

Parked vehicles hinder plowing

UXBRIDGE — Inclement weather and inconsiderate motorists have caused headaches for Uxbridge Township's snow removal crews this winter.

"We're having trouble getting by some vehicles on the road," explained roads superintendent Lorne Wall, who heads up a 10-vehicle winter maintenance force. "What we're looking for is co-operation from citizens. It'll make the roads easier for us to clear."

A Twp. bylaw allows a three-hour parking maximum for vehicles on Uxbridge streets and roads, Mr Wall noted, but many drivers don't adhere to this.

He said the problem of cars blocking snow removal equipment is compounded by homeowners who add to the accumulation by pushing snow from their property onto the street.

The roads superintendent welcomes help in both these areas.

On a number of occasions here this winter, vehicles violating the parking bylaw have been tagged and towed by police, he added. And people depositing snow on the road can be held responsible under the Highway Traffic Act.

The township has received numerous calls from ratepayers wanting assistance with snow that has built up during the first weeks of February.

"We're trying to make it safe for the people," Mr Wall said, noting that his department experiences "the same problem year after year."

Regional Councillor Gerri Lynn O'Connor voiced her concern about the situation during Thursday's works and

roads committee meeting.

Mayor Bill Ballinger said common sense is required when coping with such winter conditions in Uxbridge.

"Every time we get into a storm situation, everyone panics," the mayor commented.

Housing proposal
One delegation to Thursday's afternoon planning and development committee meeting may be in for a cold reception.

Developer Lennis Trotter of Oshawa is scheduled to present a non-profit housing proposal to that committee of Council, even though Mayor Bill Ballinger has publicly opposed his appearance.

"That guy (Mr Trotter) is looking for a job, he doesn't care about Uxbridge!" Mayor Ballinger said last week.

Twp. Clerk Walter Taylor said Mr Trotter's request to appear before the committee has been granted. The meeting begins at 1 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Uxbridge Agricultural office, across from the municipal building.

Mayor Ballinger said he feels the Township should concentrate on more important pending business.

Approve motocross
Council has given the green light to a motocross competition planned as part of Uxbridge's 1985 Spring Water Days festivities.

Andy Finnegan, representing the race-sponsoring Uxbridge Optimist Club, detailed plans for Uxbridge Township's parks and recreation committee, Thursday.

Members had no objections to motocross racing at Elgin Park sometime during Spring Water Days, which will run this year from June 20 to July 1. Event dates and times will be determined at a later date.

Mr Finnegan noted that the Kinsmen may also want to hold more motocross races in Uxbridge throughout the year.

Any such future plans will be dealt with as a separate proposal, committee members agreed.

Restoration

The entrance to Uxbridge's historic Music Hall should soon receive a \$1,000 facelift. Uxbridge Twp. Council has supported a project that will see the building's front doors restored to their original state. A donation from Uxbridge's chapter of the IOOE will finance the improvements.

Winter Agricrew program

UXBRIDGE — Everything from de-beaking chickens to splitting wood falls within the job description of workers in the Winter Agricrew program.

Crews are available to agricultural and horticultural producers who need some help getting a job completed.

The program, sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, will run

until mid-April.

A two-person crew costs \$50 a day and a four-man unit can be hired for \$90 a day. Workers are covered by Workman's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance through the Ministry. There's no additional cost to the farmer.

Teams can also be hired to help prune fruit trees, work in the sugar bush and

assist with snow removal. Crew members are not permitted to drive farm vehicles on public roads or use creosote.

If you are interested in hiring Agricrew or would like more information, contact your local agriculture office or area coordinator Karen Vaughan. She can be reached at the Uxbridge Agriculture Office. Phone is 852-3328.

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Lions host big dance

By Elsie Boland

GOODWOOD — The Lions Club is hosting a big dinner and dance on Friday at the Goodwood Community Centre. Tickets are still available from club members. Last Monday, the Lions enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by member of the Women's Institute.

The Goodwood Couples Club will hold a dance at the Community Centre, Saturday. A large crowd is anticipated.

Sympathy of the community goes out to the family of Annie Plewes, who passed away last week. Service was held Tuesday from O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville. Mourners gathered afterwards at the Goodwood Community Centre.

Last week's euchre session was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next scheduled game is Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Tom Redwood acted as replacement minister during Sunday's service at Goodwood United Church. Rev. Edith Ann McManiman was in hospital.

Bingo will be played tonight (Feb. 20) at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Planning is well underway for the big pancake breakfast at Goodwood United Church. It'll be held Sunday, March 3, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. There will be a full breakfast, complete with bacon, sausages and juice. Cost is adults, \$3; children (12 and under), \$2; family maximum, \$10. Regular worship will be held at the church that day (10-11 a.m.). Everyone's welcome. Watch for signs advertising the event.

Offer reward

DURHAM REGION — Durham and York regional police forces continue to investigate Christine Jessop's murder following the posting of a \$50,000 reward in the case.

The money is offered to any person or persons providing information that would lead to the eight-year-old girl's killer.

Christine's body was found in a wooded area near Sonya, Dec. 31. She disappeared from her Queensville home back on Oct. 3.

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