



# YOUR COUNCILLORS WORKING FOR YOU!

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## PICKERING RESPONDS TO RESIDENT SAFETY

We are taking all public health measures to mitigate risks to employees, residents, and customers.

Visit the City's COVID-19 response page for the latest information on City services, closures, business supports, community resources, and more – [pickering.ca/COVID19](http://pickering.ca/COVID19).

### CONNECT WITH YOUR CITY!

Connect with us Monday to Friday (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) at 905.683.7575, [customercare@pickering.ca](mailto:customercare@pickering.ca), or [pickering.ca/livechat](http://pickering.ca/livechat).

## KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON COVID-19

Visit [pickering.ca/COVID19](http://pickering.ca/COVID19) for a complete and detailed list of impacted areas.

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

For frequently asked questions, visit [durham.ca/COVID19/Frequently Asked Questions](http://durham.ca/COVID19/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions).

All previous newsletters are posted at [davidpickles.com](http://davidpickles.com), including roles and responsibilities of different levels of government.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS



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Effective November 23, 2020, Durham Region has transitioned into the **Red - Control Zone** in accordance with the Province of Ontario's new COVID-19 Response Framework. This new framework ensures that public health measures are targeted, incremental and responsive to help limit the spread of COVID-19, while keeping schools and businesses open, maintaining health system capacity and protecting vulnerable people, including those in long-term care.

Each level outlines the types of public health and workplace safety measures for businesses and organizations. These include targeted measures for specific sectors, institutions and other settings.

Visit [durham.ca/COVID19](http://durham.ca/COVID19) to view additional guidance on public health measures that will affect Durham Region under the Red - Control phase.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

#### CITY OF PICKERING REMINDERS

Pickering City Hall will be open for service by appointment only and will not be accepting walk-in visitors. Please use the numbers below or the City Directory to connect with the Department you are looking for. Can't find what you're looking for? Reach out to our Customer Care team (Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm):

**905.683.7575 | [customercare@pickering.ca](mailto:customercare@pickering.ca) | [pickering.ca/livechat](http://pickering.ca/livechat)**

We encourage you to connect with staff in advance to see if your service can be completed online or over the phone.

#### COVID-19 REMINDERS

A voluntary Government of Canada COVID-19 notification app, called COVID Alert, is currently available to alert users if they have been near someone who has tested positive. It is free and private. Download the app from your app store.

The Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker helps keep area residents up to date with current information regarding cases and monitoring of COVID-19 in our community. The Health Department's latest enhancement to the Data Tracker is a list of frequently asked questions.

To get the most accurate and up-to-date COVID-19 facts go to [www.durham.ca/COVID19](http://www.durham.ca/COVID19).

Seniors in Durham Region may be feeling more isolated during #COVID19. The Region has compiled a list of community resources to share with your loved ones to help them stay safe and connected at [www.durham.ca/SeniorSupports](http://www.durham.ca/SeniorSupports)

Show how you're spreading kindness in the community by using #DurhamStrong and #PickeringProud on social media. Post your photos and tag @RegionofDurham and @CityofPickering on Facebook or Twitter.

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

## Social Media



Please ensure you get accurate advice on matters by using reliable government social media sources. A number of such social media sites are noted in this newsletter.

Too often we are finding non-government social media sites are providing inaccurate advice and information on matters ranging from

COVID-19 to municipal planning and development. Unfortunately, in some cases posts even advance conspiracies and hateful messages.

It is important that residents can access and share accurate information, please use reliable sources, don't perpetuate false information, and be kind.

## Our Evolving City

The City of Pickering continually evolves. Originally, as indigenous and pioneer settlements, then a low density cottage and bedroom community, to today a more vibrant and diverse urban and rural community.

Change in our City is guided by societal factors such as aging population, sustainability and market conditions, for example employment and housing trends. As well, the Provincial government has designated Pickering as an urban growth centre, and directs cities on matters such as population growth, density, intensification and transit improvements.

The City incorporates these requirements and consults with residents in preparing our community plans and reviewing development applications. With the exception of community facilities such as recreation centres and libraries, it is the landowner that makes specific development applications. The City then reviews and undertakes public consultation pursuant to provincial planning processes. There is a focus on intensification and urbanization along Kingston Road, between and including Brock Road and Whites Road as well as our City Centre.

In developments in these areas, we request mixed use – residential jobs, retail and services, pedestrian and transit amenities and a downtown theme. As well, these developments would be phased in over many years. We look forward to continuing to receive your input as we consider development applications.

For more information on the planning process and specific development applications, you can join our virtual public consultation meetings and visit: <https://www.pickering.ca/en/business/developmentprocess.aspx>



## Seasonal Greetings

Our community and family celebrations will likely be different this year. Our diverse communities celebrate many faiths and traditions, but we hope you all enjoy the holiday season with loved ones in a safe and healthy manner.



## Welcoming New Residents

As your Council representatives we usually have many opportunities in Pickering to engage with residents, but COVID-19 has recently curtailed this.

We welcome all new residents to the City, including those in our growing Seaton community. We will continue to reach out to new residents and work on the community elements such as parks, roads, recreational facilities and transit which help complete new neighbourhoods.

We hope to see you in-person soon, but you are always welcome to contact us with any comments or questions.



## Kubota Canada's Pickering Facility is Opening Soon

The Kubota Canada Ltd. will be the first to move its operations to Pickering's Innovation Corridor off of Highway 7. The new facility will be designed to house its Head Office and Warehouse operations.

Investment Details:

- Surface area: 565,500 square feet (sf)
- Financial investment: approx. \$67 million CAD
- Employment: Over 200 jobs

For more info visit [www.pickering.ca](http://www.pickering.ca)

## Durham Live

Durham Live will be Pickering's latest entertainment hub. It will include the Pickering Casino Resort (now completed), a 5-star hotel, a convention center, an amphitheater, restaurants, cinemas, film studios and more!



Durham Live has the capacity to contribute approximately \$1.3 billion in incremental annual GDP, and over \$625 million in annual total tax revenues. This project is expected to bring 10,000+ jobs in total once completed.

More info: <https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/durham-live.aspx>

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