

Your Councillors - Working for You!



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Deputy Mayor, Regional Councillor - Ward 3

I would like to welcome the many new residents to Pickering and Ward 3, including new neighbourhoods Seaton, Altona/Finch and Brock/William Jackson, and Kingston Road. We have been visiting many new and old residents door to door and keeping in touch through Newsletters. In this Newsletter we highlight some timely projects and programs of interest. As my family celebrates Christmas, I hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season according to the faith and tradition you celebrate.

Please visit DavidPickles.com for other items of interest and to sign up for my eNewsletter to keep up on current news of interest to you.

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Our City continues to grow. Council has been extremely busy approving more housing permits and businesses wanting to invest in our City. I am committed to working towards improving the quality of life for all residents and to working with the City's diverse community to make our City the best place to live. During this festive season, many are surrounded by family and friends, but for others it can be a very lonely time. I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to enjoy a holiday lunch on December 25th. The lunch will be held at 1920 Notion Rd. Pickering. For more details and to reserve your seat please call me at 289-980-4538. Wishing you all a healthy and safe Holiday Season.

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Red-light cameras and automated speed enforcement are coming

As part of Durham's Vision Zero initiative to work towards preventing severe injuries and fatalities on our roadways, Regional Council has approved two new tools to improve traffic safety. Red-light cameras and automated speed enforcement will be coming to Durham Region in 2020.

Red-light camera programs have proven to improve road safety by influencing driver behavior. The fine for running a red light in Ontario is \$325. In Durham, locations that will have red-light cameras installed are chosen based on several factors including T-bone (right-angle) crash frequency data and the results of red-light running violation studies. Twelve cameras will be installed in 2020 and more locations can be added in the future.



Proposed locations for red-light cameras are Taunton Road at Altona Road and Liverpool Road at Bayly Street.

Speed is a contributing factor in approximately one third of fatal collisions. Automated speed enforcement (ASE) is a reminder to slow down for the safety of our community. In Durham Region, ASE will be implemented in school zones and designated Community Safety Zones. Proposed locations for ASE are St. Mary High School – Whites Road South of Finch Avenue, Elizabeth B Phin Public School – Altona Road South of Bayly Street, St Isaac Jogues Catholic School – Finch Avenue West of Liverpool Road and on Central St. in the Hamlet of Claremont. In both situations, the offence notice is issued to the registered owner and no demerit points are issued. More information on these programs will be communicated as they are rolled out. Learn more about these safety initiatives at durham.ca/VisionZero.

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Pickering City Centre - Exciting Transformation Coming

Our City Centre is undergoing a dramatic transformation, steadily evolving into a dynamic gathering place for residents, visitors and businesses alike. The City partnered with Cushman & Wakefield and the Pickering Town Centre to create a brand new, vibrant, walkable downtown, which will see the construction of a new arts centre, senior/youth centre, and central library.



On site will also be condominium ownership and rental opportunities – perfect for first time homebuyers or empty nesters looking to down size. These new facilities and residential buildings will be seamlessly linked via activated and pedestrian friendly walkways lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants - bringing a new and urban dynamic to Pickering. We will be able to close off the pedestrian thoroughfares to vehicular traffic to create a massive event space perfect for large festivals and celebrations such as a Christmas Marketplace or an Asian Night Market. Demolition of the Sears wing at Pickering Town Centre is commencing, and we anticipate Phase 1 to be completed in 2023. We appreciate the co-operation and understanding of our residents and visitors during construction. Once completed, our City Centre will become the most vibrant and urban downtown in all of Durham Region – the perfect destination to live, work, and play.

Parks Facilities

We continue to work with residents and City staff to maintain our parks systems. These are a few highlights:

Here is an early peek at the plan for the reconstruction to the ball diamond in the Claremont Memorial Park. The project will be similar to the recent reconstruction of the diamond in Centennial Park that is located on Brock Road. Work will consist of a new backstop, lighting, outfield fence and warning track. City staff are reaching out to ball diamond users on the design. Timing and details will be in the draft 2020 budget and we will push for approval and construction next year. As well, construction has just begun on the first neighbourhood park in Seaton: Rick Johnson Memorial Park. It is located on Azalea Avenue, south of Taunton Road. The park will have a bit of a musical theme to reflect one of the former Councillor's passions and will include a soccer pitch, large children's playground area, and gazebo structure. Construction is scheduled to be complete by Summer 2020. Further info will come in the following months including addressing any comments or questions.



Councillors Butt and Pickles with residents enjoying the new park and playground on Usman Road. The new Usman Green includes junior and senior children's play structures, a gazebo, seating areas and a large open green space for informal play.

Lakeridge Health Breaks Ground and Names New Pickering Health Centre after Local Philanthropist

After hosting the official ground breaking ceremony for the building on June 20, 2019, Lakeridge Health unveiled the new name of the soon-to-be-constructed Health and Wellness Centre on July 23rd - located in North Pickering at Brock Road and Dersan Street - as the "Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre". This naming is in recognition of Mr. Coughlan's historic \$7 million gift made to the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation in 2018.



The Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre will be a modern multi-story building, built to bring multiple services closer to home for people living in the area. It will house outpatient services, as well as independent physician offices, other health professionals and an urgent care centre, with the potential for pharmacy, laboratory and diagnostic services. These new and expanded services mean that our community can continue to receive life-sustaining and life-saving care closer to home.

Lakeridge Health is working with Northwest Healthcare Properties REIT to build the centre, with construction expected to begin in the coming months. Lakeridge Health expects to be able to share construction timelines and costs soon. Councillors Pickles and Butt were pleased to attend with other Members of Pickering Council, the naming of the Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre.



Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre

Interactive Winter Plowing Map

The City of Pickering's plows are ready to hit the streets when winter weather arrives, and residents will be able to track the snow clearing process through a new Interactive Winter Operations Map.

In an effort to strengthen its communications during a winter event, the City is utilizing GPS technology to track the status of salting and clearing operations for roads, sidewalks, multi-use trails, multi-use paths, parking lots, fire halls, steps and other manual clearing areas.

Pickering's routes are cleared using a Priority Routing System. Priority Routes are identified as main roads and carry higher volumes of traffic. These are serviced first and are the roads people use to get to business areas, hospitals and in and out of the city. Local roads are serviced once priority routes are complete, and include primarily residential routes.

Visit pickering.ca/snowclearing for more information on the City's order of operations

and to access the Interactive Winter Operations Map when snow arrives. Users can also provide their comments through the feedback form.

