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How to beat the flu bug this fall • Uxbridge has a new fire truck • Writing duo steals John Hancock



COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER - Tractors of all sizes and ages, trucks large and small made their way from the Smith farm, north of Sandford, down Conc. 4 to the Hulshof farm last Wednesday afternoon to support the Hulshof family and celebrate the life of Aiden Hulshof, 16, who passed away suddenly earlier this month. Photo by John Cavers

Township offers reminders on how to submit ballots for election

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Municipal Election Day is next Monday, Oct. 24, and the Township wants to remind eligible voters of the various ways to submit a completed ballot.

"Above all, do NOT wait until the last minute!" exclaims Township clerk Debbie Leroux. "Avoid the line ups, it will be super busy here at the township office."

To avoid ballot confusion on Monday, here are the ways to do your civic duty and vote.

Leroux begins by stating that everyone who was on the eligible voters list should have received a vote-by-mail kit in the mail. If you did not receive your kit, you are invited to go to

the township office (51 Toronto St. S.) and pick one up. You will be required to sign an oath that you have not already voted, township staff will check that you are on the voters list, and you will then be given a new voter's kit. You can take your kit away with you, or fill out the ballot at a private station in the township

"We will also change any errors that might be an issue on the voters list, like the recently changed postal codes," says Leroux.

Leroux does stress that vote-by-mail kits/ballots should not be submitted by Canada Post, as they may not be returned in time for the Oct. 24, 8 p.m. deadline.

Vote-by-mail kits/ballots can be dropped off

at the municipal office on Toronto Street during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). The office will also be open today (Thursday, Oct. 20) until 7 p.m., and will also be open on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The ballot drop box is located at the clerk's office.

"They can also drop their ballots off in the red barn drop box that's out front of the building," says Leroux. "It gets checked several times a

Finally, any voter who has a vote-by-mail kit and is having trouble is invited to call 905-852-9181 and township staff will help.

"Or bring it in to the office, we're here to help! So pop in or give a call!" says Leroux.



Patrick Bryant

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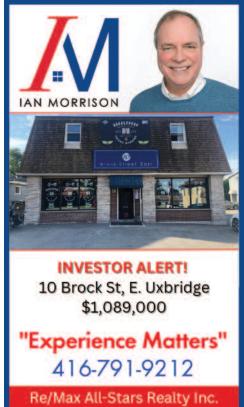
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Meeting Schedule for the Month of October, 2022

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

Monday, October 24 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

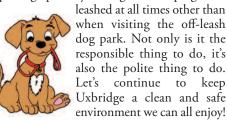
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October - Neurodiversity Education and Neurodivergent Acceptance Month 2022 – Year of the Garden



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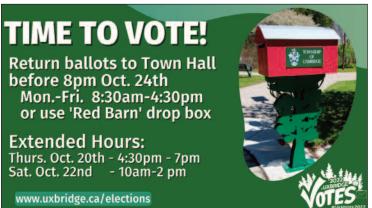
Board and Committee Appointment Opportunities

2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee - Closing Date Extended

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Road Closures

- 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.





What's Coming Up at the Uxbridge Historical Centre

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Fall means flu - and extra stress on healthcare

by Justyne Edgell

Fall threatens the arrival of cooler temperatures, and flu season...and we can't forget about COVID-19 just yet. Ontario's healthcare system is already feeling the pressure of cold and flu season, and it hasn't even really yet begun. What follows here is an update on the upcoming flu season, and what "jabs" can be had to protect yourself.

For the past two years there have been significantly fewer cases of influenza than a typical flu season. With a variety of safety precautions in place meant to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the regular flu had a hard time making its usual rounds.

To estimate an upcoming flu season impact, Canada looks to Australia, as it experiences its flu season earlier in the year. Dr. Isaac Bogoch, an infectious diseases specialist with the University Health Network, says that "their flu season started earlier than usual; it came in like a lion and they actually had a pretty rough influenza season, all things considered." He also notes that Australia saw an increase in influenza cases requiring hospitalization.

This year, the spread of influenza infections is already being seen. The provincial healthcare system, especially paediatric care, is already feeling the heat of coughs, colds, and flus. With kids back in school, there has been a sizeable jump in viral illnesses, COVID-19, and the flu, leaving paediatric hospital beds in dire straits, reports local doctor Carlye

"At this point it doesn't matter if it's COVID or not, it's the overall burden of viruses right now that's really wreaking havoc on our healthcare system," says Jensen.

Likely due to two years of masking and with immune systems suppressed after a COVID infection, children appear to be more severely affected by viral illnesses this year.

'We're seeing this massive tsunami of viruses. The vast majority of kids are getting a runny nose and are fine, but a substantial portion are needing some type of medical care, and not infrequently, a brief hospitalization," says Jensen.

She also says she's very concerned that the hallway medicine recently seen for adult patients will soon translate to paediatric care, noting that there are already paediatric paemergency room as there is no space in the ward.

While this surge is mostly affecting paediatrics across the province, Uxbridge is seeing higher volumes

"We did get an outbreak at Douglas

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tients who have needed to stay in the Crossing, where five patients needed to be hospitalized," says Jensen. "When you have a 20-bed hospital and 25 per cent of those beds are from one retirement home, that's substantial. And it's not people coming from long term care, it's a retirement home. These are people who

are living somewhat independently and come in needing oxygen and supportive care"

Jensen stresses that this is not just COVID, it's a whole host of viruses, and influenza will soon add to this list. "The reason we haven't seen this

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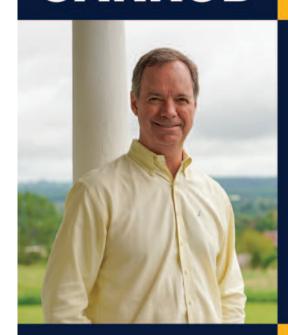
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Please drop off your ballot to the Township office on or before Monday, October 24.

Gail Sanderson, Uxbridge resident.

Question: 57% of our taxes go to the Region. Are we getting our money's worth?



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Answer: Doubtful

Most of our property taxes actually go to the Region - for policing, water and sewer services, numerous social services etc. Is Uxbridge getting good value for this money? I'm not sure that we are. As one of the three smaller "northern" municipalities in Durham Region, Uxbridge often tends to be outweighed (and sometimes overlooked) by the cities down south -Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax etc.

So it is essential to have strong voices to represent us at Regional Council. As Chair of Uxbridge's Finance Committee for the past four years, I have an in-depth understanding of the Township's and the Region's financial issues and will make sure we are getting our money's worth.

Thank you for Conrad Boyce's se-

Uxbridge has to offer, but I want to

respond to his small piece regarding

Mr. Boyce compares Uxbridge to

Policing the town of Uxbridge

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continued presence in our town.

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police service.

Our two cents

Guess what you're doing next Monday

In July, the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors (ISWNE) held its annual conference, and during the conference, created a list of "best practices" for an editorial page like this one. The first point the rather lengthy list made - "Build slowly. A page...requires a consistent approach that will appeal to readers." Another suggestion: "Develop a 1-2 punch." Yet another: "Be sure that all readers can understand the basics of what you're talking about."

We're going to try that here.

First "punch" - there is a municipal election happening on Monday, Oct. 24. Of all the various elections in which we are lucky enough to participate, municipal ones are perhaps the most important because it is in the municipal government that the rubber really hits the road, so to speak. Everything the municipal government does affects us. Several residents have put themselves out there to represent us in this government - honour their offer of service by voting.

Here's where the second "punch" lands - VOTE. We cannot stress this enough. Get on the voter's list, take your vote-by-mail kit in, leave all ex-

There. A slow build, a 1-2 punch, and we're pretty sure what we're trying to say is easy to understand.

Monday. October 24, 2022. VOTE.





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ice also cover the entire township? As Mr. Boyce points out, some debate is needed. I think we would best be served by having the Durham Regional Police Service commit to a much more visible and

> Dave Jones Uxbridge

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, I would like to thank the various partners and volunteers who made our recent Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors a real success.

First a very big THANK YOU to Zehrs for providing all the food for our dinners - your generosity is second to none.

Secondly, thanks to the Uxbridge Legion - your kitchen was the perfect size for all the cooking we needed to do.

Urban Pantry, we thank you for supplying the takeout containers your assistance made this an environmentally-friendly way to deliver the hot meals.

Thanks also to the local Salvation Army branch for helping us find community members who enjoyed receiving a dinner as much as we enjoyed making them.

Finally, thank you to the members of the Rotary Club who volunteered to bake sweets, peel vegetables, prepare stuffing, carve turkeys, package up the food, deliver it to addresses around town, and clean up the kitchen after all was sent out. It was a real change from our previous inperson dinners, but a worthwhile community service project for our

> Nancy Melcher Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner Coordinator, Rotary Club of Uxbridge

Annually, the Royal Canadian Legion conducts its Poppy Campaign. This year it runs from Oct. 28 - Nov. 11, 2022. We are very pleased to announce that we will be returning to holding a parade, a live Remembrance Day Service and the laying of

Poppy Fund donations are strictly regulated and must only be used for the benefit of veterans and their families. Some of the programs include the "Operation Leave the Streets Be-

hind" Program, a program designed to ensure that every veteran who is homeless or near homeless finds the help they need. Should you ever encounter a homeless veteran, please contact us so that we can reach out and see if we can be of service.

The Ontario Command Charitable Foundation assists community veterans welfare, programs for aging veterans, medical research, medical equipment and bursaries. Our own Uxbridge Hospital has been the recipient of several donations from this Foundation.

Acknowledgement of wreaths and donations will be noted on social media, on a banner and in the local newspaper. If you would like to purchase a wreath (the Legion receives \$10 - \$15 of the purchase) or make a donation (the Legion receives the full donation), please complete the form on page 8 of this newspaper and return to us.

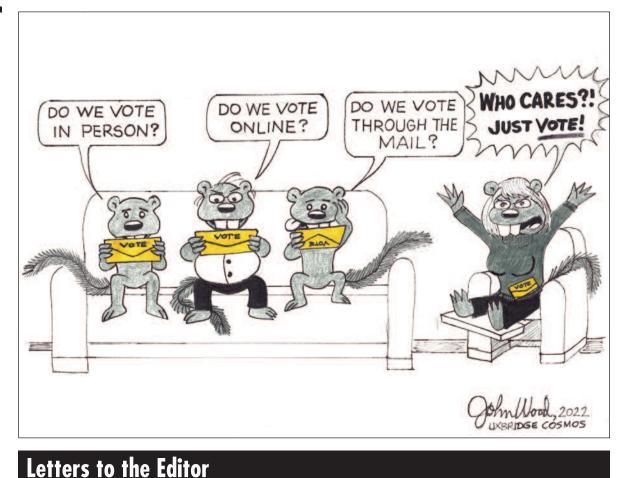
If you are a business that would like a Poppy Counter Box and did not receive one last year, please let

We are pleased to again offer lawn signs as a fundraiser. We are proud to say these are locally sourced. An order from for the lawn signs can be found on page 6 of this newspaper.

If there are any questions or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by

uxbridgelegionpoppy@gmail.com or call the Legion at 905-852-5293 and leave me a message.

> Gloria Eng, 1st Vice, Poppy Chairperson Poppy Campaign 2022 Uxbridge Legion Br. 170





Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

This Ford needs to be recalled

A news report this week regarding Premier Doug Ford's radio interview with Bill Carroll contains this quote attributed to the premier: "A mayor gets the big office, the big title and he has one vote. Why run for mayor then?"

That quote should tell you a lot about what public service means to Doug Ford.

He made the statement in regards to the municipal election in Ottawa, where all candidates for the position of mayor have stated publicly that they will not use the "super mayor" powers Ford has designated for the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa. Those powers, which Ford has bestowed like some feudal lord, include allowing the mayors of the two cities to set the municipal budget, hire and fire department heads and veto any legislation that conflicts with "provincial interests."

The fact that all the Ottawa mayoral candidates have declared they won't use those powers would indicate they have offered themselves up for public service, not power. Ford's quote would indicate he ran for the premiership not to serve the people of Ontario but for the power that comes with the office.

And how is he using that power? He's using it to push for highways that only developers seem to want, to kill off wind and solar energy projects, to stash away billions of dollars in health funding so that a forecast deficit magically transforms into a surplus and to continually deny worthwhile pay increases to public sector workers.

He did not use his power to do anything to end the occupation of Ottawa by the "Freedom Convoy." Indeed, the former mayor of Ottawa and the prime minister have both said that Ford failed in his responsibilities when it came to the occupation. Ford has blustered that he "stood shoulder to shoulder" with the federal government's decision to invoke the Emergency Act in order to end the occupation, but he never visited the city even once during that time. Nor would he meet with federal and city officials to discuss how the occupation should be handled and ended. He basically stood by and did nothing.

In fact, Ford has been missing in action for most of the time he has been premier. He has "the big office" and "the big title," but prefers to spend most of his time at his cottage in the Muskokas.

Ford claims the "strong mayors" edict will enable municipalities to build the thousands and thousands of affordable homes the province needs by cutting red tape and bureaucracy and speeding up development approvals. Gee, did I mention developers somewhere else here? Just about everything Ford does is aimed at helping developers. He hadn't been premier too long before he proposed allowing development on the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Green Belt.

Getting back to his quote, Ford asks why anyone would run for the position of mayor if they only have one vote, the same as any councillor. I'd go out on a limb and say most people who run for mayor - or any public office - do so because they feel they can make a contribution to their community. They have ideas they would like to bring forward, improvements they would like to see made and, most importantly, a desire to see municipal affairs run with the best interests of the community in mind. That definitely was not the case when Ford's brother, Rob, was mayor of Toronto and Doug was one of his councillors. Just about every day was a clown show at Toronto city council. In fact, Doug Ford's arbitrary cutting of the size of Toronto council and his imposition of the "strong mayor" edict shows just how much disdain he has for municipal councils.

Ford has said he will extend the "strong mayor" powers to other mayors next year, including in Markham and Vaughan - if this "experiment" works. Hopefully, the rejection of these powers by the Ottawa mayoral candidates will tell Ford the experiment isn't working. Heaven forbid the mayors of Markham and Vaughan should be given these powers. We've all seen what rampant, unchecked development has done to those two municipalities. One shudders to think how much worse it could be.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Sovereignty of conviction or convenience

He stood at the lectern in front of hundreds of us. A lit cigarette dangled from his left hand (they were allowed indoors back then). He spoke almost entirely without notes, as if his words were a credo he'd crafted over years until the message came out as his own. I'm paraphrasing now, but here's what this man from Quebec said on stage at the University of Toronto's Convocation Hall that day:

"We are heirs to a fantastic adventure – an early America that was almost entirely French," he said. "We are heirs to an obstinate group which has kept alive that portion of French America we call Quebec..."

The year was 1969. I'd sat mesmerized for the better part of 90 minutes inside Convocation Hall, listening to the man who wanted to lead Quebec out of Canada. René Lévesque was an avowed separatist, but I found his argument about the survival of French culture, language and religion so compelling I nearly became a convert to his argument. "This is how we differ from other men and especially other North Americans," he concluded. "This basic difference we cannot surrender..."

René Lévesque founded the Parti Québécois in the 1960s, and he openly campaigned to lead his home province out of Canada, to separate. By 1970, his PQ had garnered 25 per cent of the vote. By 1976, it had become the provincial government and unveiled controversial Bill 101, whose stated goal was to make French "the normal and everyday language of work, instruction, communication, commerce and business," and one day to become the official language of a distinct nation landlocked inside Canada. Because I had witnessed his oratory in person and listened to his arguments for years, I felt great sympathy for his efforts to preserve French language and culture. He made sense, even if I didn't support his goal - to make Quebec separate.

In contrast, I offer the recent rhetoric of Danielle Smith, the newly installed Premier of Alberta who wishes to affirm the authority of the Alberta Legislature to refuse provincial enforcement of specific federal laws or policies "that violate the jurisdictional rights of Alberta." During her campaign to succeed Jason Kenney as leader of the United Conservative Party (and thereby become premier), Smith claimed that "the majority of Albertans are frustrated with ... attacks on Alberta by

our federal government, and want effective action to deal with the 'Ottawa Problem."

Smith's so-called Sovereignty Act sounds an awful lot like a prelude to separation, but she makes none of the compelling arguments that Lévesque did 50 years ago. If all she can conjure as the demon is an "Ottawa Problem," and all she can offer as antidote is a provincial law to allow Alberta MLAs to vote freely on a "special motion" that Ottawa is violating Alberta's rights, I think she's skating on pretty thin ice. Eric Adams, a University of Alberta professor of constitutional law, says her Sovereignty Act "is of dubious constitutionality."

I lived and worked in Alberta during the rise and fall of the WCC, the Western Canada Concept party. Founded in 1980, its objective was to take the four Prairie provinces out of Canada and join them with British Columbia to form a separate country. The party's leader until 2013 was Doug Christie, a right-wing lawyer who was also known as a Holocaust denier. In 1983, the WCC nominated 18 candidates in a B.C. election, garnered about 14,000 votes or about 0.86 per cent of the popular vote. Founded on little more than discontent with Ottawa, the WCC then quietly disappeared.

I also remember the last time we felt that the future of Canada as a nation was in peril. It was the Quebec Referendum of October 1995. The forces of Quebec sovereignty had managed to force a provincial vote on the matter. The "Yes" forces wishing to provoke a sovereignty vote in Quebec had the momentum. The "No" side seemed to be fading. On Oct. 27, 1995, three days before the referendum, thousands of Canadians travelled to Montreal for the "No" rally at Place du Canada. There, we listened to the eloquence of Quebecers who wanted to give Canada one more chance. I drove to Montreal that day with my wife and one of our daughters. The other had a sports tournament she was obliged to attend and wrote on a Post-It on my bathroom mirror: "Please save my coun-

Unlike the tantrum of an Alberta premier, my daughter's sentiment rang with the passion and sincerity of a Quebecois orator hoping to preserve his identity and culture.

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The Township Empire: The firehall on the hill

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

If you're relatively new to Uxbridge, you won't be familiar with the way the old downtown firehall, just south of Brock on Bascom Street, used to work if an emergency call came in. The siren would wail, and the firefighters would race from all parts of the township, green dashboard lights flashing, as the rest of us pulled over to let them by (the green lights are still in use, so watch for them, please, every minute is precious in an emergency). They parked two or even three deep in the narrow lanes beside the hall, and someone (usually shoe

merchant Diane Homan) would pull on an orange vest and dash into Brock as a temporary traffic cop, clearing the way for the trucks as they sped off.

The old hall is still there, still waiting for a buyer (although a deal is pending), but it's been empty for more than five years, replaced by the beautiful new hall on the hill, just east of the roundabout. When it

opened, the firefighters finally had room to swing a firehose - and room to park!

"The old hall was pretty cramped," laughs Mike MacDonald, who was on the fire team for many years before taking over as chief this summer. "The suits hung right beside the trucks, so you had to watch you didn't get butted as they pulled out.

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REMEMBRANCE LAWN SIGN – ORDER FORM 2022

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Where Your Tax Dollar Goes - The Township's capital budget

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism two principal factors: the taxation Initiative Reporter rates assessed by each of the three

As discussed last week, the 2023 Township of Uxbridge budget is in its formative stages now, as staff tweak this year's numbers to reflect taxpayers' ever-changing priorities. The new council members, whom you'll elect on Oct. 24, will begin public consultation on the budget soon after taking office, with a view to finalizing the budget before the new year is very old. Based on those final numbers, the Township will set its property tax rate.

To repeat the breakdown from our 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 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 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 (we discussed that side of things 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.

The capital side takes just about 40 per cent of the total budget: \$12.2 this year from the \$31 million total. More than 60 per cent of that goes to public works, which is discussed in an article in our "Empire" 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 our 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 you purchase 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 gov-

ernments 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.

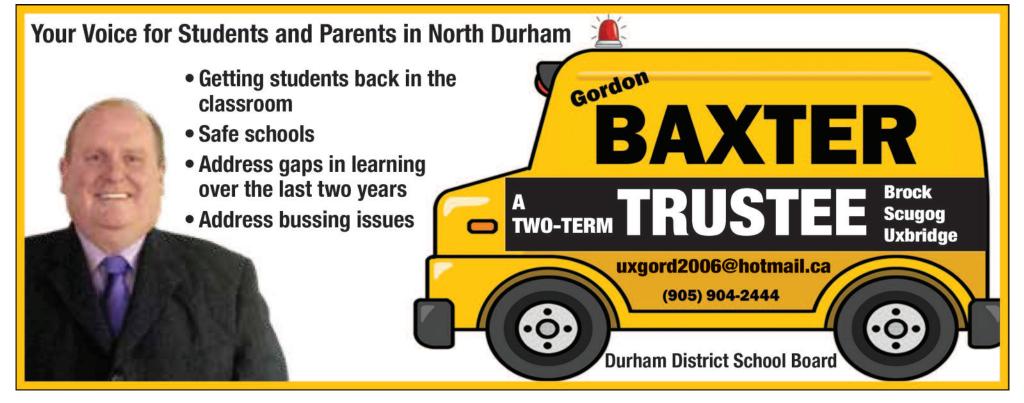
Some of the major capital projects planned for this year have included: paving or re-surfacing sections of five rural roads and three urban streets; engineering plans for upgrading the South Balsam storm water management pond; replacing a bridge on our western boundary; replacing a tanker truck with 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

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Bruins rebound after shellacking

by Roger Varley

Last Thursday's game against the Eagles in Clarington is one the Uxbridge Bruins would like to forget. The league-leading Eagles, who have not lost a game so far this season, shut out the Bruins 7-0, scoring two in the first period, one in the second and four more in the third.

Starting goalie Kyle Groff and reliever Noah Acciaccaferri stopped a combined 50 shots on net, while the Bruins only managed a total of 13 shots, with just two shots on Eagles' net in the second period.

Returning to the arena the following night, the Bruins took advantage of the faltering North Kawartha Knights and rebounded with a 6-2 victory.

The game did not start well for the Bruins, with the Knights scoring the first goal near the midway point of the first period while the home team was two men short. However, Peter Kerr, assisted by Caleb MacLeish, evened the score a couple of minutes later and Stellucio Basile scored an unassisted marker with 16 seconds left in the period after he intercepted a North Kawartha pass in the Knights' zone.

Quinn Meek teamed up with brother Declan and Jake Rigillo midway through the second for a twogoal lead and Matt Gordon tipped in a blue-line shot from Rigillo to notch a power-play goal a couple of minutes later.

The Knights came back with their own power play early in the third,

but Jack Davis replied with help from Cole Harris, also on a power play. With just under three minutes remaining, Kerr fed a long lead pass to put Quinn Meek in the clear for the final goal.

The *Cosmos* selected Quinn Meek as the Bruins player of the game, with Kieran Flynn receiving the nod for the Knights.

The Bruins return to action at the arena tomorrow (Friday) night when they host the Lakefield Chiefs at 7:45 p.m. The Chiefs, usually a powerhouse team, have yet to win a game this season. Then, on Sunday, the Bruins head down Reach Street for a match-up against their arch-rivals, the Port Perry LumberJacks.

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The Remembrance Day Parade form up at the Music Hall at 10:30am.
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STUDENTS Earn Community Service Hours

The Uxbridge Lions Club is looking for 20 high school students to help out with the 2nd Annual Hallowe'en Parade at Elgin Park on Sunday, October 30 from 1 – 4:30 p.m.

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The firehall on the hill, from page 6

When we had the open house, people couldn't believe we managed to squeeze all those vehicles into the old hall. We were certainly overdue for an upgrade."

The protective suits (officially called bunker gear) now have their very own room, a huge one with plenty of space to haul on all the bulky gear. There is also a training room, a board room, storage rooms for everything from medical gear to spare hoses, a loft where training props live, separate locker rooms for men and women (two of the 40 firefighters on the current roster are women, the first of whom joined in 2017), and most fascinating of all, the Firefighters' Association room, which contains a number of historical artifacts and files, as well as the costume for Sparky the Fire Dog (the part is usually played by the newest recruit to the team).

The chief and the Fire Prevention Officer are the only full-time employees on the force. Part-timers include an administrative assistant, training officer and a public education officer, whom Uxbridge students will know well. The firefighters are only 'volunteer' in the sense that they work for us in their spare time; as soon as they walk through the door of the fire hall, either to train or respond to a call, they are paid. The team consists of highly trained

individuals from a variety of back-

grounds, including professional firefighters (who live in Uxbridge but work in other jurisdictions), a pilot, arborists, paramedics, general contractors, and tradespeople, to mention a few.

The hall on the hill is the only one

in the township, and is near its eastern border. If there's a call in the far western corners, the township arrangements with other municipalities to respond as well, East Gwillimbury in the case of Zephyr and the northwest, Stouffville in the case of Altona, Glasgow and the southwest. Their trucks and personnel will often be the first to arrive, but as soon as Uxbridge gets there, they hand over the situation.

And how about those trucks? Uxbridge has a pickup (which can get close to emergencies on our many trails where other vehicles can't), 'Betsy' the antique truck which you'll often see in parades, and the six principal actors - two pumpers, two tankers (vital on rural calls

where there are no hydrants), the rescue vehicle (which has a lot of the same equipment an ambulance would have), and the newest arrival to the fleet, the \$1.6 million aerial tanker which can pluck a desperate citizen off an eight-storey building (or pour

water on a burning building more effectively from above), and which the factory rep personally drove up from the factory in Snyder, Nebraska, earlier this month. One of the other tankers will now be sold to another fire department that needs it.

There are so many fascinating things in the Uxbridge Fire Hall - including a strange-looking broom that is just the thing for beating out grass fires - that we'll dedicate a much bigger story to it in the weeks ahead. Watch for ir

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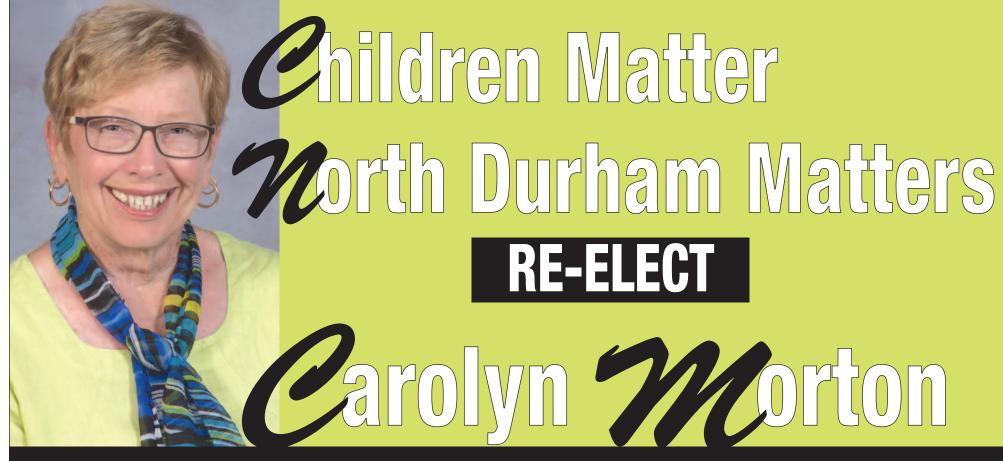
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The Township Empire: The nerve centre

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Uxbridge's Township Hall on Toronto Street South is bustling right now, with hundreds of voters bringing in ballots to ensure they're counted for the municipal election on Oct. 24. But even on a regular weekday (as one of the few Township buildings that keeps typical office hours) the hall sees its fair share of citizens coming through the door. Even if you don't swim or play hockey or have a library card, you still need to pay your taxes, or get a permit for that beautiful new deck, or have a heart-to-heart chat with an elected official.

This building is really the nerve centre of the township. In addition to

council chambers and offices for the mayor and chief administrative officer - CAO Kristi Honey, the boss of the Township's 130 staff - the hall houses the municipality's three "red tape" departments (its other build-

ings and properties are mostly for programming and operations). The Clerk's Office, for almost two decades under clerk and director of legislative services Debbie Leroux, is

the Town-

The house of Uxbridge founder Joseph Gould inhabit

The house of Uxbridge founder Joseph Gould inhabited the site the current Town Hall for more than a century. The look of the upper storey is reflected in the windows above the council chamber addition.

ship's legislative arm, drafting and enforcing its bylaws (and running elections!), as well as supporting the work of council and the Corporation. Treasury, under treasurer Donna Condon, collects taxes, oversees the Township budget, and manages accounts payable and receivable. You'll find those two departments on the main floor, to your right as you go through the Toronto Street doors. Council chambers are to your left. We highly recommend you drop by a council meeting some time, and see how your municipal government works. There are also two conference rooms on that floor, as well as the office of Public Works director Ben Kester.

Downstairs, accessible by a separate door off the rear parking lot, is the Planning Development Services Department, under director Kyle Rainbow, overseeing the planning, permitting and inspection of new or renovated development in the Township, including helping you with permits for that new deck. In all, 24 Township employees can be found in the hall, far more than in any of its other buildings (except perhaps the

firehall when an emergency is in progress). And the three departments here take up about 24 per cent of the Township budget.

If you're an Uxbridge oldtimer, you'll know that prior to 1990, this

site was the first home of St. Joseph's Catholic School, before the new school was built on Quaker Village Drive. Part of the school was used for the southern portion of the town

hall. But prior to the school, the site was the home for more than a century of Uxbridge's founder, Joseph Gould. The lines of his house were preserved in the architecture of the northern half of the hall, where the council chambers are housed.

Just One More: In the past few weeks, we've introduced you to the wide variety of properties owned by the Township of Uxbridge. But there is one property that you as a taxpayer own (all right, partly own), that's not located in the township at all. It's the Animal Control Centre, where you may have adopted your Siamese cat or German Shepherd, on Reach Street in Scugog. The property is owned by the Township of Scugog, the building half-owned by them, the staff half-paid by them, but the administration is totally Uxbridge's responsibility, and the four animal control officers are our employees, though they work, and have legislative authority, in both jurisdictions. This arrangement may be amended when (or if) the long-anticipated new animal shelter is built on its projected site on our side of Lake Ridge

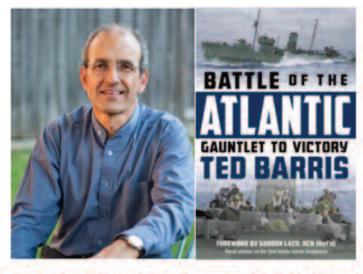
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Tax dollars, from page 7

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).



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 170



Poppy Fund Financial Report



For Year Ending September 30, 2022

Poppy Trust Funds as at October 1, 2021	\$35,239.64			
2021 Poppy Campaign and Donations	\$31,851.50			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$67,091.14			
EXPENSES:				
Advertising	\$666.70			
Cost of Wreaths & Poppies				
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Donations	\$14,641.80			
Bank charges	\$33.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,805.13			
POPPY TRUST FUNDS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2022				

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Remembrance Banquet

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'Fall' for ice cream and history this Saturday

It may be chilly outside, but everyone is warmly welcome to come out and celebrate one of life's simple pleasures - ice cream! This Saturday, Oct. 22, between noon and 4 p.m., Uxbridge's Kawartha Dairy and the Town Trolley are joining forces to offer some family fun.

Join them for free ice cream tastings, get buy-one-get-one-free ice cream coupons when riding the Trolley, enjoy live music and balloons. The Town Trolley will pick up and drop off at Kawartha Dairy in Uxbridge, and clang its bell while driving through town.

The Town Trolley will provide a free guided tour, hosted by Ward 1 councillor Pamela Beach. Also playing on the trolley will be a short film featuring the history of Kawartha Dairv.

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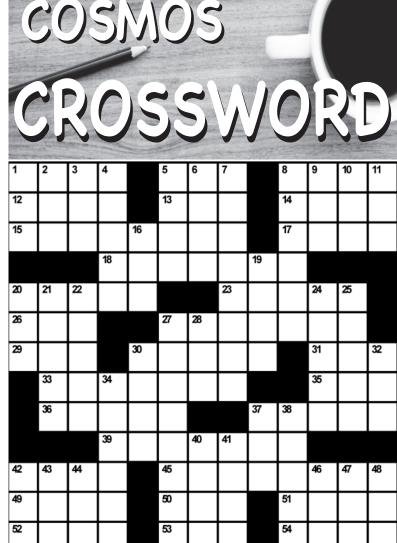
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North Durham Nature is hosting a Zoom meeting with Conger on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.. Conger has lived a life in nature and has been part of many groups that strive to protect it. As an active member of the Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative she has worked on a number of projects that help form links along this unique landscape that stretches from the United States into the heart of Ontario. Her tireless and positive energy will inspire!

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Beating the flu and a stresses healthcare system, from page 3

for a couple of years is because masking works," she says.

While there are arguments around testing the immune system and being exposed to viruses, Jensen says that now is not the time.

"The fact is we have no capacity right now. The pot is boiling over, we need to turn down the heat."

Jensen believes that wearing face masks will help to prevent viruses spreading and allow the healthcare system time to catch up.

"We cannot fix the healthcare crisis overnight or in the amount of time that we see these viruses coming in. If we could use masking to just hit

the snooze button, then we maybe wouldn't see 10-hour waits in our hospitals."

Flu vaccines are estimated to be delivered to pharmacies and doctors offices this month, with many locations already allowing residents to join a waitlist and be notified when shots are available.

With the surge of the Omicron COVID-19 variant, the bivalent booster shot, manufactured to specifically target the newer strains of the virus, are now available. The Moderna booster claims to target the original COVID-19 virus as well as the Omicron variant, while the new Pfizer booster claims to specifically target the BA.4 and BA.5 strains.

Earlier this month, Dr. Howard Njoo, Canada's deputy chief public health officer, said that the original, MRNA-based COVID booster shot is still effective at preventing serious illness and hospitalization, as it targets a primary part of the virus.

Jensen recommends that, while the original shot is still effective, anyone who is six months post-COVID vaccination, booster or infection get the bi-valent booster.

"At this point it doesn't matter if it's COVID or not, it's the overall burden of viruses right now that's really wreaking havoc on our healthcare system."

"There is so much COVID in our community everyone should get it. The most important people who should get it are those who are over 65, are pregnant, and the people in high risk groups."

The Ontario government says it will have enough of the bivalent booster shots to keep up with the demand this season. Booster shots are already available at pharmacies and through the regional vaccine booking portal.

What should you do if you suspect you have a COVID-19 or an influenza infection? STAY HOME, say health experts. For most people, the infections will be quite mild and will clear in a few days on their own with proper rest and hydration. However, if you do need to see a doctor, there are cough, cold and flu assessment

centres available. With high occupancy in the hospital's emergency room, residents are reminded that only medical emergencies should seek hospital room assessment.

The North Durham Covid Assessment Centre in Prince Albert is open for cough, cold and flu assessment. Appointments can be booked on the website, with walk-ins available between 12 noon and 4 p.m. If you are planning to walk-in, it is advised that you register online anyway, ahead of arrival, to ensure your information is in the system.

Oak Valley Health is also running a Clinical Assessment Centre out of Markham Stouffville Hospital, with bookings available under the Clinical Assessment Centre tab on the Oak Valley Health website.

Jensen also wants to remind everyone that anti-viral treatments for COVID-19 are available for those who are eligible. Now, anyone over the age of 70 can receive Paxlovid after physician assessment, whether it be by a family doctor, or an assessment clinic physician.

Finally, if you are wondering about the best course of preventative care for you this flu season, your family doctor is a great resource. Book an appointment to chat about options specifically related to your health and health history.







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Mother-daughter writing team create 'a wild ride' of a book

by Justyne Edgell

A local author duo has already gone global with a book it hasn't officially launched yet, and will feature at a local gig this weekend.

Authors Alie Christensen and Hejsa Christensen, who write collaboratively as H&A Christensen, will launch their brand new novel, Stealing John Hancock, this Sunday as part of Blue Heron Books' Book Drunkard Festival.

Readers may recognize the Christensen name - H&A Christensen are the mother (Alie) and sister (Hejsa) of actor Hayden Christensen (Anakin Skywalker in Star Wars: Attack of the Clones, Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith). The motherdaughter team began working together when writing for the silver

"They discovered their affinity for working together when they were in-house writers for a film production company," says Sharon Caseburg of Turnstone Press, the parent publishing company of Raven-

Hejsa and Alie Christensen have now taken their writing to the printed page, with their very first novel, a thriller that claims to "burst from the first page like a horse at the gate and never stops running."

This Sunday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m., the authors will be at the Blue Heron Studio for a conversation and a Q & A, as well as book signing and socializing.

It's worth noting that Stealing John Hancock gets even more local than its authors. Many readers will recognize some of the locations mentioned in this book, like The Nutty Chocolatier in Port Perry, and Tango Palace at the Toronto Waterfront.

And what takes Stealing John Hancock's characters to these locations? According to the book synopsis, "After a nasty breakup and being scammed into an acting job that doesn't exist, John "JP" Hancock suddenly finds himself the unwitting victim of identity theft and has Detective Nya Grey hot on his heels for multi-million-dollar real estate fraud he didn't commit.

With the police closing in, JP finds an unlikely ally in The Vindicator, a secretive and brilliant hacker who agrees to help clear his name by whatever means necessary. But there's more to the story than meets the eye, and they soon find themselves at the centre of a highmaster con artist. Failure to outwit far worse, but if they succeed, the

stakes international pursuit with a him could land them in prison or



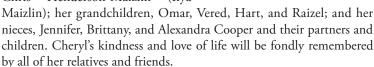
Alie and Hejsa Christensen, writing collaboratively under the name H&A Christensen, have just released their debut novel, Stealing John Hancock, and will celebrate its release this weekend at the Book Drunkard Festival.

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Cheryl Henderson

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Cheryl Henderson (née Hill) on September 29, 2022, at University of Alberta Hospital surrounded by family. She was in her 82nd year.

Loving and ever-generous mother, grandmother, and aunt, she will be deeply missed by her children, Julia Henderson (Adam Henderson), Ryan Henderson (Gail Wilson), and Chris Henderson-Maizlin (Ilya



Cremation has occurred. A Celebration of Life for family will take place at a later date. Condolence messages for all family members may be sent to huliahenderson@gmail.com. Memorial donations may be made to University Hospital Foundation for the University of Alberta Hospital or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada.

May Cheryl's loving nature continue to inspire, comfort, and carry forward, and may she rest in peace in the knowledge that she was a wonderful mother, grandmother, auntie, and friend.



payoff includes the ultimate setup for revenge."

Stealing John Hancock secured the rights to be translated into Italian, with the rights sold to Italian-based publisher Les Flâneurs Edizioni. The story's film rights have been optioned by Glacier Films, and a Braille edition has been translated

by NNELS (National Network of Equitable Library Service), issued as a same day as print release.

For more information about Stealing John Hancock and their Book Drunkard Festival Event, visit hachristensen.com or bookdrunk-

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"It is said that time heals all wounds. Not this one... not yet."

Love always, Carol.

Brent Rynard

It is with deep sorrow that the family of M. Brent Rynard announce that he has joined his Lord and Saviour. Brent passed away on Friday, October 14, 2022, after a courageous battle with an autoimmune disease, in his

Brent was born on June 29, 1951, at Toronto General Hospital, the son of Mervin and Elva Rynard. Brent loved growing up on the family farm located along the Zephyr Road. He learned at a young age to run the farm alongside his father and brother Wayne.

Cherished by his wife Cathy. Loving father of Bill (Caitlin) of Sandford and Jennifer (Sean) of Leaskdale. Beloved Papa to Cole, Alanna, Catherine and Daniel. Dear brother to Wayne (Karen), and nieces Carol (Tim), Wendy (Alan) and Laura (David). Dear brother-in-law to Peggy (the late Bill), nephew the late Jeff (Patti) and niece Michelle. He will be greatly missed by many family, friends and the farming community.

The heart of his family, Brent was a kind-hearted, humble and hardworking man. He loved farming, restoring classic cars and tractors, making maple syrup, curling and spending time with family. While farming part-time, Brent also founded Trillium Measurement and Control, a small business that served the needs of the process control and flow measurement industry throughout Canada. Brent showed such a strong sense of character in his work ethic, determination and drive. He was full of humour and wit and always had a smile for everyone.

Many thanks to the staff and nurses at Toronto General Hospital for their tender care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made towards kidney transplant and research through the University Health Network Foundation. Brent received a kidney transplant in 2014 (donated by daughter-in-law Caitlin) that helped him to embrace life to its fullest. Please consider registering to give the gift of life.

A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 40 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 11a.m., with visitation starting at $1\overline{0}$ a.m. Immediately following the service a reception will be held. Brent will be laid to rest at the Foster Memorial Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit www.lowandlow.ca







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