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Hi Dave, Willie, Zed and Bruce,

I'm sure you read the sad story in the Cosmos recently about the very unfortunate demise of "our" swan, NutMeg, due to a collision with some of the power or utility lines that run near Elgin Pond beside Main Street South. I've been in touch with a group that advocate on behalf of swans about this situation, and would like the township to consider a request to Hydro One to install some small structures on the lines called bird diverters. These are slipped over the outside of the insulated wires in order to make them more visible to birds, especially the big ones like swans and geese. They are reflective, so work at night as well in the daytime.

I am attaching some links to help you understand the concept and materials used. I know there's tremendous interest and support for the swans in the community, and would be happy to provide public education through a Cosmos article. With the application recently in progress to make Uxbridge a "Bird Friendly" community, and efforts to ensure the preservation of our large migrating and resident waterfowl would be a tremendous plus for the application. Please let me know how I can help to make this installation happen so no more of these lovely birds get hurt.

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<https://linestar.ca/specialty-items/wildlife-mitigation/avian-flight-diverters/bird-flight-diverters-and-line-markers/> - what these diverters look like

www.trumpeterswanconservationontario.com - the swan organization

<https://mariannemeedward.ca/beverly-kingdon-presented-with-2023-key-to-the-city-during-canada-day-burlington-150-celebration/> - recognition for a volunteer's work to

help [swanshttps://www.thespec.com/life/the-swan-lady-of-lasalle/article_1b185a00-9143-5018-8740-b7d2e2f5fc6e.html](https://www.thespec.com/life/the-swan-lady-of-lasalle/article_1b185a00-9143-5018-8740-b7d2e2f5fc6e.html) - a bit more info about Beverly Kingdon