



David Pickles
Regional Councillor

City of
PICKERING

Ward 3 Council Office
905.420.4605



Shaheen Butt
City Councillor

Fall 2021

Seaton Residents

Subject: Community Updates

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

Cell Towers

As the area Councillors we do not support the proposed locations of the two cell towers in Seaton parks. City staff therefore had further discussions with Fontur International, who are representing Bell Mobility, and they advised that based on Councillors' concerns and public feedback, they are open to relocating the proposed cell towers at Foxtail Green and Rick Johnson Memorial Park to another location within the Seaton neighbourhood. Further public consultation will be undertaken should new locations be selected.

Bus Routes

Prior to the changes in travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, route 112 Brock was to be extended into Seaton on weekdays during the morning and afternoon peak periods, towards the GO station in the morning and the reverse during the afternoon. The restrictions due to COVID-19 resulted in a very significant drop in transit use.

In September 2020, Durham Region Transit (DRT) launched a frequent network of transit routes and On Demand service to areas where demand is lower. The new On Demand service permitted the extension of transit service to all areas within Durham Region, including the new Seaton area. Residents and visitors of the Seaton area now had access to public transit service. On Demand from Seaton is available from 5am to midnight on weekdays, 7am to midnight on Saturday, and 7am to 10pm on Sunday. Residents can connect directly to GO Transit services at the Pickering Parkway Terminal, or connect to other DRT bus routes at the Pickering Transit Terminal (101, 110, 120, 916, 917), Brock and Major Oaks (916), and Kingston and Glenanna (PULSE 900). Residents can book a trip downloading the DRT On Demand to their smartphone, or they also have the option to telephone an On Demand booking agent at 1-866-247-0055. On Demand provides more mobility options given current ridership levels, than could be provided by scheduled service with available resources. On Demand also allows DRT more flexibility to modify service to reach new growth areas faster and adapt to construction in new subdivisions.

Looking to the future, as passengers return to transit DRT will be adjusting the service strategy and new scheduled bus routes will be launched, including to the Seaton area.

Fire Station



Construction on the new Fire Services facility, located on the northwest corner of Brock Road and Zents Drive, started in May of this year and is expected to be completed in late 2022 or early 2023. The new facility will be approximately 21,000 square feet, and have two floors with three tandem truck bays, which will hold a pumper truck, a ladder truck and the Platoon Chief response vehicle.

In addition to being a new Fire Services station, the facility will also serve as our Fire Services Department Headquarters which will include office areas for our Fire Prevention staff, Training staff, and Administrative staff, including meeting facilities on the second floor. Once completed fire crews will be answering emergency calls 24/7, 365 days a year, this new Headquarters will allow us to provide our best response times and service coverage to this area of the City.

Protecting the members of our community remains the Fire Services Department's top priority. We look forward to occupying our new headquarters in the near future and serving Pickering residents from this location.

Once the station is completed and staffed residents in the area will want to update their property insurance provider with the station location information, as it may result in a savings on your premium.

Parks

Rick Johnson Memorial Park

The park signs have been ordered and Operations staff are to pour the concrete pad for the signs to get installed on.

Yours truly



David Pickles
Regional Councillor – Ward 3



Shaheen Butt
City Councillor – Ward 3