UDRAC MINUTES – JUNE 23, 2025



UXBRIDGE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE	June 23, 2025
TIME	3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION	Uxbridge Town Hall (Council Chambers) & Virtual (TEAMS)
ATTENDEES	Members Present: Mayor Dave Barton; Councillor Willie Popp; Councillor Todd Snooks; Mary Bridger (Chair); Don Andrews (Vice Chair); Craig Marlatt; Shelley Macbeth and Mackenzie Rintz.
	Township Resources: Judy Risebrough, Project Mgr. & Committee Staff Rep.; Hilary Williams, Director By-law, Animal Control & Development Services; Cody Morrison, Chief Planning Official; and Katlyn Jones, Museum Curator, Tourism Coordinator BIA.
	Resources: Michael Scott (V), Region of Durham, Project Planner.
	Regrets: Joan Crosbie; Craig Miller; Kristi Honey, CAO; Courtney Clark, Director Public Works; Sierra Miller, Communications Officer; Carolyn Puterbough (V), OMRA. and Danielle Culp (V), Region of Durham.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mary Bridger opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and asked if anyone needed to declare a pecuniary interest. None were declared.

The start of the meeting was delayed as the meeting had to relocate to the Council Chambers and the meeting experienced ongoing technical issues.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Mary reviewed the meeting agenda. Todd Snooks made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Willie Popp seconded the motion. Approved.



3. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Mary reviewed the May 26, 2025, minutes. Todd Snooks made the motion to approve the minutes as revised. Willie Popp seconded the motion. Approved.



4. 2025 WORKPLAN UPDATE

Dedicated Leadership

Communication Sub- Committee:

Farmers Market

 Mary, Don, Craig Miller and Judy will be at the Farmers Market on Sunday, July 6th to promote the open house.

Open house

- The Music Hall is scheduled for July 22.rd.
- It will be scheduled from 5 pm. to 7 p.m.
- Recommend a short update / message possibly by Mayor that would then encourage participants to visit the various stations. (Lower Brock, CIP's, Centennial Park, Historical Train District etc.)
- Would like to invite other committees to attend possibly some may want a station to provide their update re: activity in the downtown (e.g. Heritage)
- Willie, Todd, Craig Marlatt, Don and Judy are confirmed for the 22nd.

Action:

- Mary will work with Judy and Sierra to develop an invite to go to other committee chairs. Some to participate and others to attend.
- Judy will work with Sierra to make sure the displays and materials are available.
- Don offered to provide treats
- Judy will organize a "planning meeting" in advance of the open house to make sure all the details are confirmed.

Revitalization of Lower Brock

Development

Lower Brock Street Redevelopment

- Brock St. Land Assembly
 - Mayor Dave spoke to the <u>announcement</u> that took place at 2:30 p.m., immediately prior to this meeting
 - He informed the committee that the Township has expropriated the three buildings at the corner of Brock and Toronto St. (43.45 and 47 Brock St. W) and that they will be vacant by early August. 12 Main
 - Cody explained that the Market Sounding Opportunity package has been sent to 25 developers as well as the Homebuilding Associations in Southwestern Ontario including Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD).
 - The RFEI is planned to close on August 5th.
 - Dave, Cody and Judy explained that there will be details within the RFEI that speaks to the expectations of the developers, including timelines.
 - There was some discussion related to a "Plan B" Dave indicated that right now we are focusing on Plan A and will look at Plan B if we need to that will provide our community the best option for the short and long term.
 - There was also a discussion of how and when committees will be involved in the process. Mayor indicated that during the negotiations the interaction will be very limited. There may be more involvement once the deal has been finalized, but it is important to remember that the UDRP Strategic Plan and Action Plan are the basis for this development.

■ 11-13 Brock Street

 Cody informed the committee that a site plan application has been received, and the Township is now reviewing the plan and will be sending a response to the property owner.

Kindred Works

• The Township has provided feedback to their site plan application, and they are now working through the details.

2 Victoria

• The Township continues to work with them regarding their conversion to residential units.

Downtown Development Updates

- Cody provided an update on behalf of Dev. Services.
 - The previous operator of the Circle K Convenience store is planning to operate a convenience store in the previous Chances Are location.
 - John Rodych has commenced construction of 34-36 Brock Street W.
 - The Township has provided feedback to the property owners of 11-13 Brock Street for them to consider in the development of their site plan submission.

Heritage Railway District

 Todd and Dave provided an update that the clean up continues and the Railway Station is being rented out for events etc.

RED Grant – Update

 Render Developments will be making a presentation of the virtual tour to Council on July 14th at which time the Virtual Tour will be live.

Safe, Walkable Downtown

Parking Study

• The final report is going to Council on July 14th.

Downtown as a Destination

Heritage Railway District

• Judy informed the group that Kristi continues to communicate with Metrolinx regarding the future use of the area and the new lease for 2026.

Centennial Park Master Plan

• Judy informed the group that the next steps will be for Courtney to issue an RFP for a plan for Centennial Park.

Volunteers & Activities

Spring Tide, Farmers Market and Musical Hall events

5. ROUNDTABLE

 Dave reminded the committee of other things that are happening in the Township – the hospital, the downtown, the urban park, the pickle ball courts etc.

6. NEXT MEETING

• The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Uxbridge Township Municipal Office. Given that this is a week after the open house it may be cancelled. If so, a notice will be shared with the members and public.