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INTRODUCING UXBRIDGE'S NEW COUNCIL - Township voters chose two new councillors and a new regional councillor during Monday's municipal election. Back row: acclaimed Ward 4 councillor Willie Popp; new regional councillor Bruce Garrod; returning Ward 5 councillor Todd Snooks; new Durham Catholic District School Board trustee Richard Damianopoulos; new Ward 3 councillor Zed Pickering. Front row: returning Ward 1 councillor Pam Beach; acclaimed mayor Dave Barton, and new Ward 2 councillor Gordon Shreeve. Rounding out the ballot but absent from this photo is returning Durham District School Board trustee Carolyn Morton. *Photo by John Covers*

Two new faces on council following unsurprising election

by Roger Varley

It was known before the election that Wards 2 and 3 would be represented by new councillors - and now we know who they are. Gordon Shreeve was elected in Ward 2 and Zed Pickering was the winner in Ward 3.

There were few, if any, surprises in the results, including the low voter turnout, which saw only 39.61 per cent of the township's eligible

17,006 voters return ballots. At a celebratory gathering at Wixan's Bridge Monday night, Ward 4 councillor Willie Popp, who was returned by acclamation, opined that the low turnout could possibly be attributed to the fact that there were no contests for Ward 4 or for the position of mayor. Mayor Dave Barton was also returned by acclamation. Popp suggested that a large number of voters in Ward 2 likely didn't bother to vote because there was no con-

test for those two positions.

The two rural wards were the closest races. Shreeve garnered 745 votes in Ward 2 while his opponent, former councillor and mayor Pat Molloy, pulled in 694. That ward was a wide-open race since former councillor Gary Ruona chose not to seek re-election. In Ward 1, incumbent Pam Beach was returned with 654 votes, while Dominic Morrissey had 572.

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in the Countryside Preserve

November 26th,
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Meet at parking lot behind Walmart

Herrema Park Playground Update

The playground at Herrema Park is temporarily closed.
Replacement playground equipment coming soon!

Council & Committee Meetings

All regularly scheduled Council/Committee Meetings are in recess.

Meeting Schedule for November, 2022

Monday, November 21, 10:00 a.m.
INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Proclamations for October

October - Neurodiversity Education and Neurodivergent Acceptance Month

Proclamations for November

November 1-7
Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week
2022 – Year of the Garden

Employment Opportunities

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

Current Opportunities

Municipal Law Enforcement - Parking Enforcement Officer, Part-Time

Closing Date: Mon., Oct. 31, 2022, 5:00 pm

Community Services - Coordinator, Full-Time

Closing Date: Wed., Nov. 9, 2022, 2:00 pm

Clerk's Dept - Deputy Clerk

Closing Date: Fri., Nov. 18, 2022, 4:30 pm

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Board and Committee Appointment Opportunities

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November 1st to April 1st

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Rendering of Proposed Parkette Design

Work is underway to transform the downtown parkette into a people-friendly place!

UXBRIDGE BIA's SPOOKY SATURDAY TRICK OR TREAT

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- Trick-or-Treat with participating businesses throughout Uxbridge
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What's Coming Up at the Uxbridge Historical Centre

An Evening with Angel Morgan
Thursday October 27 | 7pm - 9pm

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Fright at the Museum | Saturday October 29 | 3pm - 8:30pm

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Holiday events are coming soon!



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Beloved seasonal tradition desperately needs singers

Organizers of the Uxbridge Messiah Singer's biennial production of Handel's *Messiah* need singers, or there won't be a production this year.

There's a concern that the performance of Handel's *Messiah*, which has been performed in Uxbridge every two years for the past 40-plus years, may have to come to an end - unless the choir can be reassembled following the COVID pandemic.

"Usually, the large choir reassembles quickly every two years," said George Pratt, long-time member of the executive of the Uxbridge Messiah Singers. "But this year, we're having trouble getting singers

back after a four-year break."

The last production was in 2018; the 2020 production had to be cancelled because of COVID-19.

"In the past, we've had up to 120 in the choir, from all over Durham and surrounding regions," said Pratt. "But in the early rehearsals this year, we've only got around 40 - and that's not enough to do justice to the magnificent music."

Choir organizers are appealing to all those who have previously sung in the *Messiah* to rejoin the choir. Newcomers are also welcome to join if they have good choral experience in their background.

"All they have to do is turn up at the next rehearsal (Sunday, 2-4

p.m. at the Baptist Church, 231 Brock St. West) and we'll take care of registration and all that," adds Pratt.

Conductor Tom Baker and the executive have stated that unless the quality of performance from previous years can be matched, this year's scheduled performances will be cancelled. "And that," says Baker, "will probably mean the end of an amazing musical tradition, after 40 years."

The Uxbridge productions have been called the best amateur production of the *Messiah* in Ontario.

This year, performances are scheduled to take place on Dec. 19 and 20, at the Uxbridge Baptist

Church, since Trinity United Church, which has hosted the *Messiah* for four decades, is due to be demolished following irreparable damage from the tornado in May. A professional orchestra has also been booked, as in previous years.

"The performance of the *Messiah* every two years has become a beloved tradition, and it would be tragic to see it come to an end," said Pratt. "We really hope that singers will step up and save this tradition."

Pratt also said that, for choir members, masks will be optional both at rehearsals and during performances.



The new faces on township council

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Unlike our neighbours to the east in Scugog, where all but one member of the local council was acclaimed in Monday's municipal elections, we actually had five races here in Uxbridge. The incumbent ward councillors in Ward 1 (Pam Beach) and Ward 5 (Todd Snooks) were re-elected (and the incumbent in Ward 4, Willie Popp, was acclaimed), but in Wards 2 and 3, there was no incumbent running, so the township has two newcomers. Here's a quick introduction to the new faces in charge of our local government for the next four years.

Ward 2 : Gordon Shreeve

Ward 2 incorporates the northern half of the township, including the hamlets of Zephyr, Sandford, Leaskdale and Udora (south of Ravenshoe). Shreeve has lived there for two decades, arriving as the pastor of the Zephyr Missionary Church, which he still shepherds, although he also works for a non-profit

providing accessible transportation services in York Region.

He first ran for council in 2018, narrowly losing, but this time won a narrow victory over former councillor Pat Molloy.

Shreeve lists six priorities for Ward 2 in his work on council: upgrading local parks, increasing the safety of roads, improving accessibility to high-speed internet, as well as natural gas, ensuring the ward gets a good share of tourism to Uxbridge (the ward has two of the township's prime attractions in the Leaskdale Manse and the Foster Memorial), and ensuring the prosperity of the township's agricultural sector.

Ward 3 : Zed Pickering

Ward 3 comprises much of the eastern portion of urban Uxbridge, between Main Street and Lake Ridge Road, from Ball Road in the north to Reach Street.

Pickering has lived in the township for seven years, and works largely from home as a territorial sales manager for a craft brewery in Elora,

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Ward 2's new councillor, Gordon Shreeve. Photo by John Cavers



Ward 3's new councillor, Zed Pickering. Photo by John Cavers

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Our two cents

Did you know we had an election?

A quick search on our favourite search engine revealed that, across all of Ontario, voter turnout was at an all-time low: "Toronto sees record-low voter turnout" - the *Star*; "Low voter turnout in 2022 Cornwall election leads to limp roster slate" - *Cornwall Free News*; "Voter turnout low in Waterloo region" - CTV News Kitchener.

Only 6,736 of 17,006 eligible voters put ballot in box - the *Uxbridge Cosmos*.

Not even 40 per cent of all those in the Township of Uxbridge who are allowed to vote did. The number was 39.61, to be exact. That, in a word, is horrible. Even accounting for the fact that the position of mayor, which everyone votes for, was acclaimed, it's still horrible. We were lucky in our township - only two seats, that of mayor and Ward 4 councillor, were acclaimed, the rest were still contested. Other areas, like our neighbours in Scugog, had only one ward to consider, along with the regional chair and school trustees.

That's hardly a true democratic process.

The same search mentioned above cites various organizations claiming voter fatigue and acclamations kept voters away from the polls. Voter fatigue? Meaning those who didn't vote are just oh-so-tired of exercising their right to choose a leader from amongst them? They're just too fed up with it all to muster a brain cell or two and make a decision that leads to other decisions that directly impact *their* life?

Perhaps it's all the various methods of voting that had people confused and unsure of how/where/when to vote. Online? By mail (only by a certain date)? Maybe it's time to go back to one method and one method only - show up at a polling station, mark your 'X's and be on your way.

When this new council gets down to business and invariably starts doing things that will raise the ire of some folks in the township, those folks who start grouching and complaining better be the ones who took the time to fill out their vote-by-mail kit. That's what was available to us this time around, and more that 60 per cent of them landed in the recycling. A waste of paper, and a waste of a right we're lucky enough to have. For shame.

When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.

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Letters to the Editor

Re: 'Fall means flu...' Oct. 20 edition

I'm writing with regards to Justyne Edgell's column on the flu. This type of commentary is minimizing the threat of COVID and couldn't be more frustrating.

The threat of flu and other common respiratory transmission is not substantial compared to that of COVID-19. COVID is the reason we've had gathering restriction limits for the past three years. COVID is immunosuppressive; it targets our T-cells like HIV, paving the way for other viruses, usually less dangerous, to infect and kill. It is neuroinvasive and causes cytotoxic T-cells to enter the brain. The flu and cold do not do these things.

COVID is AIRBORNE, meaning it transmits via aerosolized particles floating in the air (and there are a lot of them). Due to the small size of these particles, FFP2-grade or better

masks (like CA-N95) are needed to prevent inhalation of these aerosolized particles.

Constant reinfection with COVID is causing irreparable injury to our nervous and immune systems. The media darling, Dr. Isaac Bogoch, has been front and centre of our TV this whole time and has been constantly gaslighting and minimizing. There are other, better epidemiologists and immunologists in Toronto who know much better.

Gaslighting and minimization of this disease are a big reason why we are where we are heading back into another indoor season. Ms. Edgell has stated, "At this point it doesn't matter if it's COVID or not." Well, my 20 years in human immunology and extensive scientific network would beg to differ.

STOP THE WAVE, Uxbridge. Getting your vaccines and wearing an FFP2 mask are harmless ways to protect yourself and your families

from hospitalization and the long-term effects of this disease. Let's join the N95 Revolution and mask when we are in public and indoors where sharing air can't be avoided. If we are all on board, our success will be evidenced by our uniquely thriving town.

**S. Lauriault
Barton Farms**

Editor's note: In the aforementioned article, Dr. Carlye Jensen was quoted as saying "At this point it doesn't matter if it's COVID or not..."; Ms Edgell did not state it. Jensen's quote went on to say "it's the overall burden of viruses right now that's really wreaking havoc on our healthcare system."

Why do good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people?

A bad person recently allowed their dog to leave a deposit behind on the lawn of the Uxbridge Seniors Centre. A good person (my over-80-year-old friend) stepped in it, slipped and fell. Luckily she only cut her arm, instead of breaking it, which could have resulted in surgery.

If you are a dog owner and choose to walk it around town, it is your responsibility to clean up after it. It's also a municipal by-law. To leave "doggie doo doo" on the lawn of our seniors centre is just shameful.

**Name withheld
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7:30 p.m.



Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

What was the point?

Across Ontario on Monday, voters went to the polls to elect their respective municipal councils. Within the next couple of weeks, municipal clerks will be administering the oaths of office to all the newly elected and returning members of councils.

Democracy in action, one might think. However, once they are done celebrating their victories, new councillors might want to take a step back and realize they've just been cut off at the knees. Not only councillors, though, The voters have been blind-sided, too.

That's because the Doug Ford government has just announced that, when it comes to housing, municipal councillors will have very little to say and the public will have even less.

In order to build as many homes as possible in the province, the Ford government will introduce legislation overriding municipal zoning by-laws, allow homeowners to put in basement apartments AND backyard "granny flats" without seeking municipal approvals and handcuff municipalities who want to set restrictions on unit sizes or require more than one parking spot per unit.

But Ford isn't done yet. His government will also scrap fees such as development charges, parkland dedication levies and community benefit charges for affordable housing, non-profit housing and "inclusionary zoning units." This is in addition to reducing development charges up to 25 per cent for family-sized rental units.

Conservation authorities are also getting slapped down. Their fees for development permits will be temporarily frozen and conservation authorities will no longer need to consider factors such as pollution or land conservation when approving permit requirements. They will also streamline the province's 36 conservation authorities into one agency.

The government is also proposing removing the requirement for municipalities to hold public meetings for every development draft plan and allowing ministry staff to make certain decisions on aggregate development applications rather than waiting for a minister's approval.

In other words, folks, you will have no say in what happens in your neighbourhood or to your community. That residential lot next to

your home could, under Ford's plan, be used to build a duplex or triplex and neither you nor council would have *any* say in the matter.

So I ask, what was the point in casting your ballot in the municipal elections when the provincial government gets to tell your council what it can and can't do when it comes to zoning and by-laws? Uxbridge council has already received a preliminary proposal to allow a huge development north of Quaker Village stretching from Conc. 6 to Centre Road. Presumably, under these new rules, when that developer comes back to council with his plan, local residents will not be allowed to have a voice because no public meetings would be held.

While Ford blusters that this is the way to get lots of affordable housing built, no one has yet determined what "affordable" is. What might be affordable to you might just wipe out someone else's bank account. Also, there has been much talk of late about corporations buying up swaths of housing units in order to control large portions of the rental market. What's to stop these corporations from then installing basement apartments and granny flats in all their properties, thus tripling their profits - and councils have no say in the matter?

As far as I can see, the only people who will benefit from this are the developers and builders. As I have pointed out before, Doug Ford cares little about, and has no time for, municipal councils. Indeed, Ford seems to have no time for democracy at all. He did not show up for Question Period at Queen's Park on Tuesday and he is refusing to appear before the Emergency Act inquiry in Ottawa. In fact, he told us himself what public service means to him a week ago: public service means power.

If our local councils are to be reduced to being mere rubber stamps for provincial policy, what's the point in having them. It seems to me the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) needs to lead a united front to oppose these authoritarian moves by the provincial government. If they don't, it's going to be the Wild West when it comes to housing development and John Q. Public will find himself vastly outgunned.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

The forgotten of the forgotten

I almost missed her. I'd finished a presentation to the Tillsonburg military historical club. In fact, I thought I'd answered all of the questions from the audience. Then, I noticed a woman in the back row with her hand raised. Even when she stood, I could only see her head and shoulders above the seated audience. Diminutive as she was, her voice was strong.

"My father was in the Battle of the Atlantic," she announced. "He went down with HMCS *Shawinigan*. All hands were lost."

As painful as her words felt, Betty Lou Wallington spoke without losing her composure. She explained that her father, Spencer Wallington, had enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR) almost from the moment Britain and the Commonwealth declared war on Germany in 1939. She said her dad told the recruiter at the enlistment office he was colour blind.

"No problem," Betty Lou claimed the recruiter told her dad. "Stokers don't need to see at all to work in a warship engine room." Nevertheless, as the ship hand most responsible for maintaining *Shawinigan's* steam engines, boilers and gauges, Leading Stoker Wallington, needed his engineer's papers and full basic training in the Navy to serve in such a warship. Nearly 100 men in her crew depended on that skill. And yet, should the ship be torpedoed by a U-boat, LS Wallington and most others in her engine room would have little or no chance of surviving a sinking corvette.

"Nobody knows for sure what happened to *Shawinigan*," Betty Lou Wallington told us in Tillsonburg. "She was sunk in November 1942 escorting a ferry to Newfoundland." Indeed, very little is known about the German U-boats' invasion of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence River that year. The Canadian government was so caught off guard, that it censored all reports, news stories and broadcasts about U-boat attacks in the Gulf. What Betty Lou didn't know is that her father's warship was struck by a German GNAT torpedo - an acoustic weapon designed to home in on the sound of Allied warship propellers underwater. *Shawinigan's* crew, including her father, probably never knew what hit them.

What is also little known about that chapter of the Second World War is the job that merchant navy telegrapher Robert Rae fulfilled in the Battle of the Atlantic. A teenager when

Canada declared war on Germany on Sept. 10, 1939, Rae tried to enlist as a fighter pilot. RCAF recruiters told him he didn't have enough education. So, his next choice was not so obvious. "We saw all these stories of these men in the merchant navy coming back to Halifax after having their ships shot out from under them. Two weeks later they'd back out to sea. They were my heroes."

For the majority of the war, Rae served as a radio operator aboard merchant ships of the Canadian Park Steamship Co., delivering the freight and fuel that would keep both the British military and 41 million civilians alive. The merchant navy, known as "the fourth arm of Canada's fighting forces," completed more than 25,000 transatlantic trips even though merchant sailors faced a one-in-eight chance of being killed, wounded or captured. Rae's son Steve told me that when the Canadian government denied merchant sailors "veteran" status at the end of the war (the government claiming they were civilians hired by private shipping companies, not military), his dad was despondent. "He took his medals, threw them in a box and hid them in a drawer," Steve Rae told me.

But in the 1980s, challenged and invigorated by his comrades, Robert Rae began campaigning for the rights due all those who'd served in Canada's wartime forces. The merchant mariners petitioned Canadian senators, staged hunger strikes, and in 1994 finally won the right to be called "veterans." That year, for the first time ever, a Canadian Merchant Navy sailor was allowed to place the Remembrance Day wreath at the foot of the National War Memorial in Ottawa; Robert Rae received that honour. And none was prouder than his son, Steve.

Before I left Tillsonburg, Betty Lou showed me the medallion she always wears around her neck - the Silver Cross, awarded the next of kin of a Canadian soldier killed on active duty. Only then, was her voice breaking slightly, her fingers trembling. "Always proud," she said, "proud of his service."

Please join me tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 170 (109 Franklin St.) or on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Slabtown Cider Co. (4559 Conc. 6) to remember the forgotten of the forgotten.

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The Township Empire: Public Works

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In this series on the Township’s properties, we’ve talked mostly about buildings and their surrounding lands, and one article discussed the network of parks, playing fields and trails dedicated to outdoor recreation. As popular as these facil-

ities are, however, we doubt there is a single one that you use every day of the year. That distinction belongs to the properties we’ll talk about now: the township’s roads, sidewalks, street lights and road signs. They are the responsibility of the Public Works Department, under long-time employee and Zephyr native Ben Kester.

The Township of Uxbridge isn’t huge, about 420 square kilometres, Ravenshoe to the Pickering Line, Lake Ridge to the York Line. How many kilometres of roads and streets do you think are included in that space (we’ll tell you at the end of the article, so don’t peek now...)? Of course, not all the roads are the Township’s responsibility (there are seven tended to by the Region of Durham - can you name them all?), but a large majority of them are. And almost all the streets in the town and hamlets are also under the

Township’s care, the exception being private roads, such as those owned by condo associations. The roads and street lighting in the Township’s two industrial parks are also the responsibility of the municipality.

As you’re probably aware, you’re obliged to clear the snow from your own front sidewalk (you can get fined if you regularly abrogate that responsibility), but maintenance and repair of the sidewalks is managed by the Township. And you don’t have to plow the street or

change the bulb in the streetlight. Street lights are maintained by licensed contractors under contract to the Municipality.

The Municipality maintains a fleet of 13 trucks (there are also two loaders and a backhoe) and has 15 works employees (plus one part-time admin support). Works staff operate from a single works yard located at the corner of Reg. Rd. 8 and the Fifth Concession. The department also has two other properties: a snow dump where we are assured the melting snow does not run into a watercourse, but just settles into the ground; and a pumping station in Goodwood, which is situated in a low area at a risk of flooding.

The works yard contains a large dome with piles of sand and salt for the winter roads, a building containing a small office with a lunch room, parking garage for the works trucks and a two-bay auto shop (where a full-time mechanic looks after all of the Township’s other vehicles as well as its fire trucks - okay, maybe not the Zamboni). A storage shed, and a sign shop are also on the property.

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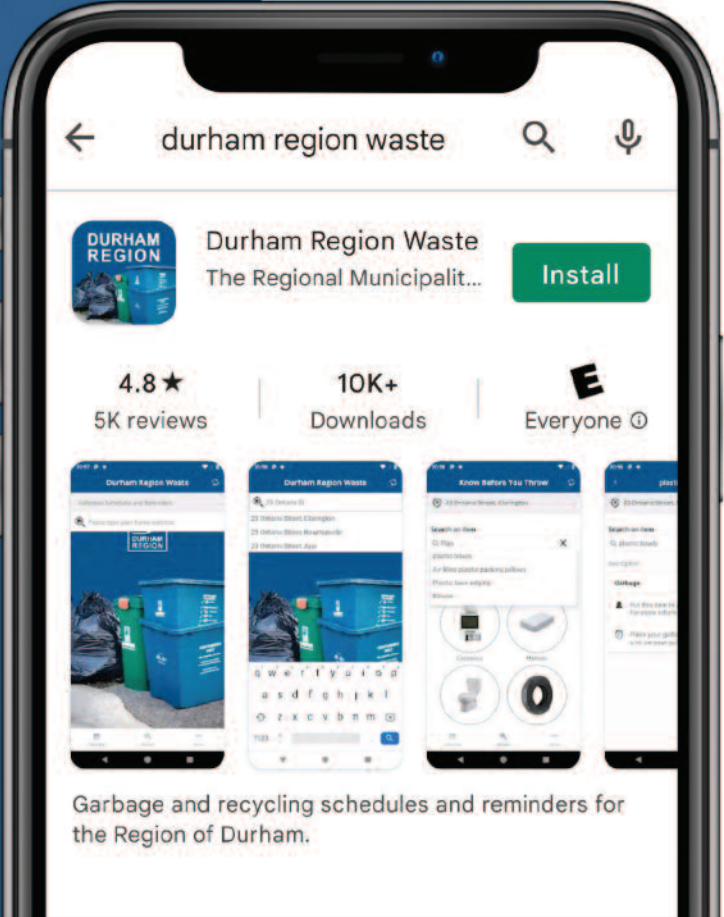


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Public works, from previous page

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Once the snow is gone, crews are deployed to repair/replace culverts, maintain ditches, fill pot-holes, sweep streets, suppress dust, maintain cleanliness downtown, clean storm drains, maintain road safety, line painting, plant boulevard trees, manage road closures and respond to public safety concerns.

Public works is also responsible for inspecting and ensuring the good maintenance of sidewalks, culverts, paved roads, bridges, storm water retention ponds, storm drains, unpaved roads and other infrastructure. Every year infrastructure proj-

ects are undertaken to maintain or replace infrastructure. Overall, Public Works takes about 46 per cent of the Township's \$31 million budget in 2022, more than 70 per cent on the capital side.

The answer to the trivia question above? The Township maintains 329 km. of roads (with 46 bridges and culverts), and 52 km. of sidewalks.

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Looking out for Uxbridge's 58 per cent

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

One of the five members returning

to Uxbridge council after Monday's municipal election will have a new job. Bruce Garrod, representing Ward 3 in the last term, will replace

Gordon Highet as regional councillor, joining Mayor Dave Barton as Uxbridge's representatives on Durham Region council in Whitby.

Durham Region is the upper tier municipal government that undertakes a number of services on behalf of its eight member municipalities, including policing and paramedical services, transit, sewer and water, and many others. This township contributes to the Region's \$2 billion budget through water bills, and through property taxes. This year, 58 per cent of residential property taxes were forwarded to Whitby, and 43 per cent of commercial and industrial taxes, a total of \$31.6 million altogether.

"It's a huge investment," says Garrod, "and the job of myself and the mayor is to ensure our taxes are well spent."

Garrod, head of Uxbridge council's finance committee for the last four years, is experienced at overseeing tax dollars. In his non-political life, he is a consultant in project management; that experience has also proved valuable in municipal government. Although he will continue to teach for a couple of weeks per year, being a member of two busy municipal

councils will be his full-time job (that will be somewhat compensated for by the fact that the Region pays its council members about twice what the Township does).

Last term, Garrod was Uxbridge's alternate to regional council, but Barton and Highet seldom took a meeting off, so Garrod will have to learn the ropes quickly. But he thinks there are at least a couple of areas where the Region could improve its program delivery here in Uxbridge.

"The police service definitely needs to have a higher visibility in the township," he says, "particularly in traffic enforcement. And on the social services side, there are an increasing number of people falling through the cracks. I think the Region very much wants to help, but we all need to work harder at finding solutions."

Garrod also wants to improve communication with Uxbridgians about Regional services and programs.

"In my conversations during this campaign, it was clear that a lot of us don't really understand what the Region does, and how it works. That's unacceptable when it spends so much of our money. So I'm going to try any way I can to make sure taxpayers are better informed."

New councillors, from page 3

Ontario. Locally, he has worked with a number of charities, most notably as a board member for North House, a social housing advocate, and as a co-founder of the Uxbridge Anti-Racism Coalition. This was his first run at political office, but he won comfortably over two other candidates in the ward. Perhaps it's due to

the political blood in his veins; his great-grandmother, Alma Walker, was the first mayor of Markham.

In his campaign, Pickering had several priorities as a representative of Ward 3: road safety (the ward contains Uxbridge's high school and its largest elementary school), downtown revitalization, affordable housing, and stewardship of the environment.

Election results, from page 1

Perhaps the most followed race was for regional councillor between Bruce Garrod, who represented Ward 3 in the last council, and Jack Ballinger, a former regional councillor seeking a comeback. The position became open when former regional councillor Gord Highet decided not to run again. Garrod, who served as finance committee chair during the term of the last council, more than doubled Ballinger's support, with 4,468 votes against 2,041.

In Ward 3, Pickering handily won over John Haddock and J.P. Herold, pulling in 56.47 per cent of the vote. Pickering had 668 votes, Haddock had 329 and Herold had 186.

Todd Snooks retained his seat in Ward 5 with 699 votes, compared to Christine MacKenzie's 418 and Erin Jones' 127.

As of Tuesday's press time, these results were still unofficial, and remain so until confirmed by the township clerk.

Carolyn Morton easily won re-election as the Durham District School Board trustee over Gord Baxter and Richard Damianopoulos defeated challenger Tim Robins for a seat on the Catholic school board.

For the position of regional chair, there was no contest. John Henry pulled in a whopping 68.74 per cent of the vote (this number only represents the return from Uxbridge, not from all of the region of Durham).

After months of campaigning, the results came in startlingly fast. The first results were posted on the township web page at 8:06 p.m. Monday and the leads shown in the various races never changed.

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Lamanna goes on a tear for the Bruins

by Roger Varley

Anthony Lamanna had the game of his life on Sunday when he scored four goals and was also credited with an assist as the Uxbridge Bruins downed the Port Perry LumberJacks 7-4.

With a 4-2 win over the faltering Lakefield Chiefs on Friday at the arena, the Bruins moved into third spot in the seven-team Orr Division of the PJHL.

On Friday, in a game that saw only three penalties, the Bruins took advantage of the Chiefs' weak offence. Twice during the game, the Bruins were given four-minute penalties, once for spearing and once for head contact, yet Lakefield could only muster a total of eight shots on net during that combined eight minutes. Most of Lakefield's offensive forays simply frittered away like waves on

the beach, thanks in no small part to the Bruins' defence and their control of the blue line.

Matt Gordon opened the scoring in the first period with a blast from the blue line, assisted by Alex Hyde and Jack Davis. Noah Button made it 2-0 with an unassisted marker late in the period.

In the second period, goalie Noah Acciaccferri stopped Lakefield's Liam Kelly on a breakaway but gave up a goal a couple of minutes later.

In the third, Quinn Meek scored what proved to be the game-winner with an unassisted goal early in the period. Just past the midway mark, Meek scored his second of the night, assisted by Peter Kerr and Lamanna. The Chiefs managed to score one more before the game ended.

The *Cosmos* selected Meek as the Bruins player of the game while Nick Stinson received the nod for Lake-

field.

Down Reach Street on Sunday, with Kyle Groff in the net, the LumberJacks took an early lead in the first, but Lamanna responded a couple of minutes later, assisted by Meek. Davis, Caleb MacLeish and Gordon combined to make it 2-1 before the period ended.

In the second, Lamanna scored two more and assisted on another as the Bruins outscored the LumberJacks 4-2. In the scoring flurry, Kerr picked up three assists and Meek also scored.

Port Perry came within two goals midway through the third, but Lamanna put the game away with an unassisted goal.

There will be no game at the arena tomorrow (Friday) as a scheduling quirk sends the Bruins off to face the Georgina Ice in Keswick. The Bruins' next home game will be on Nov. 4.

Focus on Finance with Tammy Scuralli, Edward Jones

School's out: What happens to your RESP if your child doesn't go to school?

Many Canadian parents and grandparents plan to cover at least some portion of costs related to their child's/grandchild's post-secondary education. This typically involves contributing to an RESP. Post-secondary education can help open the door to a variety of career options, higher earnings potential and rewarding occupations. But there's no guarantee that a child will want to pursue higher education. So what happens if they don't? More precisely, what happens to the money inside your RESP if your child decides not to pursue a qualifying postsecondary education program? Before we get into those specifics, let's first discuss the basics of Registered Education Savings Plans.

An RESP is an account, created specifically to help parents, grandparents and others save for a child's post-secondary education. Contributions to an RESP are not tax deductible. However, eligible RESP contributions can earn a matching 20 per cent contribution from the Government of Canada via the Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG). Inside an RESP, all investment returns - interest, dividends and capital gains - enjoy tax-sheltered growth. There is no annual limit on RESP contributions; however, there is a lifetime contribution limit of \$50,000 per child, and a lifetime CESG of \$7,200 for each child.

What happens to your RESP if the

beneficiary doesn't pursue postsecondary education? The money in an RESP comes primarily from three different sources - your original contributions, matching CESG contributions from the government and investment growth. The distinction between these sources is important because each is treated differently upon withdrawal. If a child doesn't attend a qualifying post-secondary education program, money can be withdrawn from your RESP as follows:

Contributions - You can withdraw the money you've contributed over the years with no tax consequence. Unlike Registered Retirement Saving Plan (RRSP) contributions, RESP contributions are not tax deductible. As such, there are no taxes owing when those contributions are withdrawn.

CESG - You must return this portion to the Government of Canada. Grants are paid by the government to encourage higher education, and as such, if your child doesn't attend a qualifying educational program, all grant amounts paid into the RESP must be repaid to the government.

Investment growth - This portion, when withdrawn, is known as an Accumulated Income Payment (AIP), and is taxable at your marginal tax rate plus an additional 20 per cent tax. However, the additional 20 per cent tax can potentially be avoided. If you have RRSP contribution room available, you can transfer up to \$50,000 AIP from the RESP to your RRSP with no immediate tax consequence.

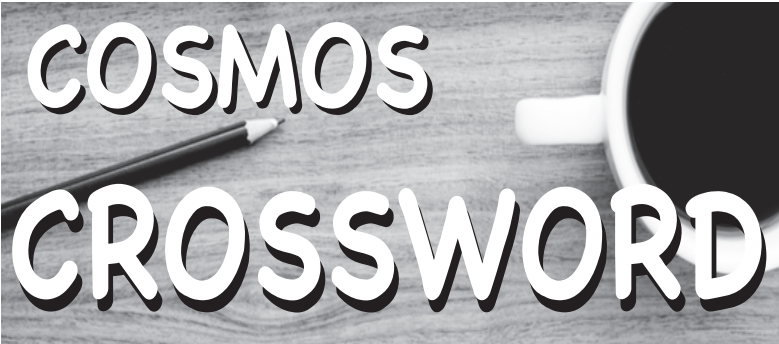
A child who isn't interested in postsecondary education today may decide to pursue a program of interest in the future. An RESP can remain open for a total of 36 years. If you have more than one child, and one child doesn't pursue post-secondary education but another does, it may be possible to transfer the RESP contributions and grants to the child who pursues postsecondary education.

Even if your son or daughter isn't interested in college or university, there are many other qualifying schools and programs, such as trade schools, hair stylist programs, CEGEPs (Quebec), and other institutions certified by the Minister of Employment and Social Development.

RESPs are great vehicles for education savings, but keep in mind that an RESP is simply an account - not an investment, and not a comprehensive education planning strategy. What type of RESP should you open, how much should you contribute, what investments should you purchase, and what should you do if your child doesn't attend school? These are just some of the important issues we can help you address.

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Unique shop brings Asian flare - and bubble tea - downtown

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

I'm here to confess that I had it all wrong. I thought that the reason bubble tea was called, well, bubble tea was because there were giant "bubbles" of squishy, gelatinous tapioca floating around in a syrupy sweet drink. But a visit to Mani Tea on Brock St. W. soon clarified this misinformation. According to Yiyuan Wang, bubble tea was named as such because the milky, sweet concoction, once fully prepared, is shaken vigorously until small bubbles appear on the surface. And although they're extremely popular, the tapioca pearls *aren't* a requirement.

Wang, co-owner of Mani Tea with her husband, Guowen Zhang, brought the popular drink to Uxbridge just over five months ago, opening up a shop at 19 Brock St. W. - not long before the May 21 tornado ripped through the downtown. The shop was threatened again when a fire broke out just two doors away on Sept. 21, but it ultimately only suffered from the smell of smoke for a few days following the fire.

Wang and Zhang moved to Uxbridge one year ago from Newmarket, where they oversaw the operation of three restaurants in the city. The COVID-19 pandemic led to two of those restaurants closing down; one in North York remains open, along with Mani Tea.

"This isn't a franchise," explains Wang. "I came up with all the drinks on the menu, I make all the desserts... I like it like this because then we can be very flexible, we can change every day."

Wang has created a wide assortment of drinks for all tastes. She says the most popular one is the standard brown sugar, but she's particularly proud of the "Uxbridge Trail" - a matcha smoothie made with Oreos. Other flavours include Jasmine Pearl

Milk Tea, Grass Jelly Milk Tea, and a Blue Sky White Cloud.

Zhang emphasizes that, because the couple has young children, it's important to them to use good ingredients in their products.

"I don't like fake food, so I don't want to serve it!" he exclaims.

Mani Tea also sells Japanese character action figures, Japanese and Korean soft drinks, salads, sandwiches, gigantic chocolate chip cookies, and has recently added a line of Japanese skin care products to the store.

"I have a lot of ideas for our store, but no time!" laughs Wang as she lifts her two-year-old daughter to her hip. She and Zhang also have an eight-year-old son who attends Joseph Gould Public School. He created the unique logo for the shop.

When asked whether bubble tea is popular in Uxbridge, Wang points

out that she and Zhang came from Beijing, China, to live in Canada.

"Beijing was not a life, we decided to come to Canada where it's quiet. Bubble tea is so popular where we lived, and we knew that it was getting popular here. Also, I want to share our Chinese culture here. It's hard to see Asian people here, we're a little bit unique!"

For the uninitiated, like I was, a brief outline of the world of bubble tea. Bubble tea comes in many variations consisting of black tea, green tea, oolong tea, and sometimes white tea. Other variations are blended tea drinks which use ice cream, or are smoothies that contain both tea and fruit.

Tapioca pearls (boba) are the most common ingredient added to bubble tea, although there are other ways to make the chewy spheres (according

to Wang, the Taiwanese like to chew on things, including their drinks). The pearls vary in color according to the ingredients mixed in with the tapioca. Most pearls are black from brown sugar.

Popping boba, or spheres that have fruit juices or syrups inside them, are also popular in bubble tea. Some bubble tea shops also give customers the option of choosing the amount of ice or sugar in their drink. Sugar level is usually specified in percentages (e.g. 25%, 50%), and specifying ice level (no ice, less ice, normal ice) is also possible.

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Yiyuan Wang, left, and Guowen Zhang, owners of Mani Tea on Brock St. W., take a break from making custom bubble tea orders to cuddle their two-year-old daughter.

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Mani Tea's blueberry smoothie is made with milk, cream, fresh blueberries and blueberry jam.

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