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COVID-19 UPDATE

The roll out for Vaccine Booster Shots and for vaccinations for Children 5-12 in Durham Region has started. Visit durham.ca/covidvaccines for the most updated priority groups and to view the Region's Data Tracker.

On November 3, 2021 the Ministry of Health expanded third dose eligibility to most at risk of serious illness from the virus. Individuals can **obtain an enhanced vaccine certificate with scannable QR code**.

Durham Region residents who meet **current eligibility requirements** can book an appointment at a community immunization clinic. Walk-ins will be accepted for first dose clients only. All individuals requiring second and third doses must book an appointment. You can view locations and updates here:

<https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/novel-coronavirus-update.aspx>

Ontario will slowly and incrementally lift all remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination and wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, over the next six months. This phased approach will be guided by the ongoing assessment and monitoring of key public health and health care indicators, such as the identification of any new COVID-19 variants, increases in hospitalizations and ICU occupancy and rapid increases in transmission to ensure that public health and workplace safety measures are lifted safely.



KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON COVID-19

For a complete and detailed list of impacted areas, visit pickering.ca/COVID19.

For up-to-date information regarding the status of cases in Durham Region, see the Durham Region Health Department's website: durham.ca/COVID19.

All previous newsletters are posted at davidpickles.com, including roles and responsibilities of different levels of government.

IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR CUMMING



It is with great personal sadness that we share the news of the passing of our friend, colleague, and a wonderful community representative, Councillor Ian Cumming. A book of condolences is available virtually at LetsTalkPickering.ca/CouncillorCumming. As a renowned animal lover and champion of fundraising efforts for Pickering's first animal shelter, Councillor Cumming's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Pickering Animal Shelter at pickering.ca/donate. If you choose to donate, you can email lnaraway@pickering.ca to advise that your donation was made in memory of Councillor Cumming.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE CONCERNS OF PICKERING AND DURHAM REGION!

Seaton Update

Construction of the Seaton community continues, including the new Mattamy 'Bloom' Townhouse development, located at the southwest corner of Taunton Road and Sapphire Drive. These will incorporate a wide variety of innovative, sustainable features, including a geothermal heating and cooling district system that will produce 100 percent clean renewable energy.

As construction progresses, we are working with residents, City staff and the developers to ensure the many important works like roads, sidewalks, parks, signage and street markings are completed, and all construction debris is removed to make it a complete and safe community for all to enjoy. A new village green (small park) is proposed east of Burkholder Drive. Two school sites have been designated by the City, the building of schools is under the jurisdiction of the school boards.

Pickering Casino Resort



The City of Pickering has received its first share of revenues from the Pickering Casino Resort.

This inaugural payment amounts to \$2.43 million, for the period of July 26th to September 30th 2021, operating at a 40% capacity. The money received will

go right back into the community of Pickering, in the form of infrastructure and capital projects like libraries, community centres, park and road improvements.

This casino is creating jobs in the City, supporting economic development across the region, and the associated restaurants, hotel, and theatre are coming!

Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex – Exciting Renovations

As you may be aware, the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex (CHDRC) is under active construction. We have seen the behind the scenes work and the progress is exciting.

The building is about 40 years old and although there have been updates over the years it really needed a full renovation. COVID-19 shutdowns made it more efficient to move ahead with several works that would have been otherwise staged over a longer time. Many of CHDRC components, systems, and key amenities are aging and in need of a substantial retrofit. Following a concept design and extensive community engagement, the City began the phased construction. The work should substantively be completed and the recreation centre re-opened in February 2022.

The scope of the project includes a complete gut renovation of the existing change rooms for both members and non-members, extension of the second floor exercise area



and related improvements, upgrades to existing finishes throughout the ground floor of the lobby and concourse and consolidation of existing service counters into a single point of service. Additional related work such as lifecycle water main replacements and upgrades to building life safety systems have been incorporated for efficiency.

The public change rooms will be combined into a single universal change room and linked with the existing family change room to create a new single suite. All changing will occur in private change cubicles with zero-sightline partitions to ensure privacy for all patrons. Several universal washrooms will be included in the suite, which is intended for use by all patrons, regardless of age or gender and will meet all current accessibility regulations.

Two new members change rooms will also be created, sharing access to a new accessible-entry whirlpool, steam and dry saunas. Space constraints made it impossible to provide these amenities in each suite. They will be located in a common access area visible from the pool deck to ensure the visibility and safety of patrons.

Outdoor Ice Rinks

This winter, the City is planning to have four outdoor natural ice rinks, three of which will be maintained by the City. Weather permitting, we hope residents will get good use of them. We plan to sharpen our Super Tacks skates and enjoy them ourselves! Watch the City website and social media sites for further information. The locations are: Clarendon Memorial Park, Forestbrook Park, Rick Hull Memorial Park and Whitevale Park (maintained by the Whitevale Residents Association).



Indigenous Reconciliation

The City of Pickering is committed to advancing reconciliation with diverse Indigenous communities. According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's report "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future" (2015), "Reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country. In order for that to happen, there has to be awareness of the past, an acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes and action to change behavior."

On October 30, 2021, the City of Pickering unveiled a commemorative orange crosswalk in honour of Indigenous communities affected by the residential school system.

The first of its kind in Durham Region, the commemorative crosswalk was located at Valley Farm Road and the Esplanade North, and developed through a collaborative effort between the City of Pickering and the Indigenous Relationship Building Circle (IRBC) to honour the lost Indigenous children, survivors, their families, and communities affected by the residential school system.

The City is remembering children lost in residential schools by adding an orange ribbon to one of the 4 Ribbons of Hope displays located in the four corners of Pickering.

Esplanade Park | George Ashe Library & Community Centre | Clarendon Memorial Park | Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park

Bring your own ribbon any time to join our Pickering communities as we reflect and honour residential schools survivors and those who died.

For more information about current events and initiatives please visit [LetsTalkPickering.ca/IRBC](https://www.pickering.ca/IRBC).



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