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**MUSHROOM MAGIC** - Mikaela Kearns, 10, shows off the painting she did at Art in the Park, hosted by the Uxbridge Lions Club and held last weekend in Elgin Park. The weather fortunately cooperated for the hundreds of people who attended the event and the artists alike. *Photo by John Covers*

## Next council will have two new faces

by Roger Varley

When the next Uxbridge council is sworn in towards the end of the year, there will be at least two new faces on the panel. As well, there will be a new regional councillor.

Nominations for the October municipal election closed at 2 p.m. last Friday and the official

list of certified candidates shows that local electors will have a slew of choices in front of them. However, there will be no choice for mayor or Ward 4 councillor. That is because Mayor Dave Barton is acclaimed, since no one has chosen to run against him, and Willie Popp is similarly acclaimed in Ward 4.

Despite being acclaimed, Popp said he doesn't

want "to ride out the election."

"I'll still be communicating with residents in Ward 4 and focusing on the downtown revitalization," he said. He said that he will make himself available at the *Cosmos*-hosted all-candidates meeting but added: "I don't want to take anything away from the other candidates."

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## Council & Committee Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for September, 2022

Monday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Public Meeting-309 Zephyr Rd., 7:00 p.m.

Public Meeting-181 Toronto St. S., 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT  
MEETING

### Proclamations for the Month

September - National Hunger Action Month  
2022 – Year of the Garden

## Employment Opportunities

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**Public Works and Operations/Office of the  
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**Board and Committee Appointment**

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## Road Closures

- Village Green Lane from 46 and 52 Village Green Lane will be closed for underground utility work between August 17 – August 31, 2022.
- Planks Lane from Marietta St. to Franklin St. will be closed to traffic for road reconstruction between July 13 - October 14, 2022.
- Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 23) from 100m north of Myrtle Road (Reg. Rd. 5) to 1.6 km north of Chalk Lake Road will be minor traffic delays for construction work between August 22, 2022 – September 2023.
- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury will be closed for bridge repairs, to 2024.

# Uxbridge at a Glance

The Corporation of The Township of Uxbridge  
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## Region of Durham - Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision

## Township of Uxbridge - Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Township Zoning By-Law Amendment

This Notice is to inform you that an application has been received from Larkin + Land Use Planners Inc on behalf of 2773791 Ontario Incorporated by the Region of Durham for a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and by the Township of Uxbridge for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, all of which have been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

The Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge and the Region of Durham will jointly hold a statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Township Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Sections 51 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

The statutory public meeting will be held in a hybrid format. There will be an electronic option available for those wishing to practice social distancing and an in-person option held simultaneously in Council Chambers at Township of Uxbridge Town Hall (51 Toronto St S., Uxbridge). The Region of Durham will be processing the application for Draft Plan of Subdivision, together with the Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Zoning By-law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

### PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

The proposed application is the for the development of a 10 unit townhouse development configured in 2 blocks, with access provided by a private rear lane accessed via Toronto St S.

### PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- The purpose of this application is rezone the Subject Lands from Residential First Density (R1) Zone to Residential Multiple Density Exception (RM-XX) Zone to facilitate the 10 unit residential development.
- The subject property is designated as Living Area on Schedule 'A' – Map 'A2' of the Durham Region Official Plan and identified as Residential Area in the Township Official Plan.
- The Applicant has submitted concurrent applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision with the Region of Durham, and for Site Plan Approval with the Township of Uxbridge.

### LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property, is located on the eastern side of Toronto Street South between Elgin Park Drive and Cemetery Road, having the municipal address of 181 Toronto Street South, and is legally described as PT E 1/2 LT 28 CON 6, AS IN D205130; Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

**TOWNSHIP FILE. NO.:** Zoning By-Law Amendment: ZBA 2022-05  
Site Plan Approval application: SPD 2022-06  
Draft Plan of Subdivision: SUB 2022-02

**REGIONAL FILE NO.** Draft Plan of Subdivision:S-U-2022-02

**APPLICANT:** Larkin + Land Use Planners Inc.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the proposed Township Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection in the Development Services Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario. It is preferred that if you require additional information that it be requested by email, mail, fax, or telephone from the undersigned. However, if necessary, the Township Offices can be accessed by appointment by contacting the undersigned.

Jennifer Beer

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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, September 12, 2022

**TIME:** Public Meeting 7:45 p.m.

**MEETING PLACE:** Uxbridge Town Hall Council Chambers; 51 Toronto St S., Uxbridge

### REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

#### 1. Written Submissions

Written submissions related to the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision should be addressed to the Planning & Economic Development Department of the region of Durham at the address shown below. Written submissions related to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. If you wish to be notified of the approval or the refusal of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, you must make a written request to the Planning & Economic Development Department of the Region of Durham. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption of the by-law.

#### 2. Oral Submission

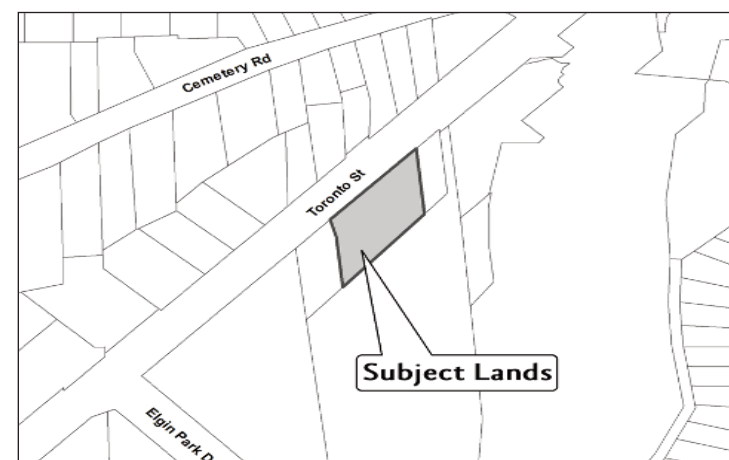
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### DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

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### KEY MAP (not to scale)



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## Uxbridge at a Glance continued

### Region of Durham - Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision Township of Uxbridge - Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Township Zoning By-Law Amendment

This Notice is to inform you that the Region of Durham and the Township of Uxbridge will hold a joint statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 51 and Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

The applications have been made by Eco Vue Consulting on behalf of China Canada Jing Bei Xin Min International Co. Ltd. (QSRP Developments), and have been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. The Region of Durham will be processing the Draft Plan of Subdivision application and The Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Zoning By-law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

#### PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATIONS:

- The purpose of these applications is the proposed development of a 2.96 ha portion of the total 40 ha site, to create seven (7) single detached dwellings on an L-shaped cul-de-sac extending south from Zephyr Road. A turning circle is proposed at south of the development which could be extended in the future. Frontages of the proposed lots range from 35.4 m to 106.66 m and lot areas range from 0.29 ha to 0.47 ha.
- The purpose of the Draft Plan of Subdivision application is to create the seven (7) lots and the proposed public roads.
- The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone a portion of the Subject Property from "RU- Rural" to "HR – Hamlet Residential" to implement the proposed draft plan of subdivision
- The Subject Property is currently designated "Hamlet" in the Region of Durham's Official Plan.
- The Subject Property is zoned "Rural (RU)", Environmental Protection (EP), and Open Space Exception 3 (OS-3).

#### LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES:

The Subject Property is a 40 hectare parcel located at 309 Zephyr Road (Regional Road 13), east of Regional Road 39 and is legally described as Part of Lot 25, Concession 3 (former Scott Township) in the Geographic Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The portion of the lands to be subdivided is a 2.96 hectare site occupied by the former Lockwood Golf Course entrance driveway and associated structures and is zoned RU - Rural. The subject lands are shown on the key map below.

**FILE NO.:** ZBA 2012-08  
SUB 2012-1  
S-U-2012-01

**APPLICANT:** CHINA CANADA JING BEI XIN MIN INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD. (QSRP DEVELOPMENTS) Eco Vue Consulting, Agent

**RELATED FILE NO.:** SPD 2012-14

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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#### PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

This Notice is being given in accordance with Planning Act requirements. A final recommendation on the application will not be presented until after the Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

The public meeting is being held both electronically and in person. The livestream for public viewing will be available at <https://calendar.uxbridge.ca>. The meeting date and time is as follows:

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, September 12, 2022

**TIME:** Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MEETING PLACE:** Uxbridge Town Hall Council Chambers, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge

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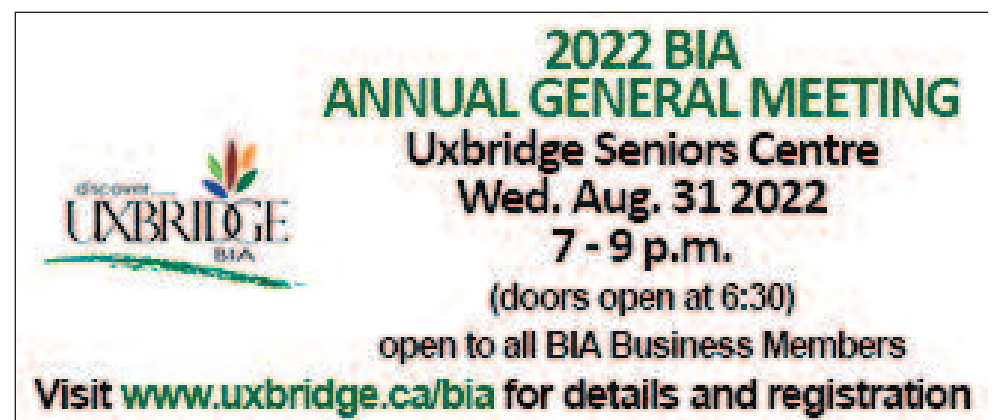
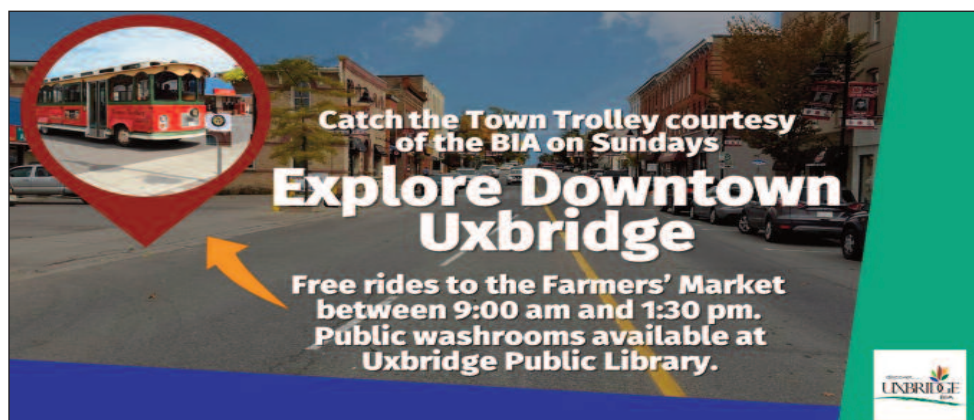
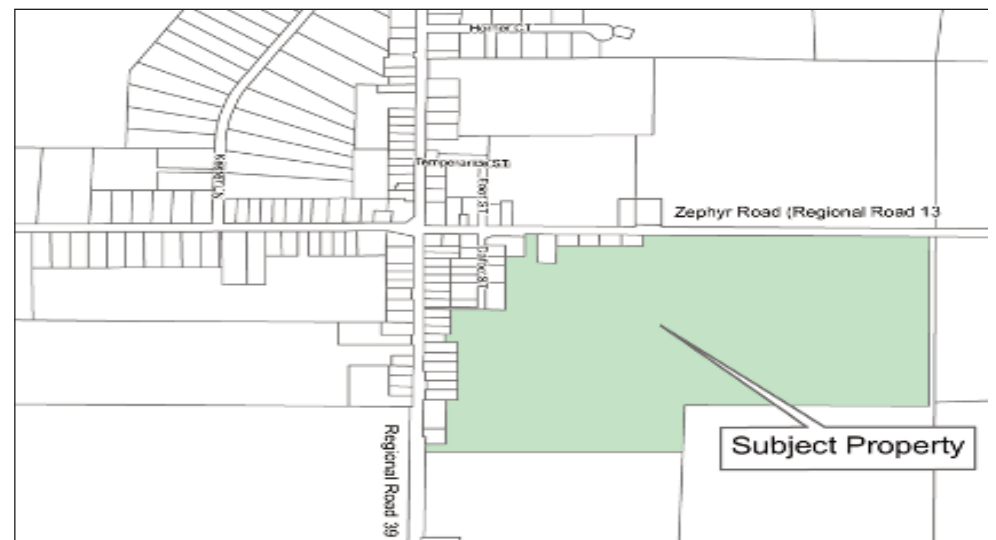
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Region of Durham or Township of Uxbridge before the proposed applications are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Uxbridge to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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#### DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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#### KEY MAP (not to scale)



# Our two cents

## Stop complaining and just slow down

As you will read on page 7, or may have already seen on your social media platform of choice, the Region announced on Monday that a specific area of downtown Uxbridge - basically from the Uxbridge Hospital to Brock St., from the Second Wedge Brewing Co. to the high school, and Testa Rd. to Elgin Pond - will go from having a 50 km/h speed limit to a 40 km/h speed limit. The change, which will go into effect on Friday, Aug. 26, is being met with a variety of reactions.

Some complain that slower traffic means increased air pollution. Some wonder if the reduced speed limit will act as a deterrent to the transport trucks that still insist on driving through the middle of Uxbridge, as opposed to taking the truck detour. Yet others wonder why the speed reduction wasn't extended to the outer limits of town so that the 40 zone would include the high school crossing at the east end, and the primary school crossing at the west end. And, of course, enforcement of the new speed limit is an issue, with many assuming that, if there aren't any cops around to issue tickets on a regular basis, no one is going to pay attention to the new rules anyway, so what difference does it all make?

We gauged all these reactions on a particular page on Facebook, and had to chuckle when Mayor Dave Barton suggested that one resident (upset that downtown got a new speed limit before the residential side streets got one) "pay more attention or relax a little". Barton then clearly explained that before the side streets could be addressed by the township, the region had to do its part on the main streets first.

"Please wait about a month until the additional changes can be made on the township owned streets," added Barton in the thread.

Barton also explained that the new speeds have been in the works for a couple of years, and shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. But people are resistant to change, even when it means change that will ultimately lead to the better. We'd like to suggest that, instead of getting your tailpipes in a twist, you try following the rules of the road, make constructive suggestions to your ward councillor rather than griping online, and "relax a little."

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## Letters to the Editor

**Re: The Barris Beat, Aug. 11**

As a relatively new resident of Uxbridge, I read with interest Ted Barris's recent editorial on "Our national game in the penalty box."

As a former Junior B college and AHL hockey player, I can speak with experience on the prevalence of toxic masculinity in our national sport. Ted did an excellent job of drawing attention this tragedy and linking it back to our roles as parents and caretakers of this wonderful sport. It's long overdue for the light of accountability and responsibility to be shone into the dark corners of hockey and drag the Canadian game into the 21st century.

People ask me all the time if my son (now seven) will play hockey, and what holds me back is not the on-ice challenges. It's the off-ice behaviour that concerns me.

I benefitted from having strong female role models in my life coupled with a tight family and a religious core that kept me on the straight and narrow. Others were not so lucky. I hear the "boys will boys" argument all the time, and I agree that boys should be boys with their energy, courage and strength. But what we are seeing here is not "boys being boys" but boys being predators, with females in vulnerable positions. Being a man means standing up for others, not taking advantage of them.

Thankfully this seems to be a problem largely focused at the elite levels of the sport. The celebrity, promise of future riches and entitlement it brings does not exist at the

house league or men's league levels. However, hockey is not the only sport that is plagued by toxic masculinity, as any pro or college football player can tell you.

I played with lots of great guys and I benefitted greatly from my time in hockey. I'd love to see the sport get cleaned up and restore the WJC to its former glory, but first we need to deal with the past and say "this is not OK" to all current and future hockey players.

*Alan Sinclair  
Uxbridge*

**Re: Trinity United Church**

This church's roots date back to the early 1800s when Methodist circuit riders/saddle bag preachers held home meetings in the area. The congregation was founded in 1858. Please save what can be saved for the history of Uxbridge.

Why tear down a historic church to build a smaller one and construct apartment buildings that will add to the "concrete jungle" that Uxbridge has become?

First, the woods and walking trails on Elgin Park Dr. were taken to build houses, then Reach St. woods and houses were taken to build more houses, and Brock St. east of Uxbridge by the high school was taken to build more houses. There was no thought about the animals, birds, bees and insects that live in these areas. They have to move on to find another place to live.

Did the people who are making the decision regarding the future of Trinity think about how it will affect the history of Uxbridge, or of

the residents who currently reside in those buildings on Main St. who are now unsure of their future? Some residents there currently work close to their home, which is convenient.

To build an apartment building where these buildings stand will also add to the traffic congestion in the town and interfere more with the animal habitat and the bee, butterfly and insect population. Without the bees, butterflies and insects there will be no human population.

*K. Nicholson  
Uxbridge*

Uxbridge is a community, Ms O'Connor ('Letters,' Aug. 18 edition), it should never be a collection of isolated individuals, worried only about their own little patch of real estate.

As a community, yes, we definitely should be able to join in the debate on the creation of new buildings and additions to existing buildings. That's why we have building permits and public meetings. That's why we do indeed have "impact studies" to decide on the look and construction of new homes and commercial buildings. If we want an attractive town, we need some continuity in the streetscapes of that town. We owe it to our neighbours.

It is important to realize that no church in Canada pays, or has ever paid, property taxes. It is the (quite steep) taxes that the citizens of Uxbridge pay that support the churches. Therefore, don't you think that the taxpayers of Uxbridge should indeed have a say in what

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### Time for more than the leaves to change

If you haven't already noticed, some trees are already beginning to change colour and lose their leaves.

This is the time of year I love the most, when Nature treats us to a wonderful display of blazing colours, lawns are covered with carpets of red and gold, the heat of the day becomes more bearable and the cooler evenings make for better sleeping.

This year, it seems to me, the change is even more noticeable, because we finally appear to be emerging from the stupor of the past two-and-a-half years. Art in the Park made a long-awaited return on the weekend, as evidenced by the large crowds that attended; Heritage Days returns to the museum grounds this coming weekend, albeit for only six hours; and crowds gathered for every performance of *Frozen Jr.* at the Music Hall. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Society has had a busy summer, culminating with Jennifer Carroll's remarkable performances in *Maud of Leaskdale* and there's a Fringe festival coming up in a couple of weeks. Suddenly, we all seem to be breathing a little easier these days (if you'll forgive the pun).

Vacation time is nearing an end, kids are preparing to go back to school and, as usual, a fair number of our young people are heading off to start a new stage of their life at college or university.

It most definitely is a time to feel good. Perhaps, with all this change happening around us, it is time for something else to change: us!

One has to live in a remarkably strong bubble not to be aware of what has become a troublesome trend over the past number of years: the tendency to lash out, insult, disparage and criticize - especially on social media - anyone who has opinions that differ from those we espouse.

Of course, the political scene is where we see this most. Meaningful dialogue on any issue, controversial or not, is replaced with insults to anyone who doesn't support your party of preference or your point of view. In the legislatures of the country, debate has been replaced by representatives trying to score "gotcha" points and reasonable questions are answered with jibes. This trend to scoring "gotcha" points is also becoming more and more noticeable in the news media.

However, it is most noticeable on social

media, where even the most innocent of posts can be met with vitriol. In the social media world, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is viewed as the Devil incarnate by many conservative-leaning commentators, which is confusing since many liberal-leaning respondents apply the same designation to Pierre Poilievre.

The problem with social media is that just about everyone using it thinks they are experts on whatever issue they are commenting on. For example, it is a reasonably accurate generalization to say none of us knows just what is involved in being a cabinet minister and yet we all think we can tell them how to do the job better. Yes, we can disagree with policies and proposals they put forward, but that doesn't mean we have to vilify them every time we disagree.

You like the Toronto Maple Leafs, your neighbour likes the Montreal Canadiens. In Canada, that's a major disagreement, but you don't treat your neighbour like an enemy simply because he supports a different team. The same should hold true on any issue of disagreement. If we only associate and talk with people who agree with us on all issues, we're all going to be very lonely.

It seems to me that our society needs to change. Accept the disagreements, welcome the diversity of opinion and treat others (as pretty much every religion in the world teaches) as you would have them treat you. Every week, this column invites readers to respond by asking "am I wrong?" My whole purpose in choosing that title for the column was to initiate discussions, to elicit other opinions and ideas. And there have been no end of people who responded by saying "yes, you are wrong!"

But on occasion, there have been some who couldn't resist throwing in the insults and the name-calling. That isn't discussion: that is screeching, that is simply trying to drown out an opposing voice. And guess what: it doesn't work, because I'm still here.

It seems to me that if we all took a few extra minutes to examine the wording of our tweets and posts before we send them to Twitter or Facebook, there would be a lot less friction out there.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Bed blockers are not the problem

The news nearly killed my mother. I believe that it hastened my father's death. In February 2003, my father suffered a debilitating stroke that stole his two most precious faculties - speech and memory. Because my parents lived in Agincourt, paramedics rushed him to Scarborough Grace Hospital. Days later SARS struck the same floor of the hospital where my father was recovering. Nevertheless, nurses told us they could isolate Dad sufficiently so that Mom could still suit up with PPE and see him. But then the Conservative provincial government, thinking it knew better than the health-care specialists, intervened.

"For his safety," they told my mother, "we're isolating your father in the new PPP (public-private partnership) hospital in Brampton."

"How is my mother, living in Agincourt, going to be able to see my father in Brampton?" I asked the office of then health minister Tony Clement.

"She can communicate with him by fax," they recommended.

First, the minister's office had paid no attention to what then Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, Sheela Basrur said publicly - that Grace Hospital doctors and nurses had contained SARS to one ward inside the hospital. Second, they hauled my father so far from my mother - to the opposite side of the GTA - she couldn't possibly attend him. And finally, they recommended we use a paper fax to communicate with a patient who could no longer read, speak or remember what happened three seconds ago. Dad died 11 months later.

They didn't use the term back in 2003-04, but these days - with our hospitals facing insufficient beds due to pressure from COVID, nurse and doctor burnout, and hours-long waits for services in Ontario hospitals - patients occupying beds awaiting treatment or recovering but unable to be released are known as "bed blockers." The term emerged four years ago, when CBC used Freedom of Information legislation to investigate delays in bed availability at London (Ontario's) Health Science Centre. In his story, reporter Colin Butler learned that from 2014 to 2017, LHSC discharged 5,569 alternate-level-of-care patients who'd spent in total 108,688 days in hospital beds. That's accumulatively 298 years. In one case, a patient spent 929 days (two and a half years) before being discharged to a nursing home in 2015.

"It's become our reality," one nurse told Butler. "Some of the funding decisions and cuts have been catastrophic."

As a response to part of this problem, the current provincial government announced last week

what it calls a new phase of its "Plan to Stay Open" policy for health care. Among its proposals, Ontario Health will allow senior patients in hospital waiting for placement in a long-term care home to be transferred to an alternative facility. That means the government could move her/him to a different community (i.e. from Scarborough to Brampton) until a preferred spot becomes available. In making the announcement, Minister of Long-Term Care Paul Calandra said last Thursday, "There are those patients who doctors say no longer need to be in a hospital, but can't go home either. Amendments if passed will make it easier to temporarily transition these patients into a long-term care home."

Echoing Calandra's "Stay Open" amendment, Sylvia Jones, the minister of health, told delegates to the Association of Municipalities the same day in Ottawa, "After decades of inaction, we can no longer stand by and support a status quo." In effect, she said her government's innovation was to relieve Ontario's overburdened health-care system by moving elderly hospital patients to nursing facilities in other locales.

In fact, the government doesn't need a new amendment, nor a fancy new name. In April 2021, during the third wave of the pandemic, Ford's government voted in an amendment to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. That amendment gave the government the power to transfer ill hospital patients without their consent or the consent of a decision maker. For some patients that would mean transfer from the public health-care system unilaterally into (in some cases) privately operated long-term care facilities.

"Guided by the best evidence ... the government will take bold action," Minister Jones told municipal delegates.

My own experience attempting to advocate for a sick parent tells me otherwise. I tend to agree with some critics who call the Conservative government's so-called "bold action" a code phrase for cutting publicly funded services and farming them out to private clinics and nursing homes whose primary objectives are profits and dividends to shareholders.

My father was not a bed blocker, nor are the estimated 2,000 people in Ontario hospitals awaiting transfer to publicly run long-term-care homes. They and their families need the assurance that recovery or sustained health rests in the hands of professionals monitoring vital signs, not bottom lines.

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# Where Your Tax Dollar Goes - How the various levels of government are funded

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As a tax payer, you're probably curious as to exactly what your hard-earned money pays for. Over the next nine weeks leading up to the Oct. 24 municipal election, the *Cosmos* will hopefully give you a little more insight. This week, we'll talk about which taxes fund which levels of government, and in what proportion. The next two weeks, we'll talk about two important entities funded by municipal taxes: education and regional government. And the last six weeks, we'll break down the budget of the level of government which is closest to you: the Township of Uxbridge.

Four Levels: A resident of Uxbridge has four levels of government which she supports, and upon which she is represented:

- The Canadian federal or national government, whose capital is Ottawa. Our representative there is Member of Parliament Jennifer O'Connell.

- The Ontario provincial government, whose capital is Toronto. Our representative there is Member of Provincial Parliament Peter Bethlenfalvy, who is also the government's Minister of Finance.

- The Region of Durham, a second-tier municipal government headquartered in Whitby. The Region is comprised of eight first-tier local governments, for which it performs a number of services. According to their population, each member municipality has a varying number of representatives on Durham Region Council. Uxbridge

has two, our mayor and regional councillor. Only one member of Region Council, its chair, is elected at large by all residents of the Region.

- The Township of Uxbridge, gov-



erned by a seven-member council - mayor, regional councillor and five ward councillors - who will be chosen in the upcoming municipal election.

There is a fifth entity supported by your taxes, and upon which you have an elected representative: the school district, or board of education. You choose which school district to support. Two of them have schools in the township: the Durham District School Board, which operates six public schools here, and the Durham Catholic District School Board, which operates one. There are also two French-language boards in Durham, but they have no schools in Uxbridge. Our representatives on all these boards will be determined in the coming municipal election.

The "Senior Levels" - The two upper levels of government, federal and provincial, are supported by individuals through two principal forms of

taxation. Income taxes are collected by Ottawa and shared with the Ontario government; almost all provincial governments receive a somewhat smaller proportion than Ottawa, although this is subsequently equalized in a number of ways, such as grants and transfer payments. Sales taxes are collected separately by the two levels. The federal retail sales tax (GST) is at 5 per cent. The Ontario sales tax (PST) is at 8 per cent; other provinces have different levels (Alberta has none at all). For simplicity, these sales taxes are often combined at the till into a harmonized tax (HST). Particular types of goods, such as cigarettes, alcohol, or gasoline, are taxed separately.

Municipal Taxes - The two lower levels of government, as well as the school districts, are primarily funded by property taxes, although every

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Art in the Park supports several projects, from community needs to youth hockey, and to the building of the Uxbridge Lions Universal Accessible Playground. Through the Silent Auction, we are also able to raise money for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. This year, the artists donated a record amount of art which resulted in a record sum of over \$3,000 for this charity.

And finally, a big thank you to the many volunteers without whose help this event would not have been such a success. You often worked long hours under stress to achieve this result and you are very much appreciated. We are always looking for new members or volunteers.

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# Downtown Uxbridge slowing down as new speed limits put in place

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Don't think you're going to zip through downtown Uxbridge any time soon - the region has recently announced that it's lowering speed limits from the existing 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

On Monday, the Region of Durham advised residents and motorists of what it calls an "area-wide" speed reduction of 10 km/h "on regional roads in the downtown area of the Township of Uxbridge."

The area the region is referring to is Toronto St. (Hwy. 47) from 150 metres south of Campbell Dr. to Brock St. W. (Hwy. 47); Brock St. W. (Reg. Rd. 8) from 150 metres west of Victoria St. to 150 metres east of Marietta St.; Reach St. (Reg. Rd. 8) from 150 metres east of Testa Rd. to Main St. S. (Reg. Rd. 1); Main St. N. (Reg. Rd. 1) from Brock St. E. (Hwy. 47) to 150 metres north of Toronto St.; Main St. S. (Reg. Rd. 1) from Reach St. (Reg. Rd. 8) to Brock St. E. (Hwy. 47). This encompasses all of the downtown core of Uxbridge, essentially covering from the hospital

to Brock St., from the street the Second Wedge Brewing Co. is on to the high school, and Testa Rd. to Elgin Pond.

In response to several comments made on a Facebook page after the speed reduction was announced, Mayor Dave Barton explained that the speed limit reductions were "a regional move that would allow us change speed limits in town on our residential streets with less 40km/h signs. Please wait about a month until the additional changes can be made on the township-owned streets. The request for the regional changes was made over two years ago. We had to wait for some provincial laws to change as well as this regional piece."

The new reduced speed limit will be in effect on Aug. 26.

The region says it announced the reductions as part of Durham Vision Zero "to further enhance community safety and well-being." Durham Vision Zero is a long-term plan to ensure a safe transportation system that sees no lives lost or serious injuries on Durham's roadways. Learn more at [durham.ca/VisionZero](http://durham.ca/VisionZero)

# New title for Willie Popp



Willie Popp already has several titles. He is Ward 4 councillor, deputy mayor and chair of council's public works committee. Now he can add another title: Provincial cycling champion!

At the Ontario Cycling time trial championships in Port Burwell on Aug. 14, Popp won the Masters C 55-64 age group trials over a 25-kilometre course. Popp, representing the Uxbridge Cycling Club, finished with a time of 35:16.57, ahead of the second-place finisher by 2:45.44.

Also winning a gold was Uxbridge's Karen Paterson, who came in first in the Master C Women's 25-kilometre time trial with a time of 40:12.44.

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# Lucy Maud's book club still going strong at 115 years old

by Heather Hunter

A local book club once boasted Lucy Maud Montgomery as a member in

1911 - that same book club is still meeting over 100 years on.

Montgomery married a Presbyterian minister and moved to

Leaskdale, Ontario in 1911, three years after the publication of her renowned book *Anne of Green Gables*. Almost immediately after her arrival she was invited to join the Hypatia Club in the nearby town of Uxbridge.

One can imagine that the arrival of a famous best-selling author in 1911 was an important addition to the group. Montgomery was an active member of the Club until she and her husband moved to Norval, On-

tario in 1926. She remained an honorary member of the Hypatia Club until her death in 1942.

The Hypatia Club was established in 1907 as a book study club. Over the ensuing 115 years the Club has met continuously on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m.

The women who founded the Hypatia Club were serious about their literary studies and discussions. They wrote a constitution that outlined club activities, expectations and restrictions in clear terms. They met regularly twice a month; the club by-laws stated that the membership be limited to 15. The annual membership fee in 1907 was one dollar.

Today the Club still flourishes. The annual fee has risen to \$20, and just as in 1907, each member is assigned active duties: planning social events, choosing books to study, keeping minutes, or running the meetings.

In September, the Hypatia Club will celebrate its 115th anniversary with a special meeting, invited guests, and speaker Allan McGillivray, retired museum curator and noted raconteur, who will recall the life and times of Uxbridge, Ontario, in the year 1907.

## The Uxbridge Fall Fair returns!

The Uxbridge Fall Fair returns in just a couple of weeks, and is aiming to be as normal as it can be on Sept. 9, 10 and 11. This year's theme is "Your Country Fair."

Organizers say that long standing favourites such as the Tractor Pull, Demolition Derby, Ag Tent, Antique Engines, the Antique Car Cruise and rides from World's Finest Amusements will be in full swing. Advance midway tickets, if desired, may be purchased on World's Finest website.

One noteworthy enhancement is continuous entertainment Saturday and Sunday at the Bandshell. The popular Soper Creek Wildlife demonstration is returning, and an Illusionist is included on the programme, along with performances which include Super Hero Fun, Princess Party, Blue Grass Fiddlers, and music by Carley.

Those looking for Mad Millie's Fish & Chips or the Meat Merchant will be disappointed, but fair organizers are excited about some new food vendors they hope "will tickle your palate, along with other regulars from years past."

A new family rate for gate admission is available for Saturday. Visit [uxbridgefair.ca](http://uxbridgefair.ca) for details.

### Taxes 101, from page 6

municipality has other revenue streams in varying proportions, such as user fees or grants from senior government. There are four main types of property taxes: residential (84 per cent in the 2022 Uxbridge budget), commercial (8.4 per cent), industrial (3.7 per cent), and farmland (2.1 per cent). The tier-one municipality, in our case the Township of Uxbridge, collects the property tax for the school districts and Region of

Durham, and distributes them in varying proportion according to the source. In 2022, 58 per cent of residential taxes went to the Region, 14 per cent to the school districts, 28 per cent to the Township. In the case of commercial/industrial taxes, 43 per cent went to the Region, 35 per cent to education and 22 per cent stayed here with the Township.

The amount you pay on your property varies each year depending on two principal factors: the taxation rates assessed by each of the three taxing entities, and the value of your personal property, as assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, a provincial agency. If you're unhappy with any of these values, there are avenues of appeal.

One final note. Even if you don't own property, your landlord does, and he passes on all of his costs, including property taxes, to you through your rent. So indirectly, you're paying municipal taxes just like everybody else.

### CORRECTION

In last week's edition of the Cosmos, in Roger Varley's column "Am I Wrong?", Mr. Varley refers to a report from council that concerns a bridge repair to take place on Conc. 3 and Wagg Rd. (page 5, 3rd paragraph). As per the report, the bridge in question is actually on Conc. 3 and Webb Rd.

The Cosmos apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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# The Township Empire: Our community halls

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some municipalities in Ontario run golf courses, some own cemeteries, some operate art galleries. Although the Township of Uxbridge does none of those things, it nevertheless owns a number of buildings and considerable acreage dedicated to recreation. The buildings range from a tiny rural library to one of

the largest mausoleums in North America. It has a theatre, and a museum, and a large and well-respected system of trails. And a great deal else.

In the weeks leading up to the Oct. 24 municipal election, the *Cosmos* would like to give you a closer look at those various properties: how they're managed and funded, and how they contribute to the quality of life of Uxbridge resi-

dents.

We'll start with the community halls in three hamlets - Goodwood, Sandford and Zephyr - that host everything from celebratory Jack-and-Jills to election polling. The Zephyr and Goodwood Halls are the same size (capacity 149 people) and were built about 50 years ago through the philanthropy of Stouffville resident Art Latcham. Sandford's hall was built in 1997 and is somewhat bigger, holding up to 190 people.

Management - All three halls have small local advisory boards, with members appointed by township council, who have input into renovations and programming. None have permanent staff. Caretaking

and maintenance are provided by part-time employees who also care for other township buildings, while rentals go through an employee who similarly books buildings like the Music Hall and the Seniors' Centre.

Funding - Ongoing maintenance and capital projects (Sandford's washrooms were recently made fully accessible) are allotted each hall



Zephyr Community Hall Photo by Conrad Boyce

through a separate line in the township budget. Rental rates, higher on weekends, also vary among the halls, Zephyr being least expensive because of its distance from Uxbridge, Sandford being most expensive because of its size. The rental rates have no preference for Uxbridge users compared to those from out of the Township. As with almost any public building, revenues do not come close to matching expenses. Here are the figures for 2019, the last pre-pandemic year:

Goodwood - Expenses \$34,788, Revenues \$17,875

Sandford - Expenses \$54,782, Revenues \$17,085

Zephyr - Expenses \$26,994, Revenues \$4,172

Udora - The hamlet of Udora is unique in straddling the boundary between Uxbridge and the Town of Georgina. The community hall is on the Georgina side, and is entirely managed and maintained by that municipality. In recognition of the fact that many Udora residents are Uxbridge citizens, the Township of Uxbridge does make a small annual contribution to its upkeep. In 2022, the contribution was \$7,500.



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Interior, Goodwood Community Hall Photo by Conrad Boyce

# Lucy Maud wrote ‘Rainbow Valley’ in Leaskdale - now it’s coming home

Another musical adaptation of a Lucy Maud Montgomery novel, written while the author was living in Leaskdale, will kick off Uxbridge’s winter theatre season this September.

*Rainbow Valley* opens Sept. 9 for eight performances at the Historic Leaskdale Church, where Montgomery herself often directed theatricals as part of the Sunday School program. Her husband, Ewan MacDonald, was minister at the Presbyterian church, and the author wrote 11 of her books in the manse just up the road. The manse is now a national historic site owned by the Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario, or LMMSO, which is producing the play.

*Rainbow Valley*, published in 1919, was the fifth in Montgomery’s series about the famous redhead Anne Shirley, her husband Gilbert Blythe, and their children. By this time, the couple are in their early 40s, and much of the plot centres on a widowed minister, Rev. Meredith, and his four lively children, as well as a runaway orphan named Mary Vance (LMM did have a soft spot for orphans), who all live near the Blythes in the village of Glen St. Mary on Prince Edward Island (or as the children call it, Rainbow Valley).

For his adaptation of the story, Island playwright Hank Stinson decided to focus on the Merediths and Mary Vance; in fact, the Blythes do not make an appearance, and are not even mentioned.

“It’s a bold choice, to leave out Anne and her family,” says LMMSO’s director Conrad Boyce, “but these children, and the four adults in the script, are fascinating Montgomery creations on their own. It’s a wonderful story, and would have been way too crowded with all

the Blythes.”

The play, with music by Newfoundland composer Dean Burry, received its first production in Charlottetown in 2018. For pandemic reasons, it’s remained in mothballs since, and the Leaskdale production is proud to be

the first to take place off the Island. Stinson has waived royalties from the Leaskdale production in favour of a donation to the Red Cross for Ukraine relief.

“A very generous gesture on Hank’s part,” says LMMSO president

Melanie Whitfield. “I’m sure we’ll get a large audience, and will be able to make a big contribution to the Red Cross.”

For Boyce, it’s his fourth Maud-related production in the church; he staged Paul Ledoux’s non-musical *Anne* in 2008-09, Richard Ouzonian’s musical *Emily* in 2011, and the one-woman play *Maud of Leaskdale*, with a script taken from Montgomery’s own journals, which debuted in 2011 and has played every summer since, starring Uxbridge’s own Jennifer Carroll.

For *Rainbow Valley*, Boyce is joined by two of his collaborators from *Emily*: choreographer Sophianne Roberts and orchestra director Jane Loewen. The other key member of the creative team is designer Carlyn Rahusaar Routledge of Uxbridge, who has invented a lovely wooded environment for the play, and has selected many of the 1920s-era costumes from the racks at the Shaw Festival, where she is working for the season. The costumes are being loaned free of charge.

None of the play’s nine cast members have appeared on the Leaskdale stage before, but they are all enjoying the church’s intimate space, with room for only 100 in the audience. Sophianne Roberts, Tanner Ferris, Clay Elliott and Virginia Barry are all from Uxbridge. Jane McLaren, Emma Rowland, Eliana Hewitt and Eli Merrill hail from Scugog, while Cassie Hinds has been trekking to rehearsals all the way from Newcastle. Pianist Jane Loewen will be joined in the orchestra by violinist Rory Fitz of Uxbridge.

“The Meredith children and the or-

phan, Mary Vance, are really the focus of the first part of the play,” says Boyce, “so it’s filled with their whimsical energy. Then the romance between their father and a local woman, who also lost the love of her life, takes over, and there are some beautiful ballads in the second act. It’s really a lovely show, infused with a maritime flavour, and we’re so fortunate to be among the first to perform it.”

*Rainbow Valley* plays for only eight performances at the Leaskdale church: Sept. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 10, 11, 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at Blue Heron Books, online at [lucymaudmontgomery.ca](http://lucymaudmontgomery.ca) or you can reserve by phone at 905-862-0808.



**AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE** - Orphan Mary Vance (Virginia Barry) has run away from her foster home on Prince Edward Island. What awaits her in Glen St. Mary, whimsically called Rainbow Valley by the children who live there? Find out in the new musical based on the novel by Lucy Maud Montgomery, running Sept. 9-17 at the Historic Leaskdale Church.

Photo by Conrad Boyce

**CAR OF THE WEEK** - Last Thursday's Cruise In Feature of the week was a 1997 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup, owned by Jacob Becket from Uxbridge. Next week will be our appreciation night, with a rain date Sept 1. See you there!

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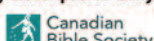
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happens to the churches, including Trinity United Church? I do.

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tion, a Christmas bazaar, or a church supper. It belongs to every one of us who has ever paid taxes.

It belongs to everyone who has ever driven into Uxbridge from any direction, seen the bell tower, and realized they were home.

Sarah A. Reid  
Uxbridge

Re: Jumpstart Sports Court

I live by the newly installed Jumpstart Sports Court and have enjoyed seeing it in use from sunrise to sunset all summer.

Pickleball starts the day, with a regular group playing against each other. Players talk about their day to day while waiting for their turn

from the bleachers. The rest of the day is filled with all ages using every aspect of the court, from kids chasing a ball to a group of parents sitting in the toddler area catching up.

The evening is when 5v5 full court games begin. Music plays and a fast-paced game goes well into the night, when the lights go out.

I'm glad this space wasn't placed somewhere that wasn't accessible and instead is in the middle of the community for all to use.

Thank you to Pat Higgins and all those involved with getting this project completed in Uxbridge.

Leo Taillon  
Uxbridge

Candidates, from page 1

There will definitely be new representatives for Wards 2 and 3. With Gary Ruona choosing not to seek re-election in Ward 2, voters will choose between former councillor (and, briefly, mayor) Pat Molloy and Gordon Shreeve. Ward 3 is also vacant because current councillor Bruce Garrod is running for the position of regional councillor, a position currently held by Gordon Highet, who also is not seeking re-election. Garrod's opponent in the race for regional councillor will be former regional councillor Jack Ballinger. That means that Ward 3 will eventually be represented by either Zed Pickering, J.P. Herold or John Haddock.

The remaining local council races have incumbent Ward 1 councillor Pam Beach facing a challenge from Dominic Morrissey and Ward 5 incumbent Todd Snooks running against Christine McKenzie and Erin Jones.

Other choices facing voter are as follows:

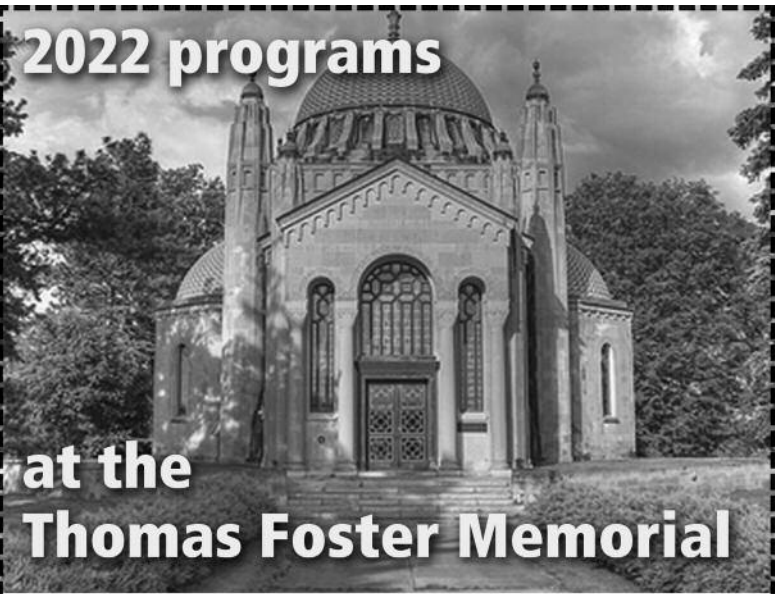
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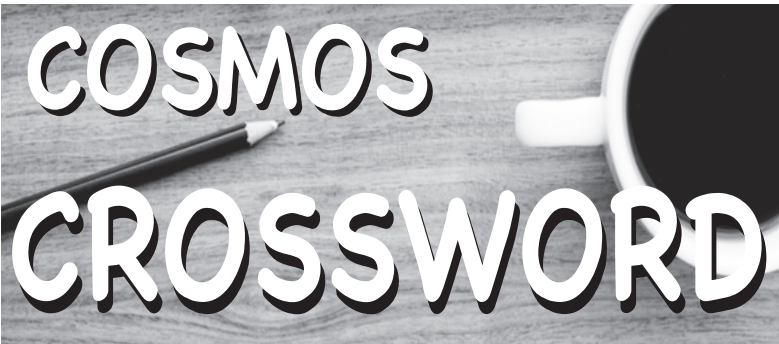
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  - 17 Weatherman's forecast
  - 18 Peace group (2 words)
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  - 36 "Red Dragon" star, first name
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  - 51 Ballerina Pavlova
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  - 56 Jekyll's counterpart
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  - 3 Calf-length skirt
  - 4 Mail service, pertaining to
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  - 7 Malaysia state
  - 8 Squirt
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  - 10 Related to
  - 11 Store section
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  - 20 A drink with jam & bread....
  - 23 Long, long \_\_\_
  - 24 Empire State building locale
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  - 27 Time segment
  - 28 Cantina
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# Farmers’ Market celebrates all things garlic this weekend

by Conrad Boyce

While the Uxbridge Farmer's Market, relocated to Herrema Park since the tornado, has been hosting monthly free themed events, the Garlic Festival scheduled for this Sunday, Aug. 28, is bound to be a community favourite. The f.N. Happy Farm, on Feasby Road in Uxbridge, has volunteered to sponsor the garlic competition.

“I was originally inspired by Bryan Mailey, the Garlic Man of Udora, to successfully grow garlic,” says Angela Nickle of the Happy Farm, a regular vendor at the Market. “It’s my turn

to inspire others to grow garlic, and hopefully it's contagious. We are awarding prizes to the largest, smallest and the spiciest garlic entered. The more entries the better, whether from full-time farmers or backyard gardeners. Participation will showcase that garlic grows better here in Uxbridge than just about anywhere else!”

Entries will be accepted until 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the f.N. Happy Farm booth, where the legendary Garlic Man himself will be in attendance. For full contest details, visit the Happy Farm on Facebook. Many of the other Market

vendors will also be featuring their garlic that day.

“We aim to start judging by noon,” says Angela. “Who wouldn't want to witness how the judges handle eating raw juicy spicy garlic? Here’s what can you expect at the Garlic Fest on August 28 from the various vendors: garlic give-away, garlic-related products, garlic talks, garlic games, garlic food, garlic drinks, garlic shooters, garlic tasting, garlic recipes, garlic braiding demos, even garlic jokes!”

For all garlic lovers - and what’s not to love? - this event is not to be missed. Everyone is welcome, participation is encouraged, bring your questions, showcase your garlic - after all, who doesn't need more garlic?



Lindsay and Angela Nickle of Uxbridge’s f.N. Happy Farm are getting in the mood for the Garlic Festival at the Farmers’ Market this Sunday, Aug. 28. Submitted photo

# Grizzlies help tornado victims



by Justyne Edgell

On Monday, Aug. 15, the Uxbridge 9U Grizzlies baseball team, under the leadership of head coach OJ Tasse and coaches Glen Williams, Ryan Scott, Jeff Keeping and Jordan Caughers, were able to present Dr. Michael Banh of the Uxbridge Rotary Club with funds the team had raised during their "Cool Off With The Grizzlies" campaign, in support of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Charitable Foundation for Disaster Relief.

The team sold cool treats to spectators and fans at three of their home games this season, raising \$726. All funds raised will be going to support local families who have been affected

by the tornado that ripped through Uxbridge on May 21.

"I think it's incredible to see our players take initiative in their community and to be mindful of how their leadership and commitment can make a difference for those in need," said Tasse. "I am extremely proud to see this growth and maturity in such a wonderful group of kids."

The Grizzlies would like to offer thanks to Zehrs Uxbridge and Leila Keshavjee, owner of Happy Pops, for their generous donation of cool treats to help with the campaign. They also say a huge “thank you!” to everyone who enjoyed a cool treat and supported the cause.

## Thank You

Our yard sustained considerable damage from the storm in May. Help arrived in minutes to clear our driveway and yard of debris. It took days but family, neighbours, friends and people we had never met came and helped. It was amazing and we will be forever grateful. Thank you to each and every person who helped, provided support and showed the true meaning of community.

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# Foxbridge driving for big dreams, long-term vision

by Lisa Fletcher,  
Foxbridge Golf Course

One good thing that came out of the pandemic was the renewing of interest in the game of golf. Players flocked to the courses, enjoying the opportunity to get outdoors and spend time with friends in a safe, socially distanced sport.

It was in this world that Nadeem Qureshi took ownership of Foxbridge Golf Course here in Uxbridge in 2021.

Since it opened in 1958, this golf course has seen its fair share of changes: merging from two courses into one, the building of new holes and a brand new pro shop/restaurant, a housing development, and more. Qureshi plans to keep improving the course much as the previous owners did.

“I just want people to be able to enjoy the facilities we have here,” he says, sitting in the newly reorganized Scrambles Restaurant. He seems to be a man of big dreams with a long-term vision.

Already you can see evidence of

that. The parking lot at the pro shop is fully paved. Two outdoor areas were created for weddings and other events. A maintenance building should be finished before fall. You can even glimpse a few in-progress changes for future holes between some trees.

He even developed a brand new online tee-time booking application which he offers free of charge to other golf course owners in Ontario.

In 2022, Qureshi took the next step and started the golf season with a whole new management team, taking back control from the outside company which operated it for the last few years.

Bremani Musafir, a well-established professional event planning expert, heads up events on-site. The pro shop is led by Adam Thomas, right here from Uxbridge, who just placed in the CPGA as an Apprentice Professional. Out on the course, you will encounter the superintendent, Jonathan Fletcher, and his team working hard to make the grass green and ready for

golfers.

“I love this course,” says Fletcher simply.

Fletcher, who was superintendent of the course from 2017 to 2019, returns to the facility to join Qureshi in his big dreams.

Admittedly, there have been some challenges this year - like the May tornado that hit Uxbridge. The north course had to be shut down for days as the maintenance team worked to clean up the many downed trees and the pro shop had no power for a few days. It made for an interesting start to the season!

Not everything has changed, though. You can still find Bill’s smiling face in the small hut after hole number 9 on the South every weekend, serving hot dogs just like he has for many years.

Foxbridge Golf Course is open daily. Tee times are available through their new website: foxbridge.ca or by phone at (905) 852-7962.

## SMYTH, Brad (BRD)

Passed away suddenly on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at the Uxbridge Hospital. Brad, at the age of 55, was the beloved son of Yvonne and the late Terry. Loving brother of Stan.



A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Uxbridge Legion, 109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge, starting at 3:00 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences may be made at [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)



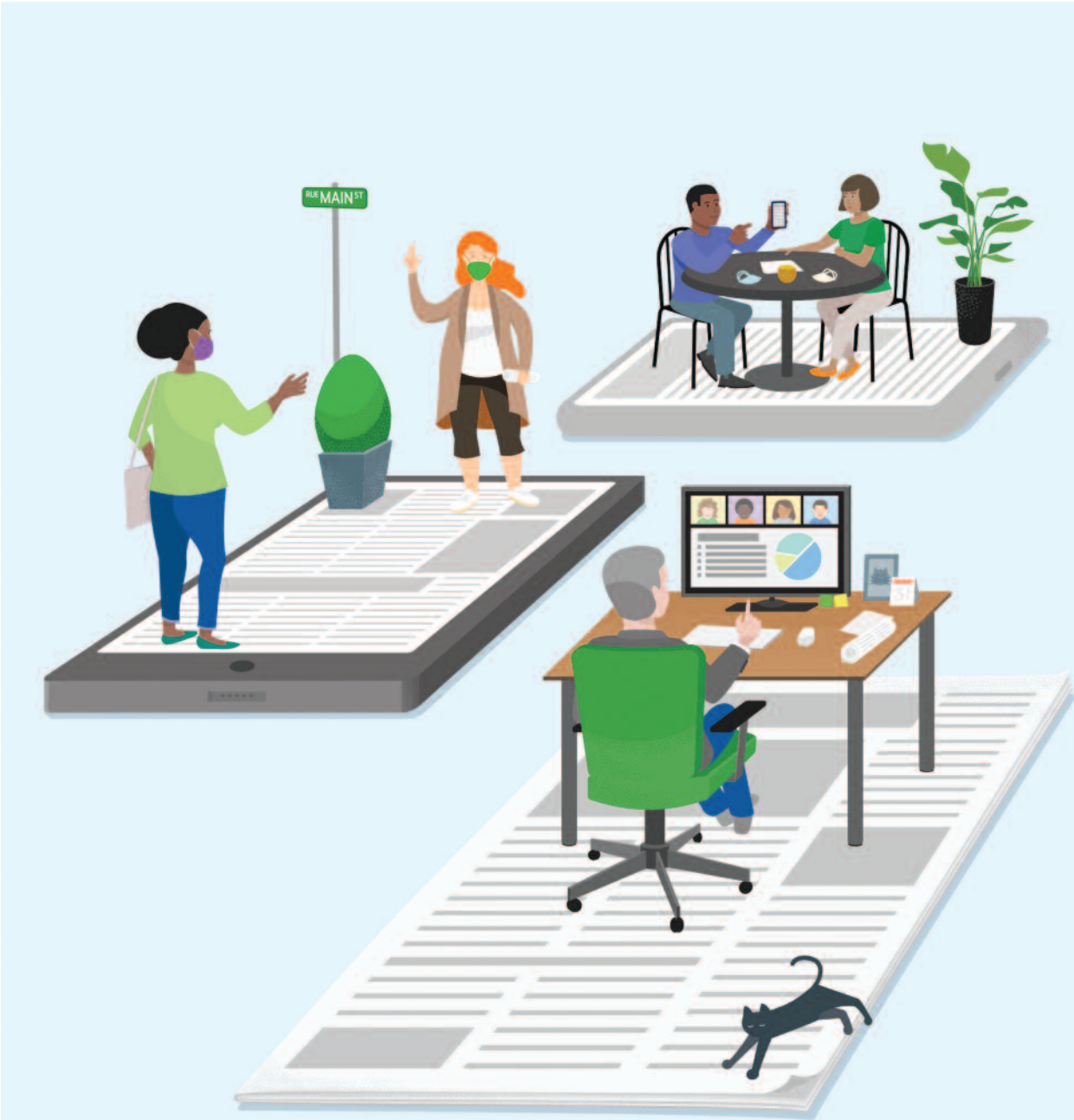
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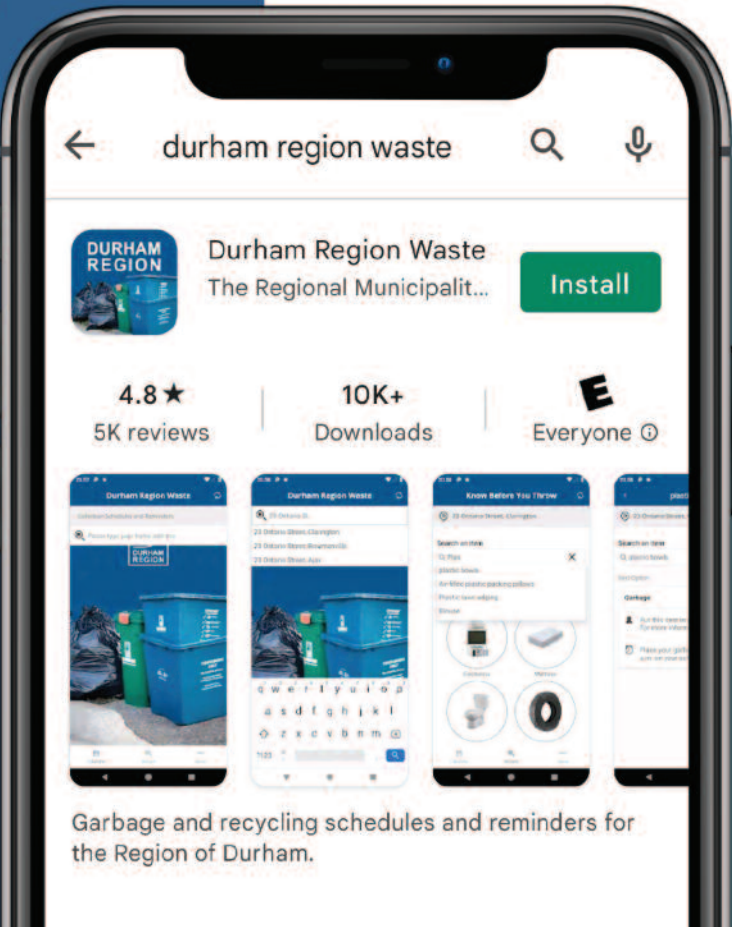
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