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**I'M THE PERSON FOR THE JOB** - Around 200 people gathered at the Uxbridge Community Centre & Arena on Monday night to take part in the *Cosmos*-hosted All Candidates Forum. Candidates are vying for various town and regional council positions in the upcoming October 24 election. For more, see page 7. *Photo by John Cavers*

## Fire destroys downtown heritage building

by Roger Varley

An early morning fire destroyed a building on lower Brock Street last Wednesday, Sept. 21, displacing several residents, two stores, and closing the street for three days.

The fire, which started just before 2 a.m., occurred in the building housing Sugar FX and Sushi Park. Uxbridge firefighters, who were joined at the scene by a pumper truck from Scugog and an aerial truck from Stouffville, said the fire was "well involved" by the time they arrived. Their main concern quickly became the saving of adjoining buildings. No one was injured, and firefighters managed to rescue two cats from a neighbouring building which had filled with smoke.

The Ontario Fire Marshall's Office arrived on scene at noon Wednesday to begin their inspection and investigation. The fire marshal said their primary role was to ensure the building

was safe for them to enter to start their investigation into the cause of the fire. The top floor of the building was demolished later in the day on Wednesday for safety reasons, and to allow the Fire Marshall's Office to conduct said investigation.

Township official Kyle Rainbow said Tuesday that the decision on whether or not the building is completely demolished lies with the building owner - 2787843 Ontario Inc. - and the insurance company. He said there is no deadline set for any decision on demolition, but added that chief building officer Mike Klose can issue an order down the road if the matter is not resolved in a timely manner.

Numerous residents of apartments on the top floor were displaced as a result of the fire and businesses on the lower floor were completely destroyed. Residents and businesses in adjoining buildings were allowed to re-enter their buildings shortly after the fire marshal's inspection.

At the Mani Tea restaurant a couple of doors away, the owners said they had some smoke issues in the kitchen but the main restaurant area was unaffected.

Cheryl Hinzl, owner of Sugar FX and Red Hot Designs said both of her businesses were totally destroyed. Hinzl said it is too early to say what she will do about restarting her businesses elsewhere.

At the time of the fire, Mayor Dave Barton said "We have to celebrate the fact that the fire was contained and there were no injuries." At the All Candidates Forum at the arena on Monday night, during his introductory remarks, moderator Ted Barris thanked the first responders who attended the fair, noting that "they probably saved downtown Uxbridge." Following the fire, Durham Regional Police arrested an Uxbridge man and charged him with aggravated assault.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

### Proclamations for September

National Hunger Action Month  
Sept. 21 – International Day of Peace  
Sept. 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

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- 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.



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# Public forum hosts many candidates but few moments of ‘drama’

by Roger Varley

Seventeen candidates for municipal election sat in a long line in front of about 200 residents Monday night at an all-candidates meeting held at the arena and hosted by the *Uxbridge Cosmos*. Despite the number of potential politicians, however, there were few, if any, moments of drama.

There could have been more people sitting at those four long tables at the front, but three of the four candidates for the position of regional chair did not show up, leaving incumbent John Henry unchallenged during the event. Also, because they were acclaimed, Mayor Dave Barton and Ward 4 councillor Willie Popp chose not to take part in the forum proper, although they were present and willing to participate if called upon.

Perhaps the biggest contrast between personalities was between Bruce Garrod and Jack Ballinger, both running to be regional councillor. Ballinger claimed he did not seek re-election as regional councillor in the 2018 municipal election because he was "burned out," but said he now has his "mojo back." Garrod responded that he had a reputation for - and record of - getting things done.

In response to a question about the lack of reports over the years from Uxbridge's regional council representatives about regional issues that affect Uxbridge, Garrod said he hasn't seen any reports either and said he would address that by running regular reports in the local media and holding residential "town hall" meetings. Ballinger responded to the question by saying: "If reports are what you want, I've got no problem with that. You can have them."

Christine Mackenzie, running in Ward 5, said it is imperative for all members of council to communicate with the residents, while John Haddock, running in Ward 3, said: "There's no representation (at region), there never has been." Todd Snooks, running for re-election in Ward 5, said the best way to communicate "is not through Facebook or other social media platforms, it's through e-mails."

Another question that resulted in heated discussion revolved around school buses not being allowed to enter dead-end roads to pick up students. Incumbent Durham District School Board trustee Carolyn Morton said she had been expecting the question and offered that, while many parents don't like it, "there are many considerations," such as shortage of school bus drivers and the need for more provincial money. Richard Damianopoulos, incumbent Durham Catholic District School Board trustee, said more resources need to be put into the school bus system and more small buses need to be considered.

Other candidates on stage were apparently not buying it. Pat Molloy, running in Ward 2, said children are probably in more danger walking down such roads in the winter and Pam Beach, running in Ward 1, said children are sometimes walking in the dark.

A question from moderator Ted Barris about the urban downtown area sparked much debate. Mackenzie said council can't force downtown business and building owners to make changes to their facades, but offered that "we can negotiate." Molloy said council has to make it easier for store and building owners to

make changes. Erin Jones, also running in Ward 5, said aesthetics matter. She also advocated using empty stores in the downtown as pop-up shops for artists and artisans. Ballinger said the area has to be made pedestrian-friendly by getting trucks out of the downtown, while Haddock remarked that the culvert construction on lower Brock Street was "the biggest mistake we've ever made," a comment that drew applause from the audience.

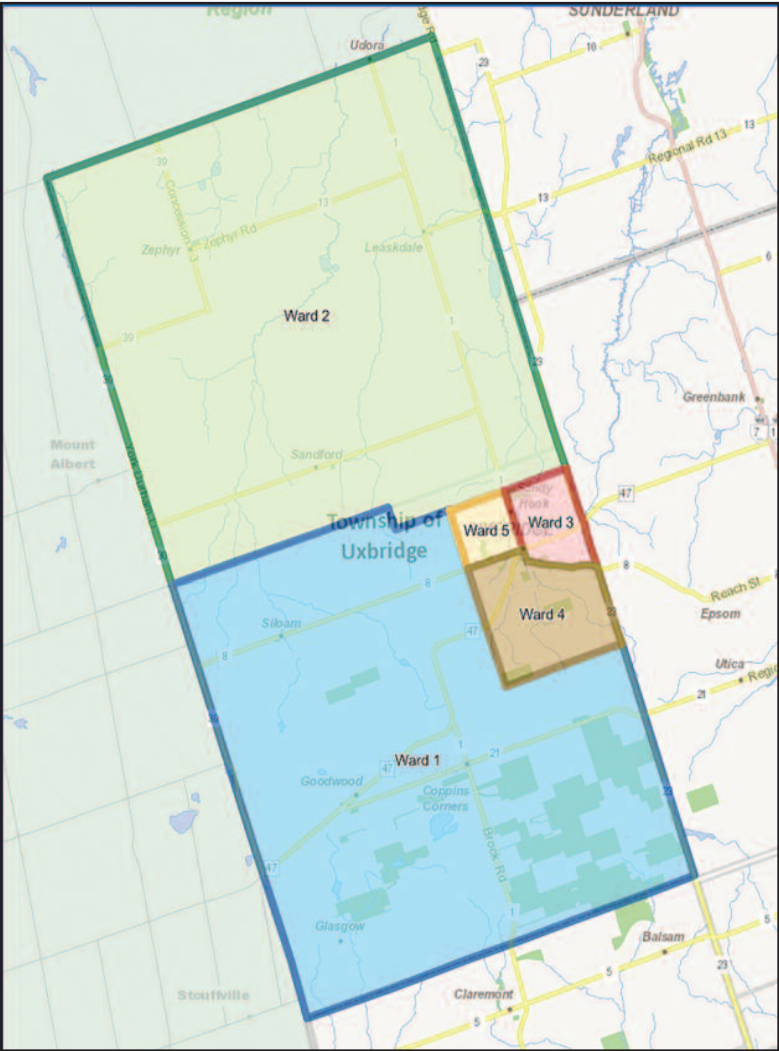
A question about climate change also brought forth a flurry of responses. Garrod said the township is looking to see where it can install solar panels and also at the possibility of electric vehicles for the public works department. Beach said the township needs more cycling and walking routes, while Molloy said the first thing to do is get people to believe climate change is a problem. Jones, noting there are no charging stations in town, said all municipal buildings should be made energy efficient.

In their opening remarks, some of the candidates squared off against each other. Beach said the successful candidate needs to have knowledge of "key files" and support agriculture. Opponent Dominic Morrissey responded that he had been on the board of Agricorp and added that "the next four years determine how we're going to be for the next 25 years."

Molloy talked of his involvement with Zephyr over the years, including being on council, while opponent Gordon Shreeve claimed he had rallied local residents against the closing of the Zephyr library and now wants to "revitalize" Zephyr park.

Apart from Haddock's sometimes

seemingly off-the-cuff remarks, he and his Ward 3 opponents - Zed Pickering and J.P. Herold - were low-key during the meeting.



Several people at Monday evening's All Candidate Forum at the arena commented to the *Cosmos* that they were unsure of what ward they lived in. The *Cosmos* is providing readers this map of the ward breakdown in the township. A more detailed and interactive map - one where you can simply insert your address and you will be told in which ward you reside, is available through the Township of Uxbridge's website at <https://durhamregion.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=b9821c8fc9a245fd98331bb8e61d4d01>



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# Our two cents

## Ask the questions, get the answers

On Monday evening earlier this week, the community centre at the arena was full of around 200 people who had gathered to learn more about those who have put their names on the ballot for the Oct. 24 municipal election. There were 17 of 20 invited candidates seated at four long tables across the front of the room - if the “vibe” had suited, it would have looked like a firing squad.

As it was, the evening, to our eyes, was civil and productive. But it's difficult to ask 17 candidates who have many thoughts and ideas to cram their platforms into two-minute long remarks. It's difficult to keep in-house questions from the public to a question-only format (sometimes a micro-phone prompts people to take advantage of the spotlight). Things were well handled by moderator Ted Barris, and we all managed to be done and out of there by 10 p.m.

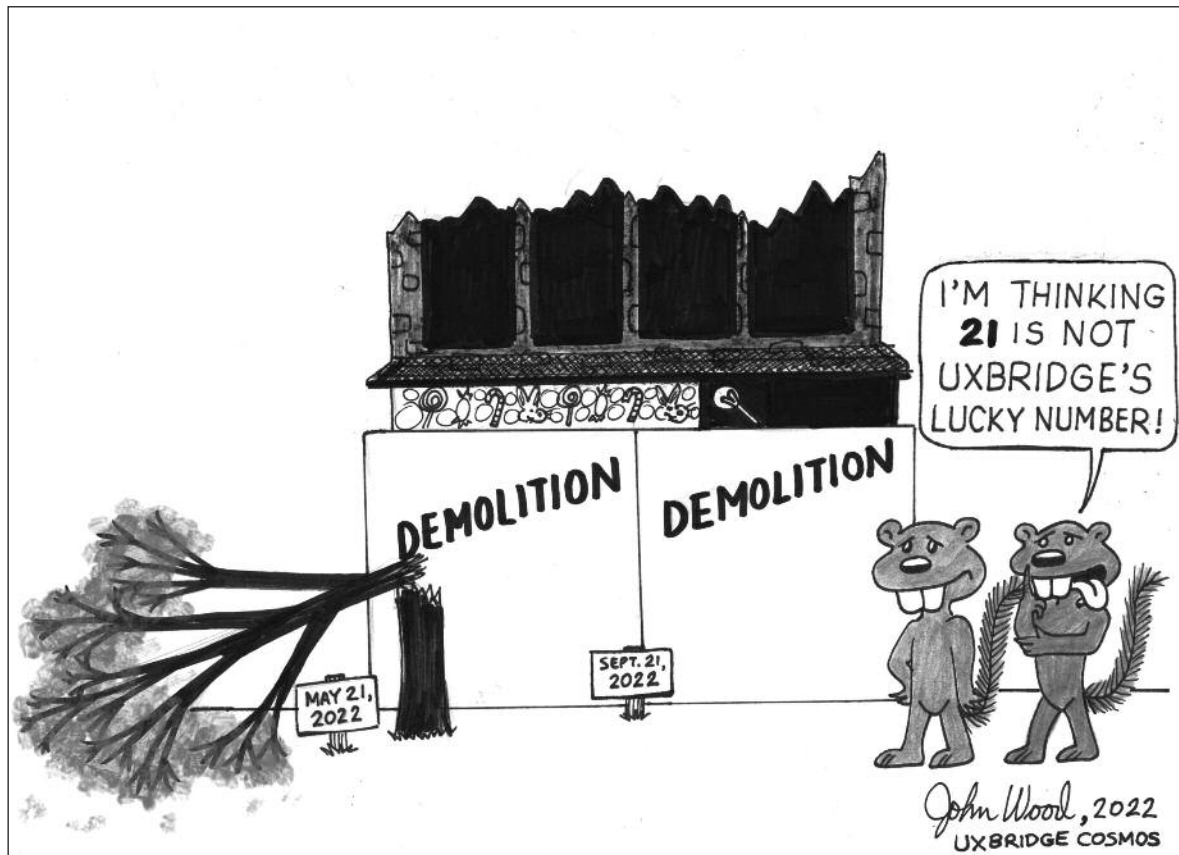
Three hours is a long time, though, and we didn't even get to questions that were submitted via email or online. So we thought we would publish these questions here. The candidates will see what bullets they may have dodged, and what issues matter to their constituents. (For example, housing is a major topic in the submitted questions, but it barely came up during the live event.) And residents will see if any of these questions resonate with themselves, and perhaps prompt them to reach out to a candidate or two and ask the question directly.

Note that these questions were to be directed to all candidates; ward-specific questions are not noted here.

- \* Are there specific services you feel Uxbridge is lacking, and what would you do to help access or improve that service if elected?
- \* What is your vision for affordable housing in Uxbridge? What do you see as criteria for a second dwelling on a town lot (infilling)?
- \* Do you think that town councillors have the authority to threaten to close down businesses for alleged zoning infractions or should those issues be left to the town-by-law officers to address?
- \* Many residents have noticed the sharp increase in the number of speed limit signs and Community Safety Zone signs in the central areas of Uxbridge. While the lowering of the speed limits in these zones was likely done in the name of public safety, these questions are for those councillors seeking re-election who voted for these signs and these measures: How much did this additional signage cost the Township? What study or studies were performed that indicated the need to do this? Who planned all the frequent changes in speed limits and the specific placements of these new signs?
- \* The issue of emergency housing, housing for most vulnerable... thoughts for Uxbridge? How will Uxbridge rise to the challenge of this necessity and work with the Region?
- \* A mayoral candidates for Winnipeg is floating a pledge to help residents use/upgrade to geothermal heating! Granted we are much smaller. What is the feeling on community help for becoming more environmentally friendly with respect to HVAC for homes?

If you don't ask the questions, you don't get the answers.

For those who missed attending the Forum, it's available to watch on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/4xFYXn2TQXE>



## Letters to the Editor

Re: 'Am I wrong?' Sept. 22 edition

I was so pleased to read that Roger Varley was irked by the comments of Indigenous poet Albert Dumont, as it prompted him to write a thoughtful, informative and much-needed column about evolving beliefs and attitudes in our historical narrative.

It makes no sense that we “judge past historical figures and their actions based on today's values, morals and ways of thinking without taking into consideration the norms of the society they lived in at the time.”

If we insist upon holding Sir John A. Macdonald and Edgerton Ryerson responsible for the damage done by residential schools, then we should add Scottish inventor James Watt to our list of disgraced former heroes. His invention of the vastly improved parallel motion steam engine in 1784 is widely considered to be the beginning of our present geological period (in which climate change is a dominant theme).

I just learned this era's name. We live in the Anthropocene Era, a geologic time in which human activity began to substantially alter Earth's surface, atmosphere and oceans.

Yep. James Watt is responsible for climate change.

**Eleanor Todd  
Goodwood**

Re: Thanks for assistance at Fall Fair

After being honked at in Uxbridge while making a left turn, and being

sworn at by a driver who objected to my stopping in front of the Salvation Army office on Main St. by a young man in a hurry, I was beginning to lose faith in the next generation. My mind was changed on the Saturday night of the Fall Fair, after the Demolition Derby.

It was a very dark night, no stars out, and no lighting in the parking lot to the south of the Fair. I was tired from working all day at the Fair, and I was having trouble locating my car in the parking area. As I was walking a long, a young couple came up behind me and asked if they could help me. I was please to know that someone would help me, and the young man located my vehicle and walked me to it.

I was so very relieved. In answer to my questions, he told me he was from Zephyr, and gave me his name as Josh. Now, some pretty nice fellows hail from Zephyr, my son-in-law being one of them!

Thank you so much, Josh, for noticing a senior in trouble and caring enough to go out of your way to assist me. My faith has been restored.

**Sandra Will  
Uxbridge**

Re: 'Residents object to condominium proposal, Sept. 22 edition

Thanks to Roger Varley for his article on the objections to the proposed development on a Toronto Street vacant lot. These objections were expressed at a public meeting on September 12.

This meeting was arranged to con-

sider a building proposal and a rezoning plan to accommodate the buildings. As proposed, the buildings would back directly against seven homes on Fred Barnard Way. I own one of these homes. I am one of the people who made a presentation at that meeting. The condo board sent a written submission.

When we purchased our homes, we understood that the vacant lot would ultimately be developed with single family bungalows. The vacant lot is currently zoned for bungalows.

The buildings proposed are 10 three storey townhouses in two blocks of five. These homes would face Toronto Street with a service road, garages and visitor parking in the rear. All the present trees would be removed.

The buildings, with second storey balconies in the back, would loom over our homes. The road that would provide residential and commercial access to the homes would come within a few metres of our patios. I have some serious concerns about lost privacy, noise, and the permanent erosion of our quality of life.

My focus is on the proposed buildings and the site plan. I think both of these are inappropriate and unacceptable.

I believe that attached bungalow townhomes are a perfect alternative to the proposed three storey homes. I suggest that the Township should urge the developer to submit a new proposal.

**Doug Mackie  
Uxbridge**

Your Universe

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### The unasked forum question

Perhaps it was the format, perhaps it was the number of candidates, but the subject of housing in Uxbridge was never addressed at Monday's all candidates' meeting at the arena, although many residents submitted questions about it.

That's probably because, after all candidates had made their opening remarks and then responded to just two media questions, almost a full hour had passed and moderator Ted Barris decided it was time to give the audience an opportunity to ask questions. Not one of those who took the mic raised the subject.

That is unfortunate, because many residents are upset with the way development proposals are handled at the local level. I understand their frustration. Having attended many public meetings on development proposals over the years, I have found the outcome almost always appears to be the same: the developers get what they want. To be sure, some proposals are scaled back a little - (e.g. a proposed six-storey apartment building at the east end of town has been scaled down to four storeys) - but it is my opinion that developers ask for more and then appear to compromise, only to end up with what they really wanted in the first place.

In just about every case, council offers the same excuse: the developer has met all the necessary requirements, has crossed all the Ts and dotted all the Is and so council is in no position to deny the application. It doesn't matter that dozens of residents might be opposed to the proposed development: all that matters is the developer followed the rules. Of course, should council decline a proposal, the developer merely appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal - (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board) - which almost always rules in favour of the developer.

It should be noted that township planning consultant Elizabeth Howson, when submitting her reports on such developments, takes into account the responses received from the public, but she, too, is bound by the provincial rules and regulations and has to make her recommendations accordingly. Rarely do public objections to a development carry any weight.

Which brings us to the question that really should be asked: why should local residents be denied any say in what happens in and to

their community? It becomes quite apparent that the province rules and local councils must be subservient to the province, not their constituents.

Once in a blue moon, council does have an opportunity to address the problem of housing, but seldom follows through. A couple of weeks ago, former Uxbridge resident Adrian Giacca made a presentation to council regarding mini-homes. It was an impressive presentation, in which he asked the township to provide a couple of acres of public land for a pilot project which would see about eight affordable mini-homes built. He was told that Uxbridge is more interested in high-capacity infills and dropping granny flats into people's backyards. That, and approving million-dollar mini-mansion developments. And most of the developments slated for construction over the next few years will be condominiums, which means streets running through the development do not have to meet municipal minimum width requirements. In turn, that means the developer can squeeze even more units into the property.

And when development proposals *do* come before council, councillors appear to be content to receive pat answer to their questions. Case in point: regarding a proposed development on Toronto Street South, the applicant was asked if mature trees separating the property from houses on Fred Barnard Way would be preserved. The applicant responded: "I believe the intent is, in fact, to keep the trees. Where possible, the trees will be kept." How wishy-washy is that answer, and yet council accepted it.

I am reminded of a small development built in the east end of town a number of years ago. Council told the developer to leave trees on the property. Many of them were cut down and the developer said, in effect, "you didn't tell me how many trees to leave."

This town, this province, this country has a major housing crisis, both in terms of availability and affordability and yet all the developers can come up with is more mini-mansions that are out of most people's price range.

It seems to me that we need a council with enough backbone to tell developers - and the province - to *listen to the people*. And if that sounds like rebellion, so be it.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### The quiet heroism of muscle memory

Monday night's candidates' forum was drawing to a close. The next to last questioner in the Q&A portion of the forum at the Uxbridge arena had to stand on a chair to reach the microphone, but her dad helped her get there. It was probably long past her bedtime, but Bella McKenzie-Pugsley collected her thoughts and spoke clearly but with concern.

"Why are there so many fires?" she asked the candidates seated across the south wall of the hall. "Our firefighters are great people. They are our heroes."

The fire that frightened nine-year-old Bella, broke out last Wednesday morning (Sept. 21) and in a matter of hours gutted 11/13 Brock Street East. The flames destroyed Cheryl Hinzel's street-level candy/gift shop, the Sushi Park restaurant next door and the apartments above. Uxbridge firefighters responded to the fire call about 2 a.m., ensured no one was trapped inside the building, and battled the blaze much of the night and into the next day. I learned later that the addition of an aerial unit dispatched from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services helped extinguish the fire and likely saved the rest of the block from destruction.

"We owe a lot to the Stouffville crews and their aerial unit," Bruce Garrod explained at the candidates' forum. "Uxbridge Fire Department will very shortly take delivery of a similar unit. It will make a big difference."

True enough. But I have to admire any woman or man with the mental fortitude to race headlong to the scene of a fire and (with little more than moments to assess) race into a blaze in search of victims. It's ingrained training and practised response that drives them. But it's something more that shuts out fear or flight reflex and puts them *in* harm's way to save others. Several years ago, I interviewed Alannah Gilmore, a military medic who served with Canadian Forces' operations during the war in Afghanistan. Trained to deal with massive casualties, in 2006 M/Cpl Gilmore responded to numerous "mass cal's" calls.

"I didn't have to think about it," she told me. "I just calmed right down and did what I'm trained to do. It's all muscle memory."

Five years later, as a civilian back home in Ottawa, Gilmore and her (then) husband came across a five-car collision in Orleans,

Ont., where a car had T-boned a van. A police officer was on the scene, but had his hands full directing traffic. Gilmore said, "It's go time!" And her muscle memory took over. The impact of the collision had buckled a van door and pinned a young girl inside. The mother was hysterical. But Gilmore shut everything else out, crawled into the van next to the child and called for arriving paramedics to hand her life-saving equipment and oxygen. "I was like, 'Just hand it to me. I need this. I need that,'" ensuring a clear airway for the child to breathe. Gilmore had responded with the same authority and skill as she had on deployment in Afghanistan. Despite the medic's every effort, however, the child died. She told me later her service in uniform and as a civilian made her PTSD patient.

In the middle of an intersection in Oshawa, 13 years ago, the driver of a pickup truck ran a red light (police later determined she was on her cell phone) and T-boned my car at the front-seat passenger's side. If my wife had been with me, she'd most likely have been killed. The passenger door was crushed in far enough that it cut the right side of my head. I remember the world spinning for what seemed minutes (it was probably seconds). My car catapulted through the intersection, wiped out a signal light standard, and stopped right-side-up but facing the opposite direction. My seatbelt saved me from serious injury, but I had blood streaming across my face. The first thing I remember focusing on was the face of a paramedic.

"Can you move your arms?" he asked me. I nodded. He dabbed the cut on my head with gauze and comforted me, "Don't worry. We'll have you out of here in a minute." I don't remember much else from that crash, except the paramedic's reassuring, "Don't worry."

Much the way firefighters became young Bella's instant heroes during the recent downtown fire in Uxbridge, after my near-death collision in Oshawa in 2009, those paramedics became mine. When I later thanked them in the hospital, predictably one of them said, "No worries. That's what we're here for."

Calmness under fire may be part of their job description, but their skill and courage are also a community's greatest asset in an emergency.

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# Trinity United to proceed with demolition and new building

by Conrad Boyce

The congregation of Uxbridge's Trinity United Church, which was badly damaged by the May 21 tornado, has finally made the decision to proceed with the church's demolition. This will be followed by the creation of a new worship space, much reduced in capacity, into a modern building that would also incorporate meeting rooms, offices, and a new housing development. The plan also includes the eventual demolition of the congregation's three properties at 15, 19 and 23 Main Street North.

"The plan is to carefully remove and store as many of the heritage components of the current church as possible. Demolition is expected to begin later this year."

*Cosmos file photo*



The interior of Trinity United Uxbridge, moments after a tornado tore off the sanctuary roof on May 21. The church has decided to demolish the building and says it will attempt to save and "store as many of the heritage components of the current church as possible. Demolition is expected to begin later this year."

ponents of the current church as possible - stained glass windows, bell tower, pews, even the bricks - and have level, empty ground on the site before the snow flies," said Ted Meyers, chair of the Trinity board of trustees. "Now that the decision has been made, our insurance company will proceed immediately to find the right demolition company for that work."

"In the meantime, we will begin consultation with Kindred Works, the development arm of the United Church of Canada, to put together a plan for the new building. We will also consult with existing and potential user groups, because this building has to meet the needs of the entire community, not just our congregation."

Meyers said the aim is still to open the new building by the 100th anniversary of the United Church in the summer of 2025. In the meantime, the congregation will continue to hold its Sunday services at the Uxbridge Seniors Centre. Negotiations are also proceeding with the Township (owner of the Seniors Centre) to rent office space there as well. The congregation and its staff are currently working out of private homes.

Meyers also confirmed that none of the tenants in the Main Street buildings - a bungalow and two apartment buildings, one of which has a retail business on the main floor - will need to vacate before the end of 2023.

It is hoped that many of the heritage elements of the current church, originally opened as a Methodist congregation in 1888, can be included in the design of the new building, and that the facade of the new worship centre facing onto First Avenue may be very reminiscent of the old one. Optimism is high that most, if not all, the windows, the bell tower, even many of the pews not under the torn roof, can be salvaged intact.

"We expect to use many of the bricks for the new building," said Meyers, "but some of the rest may be sold to members of the community as a fundraiser. And the Township, which has been so generous in welcoming us to the Seniors Centre, has expressed an interest in using some of the cast iron railings in our balcony to refurbish those at the Music Hall. Those are the kind of opportunities that can bring good things from an event that might otherwise be just tragic."

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# Police looking for attempted robbery suspect

Investigators are looking for a male suspect after an attempted robbery at a cellphone store in Uxbridge.

According to a recent police report, on Saturday, Sept. 24, at approximately 5:20 p.m., members of North Division were called to the Telus Mobility store on Toronto Street South in Uxbridge for an attempted robbery. A male suspect tried to gain access into the commercial premise while armed with a metal object and what appeared to be a firearm. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival. The male was last seen running through the Uxbridge Cemetery, near Cemetery Road.

The suspect is described as male, Black, 15-20 years of age. He wore all black clothing and had a backpack.

Investigators are appealing to anyone with dash-cam or surveillance video in this area at the time of the incident.


Anyone with new information about this investigation is asked to contact the Major Crime Robbery Unit at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 5359 or [Robbery@drps.ca](mailto:Robbery@drps.ca)

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## Arrest made in Brock St. fire, from page 1

Police said they responded to a report of a fight at the scene at about 2 a.m. on Sept. 21, which is when they discovered the building at 13 Brock St. W. was on fire. They also found a man with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. They later charged Jake Houston, 28, with aggravated assault.

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## Second Wedge gets new temporary ‘brew-mate’

by Justyne Edgell

After struggling for a few months following the May 21 tornado that ripped off its roof and destroyed its interior, The Second Wedge Brewing Co. has found a new ‘brew-mie’. Because of the damage to the building, The Second Wedge was suddenly left unable to brew, despite the fact that most of their equipment remained relatively unharmed.

“We immediately started looking for a contract brewery where we could continue our production,” says Second Wedge co-owner Joanne Richter. “A contract brewery is a production facility set up to produce large batches for other breweries. They’re usually sales-and-marketing beer companies that don’t have bricks and mortar locations of their own.”

They settled on a location and were able to produce batches of all their main beers; however, Richter says they weren’t happy.

“The cost was exorbitant, the batch sizes were so large that we had trouble storing it all, and we had very little control over the finished beer.”

Market Brewing Co., in Newmarket, had offered Second Wedge to brew a one-off batch at its brewery after the busy summer months. At the same time, Second Wedge was preparing to move its fermenters and brites (fermentation tanks) off-site for storage during the rebuild.

“Our brewery installer suggested that we move one of them to Market Brewing, and actually install it there so that we could take up Market on the offer to use its brewhouse, but ferment the beer in our own tank. When we left, Market would get to

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# Bruins lose in second overtime of season

by Roger Varley

For the second week in a row, the Uxbridge Bruins were forced into overtime at the arena on Friday after the Clarington Eagles tied the score late in the third period. Unlike the previous week, however, the Bruins lost the overtime battle as the Eagles skated away with a 4-3 win.

The Bruins opened the scoring early in the first period on a goal by Anthony Lamanna, assisted by Noah Button and Jake Rigillo. Despite the lead, the Bruins defence had difficulty making constructive clearing passes out of their own end. That problem persisted in the second period, but

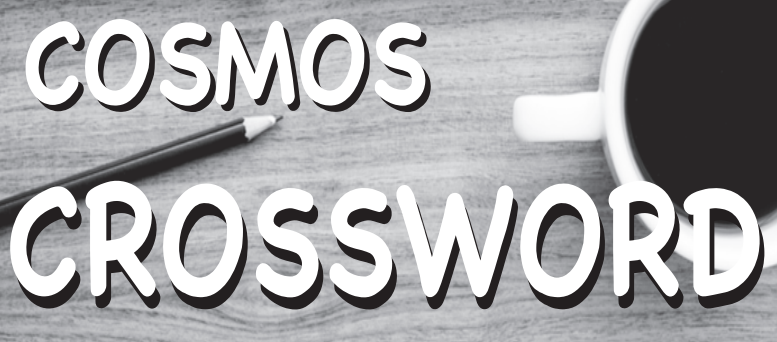
the forwards came through as Caleb MacLeish gave the home team a 2-0 advantage with less than two minutes remaining in the period. Matt Gordon and Travis Winder assisted. However, the Eagles beat Bruins goalie Kyle Groff on a power play with just four seconds left on the clock.

Peter Kerr regained the two-goal lead early in the third with a power-play marker, assisted by Button and Lamanna, but Clarington scored a couple of minutes later because of a poor clearing effort by the Bruins defence. Then the Eagles tied the score late in the third to send the game to overtime.

The OT featured a number of exciting end-to-end rushes and both goalies made terrific saves, but Clarington finally scored the winner at the 3:39 mark.

The *Cosmos* selected Lamanna as player of the game for Uxbridge and Dawson Manning for the Eagles.

The two teams were scheduled to meeting in Clarington again tonight (Thursday) before the Bruins return for a rare Saturday night game at the arena, where they will host the Port Perry LumberJacks at 7:45 p.m.



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Brews are back on, from  
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keep the glycol rigging for its own future use, so it was a win win,” says Richter.

The Second Wedge team went for a meeting with Market Brewing Co. and came to the realization that Market Brewing actually had enough space in its facility to install four of The Wedge’s five fermenters and one of its two brite tanks. They quickly they decided they could make a “roomies” situation, where The Second Wedge’s head brewer Mike Lounds and assistant brewer Jamie Akselsen could work full time, producing and packaging their own beer at the Market Brewing location.

“This was a really generous offer, because we’d be taking over a lot of space, our staff would be there all the time, our production supplies and packaging materials would take over a good chunk of the floor space... this is where the term “roomies” really feels appropriate,” says Richter.

After getting approval from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, they made the move, but soon after hit a snag when trying to figure out how to remit the monthly excise taxes.

Richter says this unusual situation was something no one had ever needed to do before. “The excise laws technically wouldn’t allow two breweries to operate out of the same space,” she says. “After much back and forth, we got the word that it could go ahead, and that’s when we posted on social media this week.”

Producing its beer at Market Brew-

ing Co. means that The Second Wedge will have control over the quality of each of its batches.

“The batch sizes are exactly the same as we’re used to brewing, storing and selling, and while you could never replicate the conditions of any brewery, their set-up is similar enough to ours that the learning curve is manageable,” says Richter.

As Second Wedge begins brewing in Newmarket, getting its Uxbridge home back up and running will likely take a bit of time. “We’re still waiting for our roof, and the whole interior has to be rebuilt, so it’ll likely be spring before we can brew in our building again and open to the public,” says Richter.

The beer garden is open for selling

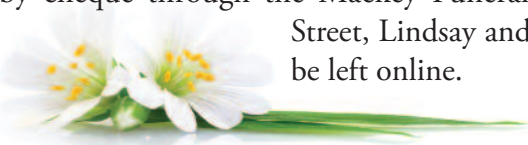
Beverley Harrison

Beverley Harrison entered into rest suddenly, at home, on Saturday, September 17, at the age of 72.

Bev, the beloved wife of Robert "Bob" for 50 years. She was the mother of Todd (Christine) Harrison, Mike (Bethany) Harrison, and grandmother of Marcus, Julia, Elijah, Helen and Avery. Dear sister of Doug (Donna) Francis, and Leona Eberts. Also the sister-in-law of Marcie Francis. Bev is predeceased by sisters Barb (Tom) Bull, Marie Morin, Gloria Traynor and brothers Johnny, Maurice, George Imrie and Lyndon Francis.



In keeping with the wishes of Bev, there will not be a visitation or funeral service. If desired, memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Uxbridge would be appreciated by the family. Donations can be made by cheque through the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay and condolences can be left online.



and serving. The schedule varies as they are at the mercy of weather, with no indoor location or power.

“We’re also really grateful to Foundry Pi, who are also shut down while we rebuild, for letting us use their shipping container as our store and bar,” says Richter, “And they’ll be back with their incredible wood-fired pizza next spring too!”

MATTHEWS,  
Marjorie Bernice

Passed away peacefully on September 21, 2022, at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. She was 97 years old. Marjorie was a lifelong Uxbridge resident. She is predeceased by her husband, Gordon Matthews. Survived by her children Bruce (Susan), Donald (Cecilia), Kevin (Dale) and Arlene (Brad). Grandma to Jennifer and Scott, Krystin, Sheena and Kourtney. Great-Grandma to Wesley, Bradley, Paisley, Keaton, Carter, Witten, Peyton and Paige.



Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Uxbridge Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. An interment service will take place at a later date.



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Helen M. Sanderson

Peacefully passed away at home with her family and Nurse Mary, by her side, on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Helen Sanderson (née Wineck), of Mount Albert, in her 101st year.

Beloved wife of the late Morris Sanderson. Loving Mom of Alex (Gail) Sanderson. Survived by her nieces and nephews and predeceased by her siblings and some nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. We wish to thank Rev. Ball and Rev. Elizabeth, Dr. N. Munn, Nurse Coleen, Nurse Mary, Nurse Naomi, and the personal support workers who made Helen’s end of life better.

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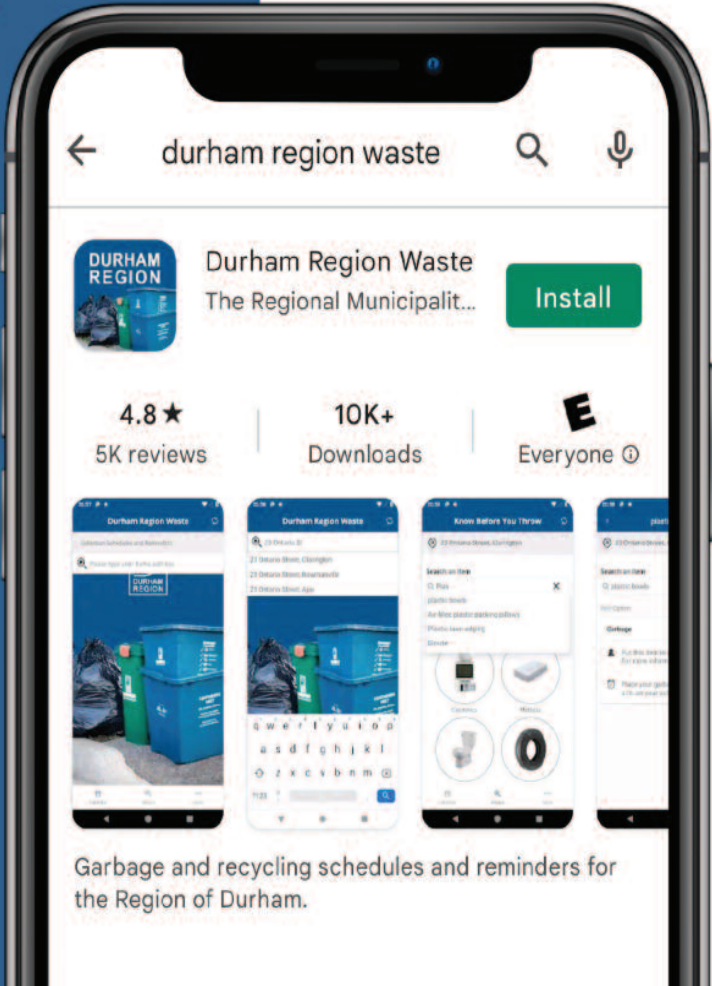


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