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FREAKY WEEKEND - The Uxbridge Youth Theatre is back in the Uxbridge Music Hall beginning tonight (Thursday) with its production of Mary Rodgers' novel *Freaky Friday*. This popular story (adapted by Disney) of body swapping, teen angst and, ultimately, mutual appreciation runs from May 25 through to June 3. For tickets, visit starticketing.com *Photo submitted by Tanner Ferris*

'No need to worry' about future of Durham Region

Roger Varley & Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Regional chair John Henry says residents of Durham Region have "no need to worry" about the future of the region.

He made his comments to the *Cosmos* last week following the announcement that the provincial government is breaking up Peel Region into three independent municipalities.

"We're not concerned (at the region) about this," Henry said, although he admitted there have not yet been any meetings with the province. "We're happy with the region and I don't think it will happen here."

He said there was a desire in the municipalities of Mississauga and Brampton to be stand-alone entities, but added that none of the mayors in Durham have been asking for anything similar.

"It would be almost impossible to do this in Durham," he said.

Although the province has assigned "facilitators" to each of the province's regions to examine how they operate, Henry said there have been no meetings with the facilitators yet. Noting that Durham has a Triple A credit rating, he said a facilitator would not find any challenges in Durham similar to those faced by Mississauga and Brampton. As an example of

how the region operates, Henry pointed to the assistance the region gave to the northern municipalities following last year's tornado.

"Not one of our municipalities would be able to handle the servicing on their own," he said.

"The province will be happy with us," he continued. "We are a leader in transit-oriented development, our on-demand transit is one of the best in the province and financially we are in the best shape of any region in the province."

In an official statement released by his office, Henry said "Durham is about partnerships, municipal representatives who work together to preserve the strong connection we have to

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for May and June, 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 4:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 9:00 a.m.

TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, June 19, 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Monday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.

BIA BOARD MEETING

Proclamations for May

Asian Heritage Appreciation Month

Community Living Month

May 21-27 – National Public Works Week

May 21-27 – Paramedic Appreciation Week

May 25-29 - Durham Pride Week

May 28-June 3 - National Accessibility Week

May 31 - Red Shirt Day

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/business-and-development/bids-and-tenders.aspx?_mid_=23193

• U23-14 - Supply, Deliver and Installation of Library shelving for Uxbridge Public Library – Closes May 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Road Closures

Visit [Uxbridge.ca/roads](https://www.uxbridge.ca/roads) for up-to-date notices.

Notice of Adoption of an Amendment to the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan and Notice of Passing of a Zoning By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge passed **By-law No. 2023-057** on the 8th day of May, 2023 pursuant to Sections 17 and 22 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended to adopt **Amendment No. 71** to the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan. Council also passed **Zoning By-law No. 2023- 058** on the 8th day of May, 2023, pursuant to Sections 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, to amend Zoning By-law No. 81-19, as amended, of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge. This Amendment applies to all the lands in the Township of Uxbridge in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

AND TAKE NOTICE that through the circulation and review of the application to amend the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan and Zoning By-law No. 81-19, the Township received two (2) verbal submissions and one (1) written submission from members of the public prior to the decision of Council. The verbal submissions were addressed at the statutory public meeting held on April 24, 2023. All the public and agency submissions were also addressed in Development Services Report DS-20/23. Council considered all public and agency submissions received on this application, the effect of which helped Council to make an informed decision.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the **13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023**, a notice of appeal. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the Official Plan Amendment and/or the Zoning By-law Amendment and the reasons in support of the objection together with the required Ontario Land Tribunal fee of \$400.00. Cheques must be made payable to the MINISTER OF FINANCE.

PLEASE NOTE that only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal an Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law Amendment to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the appeal unless, before the Official Plan Amendment was adopted and/or Zoning By-law Amendment was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is given below. The complete Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment are available for inspection in the Clerk's Department during regular office hours.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

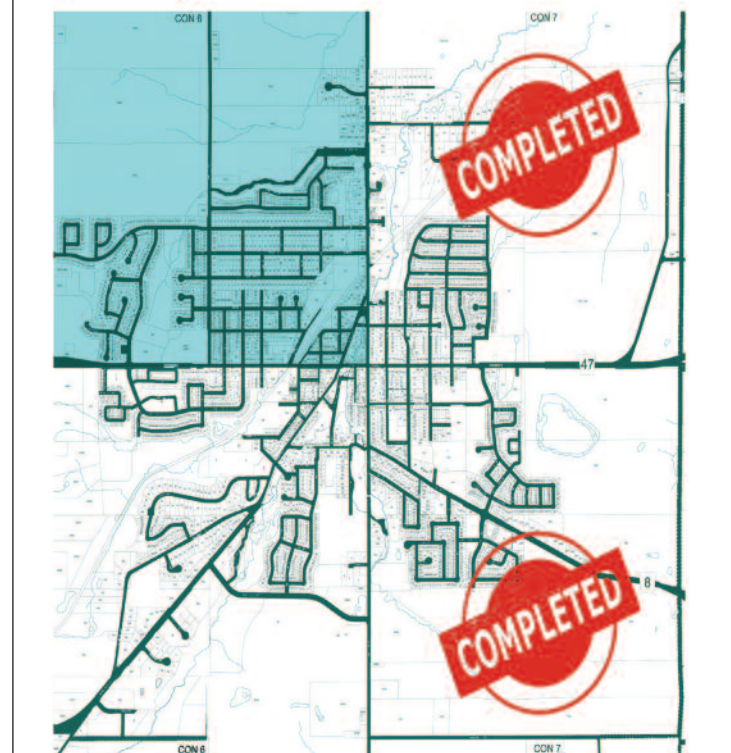
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Township File: OPA No. 71 and ZBA 2023-02
 Applicant: Township of Uxbridge
 Address: This Amendment applies to all the lands in the Township of Uxbridge in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is to introduce a land use planning framework and regulations with respect to planning for drug treatment and harm reduction facilities in the Township of Uxbridge.

The Township of Uxbridge is currently sweeping streets in the North West quadrant of the Township. Please avoid parking on area streets while sweeping takes place.



Township of Uxbridge documents are available in alternate formats upon request. Please fill out the Request for Alternate Formats Form at [uxbridge.ca/accessibility](https://www.uxbridge.ca/accessibility)

email: accessibility@uxbridge.ca
 phone: 905-852-9181 ext.209

Uxbridge at a Glance *continued*

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, submitted by Anne and Bill Starke.

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 "Prime Agricultural Area" in the Region of Durham Official Plan and zoned "Rural (RU) Zone" and "Environmental Protection (EP) Zone" in Township Zoning By-law No. 81-19.

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property, is located west of Concession Road 3 and north of Regional Road 8, having the municipal address of 7200 Concession Road 3 and is legally described as Part of Lot 31 and 32 Concession Road 2, being Part 1 on Plan 40R30678, 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 2023-03 (**ZBA 2023-03**)

APPLICANT: Anne and Bill Starke

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.

Jennifer Beer, Permits & Approvals Analyst

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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, June 5, 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, June 2nd, 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, June 2nd, 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.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the proposed application is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Uxbridge to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or a public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the application is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 16th DAY OF MAY, 2023.

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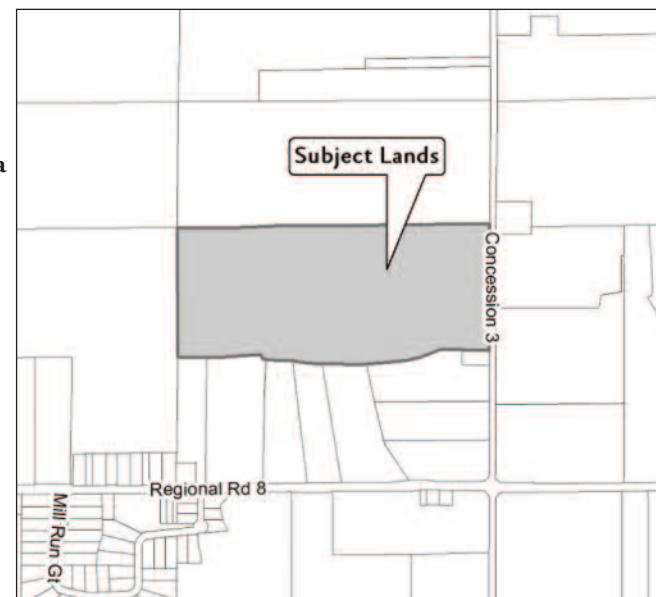
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KEY MAP (not to scale)



Senior Games' Horseshoes

The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society's Horseshoe Club is hosting Durham Region 55 plus Horseshoe Games on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Uxbridge Museum, 7239 Concession Rd 6, Uxbridge. To register, visit Durham Senior Games at <https://www.durhamseniorgames.ca/2023-summer-forms>. Cost is \$ 20.00. Contact Bob Kirvan for information at 905-852- 9176.

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions are available at uxbridge.ca/careers

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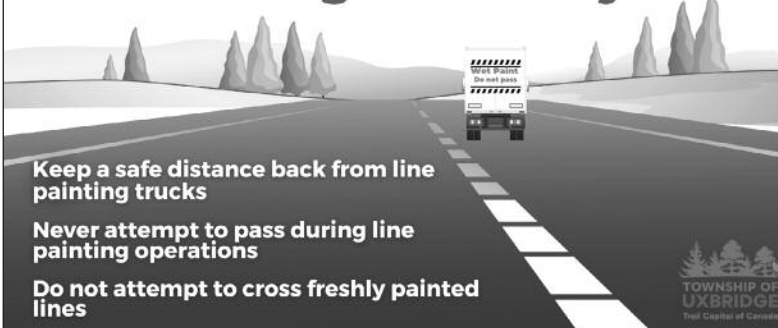
Summer Opportunities

Discover Uxbridge – Assistant Tourism Development Coordinator, summer student, contract
Closes Friday, May 26, 2023

Uxbridge Youth Centre – Summer Program Coordinator, summer student, contract
Closes Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Uxbridge Public Library – Children's Summer Programs, summer student, contract
Closes Friday, June 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Line Painting Underway



Our two cents

Is Durham done?

Last Thursday, following the tabling of legislation to dissolve Peel Region, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs, Steve Clark, said he would soon be appointing "facilitators" to investigate a similar move with several other second-tier municipal governments, including Durham Region.

To quickly recap, Durham Region is a confederation of eight municipalities, four of them largely urban, the others mostly rural, with small towns and hamlets like our township. The Region was established on Jan. 1, 1974, and has grown into an empire with 5,000 employees and an annual budget of almost \$2.3 billion. In 2022, Uxbridge contributed \$31.6 million in property taxes, along with several million dollars in water and sewer payments. In return, the Region provides us with water and sewer, policing and paramedics, transit and garbage collection, public health and planning services, tourism promotion, public housing and more.

In response to Clark's announcement, Regional Chair John Henry issued a release expressing great confidence in how well the Region is doing, saying he had heard no concerns expressed about the size or structure of the Durham government. He had nothing to say about Queen's Park's motives in appointing the facilitators, only saying he looked forward to any suggestions they might have in improving efficiencies.

Except that Clark last week never said that the role of the facilitators was to improve the efficiency of regional governments. What he did say was that their job was to determine "whether the upper-tier government continues to be relevant to the needs of its communities or whether the lower-tier municipalities are mature enough to pursue dissolution." That's much more of an existential question, way beyond tinkering with the mechanics of service delivery.

It's no secret that Ontario Premier Doug Ford is no fan of regional governments, even though they were created by a former Tory premier, Bill Davis. An extra level of bureaucracy just goes against his grain. And his likely opponent in the next election, current Mississauga mayor Bonnie Crombie, agrees with him on that matter in particular; she was the chief instigator of the breakup of Peel Region.

Despite the long-talked-about dissolution of Peel, Caledon was blindsided by last week's announcement, although it will now have almost two years to figure out where it goes from here. Durham will hopefully have longer than that, but Henry and his council are emphatically burying their heads in the sand if they think the future of the Region is assured, with just a tweak here and there.

Uxbridge's mayor was probably more realistic when he said, "Many members of Uxbridge's senior staff and council came out of the private sector where major reorganizations happened all the time. We are well equipped to quickly adapt to a changing environment."

It's not as if Durham Region is steeped in history. Only 50 years ago, Uxbridge was an independent municipality, effectively carrying out many operations that it later turned over to the Region. There's no reason it can't be that way again, especially with almost \$40 million in taxes and water payments back in its own pocket. A proactive township council would start examining those possibilities now, because if Ford says he's looking into something, there's a better than even chance the decision is already made.

If it is, John Henry and our regional councillor, Bruce Garrod, may be out of a job before their terms are even up.



Letters to the Editor

I have lived in Uxbridge for nearly 50 years and have been following the news of the new provincial park. I have a different opinion than that of the politicians and was reaching out to see if you maybe interest in our comments.

In recent news, a new 1,000 acre provincial park is planned nearby in the Oak Ridge Moraine. I had thought I was a visionary, but I was wrong, for I can't see the bridge stretching the Wetland Marsh, the trails along the river, or the forest from the parking lot.

An artist looks at nature and paints a masterpiece. A politician looks at nature and paves it over. Known as the Trail Capital of Canada, with nearly 300 km of trails to explore in Uxbridge today, politicians want more.

Our footprint is invasive. Together we have watched wildlife living here the way nature intended. Would it all look different if we turned it into a park? Would we be protect wildlife and nature as politicians say?

*James Kane
Uxbridge*

Re: "Am I wrong?", May 18 edition

"Please leave the classics alone" ...

Roger, they are classics for whom? Who is reading literature - in which characters are described as fat, gender identity is misrepresented, and characters are referred to by racialized slurs and descriptions - and thinking to themselves, "Whoa, that was an enjoyable read!"

Publishers are realizing that in order for stories to live through time, they must be enjoyable (and not perpetuate harm) for all people. Because that's where we're at in present-day times: consideration of lenses that expand beyond the gazes of the privileged.

Sure, Mark Twain - and any other author experiencing revisions - may not have thought about how the words in their work may land on the eyes of readers 150 years later. But, publishing companies in 2023 sure can think about it; and they can be responsible with what they continue to put out and into the world.

You espouse 'presentism' (in which the past is judged by present standards and sensibilities) as, "ignoring

the norms that were generally accepted in earlier times." Again, they were 'norms' for whom? They were 'generally accepted' by whom?

When you're used to seeing the world through a perspective that caters to you, you see the inclusion of other perspectives as an attack. For so long, marginalized identities have had to deal with these oppressive 'norms' that were created and reproduced by a select group of people. Oppressive 'norms' that have been touted as classics, as tradition. Now our lens is being widened to be more inclusive and that select group of people can't deal.

If you absolutely can't stand for greater inclusion by enjoying newly revised literature in which a character's weight is not maligned, gender identity is equitably and accurately represented, and racialized slurs and descriptions are responsibly handled...then just say you're fat-shaming, transphobic, and racist with your whole chest - it's more to the point.

*Tonia Lyons
Uxbridge*

Your Universe

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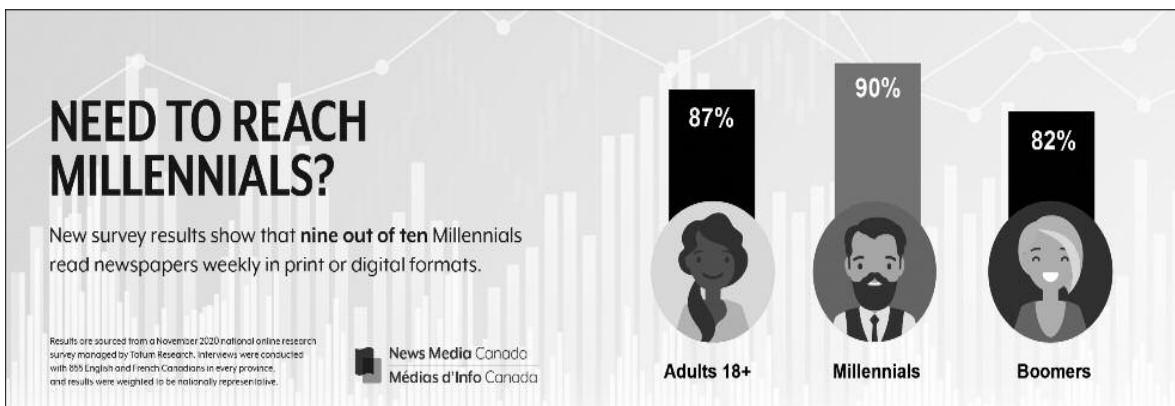
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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Good man, good friend - goodbye

Those attending the regular morning service this coming Sunday at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Toronto Street South are likely to be witness to what could possibly be described as a small miracle. I will be in the pews.

Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan might say it is not so much a miracle as a testament to faith. That's because Mark has had faith that he would get me into a church service ever since we met back in 2017.

I interviewed Mark shortly after he took over as the new minister at St. Paul's, and he knew from the outset that I am an atheist. Have been for the last 70 years. That didn't matter to Mark, but over the intervening years he has, from time to time, tried to convince me to come to church. He didn't try any strongarm tactics, he didn't plead, he didn't try to convert me. But in his gentle and affable manner, he would extend the occasional invitation to attend a service.

In my eyes, that is basically what Mark's ministry here in Uxbridge has been all about: inclusion. Under Mark's leadership and guidance, the church has reached out beyond its small congregation to offer assistance, compassion and inclusion to a wide range of people. The church became a beacon of hope and understanding to members of the local LGBTQIA2S+ community, giving them a place to meet and share their stories and concerns. I was at the first meeting they held, as was Mark, and there was no moralizing, no lecturing, no attempt to turn people around. Mark's message to the group was clear: they were all God's children, they were all welcome, and he was here to help.

Mark and St. Paul's also helped sponsor a Syrian refugee so that the refugee might join his family here. Mark and St. Paul's helped organize the Uxbridge Coalition Against Poverty in an attempt to ease the burdens of people who found themselves in financial difficulties. He has championed the fight against homelessness. And, while not aimed strictly at people in poverty, St. Paul's now holds a free supper on the last Friday of each month for anyone who wants to show up.

All are welcome.

One of Mark's more innovative moves was to leave the relative safety of the church and venture into the pubs. Pre-COVID, he began a monthly series called Holy Spirits, where he would commandeer a few tables at a local drinking establishment and invite anyone who wanted to join him to have a drink and a conversation. Mark would obviously have a spiritual message he wanted to get across during the sessions, but he never forced it. Just about any subject was open for discussion. I attended a few and the atmosphere was always convivial, always welcoming and everyone was listened to.

Mark never discussed his grand strategy with me, but I'd guess he figured that by shedding the ceremony and rituals that most people associate with organized religion and making the clergy seem more accessible, he could persuade more people to take another stab at becoming "churchgoers."

He told me when I first interviewed him that building up the congregation was one of his main concerns. Numbers were low and he wanted to turn that around. I have no idea whether he managed to do that and, if he did, by how much. What I do know is that he reached out to a lot of people in what I suppose one could call true Christian fashion: with love, understanding, compassion and full comprehension of the phrase "judge not, lest ye be judged."

He never judged me for my atheism and I never ragged him about his religion. Indeed, he has treated me as a friend, and even had me over to join him and his family for Thanksgiving dinner one year.

I've had numerous conversations with Mark over the years and have always looked forward to them. However, that will be coming to an end, as Mark is retiring. Sunday will be his final day as a serving minister and I intend to be there for his last sermon. It's not that I have found religion; it's that I'm losing a friend. It's hard losing a friend and it's hard for this town to lose a good man. But the hardest thing is saying goodbye!

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

None for hire

The place looked almost as if it were closed. When I entered the reception area of a local auto-repair shop, I didn't spot any service personnel right away. But when I called out, a receptionist quickly responded and I had my car problem attended to right away. Then, by coincidence, the shop owner mentioned out loud:

"It'd sure help if I found some new hires," he said.

"Short of tradespeople?" I asked. And when he nodded, I added, "You know you could probably put an ad in this week's edition of the *Cosmos*."

I called the classified editor at the *Cosmos* and handed my phone to the shop owner. Within a few minutes, he'd dictated a classified advertisement looking for skilled people in auto-repair; he was offering immediate employment for certain trades. It felt good that I was maybe helping a local business get in touch with prospective workers to fill his employee gap. At the same time I thought, "Wouldn't it also be great if someone who was looking for work locally found it right here in town?"

I'm afraid I was dreaming in Technicolor. The workplace, I've discovered, faces a multi-faceted dilemma – there are too many positions going unfilled in Canadian manufacturing, production and service companies; there are too few skilled people around to move into those jobs; there doesn't seem to be the appetite for employers to spend more than minimum wage to get those workers. But on the other hand, many of those skilled workers legitimately seeking jobs appear prepared to wait for the best offer in a kind of bidding war.

The result, I gather, is frustration all round. A two-year-old study by a Canadian staffing agency found that of 510 hiring decision-makers, one in four employers has hired someone they normally wouldn't have due to the shortage of skilled people. The survey went on to suggest that when some employers find prospective workers already employed, they try to entice them away with outrageous pay bumps. Explained one construction operator in the Maritimes, "There's just no loyalty anymore." Statistics Canada also points out that between October and December 2021, there were over 900,000 unfilled positions, up 63 per cent from 2020. Stats Can said the occupations showing the least number of ap-

plicants were restaurant servers, construction tradespeople and social workers.

The subject came up over the Victoria Day weekend as several of us discussed why there seems to be such high demand and so little supply. It didn't take us long to realize that we are the problem. One had retired from charity fundraising, another from a printing plant, and I from teaching. The baby-boom generation is the problem. As we flooded into the world – about 73 million boomers born between 1946 and 1964 – the world responded by building more schools (streaming us into both professional jobs and the trades), offering our parents bonus payments (to cover cost-of-living increases) and expanding health care and housing. And the workplace expanded to accommodate us at every turn.

Today, however, the pandemic has set everybody back in terms of workplace advancement. And restrictions to immigration have choked off the supply of prospective workers in every sector. The result? High demand and little supply of people to work anywhere and everywhere. This shows up as a crisis in post-secondary education. A study at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) shows there are more skills vacancies than there are job vacancies.

"The pace of skill demand from employers and the skills they need is changing faster than our training and skill production systems can keep up," Tricia Williams at TMU's Future Skills Centre told the CBC. And it's costing the Canadian economy something like \$25 billion in productivity loss.

There are plenty of other factors influencing the flow of skilled workers into and out of the economy. Working from home still feels more attractive than commuting to downtown. With more women seeking work (either at home or downtown) many cannot find enough childcare spots. And with inflation driving up the cost of living, not allowing minimum wages to rise accordingly hamstringing too many families.

I've been thinking about that classified ad for that auto-repair job in town. In many ways it's the canary in the coal mine. Train more people, pay them better wages, make working away from home more attractive ... or expect more delays and greater disruption of everyday services.

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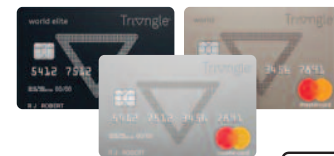
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Springtide offering eco-friendly, sustainable options for experiencing the festival

Springtide Music Festival returns in just a couple of weeks (June 9 to 11), and promises an exciting awesome line-up of live music in venues all over downtown Uxbridge. With an eye on doing their part to support

the environment, and the long-term goal of reducing the festival's carbon footprint from audience travel, the festival has introduced some new initiatives and invited some special guests to support the conversation.

Organizers are asking the question, "How do guests get here?", and have come up with many ways to improve sustainability. They're providing resources for alternative travel to the festival, and added some new measures to do some fun recycling as well.

Those of us who live right in town will no doubt be walking from venue to venue during the weekend-long festival. However, Uxbridge is a great biking town as well, and June is Bike Month in the region, so Springtide has gathered a few resources to get visitors from one side of town to another quickly in order to not miss a note. If residents have friends coming from out of town, bikes can be rented from Boyd's Sports at 53 Toronto St. North.

If walking or biking to the various venues is not an option, the Town Trolley will be running a FREE hop on/hop off service around the main festival venues and additional loca-

tions, including the Uxbridge Arena, Uxbridge Secondary School, Herrema Fields (Barton Farms), Elgin Park, Walmart, and Kawartha Dairy. Guests from out of town can park at one of these spots, and pick up the Trolley to get to other venues. Details of the route can be found at springtidemusicfestival.com

Springtide is also partnering with local hotels in the nearby towns of Port Perry, Stouffville and Pickering, setting up hotel packages which include accommodation, festival wristbands and shuttle transport to and from Uxbridge. Hotels include Great Blue Heron Hotel and Casino, Pickering Casino & Resort, and The Days Inn in Stouffville. More information including booking details can be found on Springtide's website.

Out-of-town visitors should also be encouraged to leave the car at home and take advantage of Springtide's free shuttle bus service from central GO Transit stations in Port Perry, Brooklin, Whitby, Pickering, and Stouffville. There is no need to worry about driving, catching a cab, or staying late when Springtide can pick up and drop off after the show. Call 1-800-979-2913 for more info.

Transport is not the only focus of Springtide's sustainability drive; they

also have a great idea for a music festival staple – the T-shirt! This year's T-shirt, which features a design by local artist Tracy Walker, can be purchased from the festival's merch store online, but guests can also bring their own T-shirt or choose from the festival's hand-picked selection of upcycled T-shirts for on-demand screen printing.

Finally, there are two workshops on the Sunday of the festival. One, at The Bridge Social, is an interactive musical workshop for families, with songs and stories, and resources for parents and caregivers to build knowledge around the power of singing to support children in a time of climate crisis. The other workshop, hosted at Fig Kitchen & Market, will discuss the role of music in the transition to a culture of care and sustainability, led by Music Declares Emergency, a planet-wide music industry organisation calling for action on climate.

Springtide is encouraging attendees to share their answer to the question "How did you get here?" in considering alternative travel to the festival, through a quick online survey for a chance to win tickets to next year's festival – running the second weekend of June 2024.



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School needs cereal boxes for dominoes

Uxbridge Montessori School wants to play dominoes with cereal boxes - then donate them all to the food bank.

“For the Cereal Box Domino Challenge, students bring in an unopened box of cereal which we will line up through the school and watch together as they fall,” explains organizer and STEM teacher Stefani McGowan. “It doesn't matter what type of cereal it is, all is welcome!”

McGowan says the purpose of the activity is to teach students about the

importance of community, and giving back. All of the collected cereal boxes will be donated to the Uxbridge Loaves & Fishes Food bank

“We currently have 85 boxes, and have a goal of 100-150,” says McGowan. “We would love if residents in the community could contribute! If they would like, they can drop off cereal boxes to our front lobby.” (167 Main St. N.)

Cereal Box Dominoes will happen on Tuesday, May 30.



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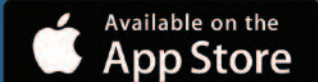
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All dressed up and ready to read - Drag Queen storytime comes to library this Saturday

Justyne Edgell

Youth Pride is coming to Uxbridge this weekend with Drag Queen Storytime.

Six years ago, the Durham Children's Aid Society began Youth Pride to create a safe and inclusive celebration for youth, children and families who are part of 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

"Our first [Youth Pride] event was geared toward older youth, but we were surprised how many families with younger kids came, so we decided we needed an event for the younger crowd," says Andrea Maenza, coordinator, Communications and Community Relations officer at Durham Children's Aid Society.

"We approached all the libraries in Durham and they were all on board, so we launched Drag Queen Storytime at libraries in all eight municipalities the following year."

The events have been planned to promote literacy and celebrate diversity by creating a safe space, especially for families in the 2SLGBTQI+ community. "Kids can have fun, see that reading is fun, while promoting a message of hope and inclusion, and empowering everyone regardless of their iden-

tity," says Maenza.

The Uxbridge Drag Queen Storytime is filled, but registration is now open for the Scugog event.

"The drag queens will be reading several age-appropriate story books that are in libraires everywhere," says Maenza. "The books celebrate diversity. Some books are stories of children of different races, religions, backgrounds, abilities and identities and are about embracing our differences."

The event will allow for some social time, a little dance party, a chance to chat with the drag queens, take photos and enjoy some treats.

Durham Region Youth Pride will also be hosting their Fierce and Fab Mini-Ball at 1 p.m. on June 17, at the Region of Durham headquarters in Whitby. This free event champions acceptance through an afternoon of performances, music, dancing and fun activities. They will also provide a forum for community organizations and agencies to gather in the Resource Village, which offers information about the programs and supports to 2SLGBTQI+ communities throughout the Durham Region.

For more information about Drag Queen Storytime, the Fierce and Fab Mini-Ball and Youth Pride, visit durham.ca/YouthPrideDurham

USS 100 year reunion on this weekend

After many months of planning and dedication by a small team of volunteers, The Uxbridge Secondary School 100th Anniversary Reunion weekend, May 26-28, is finally here!

There will be numerous free events that are open to all members of the community, both at the school and in the community, including the official opening ceremony, tours and trail walks, sporting events, decade rooms to visit, Busking on Brock, a time capsule to contribute to, and a Sunday morning worship service.

Those who would like to attend but have not yet registered online can still register Friday evening and Saturday at the school (cash or cheque). Registrants will receive a 100th Anniversary Reunion keepsake bag with memorabilia items. Saturday morning breakfast tickets can be purchased once registration is complete.

Of course you won't want to miss the Saturday Night Social at Slabtown Cider, where two USS alumni will entertain you for the evening. Julien Kelland will kick things off with a performance from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a DJ and MC Dan Pollard from Hits 105.5 FM hosting the party of the century! Whether you choose to catch up with old friends or boogie the night away, there will be plenty of room in the enclosed tents. A mix of spirits, pulled pork sandwiches and veggie burgers will be available for purchase. Non-alcoholic beverages will be complimentary. From 6 p.m. to midnight, the Uxbridge Town Trolley will be ferrying guest between USS and Slabtown at no cost. Tickets will be available at the door for \$40 (cash only).

But this Anniversary Reunion is not only about the first 100 years of Uxbridge Secondary School, it is also about leaving a legacy for the next 100 years through the 100th Anniversary Reunion Commencement Award. The goal of the Legacy Award is to raise enough money to support three Commencement Awards to be awarded every year for the next 100 years where the focus will be on student community involvement (either school or community volunteerism). To be a part of this legacy, donate online or in person.

For a full program and more information visit uxbridgess.ddsbc.ca or email uxbridgessreunion@ddsbc.ca



UXBRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL 100th Anniversary Reunion

Events at Uxbridge Secondary School

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Registration open in the Library: sign-in/package pick-up
Decade Rooms and decade meeting areas open, self-guided school tours and scavenger hunt. Guided school tours every hour, meeting just outside of the Library. Last tour at 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.
Tigers Rugby Alumni Co-ed Touch Game/Tournament
Social time to follow

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023
7:45 to 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Registration open in the Library: sign-in/package pick-up

8:00 to 10:20 a.m. Family & Friends Breakfast (pre-purchase required)

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
Decade Rooms and decade meeting areas open, self-guided school tours and scavenger hunt. Guided school tours every hour, meeting just outside of the Library. Last tours at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Official Ceremony in gym with gallery


1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Alumni Volleyball Village Tournament in new gym

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Guided trail walk by Outdoor Education students

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Decade Room memorabilia pick-up

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023
10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service in cafeteria

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Region not in danger, from page 1

our hometowns."

He said the region and the local municipalities look forward to meeting with the facilitators.

Mayor Dave Barton echoed Henry's comments.

"The Region of Durham is an excellent partner and service provider for our Uxbridge residents," he said. "We have a strong voice at the regional level to continue. We are always open to efforts to make our governments more efficient and look forward to any conversations that may take place in the future to further

More closures planned for Lake Ridge Rd.

The Regional Municipality of Durham, in co-operation with the City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, and townships of Scugog and Uxbridge, is rehabilitating Lake Ridge Rd. (Reg. Rd. 23). As part of the construction, portions of Lake Ridge Road will be closed temporarily.

Beginning this week, road reconstruction work will result in closures on Lake Ridge Rd. from north of Concession Rd. 9/Myrtle Rd. to south of Townline Road in Pickering, Whitby, and townships of Scugog and Uxbridge.

This closure will be in conjunction to the current road closure on Lake Ridge Rd. from Townline Rd. to south of Chalk Lake Rd.

Detour signs will be posted. Drivers are asked to exercise caution for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and work crews. For more information about this project, visit durham.ca/LakeRidgeRoad

achieve that goal."

Regional councillor Bruce Garrod said he and the mayor are working closely with all departments at the region "to seek ways to maximize the return on the portion of property taxes that are forwarded to Durham Region."

Durham Region, and the province's other regions, was established in 1974 by then premier Bill Davis. Durham relies heavily on the agriculture sector but is also a strong performer in the automotive, technology and energy industries.



Events in the Community

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023
8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Evening at the Legion, "93rd Anniversary of the Legion Charter"
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SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Quaker Trail (accessible) 2 km guided walk
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. South Balsam Trail 2km guided walk
Uxbridge Arena & Recreation Centre, 291 Brock St. West, Uxbridge

1:00 p.m.

Anniversary Golf Tournament (pre-registration required)
Foxbridge Golf Course, South Course, 350 Reach St., Uxbridge

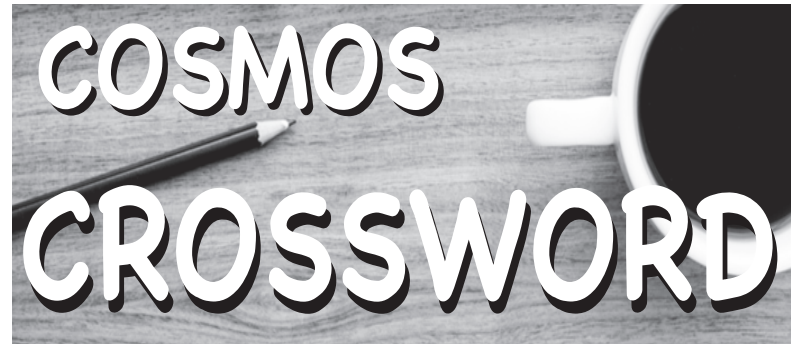
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Enjoy musical performances by current students and alumni
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6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Saturday Night Social
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4. Lock site
9. Step follower
12. It's found in banks
13. "La Bohème," e.g.
14. Solitary
15. Woman's secret
16. Express
17. Hardly numerous
18. Takes a break
20. Wine holder
22. Dorothy Parker quality
24. It may be high in the afternoon
25. Clear-cut
29. Kind of bean
33. Monopoly piece
34. Guys
35. Arborist's concern
36. Dismal
37. Looks into
39. ___ Zeppelin (rock group)
41. Place for a ring, of a sort....
42. No longer dirt
45. Comes (to)
49. ___ Ta Be my girl
50. Genies ___ wishes
54. Jazzman
55. Isaac Newton prefix
56. Like a beaver
57. Frozen dessert
58. Stable diet
59. White
60. Morning moisture

Down

1. Lion's warning
2. Drive
3. Some contests
4. Relative
5. Appropriate
6. Mosquito protection or profit?
7. "Who ___ we kidding?"
8. The "L" of XXL
9. Davenport
10. Singles
11. CNN output
19. Blink
21. Type of light
23. Fearful
24. Stretched tight
25. Accomplished
26. Detergent brand
27. On behalf of
28. Highest rating score, often
30. Line made with a compass
31. Dog lover
32. I will
38. Bakery fare
40. Barely beats
42. Encouragement
43. Largest of seven
44. Utter
46. Battery corrosive
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Lawn bowling club back on the greens

Roger Varley

One of the oldest organizations in the township is preparing to resume operations this week after being severely sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Uxbridge Lawn Bowling Club was established in 1910 and originally operated out of grounds on Bascom Street before eventually moving to its present location next to the arena. After having play curtailed considerably over the last couple of years, the club will be resuming operations with league play. Mondays and Tuesdays will be devoted to "pick-up" games and Wednesdays will be for team events.

Jim Barton, acting president and greenskeeper, said the club saw its membership reduced by about half because of the pandemic. He said the club continued as best it could during the pandemic by modifying the game, increasing distances between bowlers and not using the clubhouse, but that contributed to the decline. Barton said, however, that life is returning to "normal" and the club is looking to increase its membership. He said the club had about 70 members a couple of decades ago but now is down to under 30. He noted, however, that the club has a new executive in place and is starting to see new members.

He said the club has a few competitive players but the majority take up the sport for the social aspect. He said the old image of players all clad in white is no longer applicable.

"Times have changed and whites are not always mandatory," he said.

Asked if lawn bowling is a game for old people, Barton said it depended on a definition of old.

"As soon as you retire, this is something you should start to do," he said.

He admitted, however, that it is difficult to attract youth to the sport. He said the club had several young members a few years ago but they left because of "peer pressure."

Nevertheless, Barton said the club encourages people to drop by the clubhouse to learn more about the sport.

"We want people to come and give it a try," he said, adding that instruc-

tion and bowling balls are available. Bowling balls come in a variety of sizes to fit most hands and there can be slight differences in the shape of the balls which affect the ball's curvature as it travels across the green.

Barton said the club's season runs from May to October, roughly the same as the golf season, "but it's a lot cheaper than golf."

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