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The year 2001 has been a busy one to date. I would like to thank all the new constituents and long time residents for allowing me to serve as their Local and Regional Councillor since 1988.

**News Advertiser Report Card, June 27, 2001- Comments:** "A straightforward and accessible councillor who's dedicated to serving the needs of his constituents at the local and Regional level. Coun. Johnson continues to call for more money for roads and infrastructure needs in Pickering and Durham. He has also been instrumental in working with the Ajax-Pickering Women's Centre in an effort to develop a women's shelter here.

**Brock North Lands** The City of Toronto currently holds a Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment for waste management for a piece of property commonly known as the "Brock North" lands. This parcel of land runs from the Fifth Concession to Highway 7, and from Sideline 16 east. The City of Toronto is exploring options to deal with the anticipated closure, in 2003, of their current leaf and yard waste composting facility, located at Keele Valley. They are *contemplating* the 'Brock North' lands as a *possible* site, although they advise that nothing is concrete yet. Further, the City of Toronto has entered into an agreement with Pickering agreeing not to use the "Brock North" for landfill, although this does not prevent them from using the lands for 'waste diversion' purposes, which is the classification of a yard and leaf waste composting facility. The City of Toronto will be in touch with Pickering if they *seriously* consider this plan.

### **Planning & Development Projects/Activities - 2001 -**

**Ontario Realty Corporation** - the process of lot creation and sale back to the private sector continues in the Agricultural Assembly lands. (agricultural easements are placed on parcels of land in excess of 2 hectares or 5 acres)

**Oak Ridges Moraine** - the Province has imposed a six-month moratorium on all new development within the Oak Ridges Moraine. The Oak Ridges Protection Act, 2001, is in effect until November 17, 2001. The Act freezes development activity within the area of the moraine.

**Metro East Trade Centre lands** - continued growth and redevelopment of this area.

**Pickering Parkway Self Storage Units** - 5200 m<sup>2</sup> of storage units are nearing completion on the south side of Pickering Parkway, east of Valley Farm Road - the development also includes 150 m<sup>2</sup> for the food bank and a security residence.

**Picore Holdings** - Intranorth recently completed construction of a second eight-

storey office tower at the southeast corner of Pickering Parkway and Liverpool Road.

**Office Proposal** - Pine Ridge Properties Inc., has submitted a site plan for the development of a three-storey office building, for Veridian, on Pickering Parkway, east of Glenanna Road.

**Southeast corner of Kingston Road and Valley Farm Road** (north of Recreation Complex) - construction of phase 1 - (46 singles and 62 townhouses) to commence this year; construction of phase 2, (306 - 400 apartments) anticipated for next year.

**Notion Road Area Land Use and Urban Design Study** - study completed, report expected to be considered by City Council following consideration of Ajax Council.

**Clublink Corporation** - Council recommended denial of 125 Townhomes at Cherry Downs Golf Course.

**Highway 407** - extension to Brock Road and beyond.

**York Region Water Supply Project** - York Region's plan to build a water pipeline here is being shelved. An agreement is in the works between York and Peel Regions that would see Peel Region meeting York's long-term water supply needs. Although York Council hasn't finalized an agreement with Peel yet, Peel Council voted to supply York with its water needs.

**Brockington Plaza Inc.** - nearing completion of 715 m<sup>2</sup> expansion to the Payless Drug and Food store.

**Traffic Signalization** - anticipate signals to be installed this year at Bainbridge and Kingston Roads with 50% private sector contributions.

**John Taylor Truck Sales** - No. 7 Recyclers redeveloping to better contain outdoor storage of vehicles and internalize vehicle processing.

**LaFontaine Lodge Ltd.** - 1955 Valley Farm Road - 1660 m<sup>2</sup> addition for long term care facilities (64 beds/residents).

**St. Elizabeth Seton School** - 10 classroom addition - 12 portables moved onto the site for students who are temporarily displaced (portables to be removed following completion of the school addition).

**Mount Pleasant Cemetery** - proposed expansion and master plan for future phased expansion to cemetery on east side of Brock Road, north of Third Concession. **Rosebank Road** - resurfacing anticipated to be completed between the bridge north of Sheppard Avenue to Finch Avenue.

**Parkmount Building Corporation** - Pineview Lane extension (west of Rosebank Road, south of Foxwood Trail), - servicing nearing completion for 20 detached dwelling units, anticipate dwelling construction this year.

**Norvalley Homes Ltd.** - southward extension of Rockwood, west side of Woodview Avenue, - site servicing occurring for 18 detached dwelling units, with construction anticipated this year.

**Danlu Holdings Limited** – east side of Altona Road, Crystal Forest Phase Three – application to rezone to permit development of 3 detached units and 40 townhome units – to develop as freehold rather than condominium as originally proposed.

**832747 Ontario Limited (Hub Plaza)** – revision to site/building to convert existing McDonalds into a Denny's restaurant. McDonalds to relocate to new structure under construction at the northeast corner of Liverpool and Kingston Roads.

**Federal Land** – the City's Federal Stakeholders' Committee is making significant progress in completing a consultation framework, and a memorandum of understanding, while the technical subcommittee is reviewing draft options for airport zoning; Transport Canada has advised it will be undertaking a consultation process to protect, as part of an open space system, Federal lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Also, Transport Canada has confirmed the status of any future Pickering Airport as a regional reliever airport only, and has requested the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to commence a Master Planning process.

**Bopa Dev. Inc.** – construction is anticipated later this year for 58 semi-detached dwellings at the southwest corner of Altona Road and Finch Avenue.

**Rouge Park North Plan** – the City has received a copy of the Rouge Park North Management Plan that will assist in protecting an ecological link between the Rouge Park and the Oak Ridges Moraine.

**Duffins Creek and Carruther's Creek Watershed Studies** – the subcommittees are meeting to complete the 'State of the Watershed' reports for each creek for release this summer; research on the policy strategies report, anticipated for release at the end of the year, is also underway.

**Durham Mobility Study** – the last set of discussion papers are anticipated to be released by the Region of Durham this summer for a 20 year Transportation Plan.

## **Municipal Property & Engineering Projects – 2001**

### **Roads**

- Top coat of asphalt on Pickering Parkway, east of Brock Road.
- Installation of concrete walls and barrier wall on top of bridge. Change vertical alignment on road and drainage improvements on Pickering/Uxbridge Townline (east of Sideline 26).
- Remove and replace concrete box culvert on Old Brock Road, south of Hoxton Street
- Remove and replace concrete box culvert on Concession 5 at Sideline 24

### **Streetlights**

- Claremont & area North – Hoxton Lane at Old Brock Road.

### **Parks**

- Brockridge Park Fieldhouse for Pickering Baseball. (Pickering Baseball Association is providing a donation of \$75,000)
- Centennial Park Play Unit replacement.

### **Stormwater Management**

- Erosion control/rehabilitation – East Duffins Creek – Concession Road 5 east of Church Street.

### **External Subdivision**

- Traffic signals at Rosebank Road & Stroud's Lane.

## **2001 Regional Road Projects**

### **Asphalt Resurfacing/Rehabilitation Locations**

Brock Rd. (1.6 km south of Reg. Rd. 5 – 0.2 km north of Reg. Rd. 5)  
Brock Rd. (0.6 km north of Reg. Rd. 31 – northerly 2.0 km)  
Brock Rd. (Pickering Parkway – Kingston Road)  
Altona Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4 – Conc. Rd. 5)

### **Intersection Improvements**

Finch Ave./Rosefield Rd. – intersection improvements  
Regional Rd. 5 (Claremont) – safety improvements

### **Preparatory Project Activities in 2001**

Brock Rd./C.P. Subway – land acquisition, utility relocation  
Brougham By-Pass – environmental assessment, land acquisition  
Altona Rd. (Hwy. 2 – north of Sheppard Ave.) – completion of environmental assessment  
Greenwood By-Pass – environmental assessment

## **2001 Regional Sewerage and Water Supply Construction Projects**

Upgrading of incineration facilities at the Duffin Creek WPCP

Replacement of pump and motor at the Liverpool Road pumping station and engineering review of piping capacity

Watermain replacement on Liverpool Road at Pickering Parkway.

Watermain replacement on Kingston Road from Liverpool Road to Glenanna Road

## **2001 Culture & Recreation Events**

The Official Opening Ceremonies for the Petticoat Creek Library & Community Centre, located at 470 Kingston Road, west of Rosebank Road, were held on Wednesday, June 13, 2001.

The Official Opening Ceremonies for Pickering's Millennium Waterfront Trail were held on Saturday, June 23, 2001.

## **Some Upcoming Events to Watch For**

### **Pickering Museum Village**

August 12 - Pastimes of Past Times – A Day of Old Fashioned Children's Games & Activities  
September 8 & 9 – History in Action – Featuring the Bounty of the Harvest  
September 14 & 15; September 21 & 22 – Spirit Walk – Meet the Spirits of the 1837 Rebellion  
October 14 – Fall Family Festival  
December 2 & 9 – Christmas in the Village – Celebrate a Victorian Christmas & Scottish Hogmanay  
**For details, call the Museum Village at 905-683-8401**

## **CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (CLOCA)**

Planning an outing to a conservation area? Need the latest weather forecast? Then check out the Authority's new website at [www.cloca.com](http://www.cloca.com). The redesigned site contains news items, brochures, trail maps, education programs, volunteer opportunities, meeting minutes and a direct link to The Weather Network.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Durham Children's Groundwater Festival is scheduled for October 1 – 5 at Camp Samac in Oshawa. This year over 4000 grade four students from around Durham Region are expected to attend. The Festival is like a giant outdoor science centre where students gain an increased awareness of water issues and are motivated to become water stewards in their home, classroom and community. This event would not be possible without the support of local businesses through sponsorship and in-kind donations. In addition, the Ontario Trillium Foundation has awarded a grant to the Festival to cover part of the costs that will be incurred.

**Committees** – Durham Region Public Works Committee (Chairman), Durham Region Long Term Waste Strategy Committee (Chairman), Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (Chairman), Veridian Energy Corporation (Director), GTA Regional Public Works Chairs Committee, Durham Region Housing Corporation, Durham Region Development Charges Committee (Chairman), Durham Region Mobility Steering Committee (Chairman), Ajax-Pickering Women's Centre (Director), Brougham Youth & Family Action Centre (Founding Member)

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