a new worship centre in the same building, one that more closely reflects our current situation.”

The 200-seat sanctuary is a significant downsizing from the one in the 1888 church, which accommodated up to 1,000 people for biennial performances of Handel’s *Messiah*. It would more than suffice, however, for Trinity’s current congregation.

The three buildings on Main Street North include a small bungalow, a two-story apartment building, and a multi-use structure that has housed a number of small food service businesses in the recent past, the current one being Jurgen’s Deli.

“There’s no urgency for those tenants to vacate,” said Meyers. “No matter which option is decided on, we have to deal with the damaged church before we can make a beginning on any new building. If we decide to proceed with demolition, it will be a slow and delicate process, to give us the best chance of preserving the stained glass windows and other heritage features.”

Although several cherished features of the sanctuary, such as the organ, were irreparably damaged by the collapse of the roof, the windows are still intact, as are many of the pews, and it is hoped that these, along with a restored bell tower, can be incorporated into the new worship centre. Meyers said it would be “wonderful” if the building’s facade facing First Avenue was very reminiscent of the historic structure.

Until the congregation decides on which option to pursue, and a detailed plan for demolition and reconstruction is drafted, Meyers said it would be difficult to predict how long the project will take, and at what cost. In the meantime, the congregation will continue to use the Seniors Centre for its weekly services, and for a small office as well.

“All of this was caused by just 15 minutes of nature’s destruction,” said Meyers. “It’s tragic when you look at what the congregation, and the community, has lost, but it’s also an opportunity to create something new, that will keep a lot of the beauty of the old church, and give Uxbridge very useful new facilities. We look forward to that challenge.”



RENEWAL - These three buildings on Main Street North, all owned by Trinity United Church, are likely to be demolished along with the current church, whose tornado-damaged roof can be seen behind them. They would be replaced by a building combining affordable housing and a smaller worship centre, along with other public spaces. *Photo by Conrad Boyce*



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Retiring from work: A women's perspective

To save for retirement with confidence, it's important to think about when you want to retire and how you want to spend your time. Once you have your vision – or goal – you need a strategy to achieve it. Even if you've already started saving, it's important to regularly review your strategy and consider these five questions.

1. When do you plan to retire? When you want to retire determines how many years you have to save. If a man and woman of the same age wish to retire at the same future age, the woman may actually have fewer years of earnings to save. Why? According to Statistics Canada, women have retained a disproportionate share of housework, childcare and eldercare, contributing to their heightened vulnerability to financial insecurity.¹ It's important for women to take this factor into account when developing a savings strategy. This could include working more years, saving more while working, coordinating with a spouse's savings or simply planning to spend less in retirement.

2. How long might your retirement last? In general, women live longer than men. The longer you live, the longer your retirement savings will need to last. This means

your strategy should take a longer retirement into account.

Did you know? According to "Statistics Canada: A portrait of the population aged 85 and older in Canada in 2016," at age 85 and up the approximate ratio of women to men is two to one.

3. How much risk is right for you? Risk tolerance is one of the legs of a personal retirement strategy. You'll want to be comfortable with your investments while ensuring they work as hard as they can. You'll want to avoid taking more risk than you need by determining what level of risk you are comfortable accepting and then balance it with the required risk necessary to achieve your long-term goals.

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4. How do you balance saving for retirement with other goals? While retirement may seem further off than other goals, time is a valuable asset – so don't delay saving for one goal over another. Instead, view your goals together.

A solid savings strategy includes solutions for both your short and

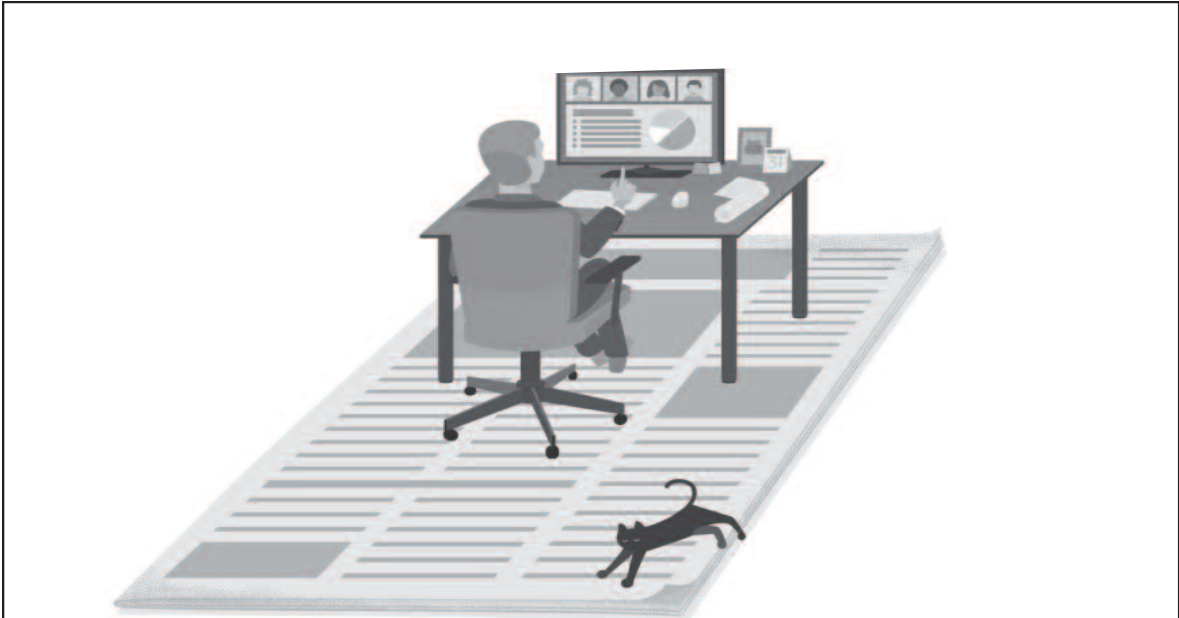
long-term priorities. We are well-equipped to help identify solutions for managing multiple priorities in ways that complement rather than compete with one another.

5. Have you taken steps to manage unexpected events? Every good plan requires contingencies for unexpected events, such as illness or job loss. According to Statistics Canada, women's economic position within the household has increased as evidenced by the growth of dual-earner families; women are also out-earning their husbands. Couple households have shifted away from a husband-dominated process to a joint decision-making process. Women now play a greater, if not primary role, in the purchase of large ticket items such as houses, automobiles, insurance and financial services.² And with careful preparation and a well-diversified portfolio, we can help you weather unexpected changes that may come your way.

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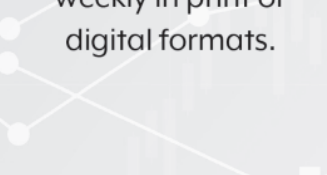
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UXBRIDGE MINDFULNESS/INSIGHT MEDITATION has resumed in-person meetings. Every other Sunday, 10 a.m. Whether experienced or new to meditation, all are welcome. Location is Blue Heron Studio. Email Gail: ghorner550@gmail.com

PERSONAL

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U3C supports Rotary environmental initiatives

Submitted by the Community Engagement Committee, Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee & Dr. Michael Banh for the Rotary Club of Uxbridge

Rotary celebrated two major milestones during this past year - a new commitment to “Support The Environment” by Rotary International and the 25th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge. In commemoration of both events, the club set out to complete 25 environmentally-focused initiatives. To date, the club reports that it has completed 22 of those environmental goals - proof of what incredible things can be achieved with a shared vision and the drive to make a difference. We thought you'd like to hear about some of these initiatives.

One of the first steps that our club took to embrace Rotary's environmental objectives was to educate our members and the community at large with inspiring and knowledgeable guest speakers. Transitioning our meetings into a virtual format allowed us to connect with speakers from across the globe. We were fortunate to learn from Narasimha Hegde, an expert in India who taught us about the importance of mangrove plantations in carbon sequestration.

In June, Dr. Andrew Gunther, a respected environmental scientist from San Francisco, spoke to the club on the topic of “Climate Change - Must we change? Can we change? Will we change?”

Community education and the engagement of our youth are essential if we are to have a chance at overcoming the climate crisis. That is why our club recently established an annual \$1,000 scholarship for a local high school graduate entering post-secondary studies in Environmental Sciences. We also created educational packages that were distributed to Uxbridge's elementary schools containing pollinator seeds donated by Zehrs and a copy of the book “How to Raise Monarch Butterflies” by Carol Pasternak, donated by Firefly Books. We also donated 100 packets of pollinator seeds to the Uxbridge Public Library's “Seedy Saturday” event and another 50 packets to Uxbridge Earth Kids.

As a group dedicated to “Service Above Self,” we decided that adopting a portion of Concession 6 would align perfectly with our Rotary values and environmental goals. Committing to clean up the road three times a year, our volunteers trekked through the uneven terrain picking up all sorts of litter including coffee cups, plastic bottles, fast food packaging, and disposable masks. In honour of Earth Day, we coupled our Adopt-A-Road cleanup with a district-wide Rotary event, “The Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup,” which involved over 20,000 Rotarians across Ontario and parts of the US. Club members and friends of Rotary

coursed through Elgin Park and the fields behind Zehrs, collecting 15 bags of garbage.

Some of you will know that I am not only a Rotarian, but also a general dentist with a passion for greener, more sustainable dentistry. In collaboration with Uxbridge Family Dentistry, our club undertook the initiative to collect used oral care products for proper recycling. All community members are encouraged to dispose of their used plastic toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, plastic floss containers, mouthwash bottles, and electric toothbrush heads in the large collection box located at the entrance of Uxbridge Family Dentistry. Once collected, these plastic waste products, normally destined for landfills, are shipped to a company called TerraCycle, which processes the waste into plastic pellets that can be used to make new plastic products such as benches or playgrounds. In addition to recycling these products, TerraCycle will also provide a cash donation to the Rotary Club of Uxbridge's Charitable Foundation for each shipment of oral care products. Uxbridge Family Dentistry has pledged to match the first \$1,000 received from TerraCycle, with several generous Rotarians also making the same commitment. Our goal is to have additional drop-off locations established throughout the community in order to divert even more plastic waste from our landfills.

Rotary fundraisers have also started to take on an environmental focus. Our club has partnered with a company that repurposes food grade shipping containers and converts them into rain barrels or composting units. Conserve water and convert your food waste directly to compost by purchasing a unit online in support of our club at www.rainbarrel.ca/uxbridgerotary.

In May, we held a Scrap Metal and E-Waste Collection Day. This Rotary initiative has had a long history of diverting metal waste from entering landfills, while also providing precious funds for our local and international projects.

Our proudest environmental undertaking thus far has been our partnership with the Township of Uxbridge and Uxbridge Nurseries to plant 700 native trees and shrubs in the Fields of Uxbridge. With the help of community groups such as North Durham Nature and 1st Uxbridge Scouts, we've established the foundation of what we now call The Rotary Legacy Forest. We also built and erected 15 birdhouses to attract wildlife and promote biodiversity. The birdhouses are being monitored by volunteers and now show signs of Northern Bluebird tenants establishing their nests for the breeding season. We hope that generations of humans and animals alike will benefit from the Rotary Legacy Forest for decades to come.

In Memory of Charles Trenka

It is with great sadness that Charles Trenka's family announces his sudden passing, in Sudbury, on July 11, 2022.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Diane, his sister Kathleen (Uxbridge), his two daughters Kristina (John) and Tanya (Dave), and his two granddaughters, Grace and Elise.

Charles was born on Christmas Day, 1940, in Toronto, to Charles and Paula (Brindza) Trenka. He attended elementary school in Utica, high school in Port Perry then graduated from U of T in Mechanical Engineering in 1962. He worked, until retirement in 2001, for the Ministry of Labour under the mining and safety and health division, located in Sudbury.

Cremation has taken place. No service at this time. If desired, please make a donation to the local charity of your choice.



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CAR OF THE WEEK - Last Thursday's Cruise In Feature of the week was a 1931 Ford Street Rod wrapped with a small block blown Chev engine, owned by Duane Sima. This week the feature vehicle is "a work in progress." Hope to see you there!
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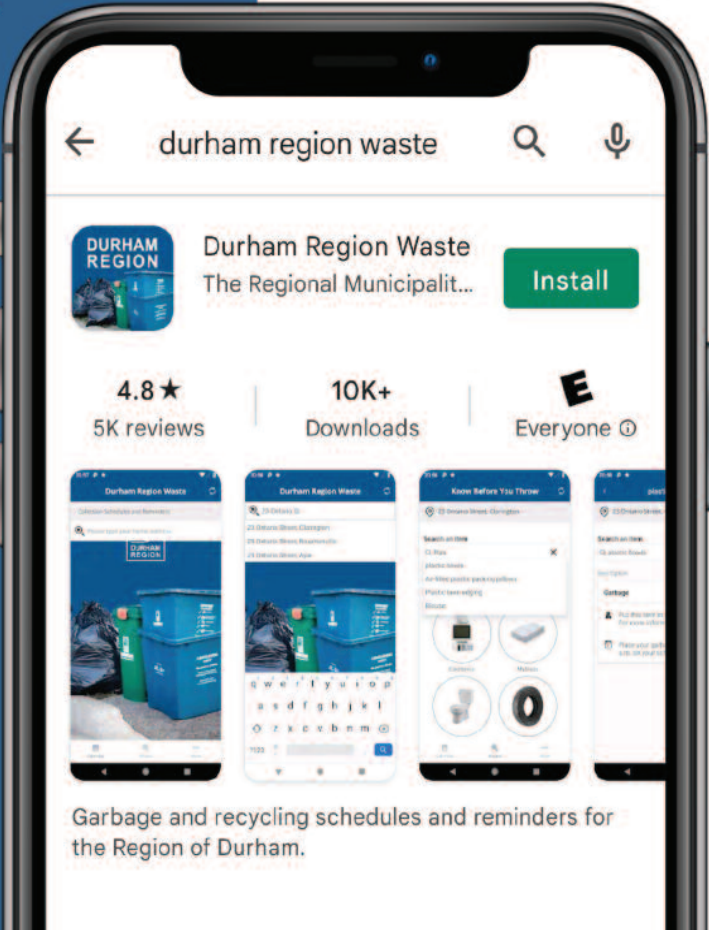
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