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Budget prep begins before new council voted in

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As the *Cosmos* discussed last week, the 2023 Township of Uxbridge budget is in its formative stages now, as staff tweaks this year's numbers to reflect your ever-changing priorities. The new council members, to be elected on Oct. 24, will begin public consultation on the budget soon after taking office, with a view to finalizing the budget as the new year begins. Based on those final numbers, the Township will set its property tax rate.

To repeat the breakdown from the first taxation story a few weeks ago, the two levels of municipal government, as well as the school districts, are primarily funded by property taxes, although every municipality has other

revenue streams in varying proportions, such as user fees and grants from senior government. The Township generated local property taxes in 2021 from the following property classifications: 84 per cent residential, eight per cent commercial, four per cent industrial, two per cent farmland and two per cent other.


The lower tier municipality, in this case the Township of Uxbridge, collects the property tax for the school districts and Region of Durham, and distributes it 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 residential or commercial property, as assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, a provincial agency.

The Township budget can be easily broken down into two portions: the operating budget, which as the name suggests, covers the day-to-day business of running a municipality (discussed last week), and the capital budget, which funds significant improvements to the Township's physical assets, whether it be a sidewalk, a baseball diamond, the roof of the Foster Memorial, or a fire truck.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for the Month of October, 2022

All regularly scheduled Council/Committee Meetings are in recess until the inaugural meeting of Council on Monday, November 21, 2022.

Wednesday, October 19

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 24

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY


Proclamations for October

Oct. 9-15 – Fire Prevention Week

October - Neurodiversity Education and Neurodivergent Acceptance Month
2022 – Year of the Garden

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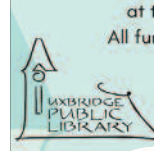
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- Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 23) from 100m north of Myrtle Road (Reg. Rd. 5) to 1.6 km north of Chalk Lake Road will be minor traffic delays for construction work between August 22, 2022 – September 2023.
- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury will be closed for bridge repairs, to 2024.

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions are available at <https://www.uxbridge.ca/careers/>

Current Opportunities

Public Works – Winter Maintenance, Contract
Closes October 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Crossing Guards - Closing Date Extended

Board and Committee Appointment Opportunities

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Uxbridge at a Glance continued

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE NOTICE OF VOTE - 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE
WHEREAS more candidates have been nominated to each of the following offices than the number required to fill such offices:

Office	Members to be elected	Certified candidates
Mayor	One (1) to be elected by all electors in the Township of Uxbridge	Dave BARTON - Acclaimed
Regional Councillor	One (1) to be elected by all electors in the Township of Uxbridge	Jack BALLINGER Bruce GARROD
Ward 1 Councillor	One (1) Member to be elected in WARD ONE (1)	Pamela BEACH Dominic MORRISSEY
Ward 2 Councillor	One (1) Member to be elected in WARD TWO (2)	Patrick MOLLOY Gordon SHREEVE
Ward 3 Councillor	One (1) Member to be elected in WARD THREE (3)	John HADDOCK J.P. HEROLD Zed PICKERING
Ward 4 Councillor	One (1) Member to be elected in WARD FOUR (4)	Willie POPP – Acclaimed
Ward 5 Councillor	One (1) Member to be elected in WARD FIVE (5)	Erin JONES Christine MCKENZIE Todd SNOOKS
Regional Chair*	One (1) to be elected by all electors in the Region of Durham	Laurie BLAIND MACKIE John HENRY Peter NEAL Kurdil-Telt PATCH
English Language Durham District School Board**	One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock	Gordon BAXTER Carolyn MORTON
English Language Durham Catholic District School Board	One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock	Richard DAMIANOPOULOS Tim ROBINS
Le Conseil Scolaire Viamonde***	One (1) Trustee to be elected by all french public electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West.	Kristine DANDAVINO Serge PAUL
Le Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir***	One (1) Trustee to be elected by all french catholic electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West.	Marcellin KWILU MONDO- Acclaimed

*NOTE: Nominations were received in the Clerk’s office of the Region of Durham, 605 Rossland Road E, Whitby, ON
**NOTE: Nominations were received in the Clerk’s office of the Township of Scugog, 181 Perry Street, Port Perry ON
***NOTE: Nominations were received in the City Clerk Services, City of Oshawa, 50 Centre Street S, Oshawa, ON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by By-law Number 2021- 050, Council authorized an alternative voting method known as VOTE BY MAIL, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, as amended.

On **October 3rd a VOTE-BY MAIL KIT** was mailed by Canada Post to each person who has qualified to be on the Voters’ List. The Vote-by Mail Kit will contain a voting instruction sheet, a composite ballot, ballot secrecy envelope, a voter declaration form and a yellow return envelope with prepaid postage.

Persons added to the Voters’ List after October 7th, 2022, may pick up their Mail-in Voting Kit during regular office hours (8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.) at Town Hall at the time they are added to the Voters’ List. The Township will also be open for extended hours.

BY MAIL, the voter:

- upon receipt of the Vote-by Mail Kit, should complete the ballot, place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal the envelope;
- then should complete the voter declaration form and place it, together with the sealed ballot secrecy envelope in the yellow prepaid return envelope, seal and return by regular mail.

Please Note: The last date to mail the yellow prepaid return envelope to guarantee delivery is October 13, 2022.

BY BALLOT RETURN STATION

Voters who choose not to use the mail may deposit their ballots at the Ballot Return Station located at the Township of Uxbridge on the dates and times indicated below:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or the red drop box in front of Town Hall is a secure place where you can drop off your ballot 24/7 up until October 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Extended office hours will be as follows:

- a) Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- b) Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- c) Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- d) Monday, October 24, 2022, (Voting Day) from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

No **PROXY or ADVANCE VOTING PROVISIONS** other than **BALLOT RETURN STATIONS** are applicable with respect to the Municipal Election being conducted in accordance with By-law Number 2021-050.

Further information related to these requirements or any other information related to the Municipal Election in the Township of Uxbridge may be obtained from the Clerk’s office by calling 905-852-9181 or by visiting Uxbridge.ca/elections.

Dated the 4th day of October 2022.

Debbie Leroux
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk and Election Returning Officer

Our two cents

Poverty is the problem, you are the solution

Early last Thursday morning, Ron Houston, chair of the board of directors for North House, spoke to the Rotary Club of Uxbridge (of which this newspaper's editor is a member) about the work the Uxbridge Coalition Against Poverty is doing. He and Sean Astop from St. Andrew's-Chalmers had statistic upon statistic proving the dire situation of poverty right here in Uxbridge. They hastened to point out that the tornado in May and the fire last month didn't suddenly *cause* homelessness and poverty - they existed way before any trees blew down. But it took trees and smoke to make it a little more clear to many that poverty and homelessness do indeed occur right here in our supposedly idyllic little town.

Now, we don't normally address a Letter to the Editor in the same issue as it's published, but we think this week deserves an exception. Rev. Mark Kinghan of St. Paul's Anglican Church writes a letter than implores both those who want to be elected and those who do the electing to think about what next steps can and should be taken with regards to poverty in our township. We agree with Rev. Kinghan - it *is* an election issue, but it hasn't been spoken about nearly enough. Affordable housing and its availability was barely touched up during our all candidates' forum last month. This is a worry.

Times are tough for many of us right now, and we needn't go through the list of reasons why. But for many who are right in our midst, times are dire. And we caused this situation by turning our backs on it.

It isn't enough for poverty to be an election issue - it needs to be an ongoing concern that gets real, tangible attention and real, tangible results. Coalitions and working groups are excellent beginnings, but they have to have participation from everyone. This problem cannot be left to a government or a group of socially conscious individuals who want to make a horrible situation better. We have to stop expecting others to fix a problem, *we* must fix the problem. The first step to fixing poverty here in Uxbridge would be to face the fact that it very much exists. Have a think as to *why* it exists, then contact UCAP at uxbridgepovertycoalition@gmail.com to learn how you can erase a problem that, ideally, never should have existed in the first place.

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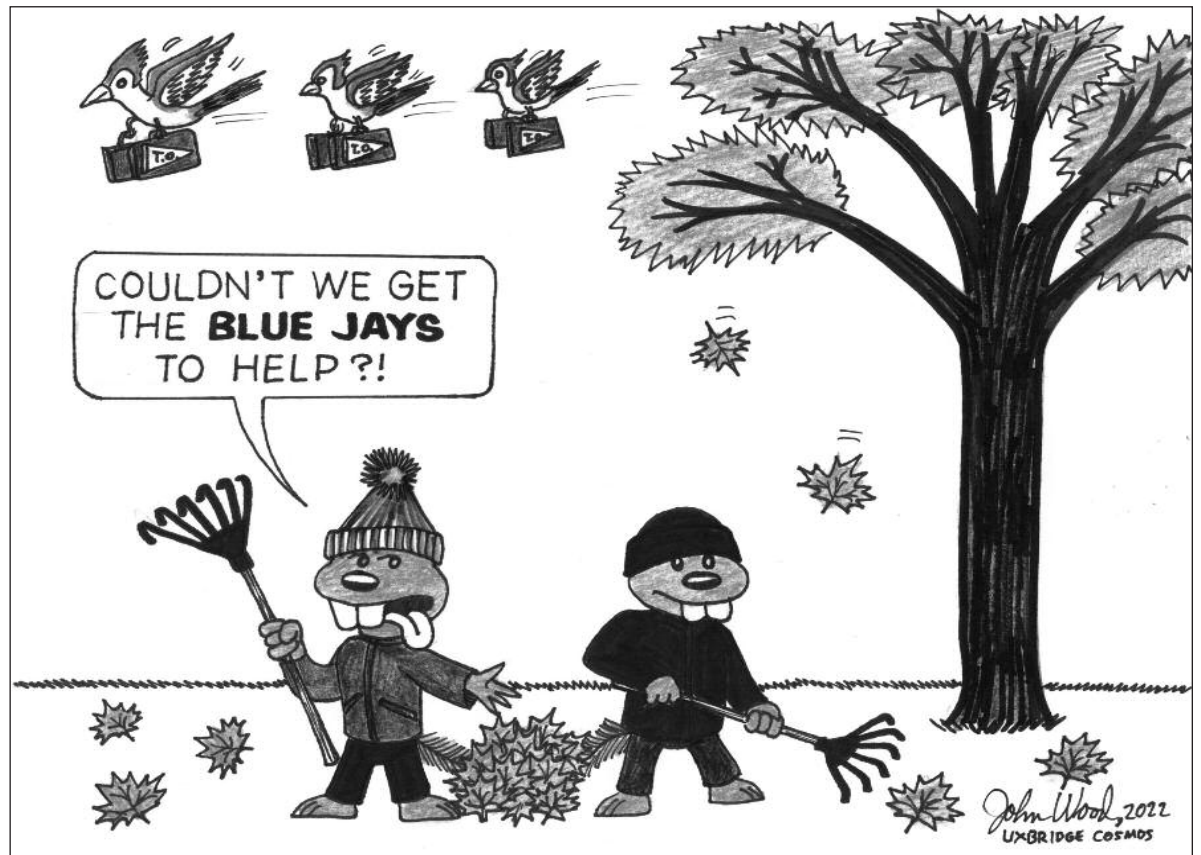
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Letters to the Editor

I write this letter as a concerned citizen of Uxbridge, as the parish priest at St. Paul's Anglican Church here in Uxbridge, and as a founding member of the Uxbridge Coalition Against Poverty.

It seems that with every disaster in our town, from the tornado earlier in the year to the recent fire on Brock Street, that the lack of affordable housing in our town comes to the fore. This is a real issue that continues to need attention so that those who are most vulnerable and on the margins of our community are safely and adequately housed.

This is an election issue as we prepare to elect a new town council. I hope and pray that the candidates will take it seriously not only when there is a tragedy and not only during their campaign, but once they are elected as well.

Poverty, although it is hidden, is a reality in our town. There are individuals who are couch surfing with family and friends, those who have no choice but to live in their cars, parents moving in with their children, adult children moving back in with their parents and those who are also finding refuge in tents deep in the forests around our town.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." Based on what I see happening in our town's approach to those who are poor and precariously housed, we aren't measuring up. I hope that changes soon with a new council elected later this month.

I have been told on several occasions that issues related to housing fall under the umbrella of the Re-

gion of Durham and not the local town council. While this may well be true based on finances, I don't believe it will be seen as something the region needs to pay attention to unless any request for action comes with the support of the town council. I plead with our mayor and council to become active partners in this important work. The citizens of Uxbridge are voicing how important this issue is. Please listen and, more importantly, respond so that together we can work on lessening the impact of poverty here in Uxbridge.

Over the past four years, Uxbridge town council has supported the work of the Aging Committee, recognizing that this demographic in our town has needs that were not being met. I would urge our mayor and the upcoming council to establish a similar working group to address the issues of poverty and those who cannot find affordable housing. By so doing, you will be indicating the priority this issue and that you are on board with finding solutions. Far too often at council I hear the reasons why we can't do something, whatever the issue before us might be. I think instead that we need the council to begin asking what can we do?

I look forward to being part of any movement in partnership with our municipal government that will do something tangible.

Rev. Mark Kinghan
St. Paul's Anglican Church

The Thomas Foster Memorial committee would like to thank everyone for their support during the 2022

concerts and the silent auction, with the assistance of Mike Burns and Andrew Heathcote - without them it would not have been possible.

The donors to the Silent Auction were: Boston Pizza, Vincos, Urban Pantry, Roxy Theatre, Township of Uxbridge, Zephyr Missionary Church, Pat Asling, Trail Town Dental, Corn Maze, Silver Soul Quilt Co., New Wave Dentistry, Peaveymart, Pet Valu, Alison von Criegern, Sandra Cole Burke Painting, Joe Toby, Kathy Jetten, Douglas MacKenzie. My apologies if we have missed anyone.

The silent auction was very successful and very well supported by the businesses and the guests at the concerts.

Thank you to everyone and see you in 2023!

Bev Northeast
Friends of the
Thomas Foster Memorial

Re: "A blonde moment" Oct. 6

The writer hit the nail on the head with regard to extremely impatient drivers who quite obviously don't care about endangering anyone's and/or anything's life, apparently including their own. As she indicated in her well written column, WAIT A FEW SECONDS; it won't kill you to do so.

One other note to add as far as sharing the road is concerned is the ongoing, mind-boggling, staggering number of rude and/or ignorant bicyclists who take up the width of (at

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

How does this help the Bruins?

Last Friday's home game at the arena, which saw the Uxbridge Bruins take on the Georgina Ice, was the first Bruins' home game to be live-streamed on YouTube.

This season, the Provincial Junior Hockey League has instituted a program of live-streaming as many local games as possible. Not all games are telecast live, as some teams still have to get the equipment in place.

On the face of it, it seems like a good idea. You can sit in the relative comfort - and warmth - of your living room and watch the local lads in action. It's not quite the same as actually being in the arena, but it might be appealing to some seniors who find the arena too cold or when the weather is a bit too stormy.

But what effect will it have on the team? Having been to almost every Bruins home game for the last 17 years, I've become familiar with those fans who are always there to cheer on their team. Many of them have been attending home games for more years than that. And Uxbridge usually has decent-sized attendance at its games. However, if a good number of them decide to stay home and watch the game on YouTube, what happens to the Bruins' ticket revenues? On top of that, with fewer fans in attendance, revenues from the club's 50-50 draw will also be reduced. If there is a significant revenue drop, what will that mean to the Bruins? As an aside, the proprietor of the snack bar could also see revenue drop.

There are other drawbacks to the telecast. For one, Peter Ovens, who has been filming Bruins games for several years, will be operating the camera and he will do a good job. But he is not a professional cameraman. As well, viewers will see only what the one camera shows on screen, whereas fans in the stands can cast their gaze anywhere they want. Is there some action going on behind the play? Is a forward sneaking into position for a long break-away pass? Veteran hockey fans know you don't just watch the puck.

In 17 years, I was only hit by the puck once. It came over the glass and bounced

against my foot. No injury, no pain. But the powers-that-be decided that, for safety reasons, the crowd should be protected from flying pucks with the installation of netting between the seats and the ice surface. But there are unintended consequences. The Bruins had to drop its popular chuck-a-puck event - another revenue source - because the netting interfered with the chucking. Young kids loved to take part in that little bit of fun, but it's now long gone. Not only that, but young fans would scramble to pick up an errant puck for a keep-sake. Not anymore.

The netting also brought an end to another long-standing tradition: the teddy bear toss. At one game every year, just before Christmas, the Bruins would ask fans to throw teddy bears onto the ice when Uxbridge scored its first goal. The number of bears thrown was always well over 100 and all the toys were donated to the Uxbridge toy drive. Hello netting, goodbye bears!

Now, it is quite possible that the township could rig up some kind of device to lower the netting to enable the chuck-a-puck and teddy bear tosses to take place - (if memory serves me correctly, they do that at the Georgina Ice Palace) - but I wouldn't hold my breath. I've mentioned this possibility to Bruins execs over the past couple of years, but I haven't seen any moves in that direction.

I remember attending an exhibition game between the Chicago Black Hawks and Detroit Red Wings years ago in a hockey rink in St. Catharines. The rink was not much bigger than the Uxbridge rink. We fans did not sit there in terror, wondering if a Stan Mikita shot was going to come whistling into the stands. We felt as though we were close to the action, almost a part of it. I understand the need for some safety measures, but it seems to me that moving the fans further and further away from the action, whether it be netting or telecasts, is not the way to promote fan attendance.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Gratitude's good for your health

It's coming up to five months since a tornado struck our community on May 21. In those first few weeks after the storm, I wrote extensively about the experience - the fearful moments prior to, the anxious moments during, the mixed emotions afterward. But as damaging as those times proved to be, I think we all shared the sentiment. It could have been worse.

"At least we don't have bombs falling on our heads," I remember thinking (a reference to the plight of Ukrainian civilians facing Russian bombardment in their homes and streets).

My family and I spent part of Thanksgiving weekend gathering, catching up, feasting, laughing and shedding an emotional tear or two. We've all had strange experiences over the past couple of years. But for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic roared through, members of my family felt a certain relief and calm as we chatted and shared traditional foods of the harvest. And for at least a few hours we enjoyed a day to pause, set aside our problems and the distractions of our lives, and we acknowledged what truly matters - a sense of gratitude for what we have.

You won't be surprised that a number of U.S. academics have examined the effect that "a grateful outlook" has on our psychological and physical well-being. In 2003, R.A. Emmons and M.E. McCullough (a couple of psychology professors at the University of California) conducted several studies with participants who recorded their daily and weekly moods, behaviours, physical symptoms and overall life appraisals related to feeling grateful. The professors' results were published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, and despite the cumbersome criteria of their study, the doctors found generally that gratitude "builds psychological, social and spiritual resources ... inspires prosocial reciprocity ... and strengthens social bonds and friendships." In other words, being thankful promotes good mental and physical health.

I think we've all felt that these past few years of forced separation imposed by pandemic restrictions have severely cramped and even distorted the way we communicate with our spouses, our children, our neighbours and particularly strangers. I for one have not heard many people say, "Thanks for your kindness..." or "I really appreciate that gesture..." very much. We could all take the cue that Thanksgiving provides once a year and

spread the feeling across a few more days of the year to be more charitable to others in everyday deeds and interactions. The other day, a woman, for whom I held the door open at the grocery store, seemed quite stunned by the gesture. The resulting smiles we exchanged were, as the learned American professors suggested, incredibly uplifting.

I take a lot from the comments that fellow columnist Lisha Van Nieuwenhove offered last week in her column "Share the freakin' road," about incidents of road rage in the countryside. She recreated an incident involving a driver in a hurry, unable or unwilling to wait for a farm vehicle to make a difficult turn on the road - the car driver cursing at the tractor operator all the way. I repeat Lisha's final words in that column: "Slow down, breathe and remember that nothing is so important it can't wait a few seconds." That's a perfect recipe for a lot of situations, including feeling grateful, not entitled.

At that Thanksgiving gathering my family and I shared last weekend, we invited a man and his family from Montreal and a woman from Toronto to join us - the man and woman are the children of a half-brother my wife and her sister never knew they had. A couple of years ago now, my wife and sister-in-law learned that their mother had given birth to Bill, the half-brother, during the Second World War. Unable to support a baby at the time, my mother-in-law gave him up for adoption; miraculously she kept the pregnancy and birth a secret throughout her life. But the science of genetics and the internet being what they are, the two sides of the family traced Bill (now deceased) to his son in Montreal and his daughter in Toronto. This year, we invited them to join us for Thanksgiving for the second year in a row. The excitement and pleasure of having this new branch of our family join us has given us much to be grateful for. When he got home, Bill's son emailed us:

"I just wanted to say thanks to all of you," he wrote. "We had a great time and it was amazing to catch up in-person with everyone this Thanksgiving."

The gratitude is mutual and inspiring enough to last until we celebrate Thanksgiving together again next year, and a few times in between.

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The Township Empire: for young and old

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In the *Cosmos's* series on the funding and management of the Township's various properties, we've talked about everything from museums to mau-

soleums, swimming pools to concert halls, tennis courts to train stations. Most of those facilities are accessible to all ages of the Uxbridge public. There is one building, though, that was created with one particular age group in mind.
The Uxbridge Seniors' Centre, on Marietta Street around the corner from Uxpool, was built in the early

1990s, and designed in conjunction with the local seniors association. Besides a spacious lobby, it consists of four areas, each of which can be accessed separately. There is a large hall, complete with a large kitchen and small stage, which is the only space available for booking by the general public (although the seniors have
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A place of their own, from previous page

first call on a number of time blocks during the week). There is a lounge and activity area for exclusive use by the seniors, and another space housing the Uxbridge Youth Centre, which moved several years ago from Brock Street. Each of those rooms has a small kitchen area. Both the seniors and Youth Centre operate their own programs independently from the Township, although the Recreation Department also has a few programs aimed at seniors.

Lastly, there is a small office area, recently vacated by Durham Community Care (which moved to the Testa building beside the hospital). The offices are currently occupied by Township staff from various departments, but Trinity United Church, which lost its home in the tor-

nado and is currently using the Seniors Centre hall for its Sunday morning services, is negotiating with the Township for use of at least some of the offices (its staff are now working out of their homes). The new church is hoped to be complete by the fall of 2025.

All four spaces share the washrooms in the lobby area, which are looked after by Township staff; there are no staff dedicated exclusively to the building. In 2022, the Township budgeted about \$50,000 for the operation of the Seniors Centre, expecting to recover about \$15,000, mostly from the rental of the hall (the Seniors Association contributes \$2,000 to the building's maintenance, the Youth Centre nothing). Although Trinity received free use of the hall for a few weeks after the tornado, it now pays a regular rental fee.

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least) one lane with no regard whatsoever to vehicular traffic. Please, please, PLEASE show some consideration and courtesy by always riding SINGLE FILE for your safety (because you're not invincible), thereby allowing cars and trucks to pass you. It's also using common sense. The conversation you're engaging in

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VOTE JOHN HADDOCK

Bruins get their second win, the hard way

by Roger Varley

After four losses in a row, the Uxbridge Bruins finally recorded their second win of the season Saturday and they did it the hard way: they downed the previously unbeaten, league-leading Little Britain Merchants 6-3.

The match-up in Little Britain saw the line of Quinn Meek, Peter Kerr and Anthony Lamanna put on an all-star performance as they combined for three of the Bruins' goals, with Lamanna scoring an unassisted empty-netter to round out the scoring.

Meek opened the scoring less than a minute into the game and Kerr made it 2-0 before the period ended. Noah Button, assisted by Jake

Rigillo, gave the Bruins a three-goal lead in the second but the Merchants came back with two of their own. Then Alex Hyde potted an unassisted marker with just 20 seconds left in the period.

In the third, Little Britain scored a power-play goal within the first minute, but Kerr restored the edge and Lamanna put the game away with an empty-netter. It was a four-point night for Lamanna.

The win was what the Bruins needed, having suffered yet another overtime loss the night before at the arena against the Georgina Ice. The first period against the Ice was an excellent period of hockey, with Georgina scoring the only goal when a shot appeared to deflect into the net

from a defender's stick.

The Bruins tied the game early in the second with Button's power-play marker, assisted by Meek and Stellucio Basile, but the Ice regained the lead with their own power play as Jack Davis sat out a four-minute head contact penalty.

Davis was sitting out another head contact penalty in the third when the Ice made it 3-1. However, the Bruins regrouped and scored twice in the second half of the period. Meek combined with Kerr and Caleb MacLeish for the first and Declan Meek tied the score, assisted by Kerr and MacLeish.

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Where your tax dollars go, from page 1

The capital side takes just about 40 per cent of the total budget: \$12.2 million this year from the \$31 million total. More than 60 per cent of that goes to public works, which are discussed elsewhere in this issue. About 21 per cent goes to recreation, outdoor and indoor, about two per cent to culture and tourism, including the library and historical centre. And nine per cent goes to the fire service (the other first responders, police and paramedics, are supplied by Durham Region).

The cost of asset replacement may partially come from “reserves”, funds into which the Township puts a little bit every year. User fees may also contribute to those reserves; an example is the Music Hall Improvement Fund; every ticket purchased for an event at the Hall has a surcharge dedicated to the Fund.

Unlike the senior levels of government, which are free to run up deficits as circumstances (such as COVID-19) dictate, municipal governments are obliged by provincial legislation to balance their budgets; the Township’s \$31 million in expenditures must be mirrored by similar revenue. Overall, about half of that comes from property taxes, 22 per cent from user fees, 10 per cent from reserves, 10 per cent from senior government grants, five per cent from “debentures”, which are long-term loans budgeted for repayment over several years, and one per cent from “development charges”, fees charged to residential or industrial developers to help pay for infrastructure related to new growth. The last four items, which can vary greatly from year to year, play a greater role in capital budgeting than on the operational side.

Some of the major capital projects planned for this year have included: paving or re-surfacing sections of five rural roads and three urban streets; engineering plans for upgrading the South Balsam storm water management pond; replacing a bridge on the Township’s western boundary; replacing a tanker truck with a new aerial truck for the fire service; upgrading a ball diamond in Goodwood; making washrooms fully accessible at the Seniors Centre and Sandford Community Hall; adding fencing, lighting and irrigation at the Fields of Uxbridge; making improvements to Elgin Park, including contributing to the new universal playground; and refurbishing the masonry at the Uxbridge Public Library.

To bring further clarity as to how capital projects are funded, let’s examine the improvements to Elgin Park and highlight the various forms of revenue - grants, debentures, reserves, development charges, etc. - that helped fund it. In the Parks 2022 capital budget the estimated cost of the new universal playground, walkway lighting, new picnic shelter, winterizing the accessible washroom and path of inclusion in Elgin Park is \$997,000. The planned sources to fund this project are \$45,000 from reserves (tax levy from the 2021 budget), \$81,250 from Parkland Funds reserve (funds conveyed for park purposes as part of development), \$747,750 from a federal grant that the Township successfully applied for from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF), and Other of \$123,000 (the majority of which is expected to come from the Lions Club, and other donations).

Bruins, from previous page

But the Ice put the game away in the overtime period. In six games so far this season, the Bruins have gone into overtime three times, losing twice.

The *Cosmos* selected Lamanna as the Uxbridge player of the game Friday night and Mike McCullough for the Ice.

The Bruins are scheduled to meet the Eagles in Clarington tonight (Thursday) and then return to the arena to face off against the North Kawartha Knights at the arena at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow.

Bear pause: Last Friday night’s game was the first Bruins home game of the season to be live-streamed on YouTube.



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Fall Speaker Series offers practical solutions for combatting climate change

The Uxbridge Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee has announced its Fall Speaker Series, which focuses upon several key issues the Uxbridge has indicated it wants to learn more about.

Making Your Home Greener - Oct. 27

The first talk welcomes Ian McVey from Durham Greener Homes. The Durham Greener Homes program is designed to help homeowners overcome the challenges of completing energy retrofits by providing support throughout the whole retrofit journey.

During this presentation Ian will discuss the program in detail, from the initial application process, to accessing coaching services, incentives and loans that may be available to homeowners. He'll also discuss additional stackable programs that will support your retrofit agenda.

Adaptation and Building Resilience, Farming in a Changing Climate - Nov. 24

The second talk features Adrian Stocking, owner of Willo'Wind farm which specializes in sustainable farming practices that promote stewardship of the land to preserve it for future generations. It nurtures the small farm rural culture and provides a direct connection to a local food source that is delicious, healthy and safe.

Climate change is forcing farms to change and adapt, from reducing the impact that agricultural products and practices have on global emissions, to dealing with the effect extreme and unpredictable weather patterns can have on crops and farms. This talk will focus on both the micro and macro effects of climate change on farms and the farming community. Adrian will share specific ways his own farm is dealing with climate change and adapting to the weather, and he'll discuss the climate reckoning that the broader farm community is dealing with. When talking about climate change, Adrian recognizes that farming as an industry is both a big contributor to the problem, and is also an industry that can have a major impact on positive solutions going forward.

Families adapting to Climate Change - Dec. 8

A third session welcomes Renee Adamkowski, who will share insights into how families can understand, mitigate and respond to climate change. Families can make small changes in everyday living that help reduce their carbon footprint. Renee will share specific steps and strategies families can implement to be a part of the solution, as well as mitigate and adapt to climate change depending on household circumstances.

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