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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO CANADA - After appearing in the Santa Claus parade on Saturday, Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped in at the Uxbridge Masonic Hall to say a special hello to the Hamdi family during a party, hosted by North Durham Refugee Reunification, welcoming the entire family to Canada. Hamdi family members pictured here, from left: Rabih and Noura Hamdi, and Kamar Almonajed. *Photo by Steven Ardron*

Council adds more fun to the Holiday Trail

Roger Varley

Accepting a recommendation from Katlyn Jones, museum curator and tourism coordinator, Uxbridge council agreed on Monday to add a little more fun to the annual Holiday Trail event. Council voted in favour of placing three "life-size games" in the downtown area to complement the occasion's other activities.

The Holiday Trail will run from Dec. 8 to Dec. 10, and will feature musicians, trolley rides through the Fantasy of Lights, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the opportunity to shop and support local merchants.

Jones' suggestion is to add life-sized Jenga and Korn-Hole games and a mini floor hockey arena this year. The Jenga game and the hockey pad will be located near the Circle K store, along with the tourism trailer. The Korn Hole game, where players try to throw bean bags

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USS students look forward to giving input on new park

Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On Oct. 23, the Ontario government hosted an open house at Uxbridge Secondary School to discuss with the public the proposed new Uxbridge provincial park. The recently appointed Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin, was in attendance, and also convened a so-called Youth Summit earlier in the day, to discuss the project with members of USS's Grade 12 Outdoor Education and Environment class, led by teacher Stuart David.

"The class is an SHSM class," David told the *Cosmos*. "SHSM stands for Specialist High Skills Major - USS has four SHSM programs in different disciplines. Students enrolled in Grade 11 and 12 Outdoor Education and Grade 12 Geography are eligible to get the Environment SHSM certification for being in those courses.

To graduate with the Environment SHSM

certification, students take certain courses focused on the environment, and complete certifications including GPS navigation, species ID and standard first aid. Students enrolled in these courses have a chance to learn about and participate in a variety of outdoor activities like snowshoeing, mountain biking, climbing and canoeing. They also learn about sustainability, and consider how humans interact with the environment in positive and negative ways. We also look at leadership skills, challenge students to step out of their comfort zone and be an effective part of a team.

Many of the outdoor activities we do are completed in and around Uxbridge, so providing feedback on a proposed provincial park is very important for students, and provides them with a chance to see how governments and communities can protect lands for different uses."

This week, on behalf of the students attending the Summit, David released a summary of the discussions at the event, and the students'

hopes for future involvement in the planning of the park. The summary has three broad areas:

Engage youth in parks - Include multi-use trails that allow for a variety of activities; consider activities like tobogganing, skating, archery, tree-top trekking, and water uses that may engage youth.

Attract people normally under-represented in parks, such as girls/women, diverse cultures, people with disabilities, etc. - Trails should be accessible through paved or hard surfaces, less incline, regular maintenance and shorter loops; have signage that reflects different languages and diversity.

Continue youth engagement in this project - Host activities at the park to engage different groups; have more in person workshops with different youth groups and schools; listen to youth and value their opinion.

Elizabeth Calvin of Uxbridge is president of

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for November, 2023

Thursday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.
BIA BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 27, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 27, 3:00 p.m.
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
COMMITTEE

Proclamations for November

Nov. 25: White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women

Road Closures

- Uxbridge-East Gwillimbury Townline from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Road, East Gwillimbury - closed for bridge repairs to 2024
- Uxbridge East Gwillimbury Townline from York St. 500m south of Ravenshoe Road to Zephyr Road - closed for bridge repairs to January 2024

Employment Opportunities

Complete details of all open positions are available at <https://www.uxbridge.ca/careers>

Uxpool – Lifeguards / Instructors, Winter Session
Closing date: Friday, December 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Uxpool – Aquatic Program Supervisor
Closing date: Monday, December 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Winter Parking Reminder
No overnight parking on Township streets or in Municipal Lots from 2am -7am
November 1st to April 1st

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Registration opens November 30 at 9 am
www.uxbridge.ca/uxpool
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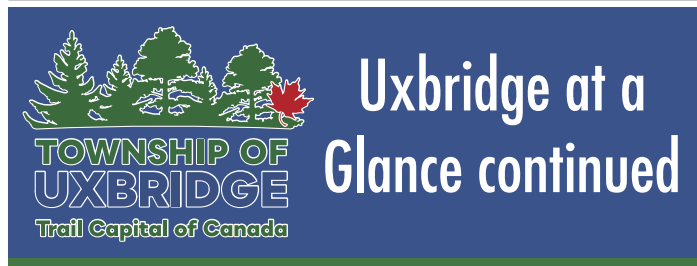
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Thank-you to all parade entrants for their time effort and dedication to our community!



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

This Notice is to inform you that the Township of Uxbridge has received a Zoning By-law Amendment Application which has been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Township Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, Phil and Lisa-Marie Kestin.

The statutory public meeting will be held in a hybrid format allowing for in-person attendance or virtual viewing of the public meeting. The Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Zoning By-law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- The purpose and effect of this application is to amend the Zoning By-law to permit a secondary unit within an accessory building.
- The subject property is designated “Major Open Space Areas” under the Region of Durham Official Plan and dual zoned “Shoreline Residential Exception No. 2 (SR-2)” zone and “Environmental Protection (EP)” zone under the Township of Uxbridge Zoning By-law No. 81-19, as amended.

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property is located East of Mayfair Drive and South of Mustard Street and is municipally known as 119 Mayfair Drive and legally described as Part Lot 16 Con 7 Scott as in D374155 Except Easements Therein, Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE NO.: Zoning By-Law Amendment 2023-11 (**ZBA 2023-11**)

APPLICANT: Phillip and Lisa-Marie Kestin

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

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PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

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

The public meeting is being held in a hybrid format allowing for in-person attendance or virtual viewing of the public meeting. The livestream public viewing can be accessed by visiting <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/council-meeting-calendar.aspx>

The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE: Monday, December 4, 2023
TIME: Public Meeting 11:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATION

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

1. Written Submissions

Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments should be submitted before **Friday, December 1, 2023**. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption of the by-law.

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the meeting on livestream, you must pre-register with the Clerk's office by email at dleroux@uxbridge.ca, or telephone at 905-852-9181 ext. 228 or mail at the address below **before 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday, December 1, 2023**. Please include your full name, address, and a call-back phone number. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office to confirm your participation and receive the online call-in information before the meeting. Technical assistance may be provided to ensure you are able to participate.

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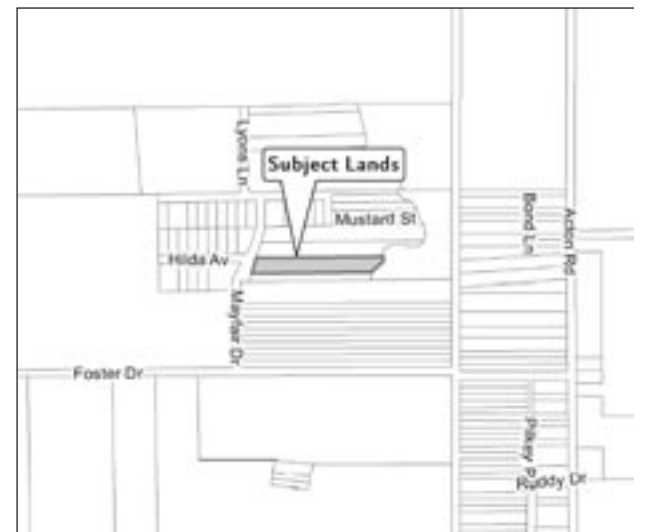
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DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk
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KEY MAP (not to scale)



Our two cents

Please don't give up on us

Dear Universe:

Please don't give up on the humans who inhabit Planet Earth. We know that you've just about had enough of us, and you're ready to turn your back, which, really, we deserve, but please, please don't give up on us.

We know that we are not being kind to the world that you gave to us, are letting us borrow for the time that we're here. We know that we have to make major changes in how we live, how we do business, how we treat money. But we're scared of change, and everything seems to be changing so rapidly around us... We haven't recognized that *we* are responsible for all that change. We only need to be brave enough to do what we know is right for both ourselves and the earth.

We are also fully aware that we are not being at all kind to one another. We have had two world wars and countless other smaller wars, but still we feel that killing people and destroying countries that we ourselves have created is the only way to solve conflict and show power.

You've sent us several individuals who are wise enough to see beyond this idiocy, who have taught us how to care about one another as we would ourselves. Yet we don't practice what they have preached. We're obsessed with overtaking, overpowering, overruling. Greed for more has clouded our better judgement and made us unspeakably cruel to our fellow Earth passengers. We have no right to be so cruel, for we are all one.

Try, we beg you, to seek out those of us who are, in our own small way, trying to make a difference. Not every one of the almost nine billion of us is not worth the carbon from which we were created. Some of us seek love, and try to express it in our actions, in how we live our lives. Some of us are truly ready to make the changes that are needed, ready to turn things around so that the planet we inhabit can put up with our children, our grandchildren, and generations after them. We strive to make our crazy world a better place. But it often feels like a David and Goliath fight.

We're confident the Davids will win, the Goliaths will not prevail. But we need faith in ourselves. In you. Please. Don't give up on us. *We can* get it right.

Humbly yours, the Human Race



Letters to the Editor

I wanted to give a huge shout out to the organizers, volunteers, police officers and participants in this year's Uxbridge Santa Claus parade. Five bands and a beautiful solo singer; what a treat!

I know it takes countless hours to put something like this together, and it was the best ever parade we've attended since we've lived here. And a beautiful sunny November day to boot! It doesn't get much better.

Anne Pearce
Uxbridge

To all who were able to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Uxbridge on November 11, we thank you.

To all those unable to attend but held a moment of silence at 11 a.m., we thank you.

To those who have served and still are serving, we thank you.

To all the animals who served and aided our soldiers, we thank you.

Let us remember that the things we do every day so freely came at a cost.

Lest we forget.

Gloria Eng
1st Vice - Uxbridge Legion
Remembrance Committee and
Poppy Committee Chair

I am glad that a couple of weeks ago, Ted Barris mentioned Doug Ford's use of the Notwithstanding Clause (*The Barris Beat*, Nov. 9). This clause is a feature in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

First we must acknowledge the responsibilities that our courts have

(or rather had) in Canada to protect the rights of Canadians, particularly of minorities who might be vulnerable to the "tyranny of the majority" or from government overreach. The Notwithstanding Clause, with some limitations, gives the Ontario provincial legislature (read: Doug Ford and his cabinet) the ability to override certain court decisions which were meant to protect our rights.

Premier Ford and his cabinet, which includes our MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy, have used or threatened to use the Notwithstanding Clause several times.

In 2018, Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy threatened to use the Notwithstanding Clause to protect legislation to halve the size of Toronto City Council.

In June 2021, the government actually imposed the clause to protect legislation limiting election spending and advertising in the 12 months before an election is called. It has been suggested that they did this to stifle criticism. Almost nobody noticed.

In November last year, Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy threatened to impose a new contract on CUPE education workers and protect this legislation by invoking the Notwithstanding Clause. With regard to the CUPE contract, Premier Ford and his cabinet "blinked" when faced with the political risk brought on by an uprising of organized labour in Ontario.

Premier Ford then went ahead with their halving of Toronto council when it became apparent that courts would not interfere. Still, the

Ontario government had made that threat.

Consider what all this means. In essence, Premier Ford and his government have taken to themselves, and away from the courts, the decision on which of our rights they will honour and which of our rights they will ignore.

Our MPP might argue that the Ford government has a mandate to represent the majority of Ontarians. We know that this claim is nonsense. In 2022, the Ford PCs won 44 per cent of the lowest voter turnout in Ontario history, meaning that his "mandate" rests on about 18 per cent of qualified electors.

If you belong to a minority group with little or no political leverage (like big organized labour has) your rights are vulnerable to the political priorities of the Ford government. To protect your rights, you would have to make them "blink."

This is a scandal that attacks the heart of our democracy. It is much more threatening than the grift and corruption of the Greenbelt land swaps.

I would like ask journalists at the *Cosmos* to pose to our MPP some simple questions. Since he has already shown his willingness to make decisions about our rights, we should have a clear understanding of the principle and values he has used in the past and which he will use in the future to make these existential decisions.

I look forward to reading about that discussion.

Martin Birt
Uxbridge

When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.



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Wandering the cosmos

column by Conrad Boyce

A life of singing

It was the fall of 1971, in the cultural hotbed of Edmonton, Alberta. Yours truly, newly 21, had recently earned his B.A. in English and Drama from the University of Alberta, and was pretty sure it held little guarantee of any kind of fruitful career. So I somewhat unenthusiastically enrolled in a post-degree B.Ed. program. Teaching wasn't exactly a road to fame and fortune, but at least it offered a steady paycheck...

Over my university years, I had joined a number of choirs of various types: the campus men's chorus, the Edmonton Symphony Chorus, Sing Out Edmonton (the local branch of that marvellous 60s phenomenon, the Up With People movement), and a United Church choir, going back to my choral roots. A fifth choir, the Edmonton Opera Chorus, required theatrical experience as well, so I joined them, too!

About a year earlier, the songwriting team of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice had been unsuccessful in finding backers for a theatrical production of a "rock opera" they'd put together based on the last seven days of Christ. So they put out a "concept album" instead, and they licensed concert tours of the show in various parts of the world. For some reason, an Edmonton band called The Privilege got the Canadian concert rights to *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

The lead guitarist and business manager for the band was a Ukrainian-Canadian kid named Andy Krawchuk. Not too familiar with the demands of a rock "opera," he decided to come look for backup singers at a rehearsal of the Edmonton Opera Chorus, getting up a production of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. He made his pitch at the break, and the solitary chorister to sign up was a certain untethered member of the bass section. To cut a long story short, I soon quit all the choirs, as well as my B.Ed. program, and set sail on a six-month tour of North America with the Canada Rock Opera Company.

That decision changed the course of my life. By the time my stint as Caiaphas was done, I had replaced the teaching idea with a writing one, so I got a journalism diploma, took a newspaper job in Northern Alberta, where I began my career in theatre directing, which took me to the Yukon, etc. And everywhere I went, I couldn't resist the temptation to sing

in a choir.

It all began when I was just a wee tyke. My parents weren't regular church goers, but probably at some Christmas service, I listened to the junior choir and turned to my mother and said I'd like to try that. Before long, I was a soprano soloist at Knox United in South Edmonton. We moved houses, I switched churches and kept singing. I auditioned for the city-wide choir in high school, and my timing couldn't have been better. Twelfth grade was 1966-67, so the choir changed its name to the Centennial Singers, and we made a train trip across the country to Expo '67 in Montreal. I remember the incredible acoustics in Winnipeg's big railway station. We were billeted with French-Canadian families, we sang in the July heat across the Expo site, we sang in the lineups for the pavilions. It was a magical experience.

University followed, and those next four years were a choral smorgasbord. Although I didn't have a lot of formal musical training, you learn quickly when the conductor has high expectations. By the time I began directing musical theatre a few years later, my confidence was so high that I took on a rare double, being my own vocal director as well as stage director: I've done that ever since.

In 1995, I took a break from the Yukon (where I conducted my first choir) and accompanied a friend to Ontario, where she was taking a course in Sutton. We came down for the Uxbridge Fall Fair, and there in the programme was an ad for new singers for the Chamber Choir. I auditioned, and after the first rehearsal, Donna Van Veghel offered me the chance to conduct her youth choir for a year. I met with the parent committee, one of whom was this woman named Lisa. We've been married for 26 years now. If I wasn't a singer...

Almost seven decades since my first choir experience. I'm a tenor now, and a proud member of Jennifer Neveu-Campsall's new Northern Trails Vocal Connection. The last few months have been a tad stressful, health-wise and theatre-wise, so it's been a blessed relief to just lose myself, once each week, in the glorious sounds of great choral music.

Thanks, Jen, and all the conductors who've gone before you, for giving me that joy.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Music of our lives

Most regular readers of the *Barris Beat* have recognized from the vintage of some of my memories that I grew up in the 1950s and '60s. During most of those formative years, I lived either in or around Toronto. So, whatever was going on in the Big Smoke culturally, either I was in the middle of it, or I missed it by accident. Of course, there is that famous quote attributed to one of Robin Williams, Pete Townsend (of The Who) or Timothy Leary:

"If you can remember the '60s, you weren't there."

The implication, of course, is that youth culture of the 1960s meant its participants wasted themselves 24/7 on drugs, alcohol, sex, love-ins, rock 'n' roll, revolutionary literature and/or anti-war demonstrations. Well, I admit – with one or two exceptions on that list – that I *was* there. And I *can* remember it. I got drunk for the first time in my senior year of high school while celebrating Canada's 1967 centennial. I tried a few joints with university friends. I read political philosophies from the right (*Mein Kampf*) and left (*Communist Manifesto*). And in May 1970 (at age 20), I joined the demonstration against the war in Vietnam in front of the American embassy on University Avenue (the resulting riot scared the hell out of most of us). But by far the most intoxicating stimulant of the 1960s was its music. And at the top of my stack of vinyl were the Beatles.

I have to admit, I discovered the Beatles thanks to my younger sister. She attended one of those frenzied concerts in the early 1960s at Maple Leaf Gardens. Yes, she screamed to see Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr live on stage; but when our dad managed to snag one of their British LP releases, an album entitled *Beatles For Sale*, for my sister's birthday in 1965, I was hooked. It's the album (released in the U.S. as *Beatles '65*). Among other experimental techniques, the album featured fade-ins, feedback from a guitar, timpani and African hand drums, and it included a hint of country and western.

"It was our stage show, with some new songs," Paul McCartney said later.

Nobody had produced anything like their 1964 album *A Hard Day's Night*, probably the first internationally successful music video. The mid-1960s saw them produce an album a year – *Rubber Soul* in 1965, *Revolver* in

1966, and *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* in 1967. My closest friend, Ross Perigo, and I stood in line at Sam the Record Man in 1968 to buy the famous *White Album* (it sold 250,000 copies in the first week). And within hours I was spinning the disc on our university radio station, and Ross had memorized all the lyrics from *Back in the USSR* to *Blackbird* to *Why Don't We Do It in the Road?* (a song that McCartney biographer Barry Miles says Paul wrote after witnessing two monkeys copulating on the street in India – remember, it was the 1960s).

Not a single weekend passed in the Barris household in the 1960s without catching the hottest program on Sunday night TV – *The Ed Sullivan Show*. And no performers, with perhaps the one exception of Canada's Wayne and Shuster (who made more Sullivan appearances than any other act), had the impact that the Beatles did. For their first appearance on Feb. 9, 1964, CBS apparently received 50,000 ticket requests for the 728-seat Ed Sullivan Theatre. TV ratings for that broadcast showed that 73 million people tuned in that night. Tickets were so scarce Sullivan admitted during an earlier show: "If anyone has a ticket for the Beatles on our show next Sunday, could I please borrow it? We need it very badly."

According to Wikipedia, the Fab Four produced a dozen studio albums, five live albums, 51 compilation albums, 36 extended plays, 63 singles, 17 box sets, 22 video albums and 53 music videos. I've been intrigued by the so-called "last Beatles song" *Now and Then*, which employs AI technology to include John Lennon's voice. But of all the Beatles' songs, the one that has most affected me was the 1966 Lennon and McCartney composition, *Yesterday*. It's a nostalgic song about the break-up of a relationship – something everyone I knew experienced back then. Its melancholy tune and its simple lyrics said a lot about life and times in the 1960s. The fact that it's been covered by no fewer than 2,200 artists, proves its longevity and relevance.

"Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away," McCartney sang. "Now it looks as though they're here to stay. Oh, I believe in yesterday."

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Playing big games on the Holiday Trail, from page 1

through a hole at the end of a table, will be located outside The Second Wedge.

Jones said the games will be rented for a cost of just over \$2,200, which will be covered partly by the Region of Durham, as well as a local contractor (Homestead Contracting). She said it is possible the BIA could also cover part of the costs. Her report said "the games can add an element of play to the Holiday Trail, keeping guests in the town, and lengthening their stay."

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 16 edition of the *Cosmos*, in the article entitled "Zephyr residents discuss library relocation," councillor Gord Shreeve was incorrectly referred to as Gord Shier, and Janet Betts is a former, not current member of the library board. The *Cosmos* apologizes for any confusion these errors may have caused.



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Students want to be part of the park, from page 1

Green Durham, one of the principal conservation groups involved in the planning of the new park. On seeing the students' summary, she told the *Cosmos*, "This is a unique project and opportunity for both the creators of a new provincial park, and for the students who participate in the coming months. Both the park and the students will benefit. We are so lucky it all came together - a dedicated teacher, and engaged students and partner organizations who will take the time to listen and share ideas."

Uxbridge-Pickering MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy said, "The vibrant energy and innovative perspectives of our youth are crucial in shaping the future of our communities. In the development of the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park, there is an invaluable role of young voices in the planning process, which will ensure an active and sustainable legacy that reflects the aspirations of both current and future generations."

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 17. Old writing scrolls
 19. Zippo
 21. Dark time for poets
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 25. Six Million Dollar Man, e.g.
 28. Trick
 29. Smile widely
 30. Regional accent
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 35. Paternity identifier
 36. Mythological demigod
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 44. Big bird
 45. Enjoy a downhill run
 46. Kind of dog
 47. Inflamed
 48. "Hold on a ___!"
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 50. Compass dir.
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 2. Spanish sparkling wine
 3. Fellow
 4. More thin
 5. Bedridden
 6. Clear
 7. Swedish money
 8. Game played in an alley
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 10. Calculate
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Bruins back on track with back-to-back wins

Roger Varley

League-leading Clarington Eagles have lost only two of the 17 games they have played so far this season and both those losses were handed to them by the Uxbridge Bruins. The second loss came at the arena last Friday night when the Bruins played one of their best games of the season.

Overcoming a four-game losing streak, the Bruins defeated the Eagles 6-4 and then, after taking part in Uxbridge's Santa Claus parade on Saturday, travelled north to Apsley to double the North Kawartha Knights 4-2.

Friday's tilt saw the Bruins applying pressure on the Clarington zone throughout the game. Ty Roberts put the Bruins ahead briefly in the first period when he took a pass from behind the net from Quinn Meek and tucked it into the net. Clarington responded three minutes later, but the Bruins continued to press.

Early in the second period, Anthony Lamanna picked up the puck in his own end and carried it down the ice to score an unassisted marker. A few minutes later, Meek scored a power-play goal, assisted by Lamanna and Owen Shier. Clarington scored their second late in the period but Roberts, assisted again by Meek, fired the puck from the blue line to score his second goal of the night and restore the two-goal lead

The Eagles scored again early in the third but two power-play goals in the last half of the period gave the Bruins the win. Meek scored the first, assisted by Gavin Graham and Shier. The second came as Clarington took a four-minute penalty, with Travis Winder scoring, assisted by Jack David and Noah Button. The Eagles scored the final goal late in the period but it was too little, too late.

The *Cosmos* selected Lamanna as player of the game for Uxbridge and Jacob Dupuis for Clarington.

Buoyed by their success against Clarington, the Bruins took a 2-0 lead over the Knight in the first period. Winder opened the scoring after four minutes, assisted by Josh Czali and Button, and Meek notched a power-play goal, assisted by Lamanna, 10 minutes later.

The Knights, who are struggling at the bottom of the seven-team Orr Division, tied the

game early in the second with two goals just 30 seconds apart, but the Bruins re-established the two-goal lead on a goal by Mark Sifri, assisted by Lucas Marshall and Davis, and a power-play marker from Roberts, assisted by Lamanna.

The Bruins will face the Eagles in Clarington tonight (Thursday) and return to the arena tomorrow night at 7:45 p.m., to take on the second place Georgina Ice.



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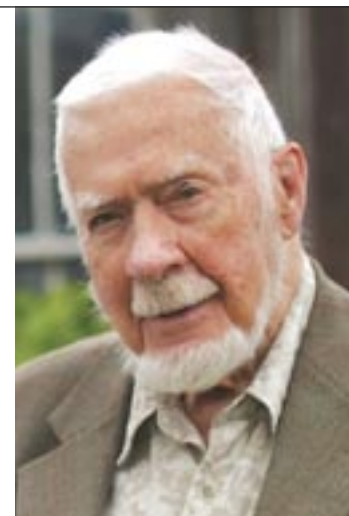
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Ross Chiswell

Nov. 10, 1926 - Nov. 8, 2023



After a long and happy life, Ross Leslie Chiswell passed away peacefully at the age of 96 (two days shy of his 97th birthday), on November 8, 2023 in Uxbridge, Ontario, surrounded by his family. Predeceased by his loving wife of 63 years, Isobel (2014), father Arlie, mother Jean, sister Arlene, and granddaughter Lisa. Ross is survived by his children Alan (Kim), Leslie (John), Bev, Wendy (Steve), Janet (John), Roy, and Doug (Bernie), 9 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Ross had many hobbies over the years, including photography and home movies, model building, beer brewing, stamp and coin collecting, woodworking, crosswords, reading, and playing piano. During the COVID pandemic, he took up writing short stories.

Ross was a quiet man with an excellent sense of humour. He was interested in U.S. politics, and liked to watch the Leafs on TV; his all-time favourite player was Red Kelly.

Ross lived independently all his life. He chose MAiD and the dignity that it offered after a cancer diagnosis.

The family wishes to thank all who cared for him, especially Dr. Jensen (MAiD), Dr. C. Doobay (palliative), and Nurse Brie. The family will have a private ceremony. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Loaves and Fishes Food Bank at <https://uxbridgefoodbank.com/>

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Manon Hodgins on November 15, 2023, with her family at her side.

Predeceased by her father Roger, her sisters Chantal and Brigitte. Lovingly survived by her husband Robin, her son Keith (Jill), her mother Terry, her brother Michel (Louise), her sister Ann (Norman), her brothers Roger (Janice) and Ron (Brenda).

Manon enjoyed volunteering for Community Care for 25 years, cooking delicious meals for the seniors. Manon was passionate about gardening and art. She practiced the ancient art of Chinese brush painting and taught classes for many years. Manon took great pride in her community and knew and loved all her neighbours. She will be forever remembered for her kind spirit, her generosity and her unique way of connecting with everyone she met. A very special thank you to the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Oak Ridges Hospice for their compassionate care.

A funeral service will be held at Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge, on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 2 p.m. Visitation one hour prior. Reception to follow in the fellowship lounge of the funeral home. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to Oak Ridges Hospice would be appreciated by Manon's family. Friends are invited to share condolences and memories by visiting www.lowandlow.ca.



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