

# Your Councillors - Working for You!



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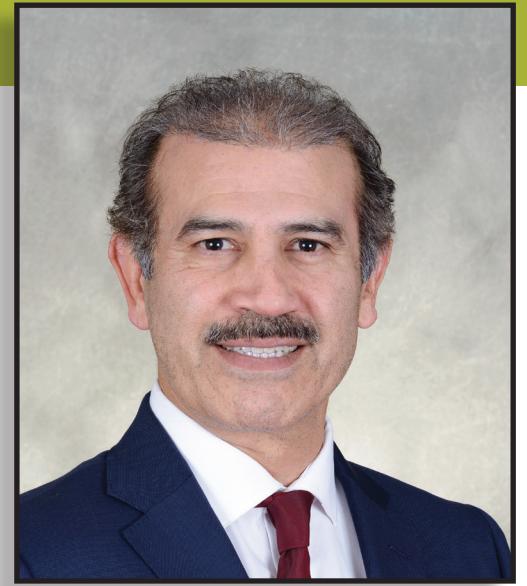
I believe this is an important year for the City of Pickering. We just had a big announcement on Durham Live – a convention centre, casino, and entertainment complex – and we are expecting more on new businesses in our Highway 407 Innovation Corridor. These will provide jobs and revenue to residents and the City. There are other important community projects and investments underway as discussed in this newsletter and our previous newsletters and eNewsletters. Please visit [DavidPickles.com](http://DavidPickles.com) to sign up for my

eNewsletter to keep up on current news of interest to you. Enjoy the coming spring and summer! Keep safe and drive carefully.

**Shaheen Butt**  
City Councillor - Ward 3

As we look forward to the warmer weather, we also look to start new projects to improve our homes and back yards so that we can fill our summer with leisure activities. The City of Pickering takes pride in the hard work that our seniors do to look after the City gardens. The Pickering Horticultural Society have many enthusiastic individuals who enjoy making our City look beautiful. To learn more, visit their website at [pickeringhorticulturalsociety.com](http://pickeringhorticulturalsociety.com).

There are many exciting new projects underway in the coming months that will expand the economic development of the City of Pickering and more job opportunities. Stay tuned.



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## Your Voice Counts!

We continue to reach out to you to hear your views. We have personally visited and knocked on the doors of most of the approximately 18,000 homes in Ward 3 over the last year, with the exception of the rural area and access-controlled condos. Our hard copy newsletters have been sent by mail or delivered door-to-door to each home. Over the last year, we held three resident open houses across Ward 3. It is important to us that we continue to reach out – and listen – to you so that we may best represent you and address your concerns.



Councillors Pickles and Butt chatting with Ramtualla in the Brock Ridge neighbourhood on their door-knocking outreach to residents.

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## Community Safety and Policing

As your Councillors, we continue to work with the Durham Region Police Service (DRPS) to address the concerns of residents. Although most crimes have declined, a few – such as theft, assault with a weapon, and motor vehicle injuries – have increased slightly. We had nine homicides in all of Durham Region in 2017. A recent DRPS presentation can be found at [davidpickles.com](http://davidpickles.com). It is important to be diligent about your safety and to contact police directly if you suspect or witness a crime.

We recently met with DRPS Chief Paul Martin to discuss the matters residents have raised with us: the recent arson on Valley Farm Road; speeding and traffic concerns; panhandling; vandalism; drugs; and racially motivated harassment. The Chief noted, and will be following up on, the matters we raised. He also noted that useful information is available at [drps.ca](http://drps.ca). As well, a new app (drpmobileapp) is available to download for free and can be used to report unlawful activity.

## Healthy Environment – Sustainable Pickering

We recently recognized community groups for their effort in the Celebrating Sustainable Neighbourhoods program. This program encourages groups to complete activities that make Pickering a better place environmentally, socially, or economically. In the 5th year of the program, groups completed hundreds of community-building initiatives. Through a peer-vote by fellow participants, groups can win an opportunity to work with the City on a community enhancement project valued up to \$10,000. Thanks to our generous sponsors a \$3,500 prize was also awarded.

Mark your calendars for June 5th when the popular Pickering Farmers' Market kicks off another season. New this year are weekly themes, more activities, and many exciting new vendors! Visit [pickering.ca/farmersmarket](http://pickering.ca/farmersmarket) for details.



The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Mayor Dave Ryan, and Councillors join Altona Forest Stewardship Committee, last year's winner of the Celebrating Sustainable Neighbourhoods program, who revitalized the Altona Forest Trail Head on Autumn Crescent in West Pickering. Visit [pickering.ca/csn](http://pickering.ca/csn) for information on how to get involved in 2018.

## Durham Live World Class Resort – Coming to Pickering!

We are pleased that on April 3rd, Ontario Gaming GTA LP announced Durham Live as the new casino site. This is great news for businesses and taxpayers and will have positive impact across Durham Region.

It started in December 2012 with Councillors Pickles' and Ashe's motion to make Pickering a willing host for a casino. They had a vision of bringing jobs, businesses, revenues, and other opportunities to the City.

Durham Live will be a \$1.6 billion project on 200 acres at the northwest corner of Bayly Road and Church Street in Pickering and a major tourist attraction bringing thousands of new jobs and millions in combined revenues to both the City of Pickering and Durham Region each year. It will not only be a casino but a dynamic multi-use complex with a 5-star hotel, convention centre, performing arts centre, waterpark, film studios, cinema entertainment complex, amphitheatre, boutique hotel, office tower, outdoor recreation space, and a wealth of dining opportunities.

We, Councillors Pickles and Butt, will continue to work with Durham Live to bring Durham Live to life!



Community safety and residents' concerns were discussed at Councillors Pickles' and Butt's recent meeting with the Chief of Police, Durham Region Police Service.

## Attracting New Businesses

The City of Pickering continues to be invited to about 40 grand openings each year. Most new business openings are in the retail, personal service or health and wellness sectors, and small commercial and manufacturing enterprises.

We are pleased that a number of our manufacturing businesses in Pickering are growing. For example, Eco-Tec with an expansion of a 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> new manufacturing floor and 25 new jobs; Signature Aluminum with a 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> new manufacturing floor and 35 new jobs; Shandex who consolidated into 300,000 ft<sup>2</sup> warehouse, creating new jobs while embracing new technology to expand business; Miratec has expanded twice in the last 3 years, going from 20 employees to 56 now; and Rapid City Transportation with their renovation and expansion of 970 Brock Road, creating 100 jobs.

We also welcomed Trench Canada (Siemens) to Pickering that saw a new 192,000 ft<sup>2</sup> plant and over 300 jobs. RCM Technologies – with high paying engineering/tech jobs in nuclear engineering – came to Pickering with 60 employees five years ago and now have over 250 jobs created in Pickering. In fact, job creation in Pickering over all sectors saw around 800 new jobs and large new commercial development equalled \$36 million and almost 90,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of new development over the last 5 years.



Mayor Ryan and Councillors Pickles and Butt check in on the progress of the reconstruction of Palmer Bridge on Valley Farm Road.

# Slow Down



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These signs remind road users to drive carefully as they travel in local neighbourhoods with children at play. You can help by displaying the Slow Down lawn sign in your neighbourhood. For details or to get your sign, visit our Customer Care Centre at Pickering City Hall. Signs will be provided on a first-come first-served basis.