



A Letter from THE MAYOR



Working Together to Make our Community Stronger

Forging strong and meaningful partnerships is integral towards our municipality's success. Whether it's working with the senior levels of government, or creating programs that help bring residents together, collaboration is key.

The Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors program accomplishes just that by providing funding for projects that are inspired and spearheaded by seniors who make a difference in the lives of others; and encourages social inclusion and awareness of the elderly.

I am pleased to inform you that the City has received \$24,760 from this grant program for an exciting new project that will help bridge both the generational gap and digital divide. Namely, funds will go towards the creation of a computer lab where youth volunteers will serve as mentors and teach seniors the ins and outs of everyday computing, under the guidance of an instructor.

By providing participating seniors with these valuable skills, it will allow them to connect with their friends and families online and better navigate an increasingly digital landscape. I am very proud of this program and all that it inspires to achieve, through bringing different generations together, and providing learning opportunities for all involved.

In addition, the federal and provincial governments are helping fund a number of other key operating programs and revitalization projects throughout Pickering. For example, provincial funding is being utilized to mitigate operating costs and enhancing services at the Seniors Centre of the East Shore Community Centre - an annual grant that the City must apply for each year.

Furthermore, federal grants were awarded to the Pickering Museum Village to help off-set daily operation and complete important restoration work, and to enhance accessibility at both the West Shore Community Centre and Pickering Recreation Complex.

While I am proud of the outstanding work the City of Pickering is doing, I acknowledge that we can't do it alone, as we just don't have the resources. That's why it's important that we continue to explore and develop partnership opportunities. By taking advantage of the various grants programs offered to municipalities, the City of Pickering is able to continue offering high quality programs and facilities, while upholding our commitment to fiscal responsibility - it's definitely a win-win for our residents.

Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan