



SUMMER 2006 NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS TO WARD 3 RESIDENTS

It's been a privilege and an honour to serve the residents of Ward 3 for the last 18 years. There are always learning curves when representing an exciting and growing community, but I've always accepted these challenges head on. When dealing with issues that concern property tax payers, there are always two sides to every concern and many different ways of handling the issues. I have always accepted this challenge and will continue to do so to the best of my ability.

I hope that the information contained in this newsletter will help in keeping you informed of how your money is being spent, and of the various activities taking place in your community.

Thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to receiving your calls.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MUNICIPAL PROPERTY & ENGINEERING

- Completion of Finch Avenue Phase One Works, which includes driveway and boulevard restoration and the Duffins Trail Installation
- Road resurfacing on Old Brock Road from Wellington Street to Regional Road One and concrete sidewalk installation from Bovington Place to the Canadian Legion
- Bridge deck replacement for the Reesor Creek Bridge located on the Pickering / Uxbridge Townline near Sideline 36
- Bridge deck replacement for the Bulmer Bridge located on Concession 5 near the Greenwood Conservation Area
- New sidewalk installation on Valley Farm Road, south of Diefenbaker Court
- Playground construction and the installation of new play equipment at Beverley Morgan Park, Denmar Park and Valleyview Park
- Centennial Park - installation of a new washroom facility
- Street light improvements on Kingston Road from Guild Road to Notion Road
- Installation of an IPS pedestrian signal on Valley Farm Road, south of Kingston Road
- Tennis court resurfacing at Village East Park and Greenwood Park

Community Centres

Greenwood Community Centre - New Energy Efficient Windows for the 2nd floor Banquet Hall

Mount Zion Community Centre - New Oil Furnace

Pickering Museum Village

Pickering Museum Village Foundation retained the services of an architect to provide design, working drawings and specifications for the hotel construction and restoration at the Pickering Museum Village.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- On March 6, 2006, City Council adopted Oak Ridges Moraine Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to bring the City's planning documents into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the City's conforming amendments

- On May 3, 2006, Provincial Cabinet approved the Central Pickering Development Plan. The Plan contains policies for the urban community of Seaton and for lands located west of West Duffins Creek. Seaton is planned to accommodate 70,000 residents and 35,000 jobs
- In the summer of 2005, York and Durham Regions initiated the southeast collector trunk sewer project under the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. The purpose of the project is to accommodate the additional sanitary sewer flows projected from future approved growth in York Region. A number of public information meetings have been held in Pickering and future meetings are planned later this year

Hamlet of Greenwood Expansion - Berrywood Farms

- The courts determined that the applications were not valid for the proposed expansion

Highway #7, East of Sideline 4 - Kinsale Properties

- Anticipate applications for a golf course on the property. Site is subject to a court appeal on land use and an OMB appeal on a fill permit

South Side 6th Concession, East of Westney Road B & A Clancy

- Pickering Official Plan/rezoning amendment application to permit golf driving range was conditionally approved on a temporary basis

Sixth Concession Road, Salem Road

Brown/Bitondo

- Draft plan of subdivision and rezoning conditionally approved by Council for 9 detached dwellings

East Side of Sideline 4, South of Hwy #7

Barclay Estates

- Applications for 35 detached dwelling country residential development has been approved and is under construction

1610 Central Street, Claremont - R & M Graham

- Rezoning application was approved to permit a bed and breakfast establishment

3880 Kinsale Road, Lennox

- Rezoning and severance applications for ten new lots for detached dwellings is being processed

1640 Kingston Road, (former Knob Hill Farms)

- Rezoning application approved to permit temporary retail and commercial uses including a patio furniture store and an antique market

1890 Glenview Road - D. Fletcher

- Rezoning application approved to permit a professional office – chiropractic clinic

Sparrow Circle at Altona Road - Delco Homes

- Rezoning application approved to permit the development of 25 freehold townhouse units

3325 Highway 7 - Lakeland Associates

- Rezoning application for a dog daycare and boarding facilities was conditionally approved on a temporary basis

1801 Valley Farm Rd. - City Centre Residences Inc.

- Construction underway of an eight story retirement building having 117 units

1883 Kingston Rd. – Degrauw

- Expansion to the existing chiropractic clinic

External Subdivisions

- *Kingston Road* - Sidewalk to be constructed on the north side of Kingston Road from Notion Road to Bainbridge Drive in conjunction with Brookfield townhouse development

- *Sideline #4, Highway 7 to Concession 5 Road* – Detailed design for reconstruction of Sideline #4, in conjunction with Barclay Fieldstone Estates Subdivision
- *Woodview Avenue* – Finch Avenue south to Hydro Corridor, reconstruction and installation of sanitary sewer and storm sewer in conjunction with Nicou Subdivision
- *Finch Avenue – West of Altona Road* – installation of services (storm and sanitary) and partial reconstruction of Finch Avenue adjacent to and in conjunction with Nicou Subdivision

Subdivisions - Proposed New Developments

Nicou Subdivision

- North side of Finch Avenue west of Altona Road (39 detached dwellings)

Silver Lane Estates

- East of Altona Road, south of Strouds Lane (64 townhouse units)

Chieftan Development (Marianna Gardens)

- East of Brock Road south of Rossland – continuation of Southcott Road and Canterbury Crescent (52 detached dwellings)

Barclay Fieldstone Estates

- East side of Sideline 4 north of Concession 5 Road (35 estate residential dwellings)

Montclare Investments Limited

- Claremont – north of Regional Road 5 west of Old Brock Road (23 estate residential dwellings)

Highlights from Corporate Promotions & Economic Development

Several improvements and tenant activity continues at the Pickering Town Centre:

- following the upgrades to the food court area, a new security office has been established in the Centre
- several existing tenants have moved to new locations within the Mall, and several new tenants have been signed on
- new future tenants include H & M, Women's Fitness Club and Footlocker
- visit www.pickeringtowncentre.com for the latest news and events at the Centre

The owners, in partnership with the City, continue to try to attract future tenants into a proposed planned 20-storey, 200,000 square foot class A office tower within the southwest parking lot of the Centre. The proposed tower could link directly to the City's planned enclosed pedestrian bridge, providing direct access between the Pickering GO Station and the City's Downtown Core in a signature landmark. For details of these projects, visit cityofpickering.com

Highlights from the Region of Durham

- Brock Road - Grade separation at CPR crossing construction is underway, with structure expected to be nearing completion by the end of the year
- Brock Road widening from Dellbrook to Taunton proposed for construction in 2007
- Design underway for improvements in vicinity of Pickering Parkway. Construction of improvements scheduled for late 2006 subject to available funding

Altona Road Environmental Assessment (EA) from Kingston Road to Finch Avenue

The final public meeting for the EA was held in June 2005. Preferred alternative designs were presented, including the widening to 4/5 lanes from Kingston Road to Strouds Lane and 3 lanes from Strouds Lane to Finch Avenue, as well as the complete replacement of the CN Rail bridge located north of Sheppard Avenue.

The EA process should be completed within the next few months. Residents will be notified of the 30-day review period for the finalization of the EA Study Report. Construction of the first phase from Kingston Road to Strouds Lane is currently shown in the 2006 Capital Roads Program and Four-Year Forecast for 2008. The

second phase from Strouds Lane to Finch Avenue is currently not within the four-year forecast

Interested parties can view the Altona Road study information completed to date on the Region's website at www.region.durham.on.ca

2006 Property Tax Rate Comparison

Pickering residents continue to enjoy the lowest residential tax rates in comparison to their Lakeshore (Durham) neighbours

Pickering	1.29%
Ajax	1.32%
Whitby	1.33%
Oshawa	1.65%
Clarington	1.33%

The Evolution of Waste Collection and Diversion

Curbside waste collection changes for residents of Ajax, Pickering, Whitby and Oshawa effective July 1, 2006.

Collection Waste Schedule

- Green Bin Kitchen Food waste: **Weekly**
- Blue Box recycling: **Weekly**
- Garbage: **Bi-weekly**

Check your new waste collection calendar.

Contact Information:

Durham Region 905.579.5264 or 1.800.667.5671
www.region.durham.on.ca/waste
 Email: waste@region.durham.on.ca

Clean Air Day - June 7, 2006

GO Transit, Durham Region Transit, the City of Pickering, and Ontario Power Generation celebrated Clean Air Day at Pickering GO Station by thanking commuters for their contribution to a cleaner environment. People arriving at the station during the morning rush hour were treated to music, free coffee and cookies.

Commuters also took a look at hybrid electric vehicles that were on display at the station. OPG's employee shuttle, a sustainable transportation option which runs each day between Pickering station and company headquarters, made several trips through the station during the morning.

Upcoming Community Events

- **July 18th** - Big Brothers & Sisters – Ajax-Pickering Golf for Kids Sake at Whitevale Golf & Country Club
- **July 20th** - Doubles Vision Golf Tournament Glen Cedars Golf Course
- **Sept 14th** - Pickering Mayor's Classic Charity Golf Cherrydowns Golf Course
- **Sept 15th, 22nd & 23rd** - A Spirit Walk Pickering Museum Village
- **Sept 17th** - Terry Fox Run Pickering Recreation Complex

Be Our Eyes on the Street



The Eyes on the Street program was developed to address issues with graffiti, excess litter, vandalism and illegal dumping. Incidents can be reported by calling toll free to

Customer Care at 1.877.420.4666, by email to customercare@city.pickering.on.ca or online at cityofpickering.com/eyesonthestreet.

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