

# Staying in touch!



## If you see it, report it!

Things to look out for may include graffiti, illegal dumping, litter or vandalism. Help us take care of our community by reporting any of these activities. Call The Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575

TTY 905.420.1739 or email: [customer-care@pickering.ca](mailto:customer-care@pickering.ca)



Put Yourself in the Picture  
Help support the MRI in your Local community hospital.

[www.rougeMRI.ca](http://www.rougeMRI.ca)

The Image is Everything campaign was launched in June of 2010 with the goal of raising \$5 million to fund a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital. To date, the campaign has raised \$4 million through various community events. Support for the campaign has come from many donors, including individuals and families, Rouge Valley's own doctors, staff and Auxiliary, as well as business leaders, service clubs and local events throughout our community, as well as local municipalities.

I was pleased to support the City's 2011 budget which included a commitment of \$100,000 per year to bring the MRI to the Ajax Pickering Hospital. The new MRI (see photo) at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital is used to diagnose the patients in our community, with the most up-to-date

equipment, within expected wait times, and close to home.

Thanks to everyone, including the Image is Everything Campaign Team, for putting themselves in the picture and helping to bring an MRI to RVAP.

To learn more about the MRI campaign, please visit [www.rougeMRI.ca](http://www.rougeMRI.ca) or contact the Foundation at 905-683-2320, ext. 1501.



## What's new in the City?

VIVA Retirement Home has risen to its full six storeys at 1880 Glengrove Road at Kingston Road. Just steps away from Pickering Town Centre, with 137 suites VIVA offers another great option for active retirement living in Downtown Pickering.

Meanwhile, in Downtown South, San Francisco By the Bay readies for the new occupants of 1235 Bayly Street, a 16 storey, 235 unit condominium tower located just minutes from the Pickering GO Station.



Councillor Pickles and Deputy Mayor Dickerson with VIVA representatives at site

At Walnut Lane & Kingston Road, the next phase of commercial development is well underway. Early tenants including Ci Gusto, West End Burgers and Michaels will join Home Depot and Shoppers Drug Mart in the New Year.

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# David Pickles



PICKERING CITY COUNCILLOR, WARD 3

## Greetings Ward 3 Residents

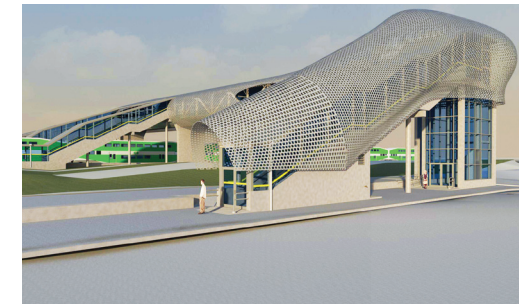
In this newsletter I take the opportunity to bring you news about a few initiatives in the City and wish you a happy and healthy 2012. I look forward to continuing to represent you on Council. Visit [www.davidpickles.com](http://www.davidpickles.com) for other items of interest in the City.

The 2012 Budget discussions are beginning early in the new year. If you have any comments or suggestions for the 2012 Budget, I would be happy to hear from you.

## Sustainable PICKERING Our Sustainability Journey

Pickering is proud to be one of the top Sustainable Communities in Canada. Through innovative ideas and dedication we are constantly measuring our performance with respect to corporate and community energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. We look forward to continued expansion of the Sustainable Pickering Community Engagement Programs as we develop a framework for "Living and Working in a Sustainable City". For more information, please visit:

[www.davidpickles.com](http://www.davidpickles.com)



Artist rendering of completed 401 Pedestrian Bridge

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# David Pickles, staying in touch with the people and concerns of Pickering and Durham Region!

## Highway 401 Pedestrian Bridge

There's a new look in Downtown Pickering. Construction nears completion on Pickering's landmark pedestrian bridge. Spanning 250 metres across Highway 401, Canada's busiest highway, this fully enclosed bridge will be accessible to both pedestrians and cyclists.



Councillor Pickles and Mayor Ryan inspecting progress on the bridge construction

December saw the final truss installed, connecting the bridge to another downtown landmark. A 132,000 square foot, LEED Silver office tower supported by a 500 stall GO parking deck is now the new home of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. Filling out the tenancy is Ontario Power Generation.

To complete the office tower, the City is now reviewing plans for the Pickering Learning Centre - a two storey, 10,000 square-foot post secondary school facility, developed through a partnership between Durham College and Centennial College. Programs are planned to commence in the fall of 2012.

## Making Neighbourhoods Safer

As I commented to residents, there are a number of traffic and pedestrian safety improvements I have been pursuing including : sidewalks along Kingston Road, intersection improvements and community Centre parking lot in Claremont, playground at Nature Haven Drive, guiderail on Valley Farm Road, new bridge and lighting in Whitevale, all-way stops on Dellbrook Drive and Major Oaks Road, consideration of all-way stops on Hogarth Sreet and Woodview Drive, repair of railway crossings, and improvements to 6th Concession Road and Greenridge Drive in Greenwood to name a few.

## Here are a few examples of the services, programs and projects included in the City 2011 City Budget:

**City Programs** - including fire protection, parks, seniors snow removal, libraries, recreation centres and programs, road maintenance and plowing.

**Third Concession Road** – east of Brock Road – urbanization includes widening to 4 lanes, bicycle lanes, sidewalk & multi use trail

**Valley Farm Road** – safety guiderail south of Greenmount Street

**Brock Road** – sidewalk & streetlights from Third Concession to Taunton Rd.

**William Street** – asphalt repairs and final lift of asphalt

**Sideline 4** – limestone resurfacing and improvements

**Claremont Community Centre** – parking lot paving

**Kingston Road** - sidewalks

**East Shore Community Centre** – parking lot expansion

**Civic Complex** – courtyard and walkway improvements

**Nature Haven Park** – walkway, curb & junior play units

**Claremont Park** – tennis court resurfacing & fencing

**Brockridge Park** – upgrading play areas

**Don Beer Memorial Park** – park relocation in Brougham

**Marinet Crescent/Bayley St.** - noise barrier

**West Shore Boulevard** - reconstruction

**Liverpool Rd. South** - reconstruction and sidewalk

**Contribution to Ajax Pickering Hospital MRI**

## The 2011 City Budget Council vote

### In Favour

Mayor Ryan

City Councillor Ashe (Ward 1)

City Councillor Dickerson (Ward 2)

City Councillor Pickles (Ward 3)

### Against

Regional Councillor O'Connell (Ward 1)

Regional Councillor McLean (Ward 2)

Regional Councillor Rodrigues (Ward 3)

## The Opening of the Pickering Welcome Centre

The Welcome Centre On Bayly Street in Pickering (beside the GO station) provides many services to new immigrants.

Visit [www.welcomecentre.ca](http://www.welcomecentre.ca) for more information.

Councillor Pickles, Deputy Mayor Doug Dickerson and, Vicky Pidgeon of the Durham Continuing Education celebrate the opening of the new Welcome Centre - Immigrant Services.



## Pickering Council Approves Shark Fin Ban

On November 14<sup>th</sup> I presented a motion to Council which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Dickerson to ban shark fin products in the City of Pickering.

Pickering Council approved a shark fin ban By-law. The support from individuals in Pickering and around the world

was overwhelming. Other municipalities in the GTA have done likewise. Pickering is a small part of an important effort to stop shark finning and the worldwide decline of sharks that threatens their very existence.



Councillor Pickles (holding fin free T-shirt), Deputy Mayor Dickerson, Keith Falconer (PESCA) and fin free supporters