

Uxbridge gets a Wall of Fame • A tribute to a legacy • Gambling 101



MUMS THE WORD! - The Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary distributed over 530 blooming Mums from the Oak Tree Medical Centre last Friday afternoon, as part of their Fall Fundraiser. Here, Auxiliary volunteers Marion Barnett, Dorothy Creighton, Christiana Carter and Cathy Quinn show off just two of the massive plants. Funds raised will go towards the building of a new Uxbridge hospital. Photo by John Cavers

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A losing but promising start for Bruins' season

Roger Varley

Despite losing in overtime to the Clarington Eagles, the Uxbridge Bruins showed much promise in the first game of their 2023-24 season in the PJHL's Junior C Orr Division. Hosting the Schmalz Cup finalists at the Uxbridge arena, the Bruins twice came back from two-goal deficits and moved into the lead temporarily before losing in three-on-three overtime.

With a number of new faces in the lineup, including two new goalies, it fell to the veterans to carry most of the load. Clarington opened up a two-goal lead in the first period with a couple of markers near the midway point. Ty Roberts, newly acquired from the Stavner Siskins, notched the Bruins' first goal of the season on a power play midway through the second period, assisted by Anthony Lamanna and Matt Gordon. Gordon scored his own

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can be located.

Highway Traffic Act says ASE units may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones. Cambridge wants that changed to allow municipalities to locate them on any roadway under their jurisdiction.

Barton said that, while he supports the use of ASEs, adding that he would like to see more in the hamlets, he opposed Cambridge's proposal, calling it "overkill."



Council pulls plug on Christmas light show

Roger Varley

Uxbridge council has turned down an application from a GTA company to stage a combined Halloween-Christmas light show in the township.

Council voted in favour of recommendations made in a report by clerk Debbie Leroux, which said the application for a Special Event Permit from Spooktacular Light Show and Journey Into Enchantment should be denied.

The company wanted to stage the combined lighting show on a property on Brock Road just north of the Uxbridge-Pickering town line, running from late September to early January. Leroux's report identified a long list of concerns from various departments regarding the proposal, the major one being that a rezoning hearing would have to be held, and such a hearing would not give Spooktacular enough time to stage the events this year.

The report said the company would also have to make considerable changes to the designated vear. property, provide for a safe and manageable traffic flow and meet fire department require-

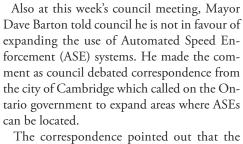
Council was informed by the Cosmos that work on the light show has already begun at the site. What appear to be two large pumpkin tunnels and a variety of light displays have already been erected on the property and a worker was seen on the site Sunday afternoon. Promotion for the event is also happening

online at todocanada.ca /city/toronto/event/spooktacular-light-show

When asked what would happen if the company went ahead with the light show, Leroux said it would be up to the by-law department to handle the situation.

A similar application from another company for a light show near Zephyr was withdrawn last week when the applicant decided he did

not have enough time to stage the event this



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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for September, 2023

Monday, September 25 COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m. UXBRIDGE DRP MEETING, 3:00 p.m. PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING - ZBA 2023-05, CHINA CANADA, 309 ZEPHYR RD., 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. **BIA BOARD MEETING**

Monday, October 2 CANCELLED - GENERAL PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 9:30 a.m. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Proclamations for the Month

• September - National Hunger Action Month • September - Big Brothers Big

Sisters Month

• September - Local Food Month • September 10 - Firefighters' National Memorial Day

• September 17-23 - National Legion Week • September 18 - Big Brothers Big

Sisters Day • September 18-24 - Rail Safety Week

- September 21 International Day of
 - Peace
- September 25 Franco Ontarian Day • September 28 - Test Your Smoke Alarm Day

• September 28 - British Home Child Day • September 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

FROM THE TAX OFFICE Property Tax due date is September 27, 2023

Tax Payments Options:

- In person at Town Hall during regular business hours of Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Accepted payment methods are cash, cheque, or Interac debit.
- In an after-hours Drop Box located in the Municipal Office front parking lot. DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH. Post-dated cheques are acceptable.
- By Mail Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date.
- Through Internet or Telephone Banking
- At most Financial Institutions.
- Credit cards and e-transfers are not accepted for property tax payments.

Penalty/Interest Charges:

For non-payment of a tax levy on or before the respective due dates of each installment, a penalty of 1.25% shall be imposed on the first day of each calendar month and thereafter in which the default continues. Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not excuse the taxpayer from responsibility for payment of taxes nor liability of any penalty or interest due to late payments.

The penalty interest charges cannot be waived or reduced by the Tax Department or Council for any reason.

PLEASE RETAIN YOUR 2023 FINAL TAX BILL FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES. If a reprinted tax bill, receipt or Statement of Account is required for any year's taxes, a fee of \$15.00 will apply.

If you did not receive your 2023 Final Tax Bill, please contact the Tax Department at 905-852-9181 or tax@uxbridge.ca

Road and Sidewalk Closures

- Bascom Street from Mill to Poplar Streets, road and sidewalk closures from 7 am to 7 pm to Friday, September 22.
- Planks Lane, between Marietta St and Main St S., to end of September - road and sidewalk closure
- Victoria St. between Brock St. W and King St. W., Sundays, May 7 - October 29, 7am to 3pm - Victoria St is pedestrian-only during Farmers' Market hours
- 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
- Main Street N. immediately north of Maple Brook Dr. sidewalk temporarily closed





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9449 Conc. 7 (Durham 1) www.thomasfostermemorial.com Every Friday night from 7:30 - 8:30pm, May to September. Admission is by donation at the door.

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Notice of Road Closure

The closure of Planks Lane between Marietta St. and Main St. continues into September.

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committee! We are looking for creative people,

organizers, and those with holiday spirit of all abilities and backgrounds to help with the parade.

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

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Bruins begin promising season, from page 1

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Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Township Zoning By-Law Amendment

This Notice is to inform you that an application has been submitted by China Canada Jing Bei Xin Min International Co. Ltd. to the Region of Durham for a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, in conjunction with an application for a Township of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaw Amendment. The Region is the approval authority for the Draft Plan of Subdivision. The application(s) have been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Section 51 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

The Regional Municipality of Durham and the Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a joint statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning Bylaw Amendment pursuant to Section 51 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

The statutory public meeting will be held in a hybrid format. There will be an electronic option available for those wishing to practice social distancing and an in-person option held simultaneously in Council Chambers at Township of Uxbridge Town Hall (51 Toronto St S., Uxbridge). The Region of Durham will be processing the application and welcome any comments that you may have.

PROPOSED DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

• The purpose of these applications is to rezone the subject lands from "Recreational Open Space Exception No. 3 (OS-3)" to "Hamlet Residential Exception No. 53 (HR-53)" previously known as the Hidden Ridge Golf Course property to facilitate the development of 16-lot Plan of Subdivision (Phase 2 lands) consisting of single-detached dwellings serviced by private individual well and septic system.

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject lands have a total area of 35 hectares (86.5 acres) and are located on the south side of Zephyr Road and the east side of Concession 3. The property is legally described as PART LOTS 24 & 25 CONCESSION 3 SCOTT PART 1 40R24457, SAVE & EXCEPT PART 2 40R30967, in the Township of Uxbridge, Region of Durham. The subject site is municipally described as 309 Zephyr Road. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE NO.: Region of Durham File No. S-U-2023-01

APPLICANT: China Canada Jing Bei Xin Min International Co. Ltd. **RELATED FILE No.(s):** SUB 2023-01; ZBA 2023-05

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the applications 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. Additional information with respect to the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision application can be obtained by contacting Lori Riviere-Doersam at lori.riviere-doersam@durham.ca

Jennifer Beer Permits & Approvals Analyst, Development Services Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto St. S., Box 190 Uxbridge, ON L9P 1T1 Email: **jbeer@uxbridge.ca** (t) 905-852-9181 Ext. 225 (f) 905-852-9674

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

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

The public meeting is being held both electronically and in person. The livestream for public viewing will be available at: https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/council-meeting-calendar.aspx

The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE: Monday, September 25, 2023

REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

1. Written Submissions

Written submissions related to the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning Bylaw Amendment should be addressed to the Planning & Economic Development Department of the Region of Durham at the address shown below. If you wish to be notified of the approval or the refusal of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning Bylaw Amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning & Economic Development Department of the Region of Durham.

2. Oral Submissions

Oral submissions may be provided to Planning Committee 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 noon on Friday, September 22, 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 and call-in information before the meeting. Technical assistance may be provided to ensure you are able to participate.

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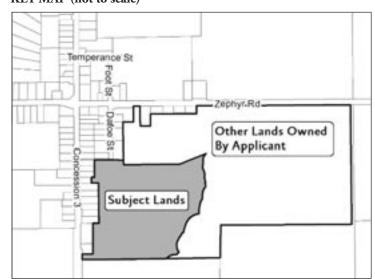
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Region of Durham or the Township of Uxbridge in respect of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision or Zoning Bylaw Amendment before it is approved or refused, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decisions of the Region of Durham, to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Region of Durham or the Township of Uxbridge in respect of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision or Zoning Bylaw Amendment before it is approved or refused, 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 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk Township of Uxbridge Box 190 Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1T1 905-852-9181 Ext.228 **dleroux@uxbridge.ca** Lori Riviere-Doersam, Principal Planner Planning & Economic Development Dept. Region of Durham 605 Rossland Road E., P.O. Box 623 Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3 905-668-4113, Ext. 2572 **lori.riviere-doersam@durham.ca**

KEY MAP (not to scale)

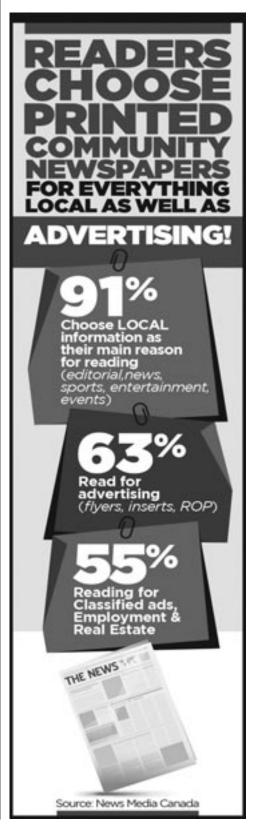


power-play goal less than a minute later, assisted by Gavin Graham. However, the Eagles came back with two power-play markers of their own late in the period.

With only 22 seconds gone in the third, Noah Button reduced the deficit, assisted by Travis Winder and Mark Sifri. Lamanna, assisted by Quinn Meek, tied the game on a power play and Button gave the Bruins the lead with his second of the night, again assisted by Winder. But the Eagles forced overtime with a goal in the dying minutes. That led to the Eagles victory after four minutes of overtime.

The *Cosmos* selected Lamanna and Clarington's Adam Klaas as players of the game.

The Bruins' next game is against the Georgina Ice tomorrow (Friday) night but it will be played in Keswick at 7:30 p.m. The Uxbridge squad then travels to Lakefield to meet the Chiefs on Tuesday evening before returning to the arena on Sept. 29 to face long-time rivals, the Port Perry LumberJacks.



Thursday, September 21, 2023

Our two cents

No news isn't good news

Local journalism suffered a serious punch to the gut last Friday when Metroland Media Group, the company that owned 71 community newspapers across Ontario, announced that it was ceasing print publication of the papers and moving to an online-only format.

Why would the *Cosmos* see this as a gut punch, you may ask? Wouldn't we be happy that our competition, the *Uxbridge Times-Journal*, has effectively disappeared? We've had a ton of comments sent to us since this news broke, telling us that it is great for us, congratulations, etc., etc. We readily admit that we had often dreamed of this day coming, and imagined how jubilant we would be. We were anything but jubilant on Friday afternoon.

The Uxbridge Times-Journal could trace its roots back to 1869. That's 154 years of delivering news to the people of Uxbridge. The Cosmos editor and several of its writers and contributors grew up reading the "T-J" - Ted Barris, Roger Varley, graphic artist and administrator Susan Gallé, and cartoonist John Wood even worked for it. Former Cosmos columnist Harry Stemp owned the Times-Journal with Bill Keyzers for 14 years. The T-J's roots go deep in Uxbridge, much deeper than the Cosmos's do.

And although the purchase of the *Times-Journal* by Metroland in 2000 led the paper down a substantially different path that many considered no longer locally-based, the legacy of the name continued - an admirable feat these days. In fact, the *Cosmos* was created to fill the local news gap that the T-J appeared to leave. This has left Uxbridge in a fortunate position - local news will continue to get delivered to the township, despite the *Times-Journals* demise. What about all the communities across the province that didn't have the luxury of at least two newspapers serving them? What happens to all the towns and villages that now have no one to report on what's happening at a community level? Out of 198 Metroland journalists, 68 lost their jobs. News deserts just popped up all over Ontario. That's not good.

Not only journalists, but office staff, print operators, graphic designers many others (605 in total) lost their jobs too. And this doesn't include the plethora of young people whose job it was to hand stuff and deliver those newspapers and flyers every week. It used to be a rite of passage to have a paper route as a first job. Now it's a footnote to history.

The *Cosmos* is still reeling from the news, and what it means. Sure, we can go after the low-hanging fruit of advertisers who still want to see their ads in print. But the T-J had remarkably few left. Our challenge isn't to pick up what has been left behind in the T-J void. Our challenge is to make people realize that local news is *so necessary* to a society that is increasingly divided and misinformed. Our challenge is to make the township realize that "support local news, support the *Cosmos*" doesn't just mean pick it up and read it each week so that you're an informed citizen. It means support the businesses that *do* choose to place their ads on our pages. Because without them, we don't exist. Ads pay our rent, our postage, our printer, our bill, our writers and contributors.

We're sad that the legacy of the *Uxbridge Times-Journal* is over. We're devastated so many are out of work. And we're seriously worried about what will become of this township if it chooses to disregard and discard the one thing it relies on to keep it going. Local news.

Thank you, *Uxbridge Times-Journal*, for serving Uxbridge well.



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday to 4 p.m.

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THE UXBRIDGE TIMES-JOURNAL 1869-2023

Letters to the Editor

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Re: Metroland closes down more than 70 local print newspapers

With the death of the *Uxbridge Times-Journal* (its parent, Metroland, has filed for bankruptcy protection), it's sad to see the decline in print journalism, particularly at the local level. We need local journalism to inform us about what's going on, to celebrate local initiatives and successes, and - most important - to act as a counter-balance to official government views and actions, with a dose of healthy skepticism.

It emphasizes how important our remaining local newspaper, the *Uxbridge Cosmos*, is. We can only hope that the *Cosmos* sees this as an opportunity for growth and consolidation - and hope that it continues as a voice for residents through the letters to the editor, and through its reflection of the views and feelings of the community.

> Wynn Walters Uxbridge

Dating myself, I will tell you that my very first job was to deliver the *Toronto Telegram*. Some will recognize the name, many will not. It was one of the major newspapers in Toronto back in the mists of time. I think I was paid one and a quarter cents for each delivery. I had a punch card for each customer, and each week made my collection round. After a week of work, I received \$4 or \$5, all in coin.

These past days, when the *Times-Journal* was being delivered by young kids, sometimes with Dad or Mom helping with a car or van loaded with papers as the route was completed, I remember those times. And when collection day came around I was happy to pay, with a little extra at Christmas. I wasn't paying for the news - advertising should cover that. I was paying for the delivery. I was paying it back. With the end of these newspapers, where will the kids find their first job?

David Moseley Uxbridge

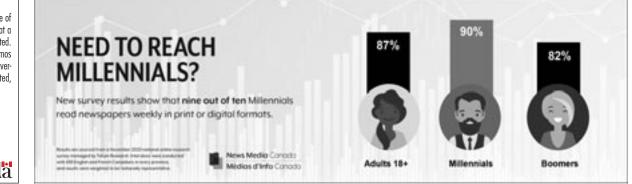
It's an old truism in politics that "voters get the government we deserve." So, what did we do to deserve as a government the authors of the Greenbelt scandal and the lies that preceded it? Simple. We didn't vote. The last provincial election had the lowest voter turnout in Ontario's history. Doug Ford's PCs won about 44 per cent of that vote. Meaning that about 18 per cent of qualified voters handed Ford his "victory."

There is nothing politicians like Ford and his ministers in their current position will fear more than a high turnout of voters motivated to right the wrongs created by highly visible government scandals, lies and misdirection.

The next Ontario provincial is tentatively scheduled to be held on June 4, 2026. The Greenbelt scandal might well remain the albatross hanging around Ford's neck until then. Things might unfold, however, well before 2026 if one or more government ministers find that they can no longer hold their noses.

One can also hope that *Cosmos* journalists like Roger Varley and Ted Barris will continue to keep these extremely serious issues alive and in the public eye.

> Martin Birt Uxbridge





Wandering the cosmos

column by Conrad Boyce

UNESCO and you

Almost simultaneous with the founding of the United Nations after World War II in 1945, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was established to pursue world peace through international cooperation in these areas. One of the agency's most prominent programs is its list of World Heritage Sites, places of natural or cultural significance which UNESCO recognizes as having "universal" importance in telling humankind's story.

There are almost 1,200 of these sites worldwide. Considering there are about 200 nations with membership in the UN, Canada is batting way above average in being the locale for 22 of them (we share two with the USA). They range from huge (the Rocky Mountain national parks in Alberta and BC are jointly listed as just one site) to a fossil site in Newfoundland. We have an additional dozen sites being actively considered for inclusion. Italy has the most sites with more than 60.

You may have visited some of our sites without knowing they were internationally celebrated. The old central sections of Quebec City (the oldest walled city in this hemisphere) or Lunenberg, Nova Scotia, or the Rideau Canal in Ottawa (a major engineering landmark). Surprisingly, Ontario has only two sites, the Rideau and a boreal forest preserve in the northwest called *Pimachiowin Aki*, which we actually share with Manitoba.

To be considered for inclusion, the site must be "protected" in legislation, that is, the aspects of it which make it unique and significant must be preserved in perpetuity. You can build a modern home in parts of Lunenberg, for example, but not in the old section recognized as a world heritage site. Parks Canada has a role in managing 13 sites, and many of the others are provincial parks.

Google "UNESCO World Heritage Sites" and see how many you've visited. If you've seen a bit of the world, you might be surprised at the places on your personal list. The pyramids in Egypt, or the Roman Colosseum, or Machu Picchu in Peru. I've only seen a few in Britain, like Stonehenge or the Tower of London, and a few more in the U.S., such as Yellowstone or the Statue of Liberty. But I am kind of chuffed that I've seen 16 of Canada's 22 sites, from Kluane Park in the west to the Viking village at *L'Anse aux Meadows* in Newfoundland.

When you Google the list, take note of some particularly fascinating ones that I heartily recommend: Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump in Alberta, Dinosaur Provincial Park not far away, or if you're into geology, beautiful Gros Morne National Park.

Two of Canada's sites were just added (or formally 'inscribed') in the past week. One is Anticosti, the huge island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which apparently is a palaeontological gold mine. The other is the only heritage site where I've actually worked: Trondek-Klondike in the Yukon, the site of the Klondike Gold Rush from 1896-98, and of the Trondek-Hwechin First Nation, whose lives were hugely transformed because of it.

I first became aware of the Gold Rush in high school, and then through Pierre Breton's classic history of it (which paid scant attention to its impact on the Indigenous people), but it wasn't until I went north as a vaudeville entertainer to Whitehorse in 1978, and took a few days to see Dawson City for myself, that I realized how massive an event it was.

After Keish, a native man (better known in white circles as Skookum Jim), panned those first few flakes of placer gold from Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River, in August of 1896, tens of thousands from all over the world flooded north, most of them totally unprepared for the tribulations of the journey. When they finally arrived, they totally destroyed the landscape, ripping down trees and tearing up the earth. And they also irrevocably destroyed the way of life of the First Nation.

I worked in Dawson a total of five summers over 15 years, from 1979 to 1993, and I'm not proud to say that for most of that time, I spent way too much time talking to the tourists, and to my fellow summer workers, and not getting to know the story of the people who had inhabited that region for thousands of years. The World Heritage Site recognizes the importance of that story, so if you visit Dawson in the coming years, you won't make the same mistake as me.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Where the Ford government's allegiances lie

When I cross the border into the United States, it happens. When we go through security checks at international airports, it happens. When I was approached by the Ontario Court for jury duty, it happened. At those moments and others, we are asked: "Do you swear that this is the truth?"

It's called an oath. And when we cross an international border, Customs and Immigration officers need to know we're being honest. Going through Pearson airport security and onto public commercial airlines, security needs to know we're abiding by the law. And if we're meeting our civic duty in the Ontario court system, the judge needs to hear us say, "Yes, that's the truth."

So why don't any of those protocols of oathtaking, of abiding by the rules, apply to Ford government officials around Conservative policies regarding protection of Greenbelt lands?

When then auditor general Bonnie Lysyk exposed the provincial government's plan to secretly reverse its own promise of protecting two million acres of farmland, forest, watershed and wildlife preserve around the GTA – calling the process "biased in favour of certain developers" – why didn't Doug Ford and Steve Clark have to take an oath that they didn't know? Apparently they did ... because Integrity Commissioner David Wake in his report accused Steve Clark, then housing minister, of choosing to "stick his head in the sand" while his chief of staff, Ryan Amato, embarked on a "chaotic and almost reckless process," something that egregious could not have gone unnoticed by his boss. Now Amato is gone, but not MPP Clark. Seems to me taking an oath of accountability might be appropriate.

Ah, but now there's another angle to the Ford government Greenbelt fiasco emerging. There appears that silence in our own backyard – i.e. the Pickering-Uxbridge constituency – has attracted investigation. On Sept. 9, the *Globe and Mail* reported that the former vice-chair of the Greenbelt Foundation, Susan McGovern, has connections to The Rice Group. Her husband, John McGovern, is the company's senior vice-president of policy and planning and The Rice Group is among the circle of developers whose land the government removed from the Greenbelt last November.

That suggests to me a pretty clear case of conflict of interest. But I'm not alone. Integrity Commissioner Wake revealed in his Aug. 30 report that The Rice Group prepared a document supporting the removal of its holdings from the Greenbelt, and that document was deliverered to Ryan Amato, then at the Housing Ministry in September 2022 two months before the Ford Cabinet yanked 7,400 acres of Greenbelt for development. Sandy Shaw, the NDP's environment critic, told Karen Howlett and Jill Mahoney at the Globe, "It seems there's always just one degree of separation between (the Ford) government and a very select group of insider developers.' But this gets even more interesting. When she was appointed to the Ford government's Greenbelt Foundation, Ms. McGovern did not reveal that her husband was among those lobbying the provincial government for permission to build on the environmentally protected lands. She was vice-chair at the time. She's not anymore. Susan McGovern is currently an executive adviser to Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy. May I reprint for you the comment I quoted in my August 17, 2023, Barris Beat column? When challenged for answers about the Ford government's ac-knowledgment of the "flawed process" of releasing Greenbelt lands for to a select group of developers for housing, our MPP said: "The 100 people I talked to, say, 'build.'

That's what I hear and that's why we're going to continue our build."

That means that Susan McGovern, the former vice-chair of the Greenbelt Foundation – the wife of John McGovern, senior vice-president of policy and planning and The Rice Group who apparently lobbied the Ford government and won the release of lands in the Greenbelt – is now a senior adviser to our MPP and the Finance Minister of Ontario.

I have no problem with her aspirations to join a powerful ministry in the public affairs of Ontario. I do worry, however, about what the Integrity Commissioner discovered she did; according to David Wake, during a Greenbelt Foundation board meeting in October last year (a board to which Premier Ford had her appointed) discussing Greenbelt issues (just weeks before the Ford government released Greenbelt lands), McGovern failed to disclose her connection to The Rice Group. Ms. McGovern's credentials may well serve Peter Bethlenfalvy's needs as an MPP and as finance minister. But perhaps an oath of allegiance to the public's needs and wishes about protecting the Greenbelt is in order.

For more Barris Beat columns, go to www.tedbarris.com





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Dr. Bent was born and raised in Uxbridge.

Dr. Bent's desire to become a dentist was confirmed during a recent trip to Ghana with Dr. Wilson and her team, as well as with our very own Dr. Bessay, and we couldn't be happier about his decision! He has seamlessly joined our team, to rave reviews from staff and patients.





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Firefighter \$20k raffle not quite a sell-out but still a success

Roger Varley

Three Uxbridge residents had reason to celebrate over the weekend after their tickets were pulled out of the barrel in the Uxbridge Firefighters' Memorial draw Friday night.

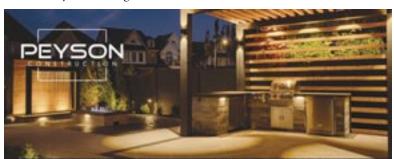
Officiated by Deborah Dee, president of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge, the tickets were drawn by firefighter Clinton Harper. The first ticket drawn, which took the third-place prize of \$1,000, was purchased by Brandon Greer. The second ticket, worth \$3,000, was owned by Tess Dempster. The grand prize of \$20,000 was won by Lisa Quesnel.

The lucky trio received their cheques at the fire hall on Monday evening.

Dee said not all the tickets were sold, but added "we got pretty darned close." She said the draw raised about \$82,000.

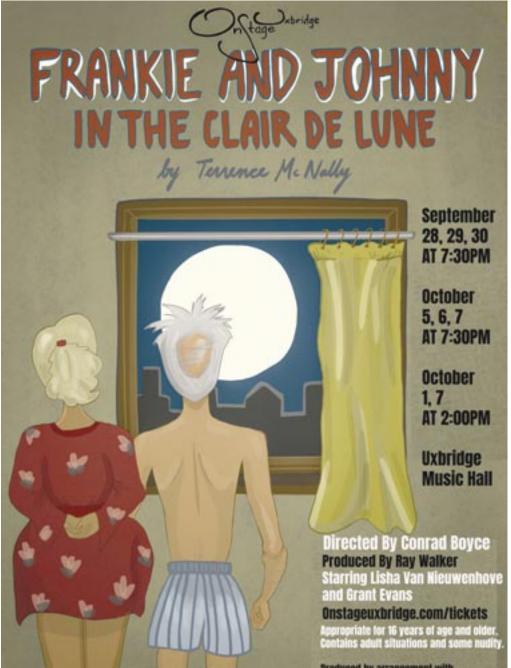
Funds from the draw will go towards the erection of a bronze memorial sculpture outside the fire hall to honour fallen firefighters and to mark the department's 150th anniversary.

Harper said the firefighters will continue to raise funds for the memorial, which is expected to be installed and unveiled next fall. He said they are looking into "squeezing in" a car wash sometime this fall. Anyone wishing to donate more than \$20 to the memorial can do so through the Uxbridge-



Scott Historical Society, which can issue tax receipts. And anyone donating \$1,000 or more will have their name on a plaque to be installed on the memorial.

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Dramatists Play Service, New York

Postponed concert 'Of Note' happens this weekend

A concert that was meant to happen in May and had to be postponed is back on the books for this weekend, Sept. 23 and 24.

The international male chorus known as 'Men of Note' and locally renowned Celtic performers *Claidhmor* will unite and present a joint concert on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Port Perry United Church at 2 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 24, at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 3 p.m.

Started in 1999, by Stouffville residents David Duggan and Douglas Walker, 'Men of Note' began as a 17member chorus that soon grew to over 40 in number. Over the last 23 years, they have entertained audiences across Ontario, in the Eastern Canadian provinces, and in a dozen European countries. Highlight concerts include performances in St. Mark's Basilica, Venice; the Vimy Ridge Memorial in France; St. Gile's Cathedral, Edinburgh; and pairing up with the World Champion Welsh Male Choir in Wrexham, Wales.

Led by Port Perry's Stewart Bennett, *Claidhmor* has been thrilling audiences across Ontario for 30 years with its stirring harmonies and Celtic flair. Whether it's a Tartan Day celebration, a Scottish-Irish Festival, or a Robbie Burn's Night celebration, the five singers of *Claidhmor* make the occasion Scottish-special. Highlight performances have included Roy Thompson Hall, the Canadian National Exhibition, and the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre.

Soloist Susan Ryman will perform with both groups at these concerts.

Tickets are \$25 for adults 16+, \$20 for seniors and those under 16, and are available at The Wee Tartan Shop in Port Perry, Woods Clothing in Uxbridge, through starticketing.com and at the door.

2nd Annual Dessert & Fashion Show

Hosted by the Bethesda Reach Womens Institute

Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. Uxbridge Seniors Centre

Come, bring your friends and enjoy this popular event. This year's fashions are from **Woods Clothing**, right here in Uxbridge. All profits go to scholarships for the high schools in Uxbridge & Port Perry. \$20/ticket. Call 905-852-5284 or 905-852-3925 to reserve.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied for leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the community of Sandford, within the Township of Uxbridge.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for an order granting leave to construct natural gas pipelines in the community of Sandford, within the Township of Uxbridge. The pipelines consist of approximately 4.9 kilometres of Nominal Pipe Size (NPS) 2-inch polyethylene (PE) distribution pipeline and approximately 8.4 kilometres of NPS 4-inch PE distribution pipeline. Enbridge Gas Inc. is also proposing to construct ancillary facilities. The location of the proposed pipelines is shown in the map.

Enbridge Gas Inc. states that the pipelines are needed to supply natural gas to approximately 183 new customers in the community of Sandford, within the Township of Uxbridge, who currently do not have access to natural gas service. Enbridge Gas Inc. states that it intends to charge the OEB-approved System Expansion Surcharge to all new customers that will be taking service from the project.

Enbridge Gas Inc. states that on June 9, 2021, the proposed project (also referred to as the Sandford Community Expansion Project), was approved to receive funding assistance under Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program.

Enbridge Gas Inc. is also asking the Ontario Energy Board to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

Enbridge Gas Inc. is also seeking approval to cancel and supersede the existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity held by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the former Town of Uxbridge, the former Township of Uxbridge and the former Township of Scott and replace them with a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct works to supply natural gas in the Township of Uxbridge.

Please review the application for more information about the proposed project.

A map of the proposed pipeline project is provided below.



THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Enbridge Gas's application. During the hearing, we will question Enbridge Gas on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individual consumers, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.



As part of its review of this application, the OEB will assess Enbridge Gas's compliance with the OEB's Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario.

The OEB will also assess whether the duty to consult with Indigenous Communities potentially affected by the proposed pipeline has been discharged with respect to the application.

More information on the types of issues that the OEB may consider are provided on the OEB's website in the form of a standard issues list: https://www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/issues-list-LTC-natural-gas.pdf

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas on the OEB's website now
- You can find information on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca/participate
- You can find information on the duty to consult with Indigenous communities on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca/industry/ applications-oeb/consultation-indigenous-peoples
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas's request. Apply by October 10, 2023 or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2023-0200**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2023-0200** from the **www.oeb.ca/noticeltc** on the OEB website. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

FORM OF HEARING

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, electronic, and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you have a preference with respect to the format of the hearing, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 10, 2023.**

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 90(1) and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B and sections 8(1), 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Registrar Filings: https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/. E-mail: registrar@oeb.ca

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Corporation (OLG, the industry's oversight body), but since that's also what all of us spend hours playing on our various devices, we're going to mostly use the traditional term 'gambling' in this four-part series.

This first article will provide a basic

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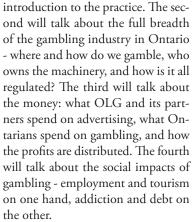
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What is Gambling?

In the broad sense, we gamble whenever we make a choice, hoping for an uncertain result. Sometimes the 'odds' are heavily in our favour. For instance, unless something has gone mysteriously wrong with the truck overnight, if we turn the steering wheel to the right, the vehicle will also turn to the right. We kind of count on it.

Things get a bit more iffy if we're counting on human behaviour. We take a chance that when we send our darling Petunia off to Grade One, she will have learned how to spell "cat" by next spring; it says so in the curriculum, but we rely on the competence of the teacher, and the ability of Petunia herself, to achieve that desired result.

Similarly, we gamble that when we vote for the Liberals in the federal election, they will in fact be elected, and if they do, they will in fact put into motion that part of their platform that convinced you to vote for them. But this is by no means certain, that's the lovely but irritating thing about democracy. Life, as they say, is a never-ending gamble.

For the purposes of this series, though, the act of gambling is 'spiced up' by the addition of something of material value. It doesn't have to be money, of course. You and your better half could place a wager on the Liberals' performance. If they actually institute electoral reform within 18 months of taking office, you will bake her a carrot cake; if not, she will bake you one.

Over the millenia, though (dice have been found beside Stone Age fire pits), the wager has very often taken the form of currency. You bet the farmer next door 50 ducats that your horse and plow can seed 20 acres before his can. You invest 5,000 crowns in a ship exploring the New World, betting that whatever it finds will earn you a knighthood. You sit down at a poker table in Tombstone, hoping your lucky streak starts tonight.



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Thursday, September 21, 2023



The main entrance to Great Blue Heron Casino, located on Scugog Island, just outside Photo from meetharry.co Port Perry.

Ontario's gambling scene, from previous page

Often, of course, gambling activity is totally unregulated. If you and Fred bet five bucks on tonight's Jays game, nobody cares but you and Fred. If the bet was \$5 million, the range of people who might care is considerably expanded. Or if you place that five dollars in a betting pool that involves thousands of gamblers, and stands to make you a much bigger winner (simultaneously creating a lot more losers), the impacts are similarly bigger.

In some gambling situations, it could be argued that skill has a role in the result. Knowing the right moves in backgammon, playing the odds in blackjack. Having a good "poker face." But most often, luck or "chance" is the dominant factor. Your chances of winning the big Lotto Max jackpot are now more than 30 million to one. But somebody has to win, right? As the ads say, "it might as well be you."

originally attracted organized crime to gambling, and what prompted governments to take it over in the latter part of the 20th century. We'll examine the government stake in the industry in a later article. But suffice it to say that over the last half century, the proportion of the province's revenue derived from gambling has increased exponentially. The Ontario Lottery Corporation was founded in 1975, with the establishment of the first provincial lottery, Wintario. The first national lottery, Lotto 6/49, followed just a couple of years later. In 1994, the Ontario Casino Corporation was created, and the first public casino opened in Windsor. Now, fewer than 30 years later, there are dozens of casinos in the network, many of them privately owned. There is a large variety of lotteries. There is online gambling, organized sports betting. And of course, you can still bet on the ponies, although race tracks all have slot machines as well. It's all a bit dizzying, so we'll

The promise of big money is what

sort it out for you in the next article in the series.

There's no doubt that the gambling industry has its benefits. It employs thousands, and brings in millions of tourist dollars. The profits benefit arts groups, hospitals and municipal infrastructure. But there are huge social costs as well. Statistics Canada estimates more than 300,000 of us have a gambling problem, and that's just those who'll admit it. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pete quit his job as a mechanic to devote himself full-time to online poker; he's lost a lot of weight, and sleep, since then. Serge and Marie have a retirement plan that includes winning the lottery.

It's complicated, it's new, and the government is totally committed to it. That's why we felt it was important to help you understand it.





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First Kinsmen Wall of Fame inductees honoured

Roger Varley

About 100 people attended a ceremony at the Uxbridge Music Hall last Friday as the Kinsmen Club unveiled the first inductees to the Kinsmen Wall of Fame.

To no one's surprise, the first person inducted was Joseph Gould, looked on by many as the "father of Uxbridge." Born in 1808 at Quaker Hill, Gould went on to become the first reeve of Uxbridge Township, the first warden of Ontario County and served in various capacities for more than 30 years. He also built the Joseph Gould Mechanics' Institute, now known as Uxbridge Public Library.

The inductees were named in four categories: athletes, builders, community and teams. Athletes honoured were Dr. Brian St. John, who played for the Varsity Blues, winning three Canadian college championships and later drafted by the Boston Bruins, and Colleen Cooke, whose baseball and softball skills earned her a scholarship at a Michigan college. She also played catcher and pitched for Canada in the inaugural Women's World Championships.

The Uxbridge Blackhawks 1961-62 team was honoured for being the first Uxbridge team to win an OHA "C" Championship Division.

Terry and Mary Bryon were selected for the "builder" category, although they could also have qualified for the athlete and team categories. The Bryons founded the Uxbridge Swim Club in1986, whose members won numerous provincial and national medals. Terry was team doctor for the national swim team in the 1980s and 1990s and Mary managed the national team at various competi-



tions, including the 1995 Pan-Am Games and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Other builders named to the Wall of Fame were Roly Hudson, Ray Laswick and Bert Corbett.

Joining Gould in the "community" category were Nellie Kydd, Dave Dickie and Gerri Lynn O'Connor. Kydd was a member of Uxbridge council and served two years as mayor. She was also named Citizen of the Year in 1982. Dickie is known for his work with the Canada Day committee and the Uxbridge Fall Fair. O'Connor served 38 years as an elected official, 28 years as mayor of Uxbridge. O'Connor was recently honoured when the children's section of the Uxbridge Library was named in her honour.

Among those invited to the ceremony were members of council, MP Jennifer O'Connell, Darren Boyko of the Hockey Hall of Fame and Allan McGillivray, former curator of the Uxbridge museum. MPP Peter



MC Dan Pollard presents Dr. Brian St. John with a certificate inducting him into the Kinsmen Wall of Fame. *Photo by John Cavers*

Bethlenfalvy was also invited but did not attend.

MC Dan Pollard told attendees that the ceremony would be "hopefully an annual affair."

The actual Wall of Fame will be located at the Uxbridge arena on the upper level of Pad 2.

In Loving Memory of Barry Gordon Wood

November 6, 1946 - September 14, 2023

Barry will be missed forever by his loving wife of 55 years, Gail, his daughter Stacy (Hiroyuki), son Gordon (Erin), and grandsons Kalen, Riley and Jackson, as well as his brother Charles (Maude), sisters-inlaw Bonnie McDowell and Bernice Westall.

Barry was a man who worked hard, enjoyed solving problems, creating new things, having fun with friends and family and making others laugh. He will be greatly missed by all.

A private funeral will be held with his family.

Arrangements entrusted to Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge, 905-852-3073.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Sunnybrook Hospital Foundation or Markham Stouffville Hospital would be appreciated.

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Larry George Brown Oct. 22,1945 - Sept. 4, 2023

A letter to my love, Larry, who passed away peacefully on September 4, 2023.

You are finally at peace!

I want to thank your cousin, Barb, my long-time friend, for introducing me to you

at a line dancing class four years ago. I remember you telling me how I filled your life with love and laughter! We shared

many fun times together with family and friends.

On that day, my life became full once again!

We did many things together, some of which were dancing (we both loved to dance), sightseeing trips, and of course you loved golfing! I remember you teaching me how to golf. You were so patient with me. I wanted to give up many times, but you encouraged me to keep practicing.

We also went on walks in the park. And of course, we can't forget the cat, Longhorn! He loved to sit on your walker while you walked.

I felt so loved by you for the first time in many years. You brought so much joy and happiness back into my life. Four years was too short, my love! But I will see you again. Now you're with the angels. You can golf as much as you want! No more pain. Get another hole-in-one to match the one you got here on Earth!

Godspeed, my love. Always in my heart *Lily*

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