



MAY 2023 E-BLAST

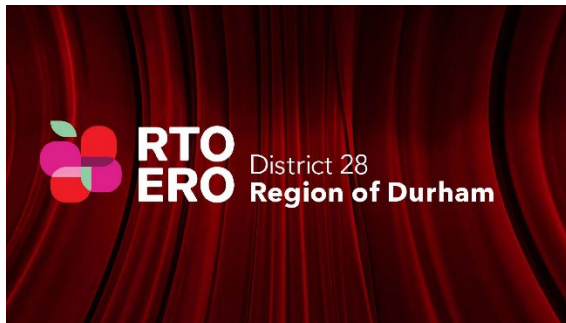
Welcome to the May E-Blast. I hope everyone has received their copy of District 28's DUSTOFF magazine. Please inform us [via email](#) if you wish to receive an electronic copy only. With the DUSTOFF coming out this month, we thought the E-Blast would not be necessary, but there is just too much going on, including some exciting events to finish off the year! Come and join us!

RTO Hikers

Join us on Thursday, May 18, to explore the Seaton Trail in Pickering. The hike will start from Concession 3 in Pickering, just west of Valley Farm Rd (or Brock Rd.) in the parking lot by the upper dog park. We hike from 10:00 to approximately 11:30. While we move at an easy pace, the Seaton Trail has some hills to climb as we head northward, so be prepared. Please dress according to the weather, and wear sturdy footwear.

Hiking poles, if you have them, would be helpful to some. You may also wish to bring a camera to capture some impressive views of Duffins valley and its high clay riverbanks, as well as binoculars to see some of the migrating birds.





DISTRICT 28 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SPRING LUNCHEON AND SOCIAL

The AGM and Luncheon will take place at the Port Perry Community Centre, 1655 Reach St., Port Perry on Tuesday, June 6 at 11:00 am. Please watch for details in the emails which will follow!

RTO DISTRICT 28 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Get ready to tee up on May 29 at Sunnybrae Golf Course, Port Perry. The cost is hard to beat -\$45 for RTO D28 Members and \$60 for guests. The tournament begins with a complimentary Continental Breakfast followed by nine holes of golf. An optional BBQ lunch at \$20 is a great way to spend more time with friends, past and present.



Coffee on Us

Come join us at 10:00 for a coffee and conversation.

WEDNESDAY May 24th

Ajax: 245 Salem Rd S

Bowmanville: 350 Bowmanville Ave

Oshawa: 1361 Harmony Rd N

Port Perry: 15930 Old Simcoe Rd.

Uxbridge/Beaverton: 325 Toronto St S.

THURSDAY May 25th

Pickering: 742 Kingston Rd.

Whitby: Brock St S at 401

E-devices (Technology) Group

District 23 holds a zoom meeting twice a month for an hour to help their senior members learn about technology, its advantages and how to minimize the risks. The format is informal with question-and-answer time as well as discussing topics set ahead of time. We (District 28) would like to do the same! It would be a very valuable resource to our membership, but we need someone with technological expertise who can spare one hour, maybe two per month to lead this group. If anyone is interested in helping our senior members become more comfortable with technology, please contact sm.nieuwenburg@rogers.com

How can YOU use Durham Region Transit services?

Durham Region Transit (DRT) is one of Ontario's largest regional transit systems, providing seamless mobility to residents and visitors to Durham Region throughout the 2,600 square kilometre area.

Staying active and connected with each other and the community is important, which is why DRT welcomes members of the RTOERO District 28 Region of Durham to utilize the seamless connections offered by DRT to destinations across Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area. If you didn't know, DRT also offers an innovative suite of services including scheduled, On Demand and Specialized.



Please read below for more information on how you can make the most of our services:

Scheduled Service

Our vehicles on scheduled routes meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements, including stairless entry, a kneeling feature to meet the height of the curb, a ramp that can be deployed for mobility aid access and mobility aid spaces with securement devices. Buses are also equipped with automated audible and visual next stop announcements.

On Demand

On Demand operates throughout the rural areas of Durham Region, and at urban transit stops more than a 10-minute walk from a scheduled route or where a

scheduled service is not operating. For more information about [where service operates](#), visit DurhamRegionTransit.com.

Specialized Transit

Specialized Transit provides mobility for eligible persons with disabilities who are unable to use scheduled transit for all or part of their ride.

To be considered, individuals must complete and submit the "Specialized Services Application and Information Package Application." The application will be reviewed within 14 days of receiving the completed application. Additional requirements may apply.

Travelling with us

Using PRESTO ensures the best value and lowest fare for customers, offering a \$10 savings for every 14 trips taken. Customers travelling on Durham Region Transit (DRT) can also download and use the new PRESTO E-Tickets app and save the \$6 card fee. Our current fares are as follows:

Regular/Base Fare

- Single trip PRESTO tap: \$3.25
- Monthly PRESTO pass: \$117
- Cash (exact change only): \$4

Seniors (65+)

- Single trip PRESTO tap: \$2.15
- Monthly PRESTO pass: \$46
- Cash (Exact change only) \$2.75

Youth (13-19)

- Single trip PRESTO tap: \$2.90
- Monthly PRESTO pass: \$93.50
- Cash (exact change only): \$4

Child (0-12)

- FREE

Announcement from the RTOERO Foundation Chair:



The RTOERO Foundation is thrilled to announce its first-ever online auction, coming soon!

Don't miss this exciting chance to walk away with an amazing gift and support an important cause. Open to participation from all 83,000 RTOERO members across the country, bidding starts Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 8:00 am EST and will close on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 8:00 pm EST.

Items include:

- 10-day all-inclusive vacation package at a 5-star luxury resort in Cancun, Mexico
- Stratford Festival getaway package
- Toronto Maple Leafs getaway package
- Art
- A unique presentation by Quirks and Quarks host Bob McDonald
- And much more!

More details to follow shortly!

The auction is open to all RTOERO members, staff, board members, partners, family, and friends.

The RTOERO Foundation is one of the only charitable foundations in Canada focused on the health and well-being of older adults. We focus on building and supporting creative, results-based initiatives to improve seniors' health care and promote social engagement.

Thank you for your support!

Common recycling standards coming to Ontario.

A province-wide recycling system is set to roll out in Ontario starting this year. Previously, municipalities and First Nation Communities have designed their waste management programs, creating confusion for residents who move between municipalities for work or recreation. Now, all areas will follow the same recycling standards, and more materials are expected to be accepted, including everyday single-use products.



The new system results from the Blue Box regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016. The program will follow an extended producer responsibility, which means the costs of the program shift from municipal taxpayers to the producers of products and packaging. The previous program's costs were split between producers and municipalities. The program will be implemented over two years, from 2023 to 2025.

To learn more and access the transition schedule for communities, visit: rpra.ca/programs/blue-box/regulation

The Uxbridge Secondary School 100th Anniversary Reunion



The Uxbridge Secondary School 100th Anniversary Reunion runs Friday, May 26th to Sunday, May 28th, 2023. Here are just a few of the activities planned:

- **Friday evening**
 - The school opens for registration (you can also register in advance)
 - Alumni Rugby match
 - Uxbridge Legion is celebrating its 93rd anniversary and is inviting USS alumni for tours and entertainment.
- **SATURDAY**
 - Guided trail walks in town (a.m.)
 - Breakfast by the Culinary Arts students at the school (a.m.)
 - School tours; A self-guided scavenger hunt; Visit the Decade rooms.
 - Official Anniversary Ceremonies
 - Golf tournament, an alumni volleyball tournament (register early for both tournaments!),

- Buskers on Brock
- Fill the 100th Anniversary time capsule which will remain closed for 100 years! (See link for details)
- Saturday wraps up with a 19+ social at Slabtown, including Julien Kelland's live performance followed by a dance DJ'ed by Dan Pollard from 105.5 HITS FM.
- **SUNDAY**
 - A non-denominational Christian service at the school

For further details, to register, to volunteer, or to be a part of the legacy by donating to the Legacy Award, please go to <https://uxbridgess.ddsbc.ca/en/our-school/100th-anniversary.aspx> Still have questions? Email uxbridgessreunion@ddsbc.ca