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**IT WAS CERTAINLY AN UXPERIENCE** - The Skit Crew got up to some serious shenanigans last weekend while the band and chorus looked on during the annual production of 'uxperience', a variety show that raises money for the community. This year's production, entitled 'UXPERIENCE The Times' was the 30th year of uxperience, and proceeds will go to the Uxbridge Lions Club, with a focus on the accessible playground in Elgin Park. *Photo by John Covers*

## Former councillor announces federal candidacy

Roger Varley

Former Uxbridge councillor Jacob Mantle has announced he will be the Conservative candidate in York-Durham riding in the next federal election.

The newly created riding of York-Durham includes Uxbridge, Scugog, Georgina, Brock, the northern part of Stouffville, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First

Nation. It was created in April following an Elections Canada redistribution. Previously, Uxbridge was part of the Pickering-Uxbridge riding, currently represented by Liberal Jennifer O'Connell.

This will be Mantle's second attempt to gain a seat in Parliament, having run unsuccessfully as a Conservative against O'Connell in 2021.

Mantle was the youngest politician in the GTA when he was elected to council in

2010 at the age of 21. He served one term on council before leaving to study law. He currently practices international trade law at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Toronto.

Referring to the next federal election as "the most important one in a generation," Mantle said he will work "to axe the tax, build the homes, fix the budget and stop the crime."

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- U24-18 - Sidewalk Installation and Repairs, Closes May 23, at 2:00 p.m.
- U24-08 - Cemetery Road Resurface, Closes May 28, at 2:00 p.m.
- U24-15 - Architect Services - Pool Renovations and a New Accessible Therapy Pool, Closes May 30, at 2:00 p.m.
- U24-20 - Catch Basin Cleaning, Closes June 12, at 2:00 p.m.

All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender bid results are posted at [https://www.uxbridge.ca/bids\\_and\\_tenders/](https://www.uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders/)

## Council & Committees

### Meeting Schedule for May, 2024

**Thursday, May 9**

TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE @ 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, May 13**

COUNCIL @ 10:00 a.m.

MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE @ 6:30 p.m.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE @ 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 15**

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT @ 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 16**

LIBRARY BOARD @ 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 20**

NO MEETING – VICTORIA DAY

**Thursday, May 23**

MUSIC HALL BOARD @ 9:00 a.m.  
 BIA BOARD @ 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 27**

COUNCIL @ 8:00 a.m.  
 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING - ZBA 2024-03 - Schell @ 9:30  
 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION @ 3:00 p.m.  
 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMM. @ 7:00 p.m.

### Proclamations for May

- May – Asian Heritage Month
- May – Community Living Month
- May 6-12 – National Nursing Week
- May 6-12 - Mental Health Week
- May 10 – Anti-Asian Racism Day
- May 11 - Migratory Bird Day
- May 17- International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)
- May 19 – Personal Support Worker Day
- May 20 – World Bee Day
- May 20 – Asian Gold Ribbon Day
- May 19 – 25 – Paramedics Appreciation Week
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Thank you to all that attended the Zephyr Library and Community Hall Open House on April 20th!

Next steps will include the launch of a public survey in June to gain additional feedback on ways to improve the library.

Stay tuned for more information!



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# New candidate announcement encourages look at new electoral boundaries

Justyne Edgell  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The next federal election is slated to occur on or around October 20, 2025 (although this date could change if an election is called), and Uxbridge voters will be cast their votes in the new York-Durham Electoral District.

Replacing the current Pickering-Uxbridge riding, held by Liberal MP Jennifer O’Connell, the new York-Durham district (where former Uxbridge councillor Jacob Mantle recently announced his candidacy for the Conservative party) will cover the Town of Georgina, a section of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge, and the Indian reserves of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island.

In this new boundary, Uxbridge will be combined with sections from each of the following ridings; the former Durham riding, the former Haliburton-Kawartha-Brock riding, the former Oshawa riding and the former Markham-Stouffville riding.

New federal electoral districts were

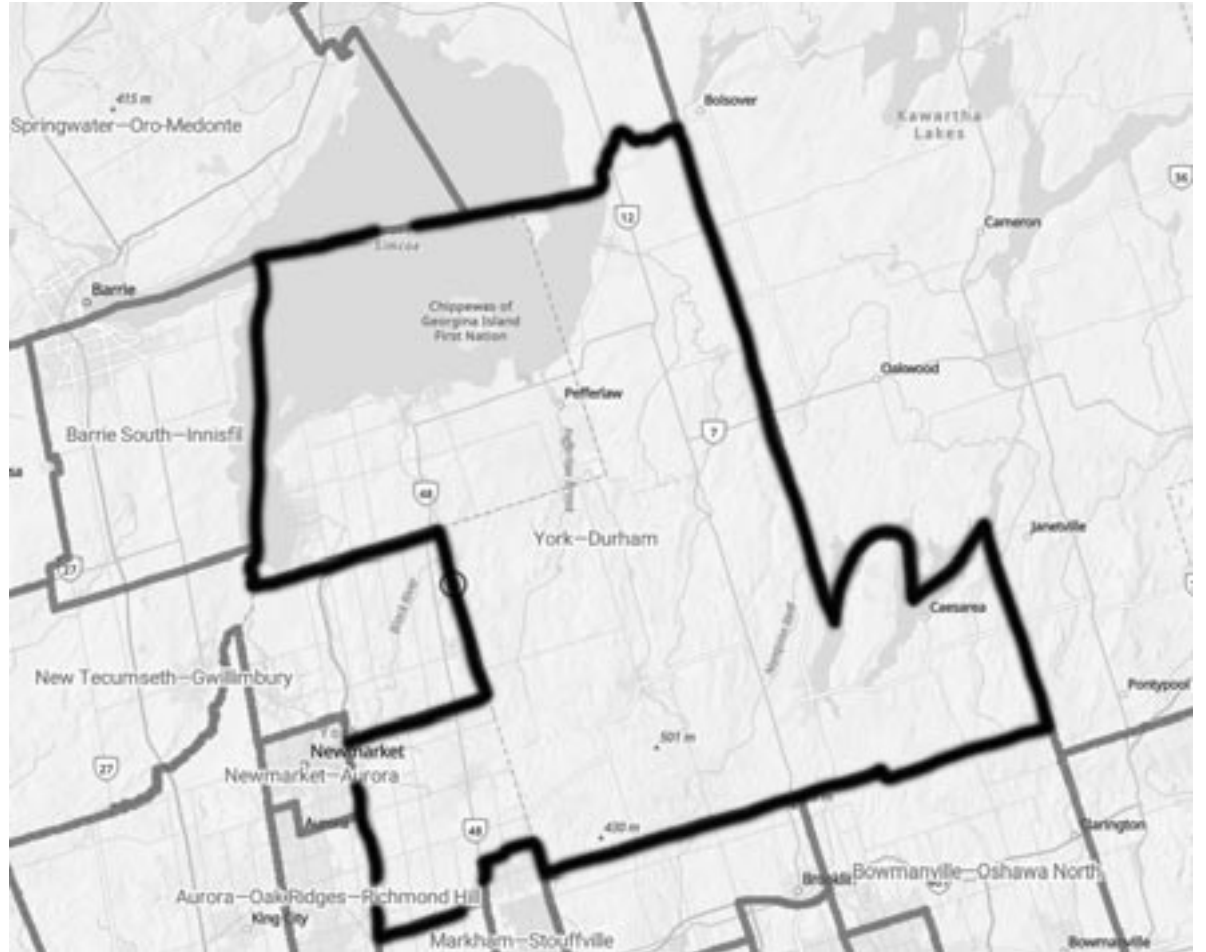
put into effect across the country on April 23, 2024.

According to electionscanada.ca, “The Constitution of Canada requires that federal electoral districts be reviewed after each decennial (every 10 years) census to reflect changes and movements in Canada’s population.”

In October 2021, the most recent redistribution process began. A process which entails the chief electoral officer applying a representation formula to recalculate how many members of Parliament (MPs) need to be assigned to each province. Independent electoral boundaries commissions then work separately in each province to review the electoral boundaries and revise them, if necessary.

In the 2021 federal election, the Durham, Haliburton-Kawartha-Brock and Oshawa ridings voted in favour of the Conservative party, whereas the Pickering-Uxbridge and Markham-Stouffville ridings swung Liberal.

More information on voting district, new and past, can be found on the Elections Canada website, <https://www.elections.ca/>.



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# Our two cents

## Cheers to the hardest job in the world

We've had a few rather weighty editorials of late, so we thought we'd turn to something a little lighter this week, but of no less importance than anything else - Mother's Day. Here's a few things about Mother's Day that you may not have known (in part from *Reader's Digest Canada*/Matthew Hague).

To begin, Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 12 - if you *didn't* know this, make note.

In Canada, Mother's Day is always celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Fun fact: in the United Kingdom, however, "Mothering Sunday" or "Mothering Day" takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This year, it was on Sunday, March 10. If your mum lives in the UK and you missed March 10, how lucky are you that you have this Sunday to make it up!

Mother's Day is a pretty popular day. According to a Caddle study published by the Retail Council of Canada, nearly three out of four Canadians celebrate Mother's Day, no matter their background or ethnicity.

Speaking of ethnicity, did you know that across languages, most words for "mother" start with the letter M?

Being a mom may just be the hardest job in the world. A 2018 study from Welch's revealed that the average mom works the equivalent of two-and-a-half full-time jobs. Further to that, a 2012 study quoted in *Reader's Digest* found that 84 per cent of Canadians think that being a mother is one of the hardest jobs there is.

Mother's Day was started in the United States in 1907, by one Anna Marie Jarvis, who wanted to commemorate her own mom's Mother's Day Work Clubs, which raised money for women with tuberculosis. Jarvis set up the holiday as, believe it or not, a sober day of reflection.

So what to get Mom this Sunday? The best gift might not cost a cent. According to new research reported by the *Independent*, what moms really want for Mother's Day is time - with loved ones, as well as for themselves.

To all the moms who do the world's hardest job, we thank you, we love you, and we certainly couldn't do it without you.



## Letters to the Editor

*Re: May 2 Letter to the Editor regarding the April 25 Letter to the Editor about tree cutting at Glen Major and Walker Woods*

I have also witnessed the tree cutting in the woods and it's awful. It looks like mostly native trees and have been removed - cut off at waist height - perfect for impaling yourself when you're out for a ride.

Regarding the buckthorn and other invasive plants, I too wish they would disappear if you simply cut them down, but the reality is, without herbicide treatment, they will just grow back much thicker, making the problem worse. And unfortunately, most of the native trees and shrubs this person removed will not resprout, and the gaps left by their removal are extra vulnerable to invasion by buckthorn and other invasive plants.

Our forest is a rather fragile ecosystem with a great deal of stressors, and the last thing it needs is uninformed vigilante forestry.

The replacement cost of the trees and shrubs removed is easily in the thousands of dollars. I think that qualifies as criminal. This vandalism is terrible, and I really hope no one ever does this again.

I fully support all actions that experts like TRCA could take on invasive species, and urge everyone to do the same.

**Christopher Henry**  
Uxbridge

It seems to me that there is a lot of negative energy circulating around the Letters to the Editor these

days. To that end, I'd like to send some gratitude out in a couple of directions...

First, to all the people on the road crew who recently repaired and repaved our section of Conc. 3. They completed a wonderful job, well within the time frame indicated on the signs, and were kind, polite and helpful while doing so. I'd like to thank each of them by name; the only name I learned was Bob who was operating the grader. Thanks Bob, and would you mind please passing this on to the rest of the crew?

Secondly, I'd like to thank Gerri Lynn O'Connor, whose name has come up in the paper recently, for all the effort and time she gave of herself to Uxbridge during her tenure on council. She was mayor for a very long time during my childhood and teenage years when I was a skater at our local arena. I remember walking into the arena one day to find Gerri Lynn rolling paint on the wall in the lobby. She had promised that if it didn't get done one way or another, she'd do it herself. I doubt that she got paid extra for that; it was a job that needed doing, so she did it. And still is, by volunteering at Chances Are. Thanks, Gerri Lynn.

Perhaps the next time you start to feel hot under the collar about something or someone, pause, take a couple of breaths, and think of something in your life for which you are profoundly grateful. It may just make you feel better.

**Jill Watson**  
Uxbridge

*Re: Barry Letter to the Editor, April 25 edition*

Mr. Barry, I'm very sorry you appear to be angry with my letter, which was written after the display of tractors being driven down the main street of Uxbridge.

You also insisted this demonstration was not about money; I did assume the issue was financial when one of the farmers stated in the newspaper that he "made no money last year and is likely going to have to lay off some of (his) farm workers."

I will not argue over the exhaust from diesel or gas vehicles and pollution until I have spoken with an expert on this subject, but as we all know, pollution takes many different forms and noise is one of them.

Again, I am sorry you are upset, and I do understand why your letter starts with a kick at me personally, because my letter was facts and it is hard to find fault with facts.

**Bev Northeast**  
Goodwood

The Concession Clean-up headline photo and caption in the May 2, edition of the *Cosmos* sends a powerful message about the extent of litter in Uxbridge Township.

Our property has 200 metres of frontage on Conc. 4. Every spring, I patrol the ditch and rarely fail to fill a garbage bag with bottles, cans, food wrappers, plastic bags

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When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.



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## Am I wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### Have I got news for you...maybe!

In recent years, the words "misinformation" and "disinformation" have become almost embedded in our daily conversations. Of course, misinformation and disinformation have been around for as long as there have been politicians, but with the explosion of social media on the internet, the spread of false and misleading "news" has become rampant.

It has become such a problem that many people don't trust or believe any news they hear or read, regardless of the source. Unfortunately, many people choose instead to believe the rumours they come across on social media. There were two rumours floating around Uxbridge this weekend, neither of which I will repeat here. That's not to tease you, but the *Cosmos* checked out both rumours and determined they were both completely false. The rumours - if unchecked and therefore unchecked - could have caused considerable annoyance and inconvenience to certain individuals but also could have resulted in undue concern for many residents of the township.

So, how do rumours take hold? Someone says they "heard" something or someone "told" them something, they repeat what it was they heard, someone else picks it up without checking the facts and away it goes. The problem with rumours is that while some people might believe they are now "in the know," they are actually often digesting misinformation or disinformation.

There's a distinction between those two words. Misinformation is telling someone something that has very little basis in fact. Disinformation is the deliberate spreading of false news to further one's own ends or cause harm or embarrassment to another. A lot of disinformation can be found on YouTube, where contributors (many of them appear to be recording their videos in Mom's basement) often use click-bait headings to entice people to watch. Such headings as "Trudeau gets arrested" or "Trudeau runs from the Commons," usually accompanied by obviously photoshopped illustrations, have been common recently. The

problem is, no one is held to account for such nonsense. Contributors can upload just about any lie they want to make up and YouTube allows it to run unchecked.

As much as you might want to believe that all news outlets, including such worthies as the *Globe and Mail*, the CBC, CTV, Global TV and the *Toronto Star*, are slanting news to favour one political party or another, if Trudeau had truly been arrested, these news sites would have been awash with reports. The fact that Trudeau's arrest was not reported anywhere else should immediately alert you to the possibility that said YouTube is full of it.

It really is not that hard to become media literate. News is news and opinion pieces are opinion pieces. A news report might tell you Pierre Poilievre criticized Trudeau in the Commons but, if the reporter is responsible (and the editor good), you will not read that Poilievre "humiliated" Trudeau. That word would be subjective and therefore opinion. If a YouTube video or some other social media post uses incendiary verbs or adjectives to grab your attention, you can be reasonably sure you are not being fed news. Most of them are opinion pieces and nearly all of them ask you to subscribe. In recent days, I have seen YouTube videos with headings claiming something like "Judge sends Trump to Jail." Unless you have been living in a tent in Alaska, you should know that's not true, but there are people out there willing to believe anything they see on the internet.

But people see these "click-bait" items and then tell someone else about it and off goes another false narrative or rumour. If you can't find a report from a legitimate news source corroborating what you have seen or read, it most likely is just someone's imagination.

Sometimes a salesman will give you a pitch that seems just too good to be true and you'll do some checking before swallowing his line. It seems to me, when it comes to news, the same approach should apply.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Why Leafs loss is good

Last Christmas, with my Toronto Maple Leafs clicking along about fourth or fifth in the NHL standings, Matthews netting goals in threes (it seemed) every other night, Ilya Samsonov looking like Johnny Bower between the pipes, and even Sheldon Keefe exuding confidence behind the bench, my daughter gave me a most appropriate gift. It was a Leafs blue T-shirt, complete with logo and an inscription. "Just once before I die," it reads.

She took a photo of me with it on and put it on her Facebook page. As you can imagine, it sparked a lot of response - 248 to be precise (almost as many followers as a Leaf fourth-liner). "Here's hoping," said one. "As a Habs fan, I feel for you." "After 20 minutes of play-offs, I'm not convinced." "All digits crossed." "If they couldn't win it back when they had Gilmour and Clark, then I give up." One friend poked fun at my daughter with an accusation of "Parent abuse." Well, we all know how things went - three strong comeback games against those nasty Bruins, and a sloppy misstep in Game 7 overtime and it was all over. And I put my Leafs T-shirt into the laundry until next season.

But I've been thinking. There are plenty of good things about the Leafs losing in the first round. The first and perhaps most important beneficiary is my health. I won't have to lose sleep any longer this season worrying whether they'll get embarrassed by any other Eastern Conference rivals, such as Tampa Bay Lightning, Florida Panthers, or Columbus Blue Jackets. I won't mindlessly consume bags and bags of chips and beer after nerve-racking beer while the Core Four's scoring stats fade deeper into oblivion. I can watch some PBS TV programs this spring that I'd have otherwise ignored. Or, even better, I'll enjoy the spring outdoors while all those other NHL teams crash and bang inside arenas and their fans fuss and worry through the quarters, the semis and the finals.

This week, I read all the coverage by Toronto media about what the Leafs should or shouldn't do for next season. The *Star's* Rosie Dimanno told the MLSE brass "don't break this group up." While Kevin McGran, her *Star* colleague, pondered dumping Coach Keefe, dealing Captain John Tavares away to play out his senior years (at age 33) somewhere

else, or trading Mitch Marner "to a sunshine state where he can be the best player and live in relative anonymity." But then Marner spoke to the media scrum on locker-room-clear-out day, last Monday; he was asked what it means to be a Leaf.

"It means the world," he told eager reporter scribes. "Obviously, we're looked upon as kind of gods here, to be honest."

And maybe that's the elephant in the room. Perhaps Leaf fans - myself included - revere these guys to the point that it goes to their heads (and forsakes their hands and feet). Marner went on to say how much he appreciated that kind of admiration, as "with the Raptors a couple of years ago, the love (fans) still have for a lot of those players that they had to trade off this year." In other words, professional hockey (particularly under the commissionership of Gary Bettman) has evolved away from the game, away from loyalty to a community, to a world of loyalty where the only symbol that matters is the dollar sign at the bottom of the business ledger.

I'd quickly add, however, that the other good part of the Leafs early exit, is now I can cheer on a group of athletes who haven't traded the joy of hockey for the pursuit of fame and fortune - the Women's Professional Hockey League. For my money (and attention), nothing compares to the heart and passion and coming back from the brink drive (the Leafs took a page from them for a while this year) we're seeing now among the women's pro teams. For the moment, the WPHL has most of my hockey-viewing attention.

So, next fall I'll probably pull out and wear my daughter's Christmas gift - the T-shirt with the Leafs logo and the inscription, "Just once before I die" - because even after 57 years I'm still hopeful I may live that long. In the meantime, I won't lose any sleep over it because this week for me summer hockey began. And for us recreational hockey players, it's about skating year-round, the ribbing of the post-game locker room, and of course the prospect of a cold one afterwards. And until next spring, that's almost as good as the Leafs winning another Stanley Cup.

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Letters to the Editor, from page 4

and other waste. All of this once a year in only 200 metres! Imagine

what it is like throughout the township!

It escapes me to know why people think that it is appropriate to

throw waste out of their car windows. Perhaps some sort of public campaign is required to try to reduce this bad habit. However, given that the litter exists, perhaps more of us need to help groups like the Durham Mountain Biking Association and clean up our own road frontage.

Jon Baird  
Goodwood

# Stabbing suspect in custody

Roger Varley

Durham Regional Police report a Stouffville man is being held in custody following a stabbing in an Uxbridge restaurant on Monday.

Officers from North Division

were called to a restaurant at Douglas Road and Toronto Street South after two men engaged in an altercation. Police said the suspect chased another man to a nearby business, where employees intervened. During the struggle to restrain the suspect, an employee was stabbed and suffered minor injuries. He was transported to Uxbridge Hospital. Other staff members disarmed the man and took control of the suspect until police arrived.

The suspect also suffered minor injuries and was transported to a Toronto-area hospital.

The suspect is charged with assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public. Police said he is being held for a bail hearing. The accused's name is being withheld to protect the victims' identities.

Police ask anyone with information about the incident to contact D/Cst. Mclellan of the North Division Criminal Investigations Branch at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 2732.

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# Uxbridge cheerleading teams wind up season with national championship titles

Beach Cheer Athletics, Uxbridge's all-star cheerleading team, recently brought home the hardware after

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this was Beach Cheer Athletics (BCA) first season working out of the 15,000 square foot gym that's tucked

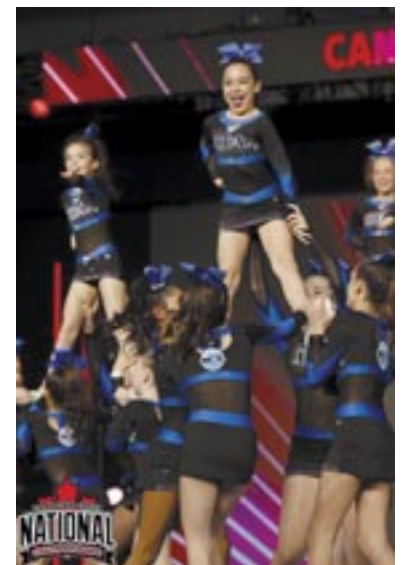
into an industrial park just west of Goodwood. Beach Cheer Athletics also has a Toronto location, which

was established in 2013. Between the two locations, BCA had over 37 teams competing at both local competitions (Cheer for the Cure, Oshawa), and further afield (Big East Blast in Ottawa, Canadian Cheer Nationals in Niagara Falls). Some teams were also to Florida for season-end competitions on the international stage

At the National Championships in Niagara Falls, held mid-April, BCA had five teams compete at the invitation-only Canadian finals, including Shade (U18 Level 4) from Uxbridge, and Twilight (U18 Level 4.2), also from Uxbridge, was one of six teams who brought home national championship titles.

From April 23 – May 4, eight BCA teams travelled to Florida to compete in the Youth Summit, the Cheerleading Worlds and Summit – invitation only, Pinnacle competitions. For the

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Beach Cheer Athletics' U12 Level 1 team, 'Soleil,' featuring Alexa Risebrough at Canadian Nationals.

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BCA, from previous page

first time this year at Youth Summit, international teams were invited to participate. BCA took two youth teams from the Toronto location to Tampa and both teams advanced to finals. Sonic (U12 Level 2) placed 14th overall, while Surge (U12 Level 3) placed 11th overall and was the highest scoring Canadian team across all divisions. On the World's stage in Orlando, Shockwave (U18 Level 5) placed 10th in Canadian trials and 13th in the world, and Rip-tide (Open Level 5 Coed) placed 6th in Canadian trials and 10th in the world.

BCA owners Anne Marie Joyce and Suzanne McLay have 50 years of combined experience in the sport of all-star cheerleading. They say they are committed to "bettering and growing the sport of cheerleading."

Joyce has worked with the Team Canada Academy and this season, three coaching staff, including McLay, were selected to lead Youth & Junior Team Ontario in the inaugural season.

All-star cheerleading has gained in popularity in the past decade thanks to programs like "Cheer" and "Cheer Squad" on Netflix. All-star cheer is a team-based performative sport that combines individual skills like tumbling, jumps and choreography with group skills like stunting and pyramids, executed in a 2.5 minute routine.

Competitive Team placements for Beach Cheer Athletics North Beach start Friday, May 10, for the 2024-2025 cheer season. They offer teams and programs for boys and girls, all ages and abilities – no experience necessary. Visit [www.beachcheerathletics.com](http://www.beachcheerathletics.com) for more information and to register.

A story in the May 2 edition of the *Cosmos* entitled "When one chamber closes, another opens" relayed that the Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce (IUXCC) had posted on Facebook that it was closing, with "no further explanation for the seemingly sudden announcement made."

IUXCC says that it made the decision to close because of, according to a letter it sent out to its membership via email, "lack of engagement and the need for the membership to participate in activities and events."



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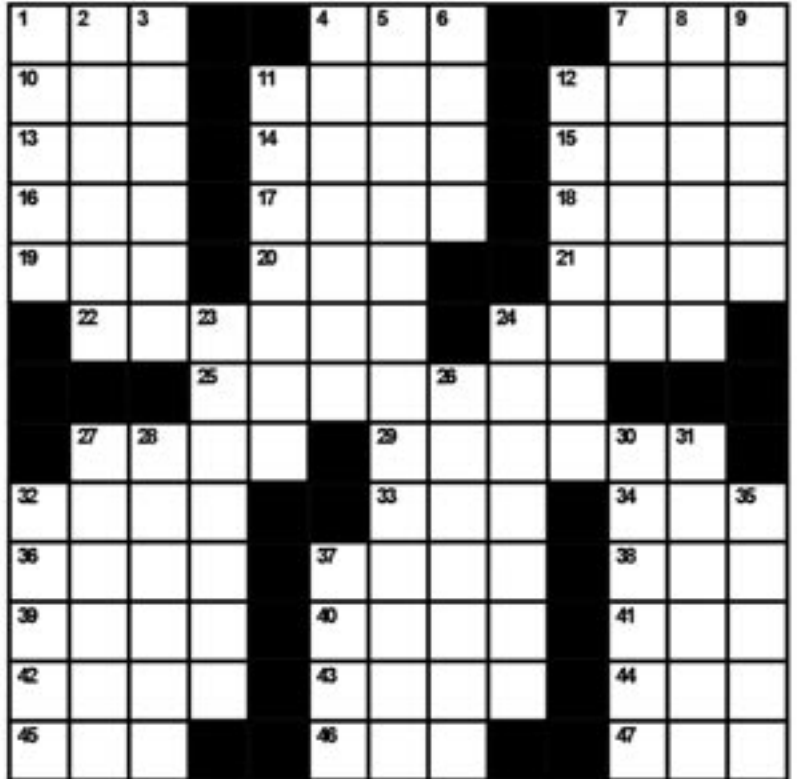
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- Across**
1. Legal eagle org.
  4. Small amount
  7. Dance steps
  10. Name
  11. Babies' food collectors
  12. Scarf material
  13. "\_\_\_ Robinson" - song from "The Graduate"
  14. Celtic language
  15. "Coyote \_\_\_" movie
  16. Concept of self
  17. Much
  18. Pager alarm
  19. Negative alternative
  20. Slippery road hazard
  21. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
  22. Protest
  24. Get in shape
  25. Piano keys
  27. British general in America
  29. Con
  32. Youths
  33. Mushroom
  34. Helpful connections
  36. Poet Pound
  37. Wear down
  38. Horror writer
  39. Catty remark
  40. Bowlers
  41. Sports contest
  42. Oriental belts
  43. "I'm working \_\_\_!" (2 words)
  44. Formerly
  45. "\_\_\_ a chance"
  46. George Washington's dream
  47. Biblically yours
- Down**
1. Billboard designers
  2. Porridge made of rolled oats
  3. Soak up
  4. African wind
  5. They deliver babies
  6. Puts to work
  7. Bird common in cities
  8. Cause of hereditary variation
  9. Internet phone company
  11. Have faith in
  12. Secretly (2 words)
  23. Puzzles
  24. A \_\_\_ in a teapot
  26. Inactivity
  27. Park feature
  28. Clever
  30. Game with a piece of wood
  31. "\_\_\_ already!"
  32. Goes with iced tea
  35. Former Indian soldier
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**Council this week: Development charges increase, speed limit increase requested**

Roger Varley

A report to council by deputy treasurer Carly Somers on Monday recommended changes to the township's development charges that see some rates almost doubled.

The report noted that development charges are intended to help the municipality pay for capital infrastructure required to provide municipal services to new development, such as roads, stormwater management, parks and other services. Somers' report showed the development charges on a single or semi-detached residence currently stands at \$20,268 per unit. That charge would increase at the end of this month to \$31,846. Similar

large increases are shown for multiple residential buildings such as apartments, where development charges will increase to \$26,835 from the current \$15,517. In the case of what are called special needs units, the development charge will almost double to \$11,600 from \$6,967.

Development services manager Kyle Rainbow said the increase in rates is backed up by data and noted that the increased rates will not affect affordable housing since that category is exempt from development charges.

Treasurer Tobi Lee said the development charges in Uxbridge are "middle of the pack" when compared to other municipalities in the area.

Also at Monday's meeting, council received a letter from a resident requesting that the speed limit on Elgin Park Drive be restored to 50 km/h from the current 40 km/h.

Regional councillor Bruce Garrod opined that Elgin Park Drive was "one of the roads caught up" when the townships reduced speed limits on a number of roads. He said there has been a good response to the changes in speed limits. Mayor Dave Barton said the township didn't give proper consideration to Elgin Park Drive, noting that there are no residences along that stretch of road.

Council asked Public Works director Ben Kester to bring in a report on the road before the end of June.



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