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Brock Road Neighbourhood Residents

Subject: Neighbourhood Updates

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### Greetings

We wish all residents a Happy Canada Day on July 1<sup>st</sup>! As well, happy Eid Mubarak to all our friends and neighbours that are celebrating. May you all have a very happy and blessed Eid. As your Ward 3 Councillors, we're pleased to provide you with a few neighbourhood updates as well as options for getting further City information and on ways to contact us.

### Celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Pickering is celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with a free all ages family event with live entertainment, activities, games, and so much more! Day begins at noon with special daytime guest visitors from Sony's upcoming release: The Emoji Movie, and food trucks. Evening celebrations begin at 5:00 pm with a family dance party then starting at 7:00 pm on the main stage, we will feature the Durham Region Pipe Band, Tim Burr's Lumberjack Show, and headliner performer Alx Veliz. Capping off the evening will be a giant pyromusical fireworks production! For more information, visit [pickering.ca/great-events](http://pickering.ca/great-events) or call 905.420.4260.

### Palmer Bridge (Valleyfarm) Rehabilitation

At the June meeting, Council approved the tender for the rehabilitation of the Palmer Bridge on Valleyfarm Road, just north of Finch Avenue. This bridge is in need of repair and an update to address vehicle and pedestrian safety. It is expected that the rehabilitation will begin in early July and will take about 6 months and includes widening the bridge to incorporate sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides. While work is being done, the bridge will be reduced to one lane but it will remain open at all times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Included in the project will be the paving of the parking lot for the Duffin Creek trailhead which, during construction, will be used as a staging area for the project equipment. Please contact Darrell Selsky at [dselsky@pickering.ca](mailto:dselsky@pickering.ca) for any further questions.

### Street Lights Upgraded to LED

City Council has approved converting all 7,234 streetlight luminaires in the City of Pickering to energy efficient LED streetlight luminaires. We expect this will be completed by the end of 2017. LED streetlight benefits include: operational savings, lower wattage and better optical control, better visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and dark sky compliancy. In addition, all LED luminaires will be configured with a seven pin receptacle that would enable adaptive controls to be installed at a later

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date. As part of the City's commitment to keep the community informed, regular progress updates of the LED Streetlight Conversion Program on the City website and social media will be provided.

### **Brock Road Construction Update**

Residents will be pleased to hear that the MTO bridge project between Bayly Street and Pickering Parkway is essentially complete. As well, the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project at the intersection of Brock Road and Highway 2 is close to complete except for the new noise wall and sidewalk on the south side of Highway 2 west of Brock Road. Surface asphalt placement is expected during the week of June 26<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. Three nights of paving will be required and then final line paving will be completed. For Brock Road north of Finch Avenue to Zents Drive, minor work is underway and is expected to be finished shortly.

The closure of Rossland Road from Brock Road to Church Street was quite lengthy due to nature of the work required. Due to the scope of work related to bridge construction across Urfe Creek, the Town of Ajax has advised that Rossland Road from Bunting to Riverside is scheduled to remain closed until Fall of 2017.

### **Connecting with You**

As an elected representative, it is often difficult to reach out to and hear back from residents who, like all of us, have busy schedules and busy lives. We continue in a variety of traditional ways to reach out, such as hand-delivering or mailing newsletters like this one and talking with people on the street, at events, and at neighbourhood open houses. We, of course, have embraced email and Facebook, by which we personally interact with many residents. Last year, we launched an eNewsletter and we welcome you to visit [pickering.ca/eNews](http://pickering.ca/eNews) to subscribe. While there, subscribe to many of the other interesting newsletters that the City publishes.

And while we're always available to help, please keep in mind our Customer Care Centre who provide an important link between you, the Mayor, Members of Council, and City of Pickering municipal departments. Their main priority is to ensure that you, the "customer," receive prompt attention and service regarding any municipal concerns you may have. Reach the Customer Care Centre from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, by phone at 905.683.7575 or by email at [customercare@pickering.ca](mailto:customercare@pickering.ca).

Yours truly



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