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Uxbridge Hospital Update

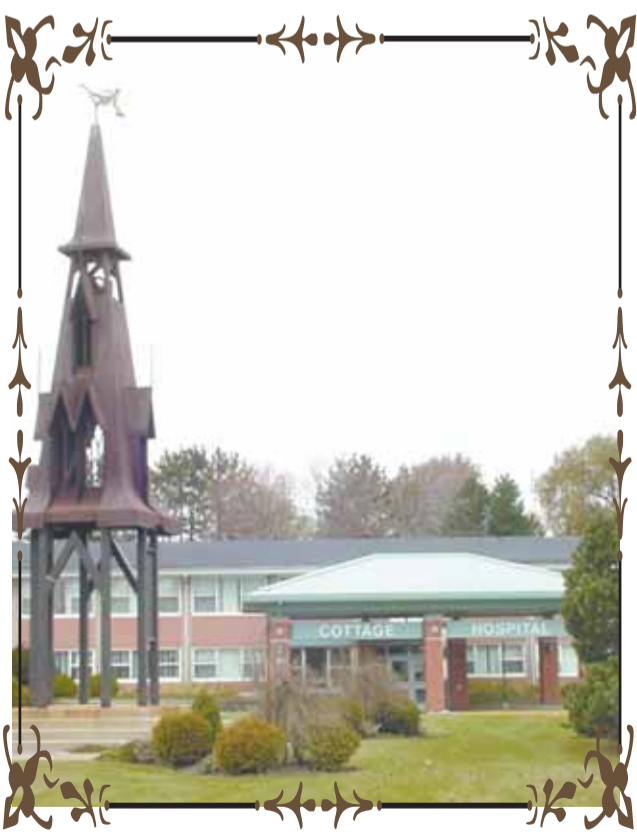
On Wednesday May 5th 2010 a meeting was held at Uxbridge Hospital with key members of the MSH Board and the CEO of MSH, Janet Beed. This meeting was in response to a request from the Township for a clear statement on the future of the Uxbridge Hospital in order to dispel recurring rumours about the future of the hospital that continue to circulate in the community. The following is a summary of what was discussed at that meeting:

Janet Beed stated categorically that MSH is not seeking to close the Uxbridge Hospital and they are committed to working with the medical, nursing and administrative staff to maintain the Uxbridge Hospital as a viable, meaningful facility delivering quality health care to the Region.

The Uxbridge Hospital is and always will be a "family physician" based hospital and therefore depends heavily on the support from the family physicians with family practices in Uxbridge. Markham Stouffville Hospital has, and will, continue to do everything possible to keep the emergency department at the hospital staffed and functioning effectively. It must be understood however that the local medical practitioners control the staffing schedule for the emergency department and MSH will work with the medical staff to ensure as best as possible that the emergency department remains open.

One myth which needs to be dispelled is that should the emergency department be forced to close due to an inability to schedule staffing on a 24/7 basis, it does NOT mean the hospital will close. The hospital has recently expanded the number of beds and patients can be admitted to the hospital directly. They do not have to be admitted through Emergency.

With the evolving structure of the delivery of quality health care in our Region, things will change, but the long term viability of our hospital most certainly appears to be assured for the foreseeable future.



Brock Street Reconstruction

The Township and the Region of Durham have completed the Brock Street reconstruction project from Toronto Street to Railway Street that included new water & sewer lines, new pavement, streetlights, sidewalks, interlock boulevards, tree pits, tree lights and street furniture.

The Township of Uxbridge has received funding from the Community Adjustment Fund and Stimulus Funding from Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of government for the downtown beautification of Brock Street between Main Street and Toronto Street and for the Albert Street parking lot reconstruction.

The Downtown Beautification of Brock Street between Main Street and Toronto Street will include new streetlighting, interlocking brick, tree pits, lighting for the trees, street furniture and banners.

The parking lot upgrades will involve improving the drainage, repaving and repairing the retaining wall.

This portion of the Brock Street reconstruction and beautification efforts is anticipated to start in August, 2010.



Kennedy House Master Plan

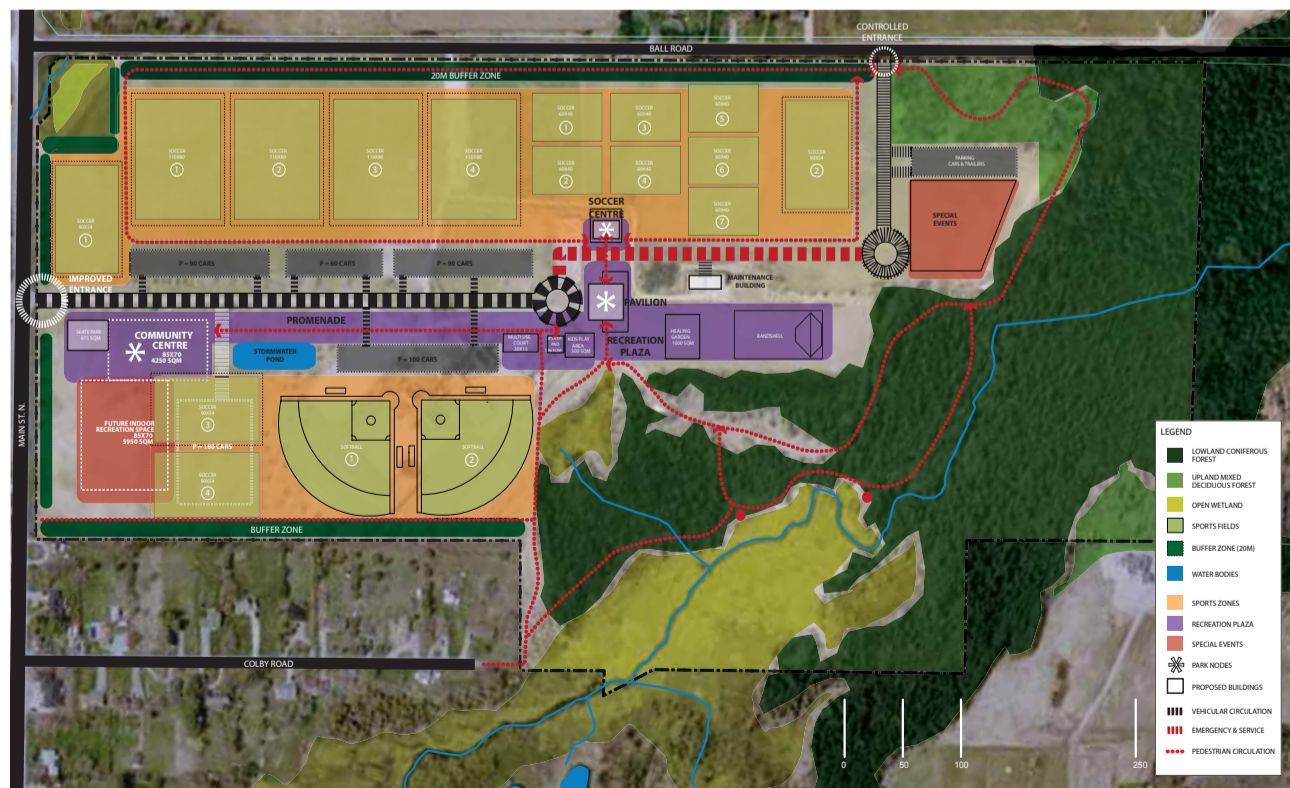
The following is an excerpt from the Kennedy House Master Plan prepared by Alexander Budrevics and Associates, Landscape Architects. This plan was presented to Council on June 28th, 2010.

To view the entire Master Plan, visit our website at: www.town.uxbridge.on.ca/kennedy_house

The Township of Uxbridge acquired the former Kennedy House property in 2008 from the Province of Ontario. This property is located at 133 -135 Main Street North immediately north of the Uxbridge urban area. The site is approximately 45 hectares (112 acres). It is comprised of 28 hectares (70 acres) of tableland and 17 hectares (42 acres) of forested natural environment area. The site was originally occupied by the Monkman family farm and then was the location of the St. John's Training School from 1957 to 2000 when it was sold to the provincial government. The site then became Kennedy House and was subsequently decommissioned in 2003.

When acquired by the Township, there were three large institutional buildings including a dormitory, shop, gym and school building as well as a number of sheds. These buildings were not in use and had been boarded up as they were prone to vandalism. A security fence enclosed large areas next to the buildings limiting public use. Approximately 12 hectares (30 acres) of the open tableland area have been used for soccer fields since the mid 1970's. These fields are operated by the Uxbridge Soccer Club in partnership with the Township of Uxbridge. This includes management of the fields, facility development and maintenance. Some of the remaining tableland is in agriculture.

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