



YOUR COUNCILLORS WORKING FOR YOU! *Our Ward 3 Newsletter • Winter/Holiday 2023*

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Season's Greeting!

We are once again presenting a newsletter to keep you informed about topics that may pique your interest, notify you of upcoming events, and provide avenues for accessing or subscribing to sources of information related to City and community affairs.

Pickering is an exceptional community for living, working, and enjoying leisure activities. However, we are aware that factors like inflation, expenses, housing, and even global conflicts have an impact on many of us. Regrettably, both in our public engagements and on social media, we are witnessing a growing prevalence of misinformation, divisive opinions, and extreme viewpoints.

We encourage you to refer to official City sources for accurate information. Additionally, there is a growing focus on mental health, and we have included resources in this newsletter to support those in need.

Once more, it's that special time of the year when we delight in coming together with our loved ones to commemorate the season. We observe this festive period in diverse ways, guided by our individual faiths and customs. This holiday season, let's extend our hands to those in our midst. Let's seek out those who may require assistance or simply a warm gesture. Our heartfelt wishes go out to you all for a season filled with serenity, festivity, tranquility, and happiness.

THE CARION FENN FOUNDATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Carion Fenn Foundation, a registered charity, is dedicated to assisting individuals affected by Syringomyelia, Chiari Malformation, Mental Health issues, Chronic Diseases, and Rare Diseases through various free health and wellness programs. Their initiatives aim to provide support and resources to those facing the physical, emotional, or social challenges of chronic or rare diseases. They work to ensure that no one goes through these difficulties alone by assessing community needs and implementing support programs. Visit for more information: <https://carionfenn.org/>

Alex Monaghan Support Programs

Alex Monaghan, the son of Karen O'Brien and Mayor Kevin Ashe, sadly died by suicide in 2018 at the age of 27. In honour of Mental Health Awareness Month, The City of Pickering, and the Carion Fenn Foundation with funding from the Mayor's Gala held four informative sessions in November addressing emotional well-being, youth holistic health, self-care, and the challenges of social media, addiction, academic pressure, resilience, finance, sports, and stress management. The focus was on equipping individuals aged 13 to 30 with effective tools for supporting young people. These sessions featured expert speakers and personal stories. These sessions have been well attended and resulted in meaningful discussions.

Mental Health Resources

The Family Services Division in the Region's Social Services Department provides mental health and relationship counselling and psychotherapy services to residents of Durham. Subsidy is available for those in need.

Information is located on the Durham.ca website at <https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/counselling.aspx>

SERVICES INCLUDE:

Counselling:

Individual, couple, family and psychotherapy counselling is provided for a variety of issues, including but not limited to past or current abuse, emotion management, anxiety, depression, relationship conflict, parenting challenges, substance misuse, separation/divorce, stress, trauma, grief, and sexuality/gender concerns.

Services are provided in person at various locations throughout Durham Region (including North Durham), or by telephone or video. Daytime and evening appointments are available.

To request service, call 905.666.6239 ext. 5 or toll-free at 1.888.721.0622 ext. 5.

Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP):

To access PCOP, call 289.979.9428.

Mental Health Outreach Program (MHOP):

Call 905.666.6239 ext. 5

Seniors' Safety Advisor (SSA) Program:

Call 905.668.7711 extension 2460.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE CONCERNS OF PICKERING AND DURHAM REGION!

Wonderbrands Innovation Business Park to 'Rise' in Pickering

The first phase of the development at the southeast corner of Highway 7 and Whites Road will consist of three manufacturing plants and a distribution centre, with an overall gross floor area of over 1,000,000 square feet and the creation of 1,000 new jobs, with another 2,000 jobs coming in the second phase. Once full build-out is complete, the business park will be the largest food manufacturing campus at 2.5 million square feet, or 151 acres in the GTA, as well as one of the largest employers in Pickering with its 3,000 new jobs.

FGF Brands is the largest producer of fresh breads, rolls, croissants, fully baked muffins, and sweet goods, in North America, and has become a global leader by replacing low tech equipment with robotics, integrated AI systems, machine learning, and supply chain innovations. Some of its brands include Wonder Bread, D'italiano, Country Harvest, Stonefire, ACE, and Casa Mendosa.

Share your budget priorities with us!



From now until January 7, 2024, you can share your budget priorities using the online form below.

Pickering is a thriving city thanks to the residents and businesses who choose to live, work, and invest here. Think about what contributes to Pickering being your preferred place to be and let us know your priorities for ensuring a good quality of life, as it relates to municipal service, program and infrastructure needs. Input received will be provided for consideration when releasing Pickering's 2024 Capital and Current Budgets in late January 2024. LetsTalkPickering.ca/Budget

Upcoming events

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex

Countdown with the whole family at our annual balloon drop!

Mayor's Levee

Monday, January 1

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex

Public skating is back at Chestnut Hill Development Recreation Complex.

See full schedule pickering.ca/skate



Capital Projects Update

The 2023 capital construction has been very busy with improvements. New Village greens are coming to Seaton, new park equipment and accessible features are underway at Southcott and Valleyview Parks.

Road resurfacing included the following streets in Ward 3, Victoria Street, Dellbrook Avenue, Jomar Avenue, Stonehurst Road, and Linwood Street

New sidewalks have been installed along sections of Altona Road and Finch Avenue. The new sidewalk extends from Altona Road, west to Shadow Place (on the south side). The Altona Road sidewalk from Finch Avenue south to Sparrow Circle (south leg) on the east side.



The Region of Durham is moving forward with the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of both Altona Road and Pine Grove Avenue, and Finch Avenue and Rosebank Road and are anticipated to be operational in December of this year.

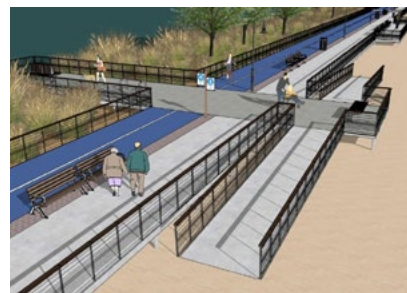
New traffic signals have been installed at the intersection of Alexander Knox Road and Brock Road, and are now operational. Alexander Knox Road is also open and usable between Brock Road west to Peter Matthews Drive.

Some Capital Projects have received budget approval, but are more complex and require agency permits, utility relocations and detailed design. These projects undergoing design and planning include;

- Joseph Street
- Westney Road - from Eighth Concession Road, to Ninth Concession Road (Regional Road #5)
- Scarborough/Pickering Townline Road
- The Sixth Concession Road Reconstruction, complete with storm sewer and outfall and the Greenwood Bridge Rehabilitation project (from Greenwood Road west to Highway 7).
- The Whitevale Road Master Drainage Plan Implementation Project is ongoing including road reconstruction through the Hamlet is in final design.

Our Waterfront Gem

Many of us enjoy walks on our beautiful waterfront, but did you know that both the west spit and east spit were once lined with private cottages? Beginning in the 1960's the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) began purchasing these private properties and bringing them into public ownership and uses. In the early 1990's the TRCA, in consultation with the City of Pickering and local community, developed a master plan for Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park. The City took over the management of this park in 2001. The master plan has undergone several changes since its initial conception, to meet the needs and desires of the residents, while respecting the natural and environmentally sensitive features in the park. Its construction is now complete and the park is open for the use and enjoyment of the residents. Come check out the recent improvements including pedestrian walkways, a picnic area, fishing node, accessible canoe and kayak launch, an all-season washroom facility, and even some public art.



The final consultations and design for a new boardwalk and other public amenities for Beachfront Park and Millennium Square on the East Spit are underway as well, with the first phase of construction anticipated for 2024. Finally, as people often ask, infrastructure work such as utilities are underway for the reconstruction of Sandy Beach Road.

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