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Further to discussions with residents, we are pleased to provide you with the following updates:

Claremont Drainage Study and Next Steps

The Hamlet of Claremont has existing stormwater drainage issues. This may result in flooding on public and private properties in some areas during heavy rainfalls. The City initiated the Claremont Drainage Plan in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to complete a comprehensive analysis of the existing drainage system performance, identify deficiencies and develop a comprehensive drainage management strategy. The goal is to improve the drainage system and determine the appropriate level of service.

Two on-line Public Information Centers (PIC) were held in 2020 and 2021 respectively. The meetings presented matters related to the study, including problems, opportunities, alternative solutions, evaluation criteria, environmental impacts and mitigation measures. The comments and feedback received have been reviewed and incorporated into the study. The City is working towards completing a draft report by Spring 2022 which will be presented to Council. The intent is to complete the final EA process by Fall 2022. Visit www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/claremont-drainage-plan.aspx for more information. The study results will inform the coming reconstruction plans and timing for Central Street, Joseph Street and Old Brock Road, north of Hoxton Street.

Claremont – Maximum 40 km/h Speed Limit on Central Street

After having advocated for years, we were able to get Region of Durham's approval to lower the speed limit to 40 km/h on Central Street to match the 40 km/h limit on other City streets. The existing 50 km/h speed signs were replaced with 40 km/h signs to reduce speeds in December 2021. In order to make the speed limit transition from 80 km/h to 40 km/h successful, Durham traffic staff introduced a new 60 km/h zone west of Sideline 20.

A reminder to Claremont residents that Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) has been implemented on Central Street as well. The road section around Claremont Public School is a Community Safety Zone and the Region's ASE program, routinely rotates cameras to this location. The ASE initiative is in support of Durham Vision Zero, a long-term plan to ensure a safe transportation system that sees no lives lost or serious injuries on Durham's roadways. We continue to work with Durham Regional Police for enforcement. Please obey the speed limits and drive carefully on all roads.

Sixth Concession Road and the Greenwood Bridge Replacement (Hamlet of Greenwood)

We were pleased with the completion of the Sixth Concession Road, from Greenwood Road to Westney Road; a challenging project. Engineering Services staff are now reviewing the remaining related projects which include, the Sixth Concession Road reconstruction and storm sewer installation (from Greenwood Road west to Highway #7) and Greenwood Bridge Rehabilitation.

Consultants will be retained in 2022 for both projects due to the complexity of the bridge rehabilitation design and the permits required for the new storm sewer outfall into East Duffins Creek.

Whitevale Road Reconstruction – Hamlet of Whitevale

Following the completion of the Whitevale Drainage Study, the City of Pickering is currently developing the proposed design for the Whitevale Master Drainage Plan Implementation Project. The project scope is significant and includes; road resurfacing and road reconstruction (excavation, new granular road base and road asphalt), utility relocations, stormwater flow diversion and a new storm sewer system, sidewalk installation, retaining walls as required, complete with boulevard and driveway restoration.

Engineering Services staff and the City's consultant, AECOM, reached out to the community in December 2021, with proposed design plans, with the intent to collect feedback and provide responses. The anticipated start date for construction is Summer 2022.

Planning Applications

The City is presently reviewing three planning applications that may be of interest to Claremont residents:

- A rezoning application, submitted by S. Larkin Development Inc. to facilitate the redevelopment of the lands at 5435 Brock Road for three industrial buildings and a retail gasoline outlet with an accessory retail establishment, car wash, and associated parking areas.
- A rezoning application submitted by 1023343 Ontario Inc. for the lands at 4973 Brock Road to facilitate a future severance of the property to create a total of two residential lots fronting onto Brock Road.
- Applications for rezoning and draft plan of subdivision submitted by Claremont Development Corporation (Geranium Homes) for the lands at 5113 Old Brock Road to permit a residential subdivision consisting of 71 lots for detached dwellings. These applications are subject to an ongoing appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). To learn more about the applications, please visit the City's website at <https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/current-development-proposals.aspx>

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