



# Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

**Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm**

**Location: Uxbridge Public Library, Tower Meeting Room**

## **1. Call to order**

## **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof.**

2.1 Standard disclosures will be noted in the minutes

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

## **4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

## **5. Committees:**

5.1 **Finance** – February accounts included in the Consent Agenda

5.2 **Governance and HR Committee** (D. Phillips)

- Guest: Peggy Malcolm from SOLS

5.3 **Community Committee** (D. Clements)

- Fundraising plan for the CEO/ Hartmann memorial.
- Review attached flyer
- Our goal is \$6 000 (library patrons "100 Men Who Care")
- Press release to start off our fund raising

## **6. New Business**

6.1 **Municipal Related Party Transaction letter:** Attached, please find a copy of the checklist, with a letter of brief explanation regarding this new implementation. If you have not completed the checklist please bring a signed copy to the meeting on March 21. Any questions or clarifications about the checklist should be directed to Donna Condon.

6.2 **Review of Uxbridge Board Governance Handbook**

## **7. Ongoing Business / Action items**

7.1 Facility update (Amanda)

7.2 Member to check they are receiving SOLS Newsletter & Governance Hub.

7.3 Corinne to check that all new members were registered.



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### **8. Correspondence**

- See attached Newspaper articles.

### **9. Round Table**

### **10. Council Connects**

### **11. Future Meetings**

- April 18, May 16, June 21, (none for July and August),
- Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19.

### **12. Date of Next Board Meeting: April 18**

### **13. Adjournment**



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### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Minutes of the Feb. 21, 2019 meeting**
- 2. February Accounts**
- 3. OLA Super conference reports from Maureen O'Shea Brown and Amanda Pearson**

## **Library Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019

Uxbridge Public Library- Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: Dave Phillips, Gary Ruona, Gord Shreeve, Dwight Clements, Martin Koolhaas, Corrinne Morrison, Donna Condon, Amanda Ferraro

Regrets: Willie Popp, Lynn Klages, Agnes Croxford, Dave Barton

Guests: Wynn Walters

1. Call to Order @ 7:00 pm
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary interest and the General Nature thereof?
3. No disclosures
4. Approval of Agenda  
Suggestion to allow Wynn to present first followed by Donna.  
Moved by Dwight, seconded by Martin; carried
5. Approval of Consent Agenda and January Minutes  
Moved by, Martin, seconded by; Gord, carried
6. Committees
  - 6.1 Finance
    - Donna presented the draft report for 2018 and made sure to mention that these were not the final results for 2018 as final adjustments have yet to be made.
    - The Library accounts for 2018 will be audited in April.
    - Overall total expenses are tracking over budget by \$28,721.
      - Some of this is due to a Federal grant received that increased programming expenditures.
      - Majority is due to Repairs and Maintenance due to the replacement of 2 boilers, installation of multiple strainers, and water meter.
    - Overall Revenues are tracking just over budget by \$1,693
  - 6.2 Governance
    - D. Phillips will discuss later in the agenda, Re: Board and Handbook
  - 6.3 Community
    - Wynn presented a clay model of a potential memorial to past Librarians. This would be cast in bronze and potentially sit near the front entrance of the Library. Wynn generously offered to donate his services and the cost of the art would be materials and installation only. To cast the memorial and to complete the project would be approximately \$5,000.



## 7. New Business

7.1 **Action item:** Member to check that they are receiving SOLS Newsletter & Governance Hub.

- Corinne to check with Peggy that all new members were registered.

7.2 Board and Handbook – **Action item:** Dave requested that everyone read the Board Governance Handbook and make notes. Once read we can make Committees at the next meeting.

## 8. Ongoing Business

### 8.1 Facility Update:

Amanda discussed next steps for the Heating and Cooling system.

1. Replacement Coils have been ordered but there is a 4 to 6 week waiting period the parts from the Manufacturer. Work also includes valve actuators and thermostat.

2. Amanda is also looking into energy grants to update lights and fixtures with a possible \$6 - 8,000 / year in hydro savings.

3. Wall heaters in the downstairs washrooms to be installed this week.

4. Other maintenance includes blinds in various locations, ceiling tile replacements, drywall and insulation repairs and new carpet and paint in CEO's office.

8.2 Corinne discussed the request for alternatives to a library card and did a survey of 15 other Libraries. Many of the other libraries had a similar problem. Most accepted a photo ID card as an alternate but stressed the importance of having a card. The board agreed that a Library card be the standard but staff have the ability to have some discretion if a card is not available at the time.

8.3 Corinne discussed adding a processing fee for lost items.

**Motion by, Dwight "That a \$5.00 processing fee be added for lost items."**

Seconded by; Martin, carried

8.4 Corinne discussed having a card expiry date. This is an effective tool to keep files current and to update email address etc... There is no cost to this.

**Motion by, Martin "That a library card expire after two years."**

Seconded by; Dwight; carried

## 9. Round Table

Dwight presented his idea to fundraise for the memorial project by first going to the 100 Men who care. They had expressed interest in the project. Corinne also mentioned they were many patrons interested in donating.

**Motion by, Dwight "To accept the design and proceed with the process of creating this memorial as presented by Wynn Walter".**

Seconded by; Gord; carried

10. Council Update: The next budget meeting will happen March 4<sup>th</sup>.

11. Future Meetings

Amanda asked that any items to be added to the Agenda be sent to her before the second Wednesday of every month so that the agenda can be sent out on Thursday.

March 21, April 18, May 16, June 21, (none for July and August),  
Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19.

12. Next meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

13. Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:18 pm.

Moved by Gord, seconded by Martin; carried.

Date	Vendor Name	Invoice Number
2/5/2019	PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	440201590
2/5/2019	VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.	51001548-02/JAN2019
2/5/2019	BELL MOBILITY INC.	52542610UOC683-JAN-L
2/5/2019	TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC.	000388
2/5/2019	PRESSE COMMERCE	PERSO009060889
2/5/2019	AMPLO	003
2/5/2019	BLUE HERON BOOKS	303000
2/5/2019	DE LAGE LANDEN	7031775
2/5/2019	TECHNICAL STANDARDS & SAFETY	6420690
2/5/2019	COMPTON COMMUNICATIONS	014302/JAN2019
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2/5/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	78034
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2/11/2019	GDL SOLUTIONS INC.	16-688-RE-ISSUE
2/11/2019	GDL SOLUTIONS INC.	16-703
2/11/2019	GDL SOLUTIONS INC.	16-720
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2/21/2019	PHOTO LIFE	MAGAZINE RENEW-19
2/21/2019	INTERNET GENEALOGY	#251893-RENEWAL/19
2/21/2019	HORSE PUBLICATIONS GROUP	882282-R2
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2/22/2019 ARTHRITIS TODAY	RENEWAL-2019
2/22/2019 ROLLING STONE	RENEWAL-2019
2/27/2019 PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	440366394
2/27/2019 AMANDA PEARSON	CONFERENCE FEE
2/27/2019 AMANDA PEARSON	MILEAGE & PARKING
2/27/2019 FOCUS IT SOLUTIONS	2019-005
2/27/2019 JIM NELSON	534658
2/27/2019 MAUREEN O'SHEA BROWN	JANUARY EXP./2019
2/27/2019 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY	NSHD01550119
2/27/2019 SMALL FARM CANADA	MAGAZINE RENEW-19
2/27/2019 CWB NATIONAL LEASING	18177940
2/27/2019 ELEVATOR ONE INC.	56935
2/27/2019 JACK THE BOOKMAN LTD.	122343
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2/27/2019 SOUTHERN ONTARIO LIBRARY SERV.	15698
2/27/2019 PEGGY KENNEDY	EXPENSES-FEB 1/19
2/27/2019 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	561113
2/27/2019 HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	200072033278/FEB2019
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2/27/2019 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	560620
2/27/2019 LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	561643
2/27/2019 PHANTOM SECURITY GROUP	P2010394-LIB
2/27/2019 HEAT-AIR MECHANICAL LTD.	26580
2/27/2019 LESLIE NAGLE	MILEAGE-JAN 25/19

Invoice Description	Amount \$
COURIER SERVICE	\$16.42
HYDRO-DEC 8 TO JAN 8	\$1,318.65
CELL PHONE/INTERNET-DEC/JAN-L	\$17.23
SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL-2019	\$902.87
MAGAZINE RENEWALS-2019	\$327.92
AMPLO MEMBERSHIP-2019	\$100.00
BOOKS	\$17.61
COPIER-2/15/19-3/14-19	\$220.35
LICENCE RENEWAL-2019	\$100.00
INTERNET-FEB	\$271.18
2019 OVERDRIVE SHARED E-BOOK	\$5,082.97
BOOKS	\$533.25
BOOKS	\$244.03
FPP PLAN 2019	\$3,227.28
HVAC MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	\$2,287.28
SERVICE	\$2,169.60
BOOK	\$16.76
WINDOW CLEANING-BOTTOM EXT.	\$113.00
SUPPLIES	\$207.52
EHT-JANUARY-LIBRARY	\$560.76
SERVICES-FEBRUARY	\$2,203.50
SERVICES-OCT	\$2,203.50
SUPPORT-NOVEMBER	\$2,203.50
SUPPORT-DECEMBER	\$2,203.50
EXPENSES-DEC 25 TO JAN 24/19	\$538.58
TELEPHONE-FEBRUARY	\$335.21
TELEPHONE-FEB	\$108.76
SNOW REMOVAL-FEB-LIB	\$753.34
MAGAZINE RENEWAL-UXB.LIB	\$44.01
MAGAZINE RENEWAL-UXB.LIB	\$54.18
MAGAZINE RENEWAL-UXB.LIBRARY	\$42.00
BOOKS	\$77.44
BOOKS	\$23.75

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BOOKS	\$5.54
BOOKS	\$5.54
BOOKS	\$85.70
MAGAZINE RENEWAL-UXB.LIBRARY	\$135.60
MAGAZINE RENEWAL	\$47.51
MAGAZINE RENEWAL-2019	\$176.65
COURIER SERVICE	\$4.53
CONFERENCE FEE	\$172.90
MILEAGE & PARKING-CONF	\$114.00
NEW HORIZONS PROJECT	\$704.00
CARETAKING-FEB	\$1,808.00
EXPENSES-JAN	\$85.90
PAYMENT	\$16.00
MAGAZINE RENEWAL-UXB.LIB-2019	\$39.49
MONTHLY LEASE-#2680458	\$273.46
MAINTENANCE	\$1,241.00
BOOKS	\$152.31
BOOKS	\$152.97
2019 PROVINCIAL LICENSING	\$3,389.28
EXPENSES-FEB 1/19	\$36.45
BOOKS	\$848.75
HYDRO-JAN 5 TO FEB 5	\$557.01
BBOOKS	\$587.51
BOOKS	\$413.04
BOOKS	\$494.23
SECURITY SERVICES-LIBRARY	\$2,492.60
SERVICE	\$1,234.53
MILEAGE-JAN 25	\$18.56
	<b><u>\$43,856.39</u></b>

## **OLA Super Conference 2019**

**Maureen O'Shea Brown**

### **Reading Beyond Dementia**

Incredible presentation on dementia and literature, really highlighted the need for appropriate materials for those living with dementia, especially because of large aging populations. Often those living with dementia are given children's books because there is a significant deficit of books whose plots and interests are aligned with seniors and are cognitively friendly to persons living with dementia. We have also recently had caregivers (often adult children) stopping into our library looking for materials their parents can read that are not obviously children's books and those numbers are only going to increase as the parents of baby boomers age – creating the strain of the “sandwich” generation – who are expected to care for children and aging parents. I strongly think we need to invest in Marlena books that are dementia friendly books that are based on peer reviewed research and also cognitive kits that can be checked out to individuals. The presenters suggested integrating the dementia books in the Large Print – though for our library I think we should keep them on the top shelf – and purchase some cognitive kits. I spoke with the women at Marlena Books and they suggested getting funding through New Horizons Grant, but I believe we are ineligible since we have recently received the grant. So, I think we should be creative and get money for this. Large Print is not accessible those with cognitive issues, just sight issues, so we really have nothing for this population. Jennifer Thorson is also the liaison between the visiting library services and us now. So, it would be easy to rotate a set of books and cognitive kits through the senior care centres in our community and really get the word out that we have resources for the caregivers and people living with dementia. Considering the demographic of Uxbridge, as a community organization we should be preparing for this population, and utilizing local organizations like the Alzheimer's Society of Durham.

<https://www.olasuperconference.ca/event/reading-beyond-dementia/>

### **Not All Those Who Wander Are Lost**

A very powerful talk by Heather Casson about making your library a more inclusive space for those who have housing insecurity. The speaker experienced homelessness and housing insecurity most of her life until her mid-20's and libraries were one of the only safe places she could be. These were her tips – I think relevant even to Uxbridge.

Step 1 – there are over 300,000 homeless people in Canada (that we know of – so this number is very low if you consider housing insecurity as well)

Step 2 – Acknowledge your homeless patrons with displays/programming/book suggestions



Step 3 – Centre voices with lived experiences (e.g. Maya Angelou, JK Rowling, Charles Dickens, Evelyn Lau, Steve Jobs, George Orwell)

Step 4 – Look Upstream (Why are people homeless in your community?)

Step 5 – Get to know your neighbours (Where are food banks, homeless shelters, social services in your neighbourhood that you could refer people to)

Step 6 – Know your principles and policies (What if a patron doesn't have a permanent address? What can we do for those people?)

For example:

**Toronto Public Library policy for people without a permanent address:**

- Customers who are experiencing homelessness or who are precariously housed and unable to provide permanent address identification are eligible for a library card with limited borrowing privileges upon presentation of name identification and disclosure of other personal information. They may borrow five items at a time, with some exceptions, and have full access to library services including those available through digital channels. This card must be renewed annually.

Step 7 – Treat homeless patrons like patrons

Step 8 – There are no easy choices if you are homeless

Step 9 – Focus on empathy – instead of asking “Why won't they bathe?” Change it to “Why *can't* they bathe?”

Step 10 – Take a moment yourself – practice self-care.

We do have a homeless and housing insecure population here in Uxbridge and Heather's presentation was very informative – here is the link to her presentation:

<https://www.olasuperconference.ca/event/not-all-those-who-wander-are-lost-homelessness-and-the-library/>

## **Tech Talks**

Four libraries presented their recent tech triumphs and failures:

- 1) Brampton spoke about their efforts to comply with the new AODA compliance (mandatory accessibility standards to come into effect 2021). It was quite an arduous process and they had to hire an external company to help with compliance. We need to think about how this new legislature is going to effect our municipal websites – ours is looking good, but we should be aware that very soon our website will need to be updated to meet the new accessibility laws.
- 2) Halton Region spoke about the integrated community website that connects all local regional programs, services and community programs. Purpose was to have one place people could look for anything community oriented from Garbage pick-up to daycare. Very popular – needs a pretty significant staff to run.
- 3) TPL ran a “Let's Learn Tech” program that was geared teach tech/digital literacy through online training, and meeting circles. It was free, very successful – though the meeting circles were key to the success - and inclusive



- 4) East Gwilimbury is doing amazing tech stuff! They have a thriving programming community where they utilize the programming platform “Scratch” which was developed out of MIT and they have programs that range from just coding, to making a musical instruments using with cardboard and Makey Makey – which are essentially connectors that connect real life objects to computer programming – super cool stuff. Scratch is a free software, there are many people in our community who code – might be interesting to work towards making our library more technologically current! (With the heavy use of volunteers of course!)

<https://www.olasuperconference.ca/event/olita-tech-talks/>

**(the third hand out is about what East Gwilimbury is doing)**

### **Scavenger Hunts**

The takeaway from this seminar was the integration of technology to a more classic activity, such as Scavenger Hunts, breathes a bit of life and new learning opportunities to the activity. A fun way to reinvigorate Scavenger Hunts is by using QR Codes (Quick Response Codes) that used Smart Phone Technology and an App to read the codes as a way to add complexify scavenger hunts. It also appealed to the hard to reach population of pre-teens and teens in the Toronto School Board Libraries that partook in the hunts. They were very successful and were able make an already pretty fun activity even more enjoyable! You can make your own codes to do a whole bunch of cool stuff like quizzes, links to websites, info and pictures. Pretty much the only restriction is one's creativity. You also don't necessarily need to be connected to the internet or use data, which could be a restricting factor. We will probably try this out on one of the Tuesday Teen Takeover nights.



I just wanted to share with you some learning I came back with from this years Ontario Library Super Conference. The workshops I took the most away from was from the following:

### **Libraries not about books anymore are we serious?!**

And

### **It's always been done that way: Rethinking library leadership in small libraries**

Everyone has an idea of what a library is to them. Over the course of history the library is one place that has experienced many changes and has been able to adapt, grow and evolve through all of these transformations while keeping up with emerging trends and technology shifts. Over the course of a person's life a visit to the library has had a life changing impact or experience for them. Whether that was a book that they read, a program they attended, a conversation that was exchanged or just using our space the library has helped in their own growth and personal transitions through those life moments and stages

As a library we need to look at what makes us (our brand) stand out from other libraries within Durham Region and take the services we perform well and look at making improvements that will enhance them. Such as the way we deliver programs, handle patron inquiries, ILLO's etc. As a staff everyone has to be open to accepting and working with change as it takes more than one person. I also learned that as a library in order to change the status quo new ideas for programs and procedures need to be more accepted. That by saying "this is how we have always done it" puts up barriers for staff putting themselves out there to try something new when the answer is always no. How do you know something won't work if you don't try it? The worst thing that can happen is that you learn what worked, what didn't and how to improve going forward and that failure doesn't define success. In terms of improving my own practice I want to look at how to better support at risk and marginalized community members at our library and see what programs or services could be created for them. What does our community need? What do our patrons want? How can we as library staff find out what our patrons want to see at our library. What is the perception of our library space from the patrons point of view as they sit on a comfy chair using a laptop, reading a magazine or texting a friend? Every day a person walking through our doors carries an invisible backpack that we can't see and by changing our attitude saying a simple Hello we can make a huge impact on that person in that moment or in their day. For example currently there are not many activities or programs being offered for our youths ages 12-19 or our LGBTQ community. As someone who has worked and volunteered in both Public and School libraries for the last 10 years I would like to work in collaboration with library staff at connecting with this age group monthly evenings in hopes of creating a better sense of belonging in our library and our community. Starting this April there will now be the start of such a program

**Some upcoming projects and Displays I hope to work in collaboration on are the following:**

Amazing Reads Canada-Summer Reading event 2019

Local artists to display their work in our library throughout the year in terms of showcasing local talent and up and coming artists-Ongoing project

Self published authors evening and book display promoting our writers group and authors

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Links to library Trends and Data

[https://trends.ifla.org/files/trends/assets/documents/ifla\\_trend\\_report\\_2018.pdf](https://trends.ifla.org/files/trends/assets/documents/ifla_trend_report_2018.pdf)

<http://www.ala.org/tools/future/trends>



***“Turning the page”  
“Turning over a new leaf”  
“A new chapter”***

***. . . all expressions of hope and progress  
. . . and all reflecting the significance of books and of reading  
- and of libraries - to our lives and to the well-being of our community***



*Turning the page* - in clay, to be cast in bronze. Hand is approx. lifesize

The Uxbridge Public Library has commissioned this sculpture to recognize the importance of books and libraries - and in remembrance of Alexandra Hartmann, who had worked at the library for 15 years, and was the CEO when she died in September 2018.

The sculpture, to be cast in bronze, has been created by Uxbridge sculptor Wynn Walters, who also created the Col. Sam Sharpe statue across the road. It will be installed beside the main entrance, facing the street, but also visible from inside. The sculpture will be financed by donations - in honour of Alex, and in support of the library. It will be a significant addition to public art in the Uxbridge area, as a gift to the community from the library.

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Donations may be made at the library, or sent to Uxbridge Public Library, 9 Toronto St. South, P O Box 279, Uxbridge ON L9P 1P7. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt. Cheques should be made out to “Uxbridge Public Library” (notation: Sculpture).





# THE STANDARD



YOUR GOOD NEWS NEWSPAPER

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The Port Perry Seniors Club (PPSC) recently hosted a hands-on Robotics Workshop. Ian Kershaw from the Uxbridge Library brought a variety of motorized robots which PPSC members enjoyed.  
Photo Credit: Linda Lake

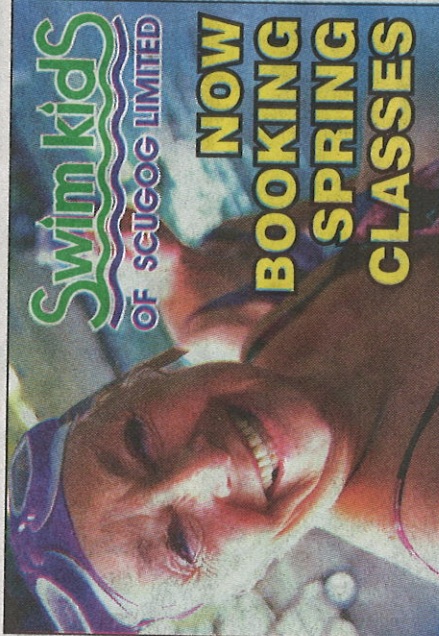
## Scugog council takes a look at 2019 budgets

DAN CEARNS The Standard  
tax increase guideline of 3.9 per cent, which increase on the Township's side of the tax bill.

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# Senior

Enjoying the mini models at the Port Perry Seniors Club, Robotics Workshop. Pictured here are Rita Barrell and Rita Hilker, affectionately known as the "SeniorRita's", they also happen to be Past Presidents of the club.

Photo Credit: Linda Lake



## Movement for Life

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# Senior Lifestyle



The Port Perry Seniors Club recently hosted a hands-on Robotics Workshop. Ian Kershaw from the Uxbridge Library brought a variety of motorized robots which PPSC members enjoyed. Pictured here Ian Kershaw demonstrates one of the robots to PPSC members.

Photo Credit: Linda Lake

## What is happening at the Port Perry Seniors Club

Did you know that Line Dancing, Pickleball, Sing-a-Longs, and Euchre, are just some of the numbers. Come on down to the Latcham Centre to keep your mind, body and spirit with like-minded friends.

### Pot Luck and Live Entertainment

Wednesday, February 27th

2 p.m. Pot Luck

3 p.m. Live Local Entertainment

Yes, we have moved our monthly Pot Luck from dinner time to early afternoon in the winter months by popular request of our membership. Members can now come for Pot Luck at 2 p.m. and Live Entertainment at 3 p.m. Come and listen to the local musical group, Blue Notes, who have been touring Durham with their dynamic classic tunes. Come and do some toe tapping, and sing along to some old time favourite tunes!

Location: The Latcham Centre,

121 Queen Street, Port Perry

Admission: Free to PPSC Members

(Annual Membership \$15)

Information: 905-982-2192

## Pine Ridge Garden Club Making a Spring Garden

March 12th is the opening meeting, for this season at the Pine Ridge Garden Club, and we are very pleased to have Karen Vanderzalm, of Century Home & Garden Greenhouses, as a speaker. She is going to demonstrate how to make a "Spring Container Garden".

A good subject, especially for those of us who are thinking of cutting down, or even giving up

### PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB 2019 PROGRAMS

Mar. 12	7:30 p.m.	Sweet & Savory Social, Speaker Karen Vanderzalm "Spring Inspiration" a Spring Container Garden
April 2	7:30 pm.	Darren Heimbeker owner Whistling Gardens will show Their Peony Collection
May 7	7:30 pm	Carol Pasternak "Drama in the Butterfly Garden"
May 18	8:00 am	PLANT, BAKE AND YARD SALE - Nestleton Hall
June 4	7:30 pm	Bill Grainger "Geraniums and Pelargoniums"
July 2	7:30 pm	Cini Sage "Square Foot Gardening"



# UXBRIDGE LIBRARY READING BUDDIES WELCOMES MPP

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UXBRIDGE - The Uxbridge Public Library Reading Buddies program had a special guest when Pickering-Uxbridge MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy dropped by.

The MPP stopped by to tour the library and check out the program on March 1.

"I wanted to see how the community uses the facility and how the library is incorporating that into their programming," he said of the visit. "I'm very happy to learn there's so much going on here."

Corrinne Morrison, program and outreach co-ordinator at the library, highlighted some of the facility's hidden gems, such as a top-notch genealogy collection, new 3D printer, and the building's historical clock.

"This building is a cornerstone for the community," she said, noting it was nice for the participants of the Reading Buddies program to have a special guest, as well.

During his visit, Bethlenfalvy sat with Maxwell Green, a Grade 1 student, to help him read a story about nocturnal animals, during the program, which runs through-



Moya Dillon / Metroland

Pickering-Uxbridge MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy helped Maxwell Green, a Grade 1 student, program a robot as Corrinne Morrison observed during the Uxbridge Public Library Reading Buddies program on March 1.

out the school year at the library. The program includes one-on-one reading between older and younger students, as well as a snack and then game time, which, on March 4, featured a chance to use the library's coding robots.

"Helping kids learn to read using the library is brilliant," said the MPP.

"And incorporating games and activities like this is a great way to add learning in a fun way."

For Morrison, the visit was a great chance to showcase the library's role in the community.

"I think it's wonderful, I hope he sees the value and importance of the library," she said.

"I really think that the library, these days, is the living room of the community."

For more information on the library, including a calendar of programs and events, visit [www.uxlib.com](http://www.uxlib.com).

## DURHAM POLICE SERVICES BOARD CHAIR CALLS FOR DISCLOSURE OF COMPLAINT AGAINST SENIOR OFFICERS

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DURHAM - The chair of the Durham Regional Police Services Board has called on a provincial agency to provide more details about a complaint that alleges misconduct by senior officers of the service.

Although the fact that the Ontario Civilian Police Commission is looking into Durham police has been widely reported on, few details about the substance of the complaint have been provided, Coun. Kevin Ashe said during a meeting of the police services board Thursday.

"We do not have a copy of the complaint," Ashe said. He called for release of more information to the board by OCP "so we can at least be aware of what's happening."

Included in the board's Feb. 28 agenda was a letter from Tribunal of Ontario registrar Cell

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