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The year 2002 has been a very busy one. Our **New Year's Eve event** at the Pickering Recreation Complex in the O'Brien Room was a great success raising close to \$5,000 for the Pickering Lions Club and the Ajax Pickering Women's Shelter and was a great way to bring in the New Year.

The reopening of the **Big "M"** on Liverpool Rd. by Chris and Tom from Papps Restaurant was an exciting event with the return of many Pickering residents attending. Celebrating **Mrs. Jones' 95th birthday** at Mt. Zion Community Centre was very special. We continued our meetings with the GTA Public Works Chairs in Halton Region. The **Economic Development Council of Ontario Presidents Award** was a great honour to have received. It was so nice to play with the **NHL Oldtimers Charity Hockey Game** in Uxbridge with **Jeff Bukeboom** and many other great stars. The **Claremont Winter Carnival** was another huge success. Congratulations to all the volunteers. The parade was fantastic. The **Year of the Volunteer** wrap was well organized. Hats off to Terry James and his committee. At **Ontario Good Roads** Conference we met with Brad Clarke, Minister of Transportation for Ontario and emphasized the importance of pushing the 407 through Pickering and a link to the 401. **Greenwood Church** always has the best oyster supper and this year was no different. The **Oscar Night** hosted by Debbie, Lindsay, Ashley and Kurrie Storrie was a new event that was exceptional. The **Claremont Hawaii Elimination Draw** put on by the Lion's Club is always tense waiting for the last number to be drawn. Thanks to the **Pickering Oldtimers Hockey League** for the **Flames MVP Award**. I am very proud at my age to win this trophy. With many new stores and business openings, it is always fun to cut the ribbons and see all the smiling faces. The **Premier's Dinner** was a huge event in downtown Toronto. I especially want to thank the **Victorian Order of Nurses** for their award for helping them this year. They are a very dedicated organization. Seeing the renovations to the **Bentley House** in Brougham by the GTAA really makes you think what we could do with private ownership of the Provincial and Federal lands. **Sick Kids Hospital** golf tournament was a great success as was Larry Guidmond's Helping Hand Tourney at Deer Creek. The opening of the **Petticoat Creek Bridge** was well attended and has really opened up our Waterfront Trail system. I really enjoyed performing at **Canada Day** and the **Frenchman's Bay Festival**. Good job by Dave Johnson, all the volunteers and the Army Cadets. **Brock Ridge Park's** new baseball clubhouse was a great project and is now open. I hope it gets lots of use from the PBA. The organization of the **Altona West 10th Anniversary Parkfest** was wonderful. Paul Savel and his committee are to be congratulated. **Whitevale Springfest** had some of the best music ever. The kids really enjoyed both these events. **The Pickering Boxing Club**

is off and running – keep up the good work. I really enjoyed helping again this year with being the **Honorary Chair for Big Brothers and Cassidy's Community Living** annual golf tournament, **Joe Dickson's** golf day was pleasurable – good work Joe and family. Helping Rick Henderson at **Ken Shaw's Fundraiser for Variety Village** was rewarding and a great event for a good cause as was **Regional Chairman Roger Anderson's** day in Oshawa – we raised just under \$250,000 for Durham College and Junior Achievers. Thank you Kevin Morgan for donating **Pickering Playing Fields** to the **Ajax-Pickering Women's Shelter** for a day. Helping raise money for **York Regional chair, Bill Fisch's Children's Safety Village** was enjoyable. Congratulations to Roger Leclerc and the **Rouge Forest Community Association** for your annual street dance. It was a wonderful event. **Greenwood Church's Beef BBQ** was excellent as always as was the **Geta Circle Street Dance**.

The rest of the year promises to be very busy, as we continue our busy schedule with weekly meetings for the **Ajax-Pickering Women's Centre**. I look forward to performing at the **South Pickering Senior's Western** night on October 26th. I have spent a lot of this year at the Archives on Bay Street in Toronto reviewing Pickering Council minutes and bylaws from 1854 to 1967 and also history records at the Registry Office in Whitby. I now have a much broader understanding of the evolution of Pickering as we know it today.

The sod turning for the much needed 3rd ice pad at Don Beer Arena was a great success especially with Pickering's own **Shawn Avery of the Detroit Red Wings** sharing his day with the **Stanley Cup** along with **Glen Healy** in attendance.

Highlights from the Planning & Development Department

East Duffins Area: Planning & Development staff, together with staff from Corporate Projects & Policy, a representative from the landowners group, and a representative from Templeton-Lepek Planning Consultants are preparing draft Duffin Height Development Guidelines for public review later this year.

Growth Management Study: Council authorized the establishment of a "Working Group" made up of council, staff and landowner representatives to draft detailed terms of reference for a Growth Management Study. The Study area is located north of the CP Belleville Rail Line and south of Highway #7, bounded by the York/Durham Municipal boundary to the west and the Seaton Lands to the east.

Highway 407: The Ministry of Transportation has commenced a Needs Assessment Study for the segment of Highway 407 east from Brock Road in Pickering to Highway 35/115 in Clarington.

Notion Road Area: Council passed an Official Plan Amendment, zoning by-law and

development guidelines, which were the result of an urban design and land use study of the area.

Cherry Downs CoVenture Ltd., (Clublink Corporation): On March 21, 2002, the Ontario Municipal Board issued its decision not to approve the proposed 116-unit residential development and dismiss all of Cherry Downs' appeals.

Metro East Trade Centre (First Simcha Shopping Centres): Official Plan Amendment Application to redesignate the METC/Walmart property and surrounding lands including Canadian Tire and the Pickering Home & Leisure Centre from Regional Node 2 to Special Purpose Commercial. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing METC building and develop the entire site for large format retail uses. **The Pickering Markets** are likely to be relocated in 2003 to lands at the southwest corner of Bayly Street and Squires Beach Rd

Oak Ridges Moraine: On December 14, 2001, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Action received Royal Assent and was deemed to have come into force on November 17, 2001. The legislation provides for the establishment of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan by regulation. On April 22, 2002 the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing released Ontario Regulation 140/02 – Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, which is also deemed to have come into force on November 17, 2001. All development applications made on these lands on or after November 17, are required to conform to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. City staff will be reviewing all affected development applications and land uses including site alteration within the context of the ORM Plan.

Rouge Park Neighbourhood: The City of Pickering proposes to amend the Pickering Official Plan in order to implement the results of the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study including the Rouge Park Environmental Master Servicing Plan and the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Development Guidelines.

Hamlet of Greenwood Expansion Study/G. Bitondo Subdivision: The Bitondo subdivision proposal of 13 residential lots has resulted in the City conducting a Hamlet Expansion Study.

Barclay Estates: Applications being considered for a 35 detached dwelling country residential development—a public information meeting was held.

Coughlan Homes (S/W corner Brock/Finch): Rezoning application being considered to permit 151 unit apartment building and 30 townhouses.

#7 Auto Recyclers (3356 Balsam Rd): Rezoning application being considered to recognize the existing legal non-conforming use.

Veridian Corporation: On June 24, 2002, Veridian Corporation officially opened the "Veridian Centre" – a new landmark building located in the heart of Pickering. The three-story facility will create more than 36,000 sq. ft. of premium office space in Pickering's downtown core. With its attractive design and highly visible location adjacent to Hwy. 401, the facility is set to become a prominent landmark.

Pine Ridge Properties has received approval to construct a building on the vacant property east of the Veridian Centre, similar in size and height to Veridian's building.

Pickering Town Centre: A rezoning application is being considered to permit free-standing office buildings on the south side of the Pickering Town Centre.

Burger King (1725 Kingston Rd): Site Plan application for a freestanding fast food restaurant with a drive-thru, in the northeast

corner of the property at Kingston Rd and Bainbridge.

Denny's Restaurant: The conversion of the old McDonald's for a Denny's Restaurant at the Hub Plaza is now complete.

Village Retirement Centre (1955 Valley Farm Rd): The now completed project (addition of 1661 sq. metres of space for a long term care facility) includes a two story addition with basement that will house 64 residents.

Highlights from our Culture & Recreation Department:

. Construction has begun at the Pickering Recreation Complex on the **Family Change Rooms and Fitness Room Expansion**. Parking lot improvements are also underway.

. **Touch Tone Telephone Registration System** – will provide the opportunity for everyone to access our programs and register over the phone for 2002 Fall Leisure Programs and Aquatic Programs.

Highlights from the Region of Durham – 2002 Regional Road Projects

- Asphalt Resurfacing/Rehabilitation Locations: Whites Road (Hwy #2 to 401 Eastbound Ramp), Brock Road (at Regional Road #5), Altona Road (south of Whitevale)
- Construction – Intersection Improvements: Finch Ave/Rosefield Rd – intersection improvements, Altona Rd/Rougemount Rd – full signalization and intersection improvements, Brock Rd/Clements Rd. – newly signalized intersection.
- Preparatory Project Activities: Brock Rd/C.P. Subway – land acquisition, Brock Rd (Bayly/401) – environmental assessment, design, Altona Rd (Hwy. #2/north of Sheppard Ave) design, Finch Ave/Spruce Hill Rd.) – intersection design

-2002 Water Supply and Sewerage Projects

- watermain replacement on Rosebank Rd from the Rosebank Reservoir to Sheppard Ave.
- watermain construction on Brock Rd. from Major Oaks Rd. to Dellbrook Ave.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) – 2002 Activities

Having been re-elected to my 5th term as Chairman of CLOCA, I am proud of the way the Conservation Authority has changed to meet new challenges. Groundwater, watershed health and water quality are areas where we are concentrating our energies.

Watershed Management Plans: A watershed is defined as an area of land that collects water and drains a watercourse. There are 15 major watersheds within CLOCA's jurisdiction and watershed monitoring plays a large role in water quality.

Walkerton Inquiry Report: CLOCA along with other Authorities were pleased with the recommendations published in Part 2 of the Walkerton Inquiry Report.

5th Annual Durham Children's Groundwater Festival: More than 4,000 students are already registered for this event that will take place at Camp Samac in Oshawa the week of September 30. The Groundwater Festival's goal is to increase the awareness of grade 4 students concerning water issues and to motivate them to become water stewards in their home, classroom and community.

Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan: CLOCA participated in the development of the Ontario Legislature's Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

Flood Forecasting Upgrades: Conservation Authorities are working co-operatively to

address the weaknesses of the current flood forecasting and warning systems. CLOCA staff have completed a Water Network Analysis that studies the location of all water gauging information sources including rain and stream gauges and snow courses.

Conservation Areas: The following conservation areas are open for affordable summer fun: Heber Down, Lynde Shores, Enniskillen, Long Sault and Purple Woods. When planning an outing, please check the Authority website at www.cloca.com to find all the information you need including trail maps, facilities and weather forecast.

CLOCA Obtains First Lands in the City of Pickering: This past April, the Conservation Authority announced the addition of 32 acres, locally known as the Audley Road Woods in Pickering, to its existing land holdings. It is a very environmentally sensitive area located on the glacial Lake Iroquois Shoreline on a tributary of Lynde Creek. The area's diverse vegetation provides excellent wildlife habitat and linkages to other natural heritage areas.

2001/2002 Highlights from Corporate Promotions & Economic Development

. More than 460 new businesses registered with the City of Pickering.

The Pickering Public Library received an award of recognition of its website "Starting and Growing a Business in Pickering" created in partnership with Corporate Promotions & Economic Development. You can check out this website at 222.picnet.org.

Annual Report: The Office of the Chief Administrative Officer produced and distributed its first Annual Report, which includes highlights, initiatives and a financial summary for 2001. The Annual Report is available online at cityofpickering.com. Copies are also available upon request at 905-420-4625.

Filming Activity: The City of Pickering continues to be a popular locale for film production with numerous feature films, commercials, TV shows and movies of the week being filmed here this year. Substantial revenue is generated by the film industry for use of the City's facilities such as the Pickering Museum Village.

Community Initiative: A new entrance sign displaying the logos of important community groups and organizations that make the City of Pickering a great community has been installed on Kingston Road, east of Brock Road. **The Ajax-Pickering Community Food Bank** is now located at 1537 Pickering Parkway.



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