



Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Location: Uxbridge Public Library Tower room

1. Call to order:
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature thereof.
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of December Minutes
- 5 Committees:

5.1 Finance –

- November accounts
- Rates review

5.2 Governance and HR Committee (Lynn)

- Room Rental Policy review
- Ontario passes changes to Public Library Act

Two amendments to the Public Libraries Act (PLA) that came into effect as part of the government's Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019.

The purpose of the legislation is to simplify and modernize regulations, and eliminate requirements that are outdated or duplicative, making regulatory processes more efficient for business and better for people.

The first amendment, to section 10(1) of the PLA, will permit Canadian permanent residents to serve as public library board members. Prior to this amendment, only Canadian citizens were permitted to serve on public library boards. This amendment provides boards with a larger and more diverse pool of potential board members.

The second amendment, to section 16(1) of the PLA, reduces the minimum number of annual public library board meetings from ten per year to seven per year. This amendment provides more flexibility for public library boards to determine the appropriate number of meetings needed for their local circumstances.

5.3 Community Committee (D. Clements)

- Strategic Plan survey update

5. New Business



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6. Ongoing Business / Action items

6.2 Facility update (Amanda)

7. Correspondence

- New Zealand Genealogist.
- Note and donation from Patty McCarthy.

8. Round Table

9. Council Connects

10. Date of Next Board Meeting: February 20th , 2020 at 7 pm

11. Adjournment



Township of Uxbridge Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2019 @ 5:00 pm
Location: Uxbridge Public Library Meeting room

Present: Dave Phillips, Gord Shreeve, Lynn Klages, Corrinne Morrison, Amanda Ferraro, Willie Popp, Agnes Croxford, Dwight Clements

Regrets: Donna Condon, Martin Koolhaas, Dave Barton, Gary Ruona,

Guests: N/A

1. **Call to Order @ 7:00 pm**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary interest and the General Nature thereof.**
 - ✓ No disclosures

3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - ✓ Moved by Willie, seconded by Dwight; carried

4. **Approval of November Minutes**
 - ✓ Moved by Willie seconded by Lynn; carried

5. **Committees:**

- 5.1 **Finance** – N/A

- 5.2 **Governance and HR Committee** (Lynn)

- Approval of the HR Committee Minutes from the sub-committee meeting on November 21st
 - ✓ Moved by Lynn seconded by Willie; carried

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

- Suggestion – Book report once a month in the newspaper.

5. **New Business**

- Giving tree is a great success. Staff and patrons have been very generous
 - January 20th Presentation to Council is booked.

6. **Ongoing Business / Action items**

- 6.2 Facility update (Amanda)

- Continuing with Heat and Air repairs. Insulation being added behind Rad # 3,16 & 20

7. **Correspondence – N/A**

8. **Round Table**

- Dwight suggested to add Library into your daily conversation to build awareness.

9. **Council Connects**

Work is progressing well on the Culvert project and the shoring walls north of Brock St. will be complete this week. The large drill that has been placing the concrete pilings to form the shoring will be moving off-site and in its place excavators will begin removing soil and culvert sections will be installed. Between



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Dec. 1st and Dec. 20th crews hope to install 37 more pieces of culvert north of Brock St. There will be an increase in truck traffic to the site during this phase of the project.

Work will be on hiatus between Dec. 20th and Jan. 6th, although the dewatering generator and pumps will run over the break. Construction will continue over the winter.

Beginning on Jan. 6th, Brock St. will be closed for 3 months. Weather may impact the construction schedule. The big drill rig will return, and crews will install shoring and the culvert sections below Brock St. over the winter. Detour routes will be in effect. Pedestrian access will be maintained along Brock St. through the construction site and all stores remain open.

Work is scheduled to move south of Brock St. in April at which point Centennial Rd. will be closed. Brock St. and Centennial Rd. will not be closed at the same time. Work is anticipated to be completed by late fall 2020.

Dave B. wrote: Beginning Dec. 17th, Kristi Honey will be joining us in the role of CAO. Kristi is a resident of an adjacent municipality, is very familiar with the Township of Uxbridge and has participated in Uxbridge's social, cultural, and recreational activities for over thirty years. Ms. Honey brings strong academic and senior-executive level experience to the role of CAO through her previous role as Chief Information Security Officer with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Director, Financial Information Management Services at the Region of Durham. She is very excited about working here and we feel she will be an excellent fit for our staff and our Municipality.

We received over 50 strong applicants for this position. As you know, replacing Ingrid is a tough task. I know our decision to choose Kristi from the list of contenders was the right one. She brings the right leadership credentials and both entrepreneurial and public sector experience. Importantly for us, she also brings an understanding of the many unique cultural and social aspects of the Township of Uxbridge. She demonstrated to us that she wants to be a part of guiding the Township of Uxbridge to a vibrant future without compromising the wonderful aspects of our community that make us unique. We know we have a CAO who will work passionately for the betterment of our community.

Please join me in welcoming Kristi in her new role here.

10. Date of Next Board Meeting: January 16, 2020 at 7 pm

11. Adjournment at 5:30 pm.

- ✓ Moved by Willie, seconded by Gord; carried

Date	Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount \$
11/1/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	578399	BOOKS	\$20.40
11/5/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	578399	BOOKS	\$24.40
11/6/2019	BLUE HERON BOOKS	309750	BOOKS	\$112.76
11/6/2019	CATHY REESOR	EXPENSES-OCT/2019	EXPENSES-OCT	\$83.12
11/6/2019	ONTARIO LIBRARY BOARD ASSOCIATION	MID-24106.	MEMBERSHIP	\$250.00
11/6/2019	RCL BR.170 POPPY FUND	WREATH-LIBRARY/19	WREATH-UXBRIDGE LIBRARY	\$90.00
11/6/2019	STEVE KING PROPERTY SERVICES	2015209-LIB	GRASS CUTTING-OCT 23-LIB	\$22.60
11/6/2019	GDL SOLUTIONS INC.	16-858	SERVICES-NOVEMBER	\$2,203.50
11/6/2019	LAWNSCAPE	36579-LIBRARY	GRASS CUTTING-OCT 21-LIB	\$28.25
11/6/2019	MINISTER OF FINANCE*****	EHT-OCT/2019-LIBRARY	EHT-OCTOBER-LIBRARY	\$784.86
11/6/2019	UXBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	2019-550	MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00
11/6/2019	WYNN WALTERS	SEPT 23/2019	CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTAL	\$600.00
11/6/2019	DOMINION STAMPS & ENGRAVING	1608544	MAGNETS	\$110.18
11/6/2019	LESLIE NAGLE	MILEAGE-SEPT/2019	MILEAGE-SEPT 30	\$25.52
11/6/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	578399	BOOKS	\$39.22
11/6/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	577593	BOOKS	\$425.31
11/14/2019	DESJARDINS CARD SERVICES	4903265	SUPPLIES	\$436.41
11/14/2019	FOREST RIDGE LANDSCAPING INC.	12688-LIBRARY	SNOW REMOVAL-NOV-LIB	\$824.45
11/14/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	578013	BOOKS	\$1,023.59
11/14/2019	TACOMA ENGINEERS INC.	73083	CONSULTING-BUILDING ASSESSMENT	\$18,745.83
11/14/2019	BLUE HERON BOOKS	310660	BOOKS	\$41.51
11/14/2019	DURHAM REGION -UTILITY FINANCE	7884100000/NOV2019	WATER AND SEWER-SEPT2-OCT23	\$389.04
11/14/2019	CWB NATIONAL LEASING	18248129	MONTHLY LEASE-#2680458	\$136.73

11/14/2019	ROCKY RIDGE DRINKING WATER LIMITED	335754	WATER	\$51.00
11/14/2019	CIBC VISA	SEPT 25 TO OCT 24/19	EXPENSES-SEPT 25 TO OCT 24/19	\$817.05
11/14/2019	THE VERDIN COMPANY	187324	MAINTENANCE RENEWAL	\$102.69
11/18/2019	BELL CANADA	9058529747/NOV2019	TELEPHONE-NOV	\$338.63
11/19/2019	XEROX CANADA LTD.	85189709	COPIES-NOV	\$52.78
11/19/2019	FIRSTBROOK, CASSIE & ANDERSON	387762	2018 FEES	\$81.06
11/19/2019	JIM NELSON	534729	CARETAKING-NOVEMBER	\$1,808.00
11/19/2019	LAKERIDGE HEALTH	B9357-SEPT19LIBRARY	CARDIAC SAFE PROG.-JULY1-SEPT3	\$282.50
11/19/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	578892	BOOKS	\$924.14
11/19/2019	WYNN WALTERS	HONORARIUM	HONORARIUM-MEMORIAL SCULPT.	\$500.00
11/19/2019	CORRINNE MORRISON	11/8/2019	PURCHASE OF BOOKS	\$89.63
11/19/2019	BALDWIN SALES	10793	BRONZE SIGN-TURNING THE PAGE	\$1,806.87
11/20/2019	SHARON BOGNAR	JUNE/JULY/OCT2019	EXPENSES-CHILDRENS GARDEN-LIB	\$113.83
11/22/2019	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	200072033278/NOV2019	HYDRO-OCT 4 TO NOV 6	\$220.46
11/28/2019	PEGGY KENNEDY	PETTY CASH-NOV/19	PETTY CASH-SUPPLIES	\$257.36
11/28/2019	PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	442921120	COURIER SERVICE	\$4.53
11/28/2019	COMPTON COMMUNICATIONS	014302/NOV2019	INTERNET-DEC	\$271.18
11/28/2019	DESJARDINS CARD SERVICES	4680871	SUPPLIES	\$139.25
11/28/2019	ENBRIDGE	113542251003/NOV2019	ESTIMATE-OCT 18 TO NOV 18	\$533.90
11/28/2019	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	579355	BOOKS	\$539.54
11/28/2019	CORPORATE EXPRESS CANADA INC.	C315285-00611244-LIB	OFFICE SUPPLIES-LIBRARY	\$537.21
11/28/2019	ENVY IRRIGATION INC.	4647-LIBRARY	SPRIINKLER SYSTEM WINTER.-LIB	\$169.50
11/28/2019	D. FLORIO ALUMINUM	OCT 4/2019	WINDOW SILL CAPPING	\$282.50
11/28/2019	KERRI DENT	MILEAGE-SEPT TO NOV	MILEAGE-SEPT TO NOV	\$90.48

11/28/2019 BLUE HERON BOOKS

311460

BOOKS

\$95.68

11/28/2019 BELL CANADA

9054752375/NOV2019

TELEPHONE-NOV

\$112.16

\$36,789.61

Library Room Rental Comparison

Uxbridge Township				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Meeting Room		30 people	\$30 per hour plus HST	\$15 per hour plus HST
Tower room		only for exams or small meetings when open	\$30 per hour plus HST	\$15 per hour plus HST
Computer room				

Scugog Library				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Rotary	1,665 sq ft.	110 seated/70 with tables	\$75/hr under 4 hrs or \$300 full day	\$65/hr under 4 hrs or \$260/full day
	935 sq ft.	50 seated/35 with tables	\$45/hr under 4 hrs or \$180 full day	\$35/hr under 4 hrs or \$140/full day
	544 sq ft.	30 seated/20 with tables	\$25/hr under 4 hrs or \$100 full day	\$20/hr under 4 hrs or \$80/full day
Compton Computer	500 sq ft.	9 workstations	\$35/hr under 4 hrs or \$200 full day	\$25/hr under 4 hrs or \$150/full day
Large Study Room	251 sq ft.	12 with tables	\$15/hr under 4 hrs or \$80 full day	\$10/hr under 4 hrs or \$60/full day
Small Study Room	93 sq ft.	2-4 with tables	\$10 flat fee (4 hour limit)	\$10 flat fee (4 hour limit)

Town of Georgina				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Keswick-Board Room		10 people	\$15/hr plus HST	\$15/hr plus HST
Keswick-Adult Program		15 people	\$15/hr plus HST	\$15/hr plus HST
Sutton-Meeting Room		60 people	\$15/hr plus HST	\$15/hr plus HST
Pefferlaw Branch-Program		60 people	\$15/hr plus HST	\$15/hr plus HST

Port Hope				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Program Room		59 people	\$35/hr during library hours	\$35/hr during library hours
			\$40/hr outside library hours	\$40/hr outside library hours

Wasaga Beach				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Community Room		60 seated/24 with tables	\$40/day	\$17/day

Clarington				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Bowmanville-Mezzaine		30 people	free with a library membership	free with a library membership
Courtice-Great Room		40 people	free with a library membership	free with a library membership
Courtice-The Studio (digital lab)		2 hour booking	free with a library membership	free with a library membership
Newcastle-Vice Room		40 people	free with a library membership	free with a library membership

Brock Township				
Room	Size	Capacity	Profit Fee	Non-profit Fee
Beaverton-Meeting Room		15 people	\$25 under 3.5 hrs or \$50 full day	\$0 under 3.5 hrs or \$0 full day
		15 people plus kitchen	\$40 under 3.5 hrs or \$65 full day	\$10 under 3.5 hrs or \$10 full day
Beaverton-Reading Room		40 people	\$25 under 3.5 hrs or \$50 full day	\$0 under 3.5 hrs or \$0 full day
Cannington-Programming		15 people	\$25 under 3.5 hrs or \$50 full day	\$0 under 3.5 hrs or \$0 full day
		15 people plus kitchen	\$40 under 3.5 hrs or \$65 full day	\$10 under 3.5 hrs or \$10 full day
Cannington-Reading Room		10 people	\$25 under 3.5 hrs or \$50 full day	\$0 under 3.5 hrs or \$0 full day
Cannington-Reading Room		10 people plus kitchen	\$40 under 3.5 hrs or \$65 full day	\$10 under 3.5 hrs or \$10 full day

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Family history - Preserving our past for the future



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New Zealand connection. Alexander's wife was Ann Henderson, sister of William Howie's wife, Isabella Henderson. Alex Gordon was with the senior Howie family in the 1851 census, confirming close family bonds between the Howies, Gordons and Hendersons.

Fast forward to 2018. I encountered an entry in FamilySearch by Mark Waterbury linked to Alexander [Sandy] Gordon and Ann Henderson. At last, a real person, a new entry! So in June 2019, we joined with Mark and wife Jill on an ancestral tour of our Gordon heritage. It was wonderful to have someone as keen as us to explore where the family ended up. Mark is a descendant of Sandy and Ann, so officially not my relation, but obviously even more closely linked to the Gordon saga.

Before joining up with Mark and Jill, we spent one day in Uxbridge where our original research had been transferred from the Uxbridge-Scott Museum to the Uxbridge Public Library and what a genealogical treasure trove. Linda Boyd and Marian Bellamy had known of our visit. Marian had prepared a map and instructions for finding Ann Robertson and William Campbell's grave in Uxbridge Cemetery, and Linda kindly drove us there. Ann was known as Robinson in Canada. Later Linda took us over to the Uxbridge-Scott Museum where Allan McGillivray had worked back in 2002. Most of the day was exploring files at the Uxbridge library.

Those running small genealogy centres in New Zealand, take heart, your work will be appreciated by ancestral tourists like us.

I endeavoured to trace the 2002 researchers before our visit to Canada. Mike Stephenson still runs his excellent Ontario County website and I have joined his Facebook group, Ontario County History and Genealogy. A highlight was meeting Marg Lambert, the original connection to my Canadian side. It had taken 17 years, but I finally met my third cousin and family. I was able to hand over an updated version of our 2002 project. With most of the references now readily available on FamilySearch, the 2019 version was called 'Just the Stories; John Gordon's Family in Canada'. Uxbridge Library and the museum were also given copies.

To prepare for traipsing round farms on unknown roads, I put together maps of all the places we might visit. This was where the McGill University County



Bobbie Amyes and Linda Boyd, Uxbridge Library Genealogy Room.



Jill and Mark Waterbury, Bobbie Amyes and helper Jill Misner, Kirkfield Museum.

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Maps came to the fore. The maps can be enlarged as township maps and then using Print Screen, a particular part of the map can be enlarged and captured. Thus by circling the farm area and putting a description in text below, we developed page by page a tour guide for exploring the Gordon ancestral diaspora from its centre in Greenbank, Reach Township to Scott Township and then the various townships the Gordon children settled by 1900.

Our first day was not so much

looking at farm properties, but a visit to a museum, a cemetery and a descendant. The museum, at Sunderland, a small community town in Brock, had lots of interesting exhibits, but it was archivist Larry Doble's research that we were most interested in. Larry handed over his latest copy of John Gordon's descendants which I readily stuck into my copy of *Just the Stories* as it made for quick easy access to sorting out the family and their descendants. In exchange we gave

The Gordon Children

John Gordon (b1811) m1 29 April 1834 Mary Milne

(1810–c1850), Old Meldrum

Children

- Alexander 'Sandy' Gordon (b1831) m Ann Henderson
- Ann Gordon (b1834) m John Taylor (stayed in Scotland)
- Mary Gordon (b1837) m John Reid
- James 'Jim' Gordon (b1838) m Annie Munro
- John Gordon (b1841) m Mary McDonald
- Elizabeth Gordon (b1842) m William Tough
- Catherine Gordon (b1844) m John Ewen
- William Gordon (b1846) m Eliza Brown
- Andrew Murray Gordon (b1849) m Sarah Snodden
- Elspet Smart Gordon (b1850) (died young)

John Gordon (b1811) m2 2 November 1852 m2 Jean/Jane

Howie (b1827) (*see below), New Deer

Children

- Helen/Ellen Gordon (b1853) m Hector McLachlan

Born in Canada

- Jane Gordon (b1857) married Frank Blair
- Charles Gordon (b1862) married Mary Louise Kerry
- Mary J Gordon (b1863) (only features in 1881 census)
- Hector Gordon (b1866) married Catherine McBain

The Robertson Children

Jane Howie* (b1827) m1 27 June 1843 James Robertson

(b1825), New Deer

Children

- Jane Robertson (b1844) m James Forman (stayed in Scotland)
- Beatrice Robertson (b1845) m 1867 John Old, New Zealand
- Isabella Robertson (b1847), died young
- Ann Robertson /Robinson (b1849) m William Campbell, Canada
- Isabella Robertson (b1850) m1 1867 Donald Lourie, m2 Richard Wedderspoon, New Zealand

Key: Final residence: Scotland Canada New Zealand

him his own copy of *Just the Stories*. We headed south to Greenbank. John, Jane and family are all here in the 1861 census, but, for Mark, this is his family's base. Alexander and Ann spent most of their married life here and are buried in the Bethel Cemetery, Greenbank.

Next we headed to Janetville and met Jack Gordon, a delightful ninety-year-old whom I mistook for a young man seeing him in the distance driving a ride on mower – lean, brown, shirtless, wearing a cap. He enjoyed the joke all afternoon. Jack's house is incredible and can be explored online.

Our second day started with a visit to the Lucy Maud Montgomery museum at Leaskville. Those who are *Anne of Green Gables* fans will immediately recognize the name. Maud wrote many of her books while living in the manse here. While we particularly enjoyed the tour, it was great to know that John's middle son William Gordon built the frame of Maud's house and looking across the road from the manse was the Leask house, behind which had been the sawmill, where William Campbell had made his living as a sawyer. He and wife Ann Robertson had lived along the road directly opposite Leaskdale Road, which ran at right angles to the main road.

We headed up to the small hamlet of Udora, where while waiting for freshly made sandwiches at the 1895 store, we explored where William Gordon and wife Eliza Brown lived. It is William's obituary that confirmed the Gordon arrival in Greenbank 1855. John, Jane and family lived on the Scott side of Udora, on the Harrison property. John's daughter, Mary and husband John REID lived on the neighbouring property,

so during the 1870s, the majority of John's family lived in Scott Township. A township is a block of land, say 10 miles by 10 miles, divided into rectangles, one axis being numbered as 'Concessions' [in Roman Numerals] and the other as 'Lots' Thus John and Jane farmed 100 acres on Concession VII, Lot34 [1871 census]. While we don't know when or where John Gordon died, Jane was at her daughter Ann's house on Lot 22 Con 4, Scott when she died in 1901.

Day three saw us on a totally different tack. The Gordons had enjoyed family reunions, gathering at Port Bolster in 1938 and 1939, enjoying a sit down meal, gossiping and playing games. Thankfully Larry, a workman digging a hole on a property in Pfefferlaw, directed us out of the maze of lanes and we finally found the Port Bolster picnic area.

After a brief stop at Beaverton where Jane Gordon became the first of Frank BLAIR's three wives, most of the day was spent visiting cemeteries – Bolsover, Kirkfield, Sunderland and Necropolis. Kirkfield is pertinent to the Gordon family as several of John's children had moved there by the 1880s.

We enjoyed our visit to the Kirkfield Historical Museum. Bev Ewen, a descendant through Catherine Gordon, is heavily involved and has donated several items to the museum.

We also visited Kirkfield Lift Lock on the Trent Canal. Marg Lambert's great aunt, Jane McLachlan, drowned in 1915 fetching water from the canal. Her heavy skirt weighed her down, and her husband, Thomas Strachan, in trying to save her also drowned.

Our last day saw us back chasing



Headstone for William and Ann Campbell, Uxbridge.
Photos by Brian Amyes.

farming areas. Derryville was where John junior and wife Mary McDonald lived when their daughter died. Next, Vroomanton where brother Andrew lived with John and Mary, was once a thriving commercial area, now not a ghost town as oft mentioned, but a small residential area.

Lastly back to Greenbank to see where it all started. Not at the Bethel Cemetery end of Cragg Road where we began on day one, but down past the Greenbank School. Here the Gordons lived in the 1861 census. We had come full circle and I was now able to envision my great-great grandmother's life and appreciate the hard choices she was forced to make.

Bobbie Amyes.

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To the Uxbridge Public Library -
You are the best small town library in all of
Canada. This is to help you in your program for the
community - while I do not live in Uxbridge anymore
I appreciate receiving the library update on new books.

Thank you -

Sincerely,
Patty
McCarthy

Please send a tax receipt to

This lovely note was sent in from a former resident at Douglas Crossing for whom we arranged book delivery service via a library volunteer. She was a former librarian, and a voracious reader so keeping her supplied was challenging but rewarding as she was always very appreciative. Attached to her note was a \$500 donation.

Just in case you have difficulty reading her note.

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