

## **From Mayor Dave's Desk: June 2025 e-Newsletter**

This month's edition features information on recent announcements, upcoming events, and much more!

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### **Mayor Dave's Video:**

#### [June 2025 Newsletter Video](#)

In this month's video, filmed at various locations around the Township, Mayor Dave provides an overview of key projects currently underway, including Downtown Revitalization, road construction, and other critical infrastructure initiatives.

### **Updates from Council:**

#### **Mayor, Dave Barton:**

I'd love to hear from you! If you have questions about local issues, upcoming events, or anything else on your mind, send them my way. Just email [mayor@uxbridge.ca](mailto:mayor@uxbridge.ca) with the subject line "**Mayor's Q&A.**" If your question is for a specific councillor, I'm happy to have them join the next video segment as well! I'll be answering selected questions in a video next month. Looking forward to your submissions. Let's keep the conversation going!

#### **Regional Councillor, Bruce Garrod:**

The number one regional investment on many people's minds is Regional Road improvements. Here is a list of road projects and their progress:

- **Regional Rd 1, toward Leaskdale**, is almost complete.
- **Regional Hwy 47, west of Goodwood**, is currently being resurfaced, with speed limit adjustments to follow.
- **Durham 8, near Mill Run golf course**, is now closed for a bridge rebuild.
  - Check out the video of Mayor Dave on his Facebook page, where he stands under this bridge, highlighting the importance of these repairs.
- **Sandford Rd** will soon see paved shoulders added.
- **Zephyr Rd** work is currently being scheduled and will soon be finalized by Regional staff.

In all, there are 11 regional road improvements taking place this year.

One of my favourite subjects, Durham Transit, continues to report record ridership. The most recent report I received shows total boardings in Uxbridge are up 12.5% year-to-date. Residents are always surprised when I share data such as that there were 2,249 riders in May on the 605 bus that loops around the urban area. That's 300 more than the previous record! Over 1000 people rode the 905 bus and 1458 took advantage of on-demand service (another record!).

I've previously commented on my eye-opening experience of sitting with the incredible staff who take 911 calls. In July, I am going to sit with the crew that specifically manages calls for EMS support. I'll report back on what I learn.

Summer has officially arrived. I hope all residents have a safe, fun and relaxing summer. Enjoy!

**Ward 1 Councillor, Pam Beach:**

Upcoming events in Ward 1:

- **Goodwood Lions 80's Dance** | Friday, July 11th Goodwood Community Centre
  - Fundraiser for the new hospital
  - Tickets are \$25.00
  - For more information, email [goodwoodlions1@gmail.com](mailto:goodwoodlions1@gmail.com)
- **Old Fashion Family Picnic** | Tuesday, July 1st 12:00-3:00 p.m. Uxbridge Historical Centre
  - Admission by donation
  - Bring your own food
  - Play some family games
  - For \$5.00, you can enter into a pie eating contest

Just a reminder that Durham Road 8 is closed between Concession 2 and Concession 3 for construction on the Siloam bridge.

**Ward 2 Councillor, Gord Shreeve:**

Congratulations to Zephyr resident, Nelson Windsor, who was recognized at the June 16th meeting of Council for his valiant effort in helping to save the life of a young man involved in very serious auto accident.

When on the roads, please drive safe and give the farmers courtesy. Take a breath and enjoy your driving. Leave early, don't rush.

Thank you to the Parks Department crew for their work on the Zephyr ball diamond. Weeds were removed; the surface was levelled; and new material was applied to the infield.

Two new trees will soon be planted at Leaskdale Park thanks to the generosity of the Udora/Leaskdale Lions Club.

To end off, I would like to send my congratulations to the class of 2025 graduates! I wish you every success in your future studies and career!

### **Ward 3 Councillor, Zed Pickering:**

Welcome back! In Part 2 of our Uxbridge summer spotlight, we're heading outdoors and back in time. Whether you're seeking scenic hikes or historic sites, you're in for a treat.

#### **Outdoor Adventures & Trails**

- **Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park:** Ontario's first Urban Provincial Park is right here! It's still growing, but already offers great natural escapes.
- **Township of Uxbridge Trails:** Explore over 300 km of trails, perfect for walking, biking, or reconnecting with nature.
- **Durham Regional Forest:** With 596 hectares of multi-use trails, it's a top spot for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.
- **Fields of Uxbridge:** Discover Durham Region's first "Mini-Forest," planted in 2024 to support biodiversity and climate resilience.
- **Elgin Park:** A local gem with open space, an accessible playground, and room to relax.

#### **History & Culture**

- **Uxbridge Historical Centre (UHC):** Experience Uxbridge's past through heritage buildings and fascinating exhibits.
- **Leaskdale Manse & Historic Church:** Visit the former home of L.M. Montgomery, the beloved author of *Anne of Green Gables*.
- **Uxbridge Music Hall:** Known for its stellar acoustics and community productions. Don't miss this season's live theatre and concerts!

From green spaces to cultural places, Uxbridge is a treasure trove waiting to be explored.

#### **Ward 4 Councillor, Willie Popp:**

Summer is in full swing and there is lots going on across the Township!

- **South Balsam Pond Project Update**

Great progress is being made on the South Balsam Pond project! The pedestrian bridge around the pond has been installed, and preparation work is now underway for the pond liner installation. Additionally, the excess fill has already been removed from the site.

- **Canada Day Celebrations**

The Canada Day Committee has been hard at work planning the upcoming celebration and fireworks display at Elgin Park on Tuesday, July 1st. Join us for a fun-filled evening as we mark Canada's 158th year of confederation!

Don't forget to enter the Canada Day contest—details can be found later in this newsletter.

- **Cemetery Road Construction**

Reconstruction of Cemetery Road is well underway, with completion expected around September. The road is currently closed to through traffic. Once finished, the upgrades will include curbs, gutters, a sidewalk on the east side, catch basins, and overall road improvements.

- **Downtown Revitalization**

On Monday, I had the pleasure of joining the Mayor and community members for an exciting announcement about downtown revitalization. This initiative brings promising developments for Uxbridge and its future!

- **BIA Baskets and Banners**

The BIA hanging baskets have been installed around town, adding a beautiful touch of summer colour. Keep an eye out for new BIA banners, which are set to go up shortly after Canada Day!

#### **Ward 5 Councillor, Todd Snooks:**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the site preparation for the King Street Parkette pocket forests. The preparation was a great success. Stay tuned if you are interested in volunteering for phase two of the pocket forest development, which will be tree planting in late October. I look forward to the new green space coming to our Ward, and watching it grow with us.

I was honoured to join the Mayor and members of the Downtown Revitalization Committee on Monday, June 23, for the announcement that Uxbridge is ready for redevelopment. As a

member of this committee, it is incredibly fulfilling to see our ideas coming to fruition. I look forward to the transformative opportunities ahead for Downtown Uxbridge.

### **Downtown Revitalization Announcement:**

On June 23rd, the Township of Uxbridge announced the successful completion of a key downtown land assembly, marking a major milestone in the Downtown Revitalization Project. This initiative opens the door to a transformative redevelopment opportunity in the heart of our community.

A Market Sounding Opportunity is now open to interested parties. Those wishing to learn more are invited to contact the Township by July 4 to request a meeting.

A formal Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) is expected to launch in early July.

For details, visit: [www.uxbridge.ca/myuxbridgedowntown](http://www.uxbridge.ca/myuxbridgedowntown).

### **Hospital Ground Breaking:**

The construction process for the new hospital upgrades and long-term care facility has officially begun!

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Township officials were joined by our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Peter Bethlenfalvy, and Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, to mark the start of construction on the new healthcare facility.

Planned upgrades include a modern 192-bed long-term care home, 11 additional beds for patient care, and expanded services such as diagnostic imaging, cardiorespiratory care, and pharmacy services.

These improvements are made possible thanks to an additional \$8.9 million in provincial funding provided to Oak Valley Health Uxbridge Hospital for the redevelopment and expansion of its facilities.

This exciting milestone signals transformative changes in the delivery of healthcare services in Uxbridge.

### **Downtown Revitalization Open House:**

The Downtown Revitalization Committee is hosting an open house to share exciting updates and upcoming projects with residents.

Learn more about key initiatives, including redevelopment initiatives for Lower Brock Street, plans for improvements to Centennial Park, and other upcoming initiatives.

- Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2025
- Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Location: Uxbridge Music Hall, 16 Main Street South, Uxbridge

Come meet the committee, ask questions, and discover what's ahead for downtown Uxbridge!

### **Pickleball and Tennis Courts Update:**

Construction is in the final stages for the new Pickleball and Tennis courts coming to the Fields of Uxbridge.

Asphalt has been laid, and now we are in a 30-day curing period before paint can be applied to the site.

The Township of Uxbridge is so excited that we are nearing the end of this construction project and appreciates everyone's patience during this process.

Stay tuned for more updates!

### **Mini Forest Site Prep – Date Change:**

The site preparation project for the second mini forest has had a date change. It will now take place on Saturday, July 26th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Fields of Uxbridge (335 Durham Regional Road 1).

Community members interested in volunteering can follow the link below:

- ***Site Preparation at Fields of Uxbridge*** — July 26th, 2025
  - Register at: [Mini Forest 2.0 Site Preparation @ Fields of Uxbridge](#)

To learn more about the making of this project check out: [Two New Miyawaki-style Forests Coming to Uxbridge! - Township of Uxbridge](#)

For more information about this project, please email [trails@uxbridge.ca](mailto:trails@uxbridge.ca).

### **Sculpture Design Survey:**

The Township is getting a new sculpture for the front of Town Hall, and we need your help to choose the design!

There are two options, let us know which one you prefer by taking a quick survey.

Cast your vote today and have your say!

[Click here to vote.](#)

The survey closes on July 7th at 4:30 p.m.

### **Microchip Event:**

The Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter is hosting another Microchip Clinic on Saturday, July 12th, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Uxbridge-Scugog Shelter (1360 Reach St., Port Perry, ON).

There is a \$30 fee for the service and all proceeds from the clinic support the extra medical needs for animals in their care.

There will also be used items in good condition available to take home if you donate! Items that may be available are crates and kennels, dog clothes, collars, leashes, harnesses, toys, and more!

You can reserve a spot for the clinic by calling 905-985-9547 or email [animal-shelter@uxsc.ca](mailto:animal-shelter@uxsc.ca)

### **Canada Day Event:**

The Uxbridge Canada Day Fireworks Display is back!

Join the Township's Canada Day Committee in celebrating the 158th anniversary of Canadian confederation.

- Gates open at 6:00 p.m.
- Fireworks will be displayed at dusk
- Elgin Park (Vehicles please enter from Elgin Park Drive)

There will be family friendly activities, food, and refreshments on site.

### **Canada Day Contest:**

In addition to the fireworks display the Canada Day Committee will also be holding a Decorations Contest as an extra way for residents to participate in the Canada Day festivities.

Enter for a chance to win a free family pass to the 2025 Uxbridge Fall Fair. As well, winners will be invited to join the committee for the Flag Raising and National Anthem at the Canada Day Event.

To enter:

- Decorate your house, lawn, family, or pets for Canada Day
- Email a photo of your decorations to [events@uxbridge.ca](mailto:events@uxbridge.ca) by June 29, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.
- Include your name and phone number in your email submission.

Winners will be chosen at random from the pool of submissions and will be notified on June 30th, 2025.

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee Application:**

Looking to make a difference within your community?

The Township of Uxbridge is looking for members of the community who identify as a person with a disability to join the accessibility advisory committee.

If you're interested in applying, please submit the following materials to [eelliott@uxbridge.ca](mailto:eelliott@uxbridge.ca):

- A completed Committee Member Application Form
- Your resume
- A brief letter of interest outlining your qualifications and why you would be a strong fit for the role

For more information on the position and how to apply please check out [our website](#).

### **Huck Finn Photo Contest:**

Don't forget to participate in the Huck Finn Photo Contest! This fun and family-friendly contest is open to youth aged 15 or younger. Adults are welcome to take and submit the photo on behalf of a youth participant.

To be entered into any of the monthly draws, photo submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the month. The prize for June is an inflatable floating mat, courtesy of Canadian Tire Uxbridge! Stay tuned to find out what prizes are coming up in the months ahead.

Send your photos to [events@uxbridge.ca](mailto:events@uxbridge.ca)

For full contest rules and details, visit [www.uxbridge.ca/huckfinn](http://www.uxbridge.ca/huckfinn).

### **Super Pet Calendar:**



Is your furry friend ready for the spotlight? For \$10, you can submit adorable photos of your pet for the Uxbridge Scugog Animal Shelter's 2026 Super Pet Fundraising Calendar.

All submitted photos will be featured in the calendar, but thirteen pets will be selected as "Super Pet of the Month" winners.

Calendars will also be for sale for \$15 each. If you would like to purchase a calendar, you can pre-order one now at any of the locations listed below.

Entry and calendar pre-order forms are available for pickup at the following locations:

- Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter (1360 Reach St., Port Perry)
- Uxbridge Township Municipal Office (51 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge)
- Scugog Township Municipal Office (181 Perry St., Port Perry)
- The Vegan and Gluten Free Shop (64 Water St., Port Perry)
- Scugog Animal Hospital (15930 Old Simcoe Rd., Port Perry)
- Scugog Memorial Library (231 Water St, Port Perry)
- Uxbridge Public Library (9 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge)
- Online at [Animal Control - Township of Uxbridge](#)

**The deadline for photo submissions is September 12th, 2025, at 4:30 pm.**

Proceeds from the Super Pet Calendar sales will help cover the costs of caring for animals at the Uxbridge Scugog Animal Shelter.

For more information about the project contact Animal Services at **(905) 985-9547**.

**Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park:**

If you are a nature enthusiast or simply love going on walks in the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park, please help the Ontario Parks staff learn more about the biodiversity in the area by photographing the nature you see.

As you are walking you may stumble upon creatures, plants, or other species that the Ontario Parks staff have not yet witnessed. Help build the life science inventory for the park and get photographing!

To upload your photos to their system please visit Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park on the iNaturalist App!

While you are photographing in the area, show off your photographic talents and enter your nature shots into the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Fall Fair Photo Contest!

You can enter your photos anytime this year until September 4th, 2025. This contest is free to enter, and open to all ages. There are great prizes up for grabs, so don't miss out.

For more information on the park visit [www.ontarioparks.ca/uxbridgeurban](http://www.ontarioparks.ca/uxbridgeurban).

### **Clerk's Department Update:**

Summer Council Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, July 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, August 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Attend in-person or watch our live-stream. Learn more [here](#).

### **Uxpool Updates:**

#### **Free Public Swim**

Final free swim of the ParticipAction Challenge is taking place on Saturday, June 28th from 1 to 3 pm for a free public swim at Uxpool. Lots of freebies sponsored by Booster Juice!

#### **Summer Swimming Lessons**

Summer swimming lessons start soon, there are still spaces available, so don't miss out! Register [here](#).

### **Uxbridge Public Library Activities:**

#### **TD Summer Reading Program**

Join the summer reading club and have fun all summer long, for free!

We will be holding kick-off celebrations to welcome the new summer reading season.

- **Kick Off Celebrations** | Wednesday, July 2nd and Saturday, July 5th
  - Grades 1-4: 10:30a.m.-11:30a.m.
  - Grades 5-7: 1:30p.m.-2:30p.m.

This is just a glimpse of what's happening at the Uxbridge Public Library. For more details on upcoming events, visit our [calendar of events](#).

### **Arena and Recreation Updates:**

There's still time to join the summer fun with UxCamps! Don't miss out—secure your child's spot today for a season full of adventure, creativity, and active play! Click [here](#) to register.

This month has been pretty busy for Uxbridge recreation. Thank you to everyone that participated in the June Is... Recreation and Parks Month and ParticipAction events hosted by the Township and other local businesses. Continue to stay active this summer!

### **Swim and Skate Pass Coming Soon**

Exciting news, Uxbridge! A Swim and Skate Pass is launching soon. Library cardholders in good standing will be able to borrow this special pass for free drop-in swims all summer and public skates starting in the fall. Each pass admits up to five people, making it perfect for families.

More information coming soon, stay tuned!

### **Uxbridge Historical Centre Updates:**

#### **New Exhibit: Firefighter 150**

Now open in the main gallery! This exhibit celebrates 150 years of Uxbridge fire services, featuring historic firefighting equipment, archival photographs, and interactive elements that highlight the evolution of local fire protection since 1874.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Horseshoe League** | Tuesdays at 6:00p.m., running until October 1st
  - Held on the grounds. All ages and skill levels are welcome. First night is free; \$30 for a full season, \$10 for Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society Members.
- **Kite Day** | Saturday, July 5 from 12:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
  - A drop-in event on Quaker Hill. Visitors are invited to bring their own kite or create one onsite. Free admission; donations appreciated.
- **Bookbinding Workshop** | Saturday, July 19 from 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
  - Learn how to bind or repair your own book. Participants can bring a book from home or choose one from Blue Heron Books. Pre-registration required.
- **Lego Printing Workshop** | Saturday, July 19 from 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

- Get creative with printmaking using Lego bricks in this fun, hands-on workshop. Participants will design and print their own artwork, then turn it into a custom handmade book to take home. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 8 and up with adult supervision. Pre-registration required.

### **Tax Update:**

The third property tax installment for 2025 was due Thursday June 26th. Make sure to submit payment if you have not already!

### **Payment Options:**

You have several convenient ways to pay your property taxes:

- **By Mail:** Send a cheque to the Township office. *\*Please note, an impending postal strike may impact this option.*
- **Online/Phone Banking:** Pay through your financial institution.
- **In Person:** Visit the Municipal Office to pay by cash, cheque, debit, or post-dated cheque.
- **At Your Bank:** Payments can be made at most banks and trust companies.
- **By Credit Card or Interac e-Transfer:** Visit <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/living-here/property-taxes.aspx#Online-by-Credit-Card-or-eTransfer> to make a secure payment online. (Note: Service fees apply.)

The Township also offers pre-authorized payment plans, learn more here: <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/living-here/property-taxes.aspx>