



City of PICKERING

Your Ward 3 Newsletter Summer 2025



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YOUR COUNCILLORS WORKING FOR YOU

Message from your Councillors

By the time you receive this newsletter, construction season will be underway. Staff are following through on Council approved capital projects which involves design, tender and construction.

We will highlight in this newsletter some of the parks, roads and bridge works that are in Ward 3 or may be of interest to you.

Some of the more complex project budgets approved in previous years may take a year or two to complete. In construction zones, please be patient and drive carefully – watch for workers, other drivers and pedestrians, watch for children on summer break and returning to school.

We hope you enjoy and have a safe summer spent with family and friends. There are many natural areas including our waterfront and parks, recreation facilities and libraries and City events to try. To stay informed, visit or subscribe to the sources of information noted in this newsletter.

Have a great Canada Day, we are blessed to live in Canada!



Beachfront Park Revitalization Plans

The construction for Phase 1 of the Beachfront Park Revitalization Plan commenced in September 2024. The first phase of work covers the area from the east side of Millennium Square to Alex Robertson Park and includes the construction of an elevated pedestrian walkway and cycling structure, seating areas overlooking the beach and Hydro Marsh, and barrier free ramps to gain beach access. Shoreline revetment at both ends of the boardwalk structure is complete. The steel frame and precast concrete decking panels are installed and the walkway lighting, railings and access ramps are currently being installed. The new gravel seasonal parking lot in Alex Robertson Park is currently being used as a construction staging area and will be available to the public upon project completion and contractor demobilization. Project completion is anticipated for late June 2025.



Seaton Transit

Durham Transit New Enhancements in Seaton - Route 118

Transit ridership has been steadily growing in the Seaton area since 2023 with two existing routes operating weekdays on Whites Road (Rt 118) and Brock Road (Rt 112). Effective May 5, 2025, DRT will increase service on the Rt 118, adding mid-day service that will operate every 30 minutes.

Residents in Seaton will now have enhanced transit access to connect with GO Trains at Pickering Station, retail and other destinations along Kingston Road, local secondary schools, and the rest of the DRT network.

The start/end location in Seaton for both routes will change over the coming years based on increasing transit demand throughout the Seaton area. Service will be extended to more subdivisions as they are completed in the future by extending the current routes.

As demand grows, additional scheduled service will be implemented on weekends and in late evenings over the coming years to replace On Demand.

Anti Littering Campaign

The City of Pickering is taking a stand against littering with its new campaign, "Littering? That's So Trash", designed to make people think twice before they toss their trash where it doesn't belong.

In 2024, the City responded to over 240 cases of littering and illegal dumping reported through our Customer Care Centre. These incidents harm wildlife, create unsanitary conditions in our neighbourhoods, and result in significant cleanup costs.

The City's Municipal Law Enforcement Officers are actively addressing illegal dumping. They conduct regular patrols and thoroughly investigate public reports. Each investigation is taken seriously, involving comprehensive steps such as site inspections, evidence gathering, witness interviews, preparing charges, court proceedings, and more. This rigorous process ensures that when charges are laid, they hold up.

Witness it? Report it to our Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575 or customercare@pickering.ca (it's important you provide as much information as possible - description of individuals, vehicle plates, locations, and photos if available).

Keeping Pickering clean is a shared responsibility. Do your part, don't litter – it's really that simple. Please consider doing a litter cleanup within your neighbourhood. Residents can register at pickering.ca/litterchallenge

I invite you to learn more about the campaign, explore available resources, and get involved by visiting LetsTalkPickering.ca/litter

New Seaton School Update

The new school construction at the corner of Burkholder Drive and Azalea Ave is progressing well. The new school is to be named Josiah Henson Public School and is anticipated to be open for students at the beginning of the school year this September.



Congratulations MP Nathan

It was a pleasure to meet our new Member of Parliament for Pickering-Brooklin. We had a brief chat and agreed to meet shortly to further discuss some matters of common interest. Congratulations MP Nathan!



Taunton Road and Brock Road Safety Improvements

High operating vehicle speeds are a safety concern along Brock Road. Regional staff plan to install a radar feedback board in the southbound lane on Brock Road approaching Taunton Road to inform drivers of their speed and attempt to change driver behaviours. A fulsome review will be undertaken as well to ensure that adequate signage exists informing drivers of the posted speed limit in all directions.

Short-term and long-term improvements are planned to be implemented in stages as part of the Brock Road four (4) lane widening Capital project. Streetlight luminaires will be installed on existing Hydro poles on the west side of Brock Road from Alexander Knox Road to Taunton Road and on existing hydro poles on the north side of Taunton Road approximately 200m East and West of Brock Road. The design is in progress with the target completion by fall with construction, as well planned to start in fall 2025 and completed by Spring 2026. In 2025 the existing traffic control signals will be modified to include protected left turn phases.

Tender and construction for four lane road widening of Brock Road, north of Taunton Road, intersection improvement including permanent signal/lighting at Taunton and Brock Intersection, multi-use path on the west side of Brock Road (active transportation) are planned to start in Spring 2027.

Roads and Parks Update

The City is progressing with the tender process for new parks and park updates. The following parks are expected to begin construction this year:

- Claremont Memorial Park Playground
- Whitevale Park Playground
- Diana Princess of Wales Park Playground
- Chickadee Park Playground
- Beechlawn Park Multi Use Pad (currently under construction)
- Valley Plentiful Community Garden Parking Lot & Raised Gardens (complete)

As well, work planning, consultation and approvals for the following parks is ongoing:

- Greenwood Park Master Plan
- Village Green Stonepay (Four Seasons Lane)
- New neighbourhood Park at Dersan and Tillings
- Geranium Homes Park, Claremont
- Dave Ryan Community Park (Mulberry Lane & Alexander Knox)
- Scenic Lane Neighbourhood Park

Design work for tender is underway for the following projects with road construction to begin next year:

- Old Brock Road, Claremont (north of rail line)
- Scarborough Pickering Townline (north of Finch Avenue to the rail crossing)
- Sixth Concession Road and Greenwood Bridge
- Whitevale Road, Whitevale
- Third Concession Road culvert replacement, Cherrywood

The replacement of Wilson Bridge on Seventh Concession at North Road will be underway soon and the reconstruction of Joseph Street will start in late Summer 2025.

The tender for the pavement resurfacing has been approved by Council and work will be underway this year for the following streets in Ward 3:

- Lodge Road
- Linwood Street
- Greenburn Place
- The Esplanade South



Upcoming City Events

Canada Day	Esplanade Park	July 1 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Canada Day	Kinsmen Park	July 1 from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Rick Johnson Summer Concerts	Rick Johnson Memorial Park	July 4,11,18,25 & August 1,8,15,29
Rick Johnson Movie Nights	Rick Johnson Memorial Park	August 22
Pickering Food Truck Festival	Esplanade Park	August 8, 9, 10
PMV Movie Night	Pickering Museum Village	August 31



Customer Care Centre

Many residents often ask who they should contact at the City with a question or concern. The City has a terrific Customer Care Centre. This is an excellent service and staff are very helpful, in either helping you directly or directing you to the appropriate contact. They are located on the main floor inside the front doors of City Hall and at the contacts below. Questions or Concerns? Connect with our Customer Care team, Monday to Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm), at 905.683.7575, customercare@pickering.ca. Of course you are always welcome to contact us.

Social Media

Please ensure you get accurate advice on matters by using reliable government social media sources. Too often we are finding non-government social media sites are providing inaccurate advice and information on matters ranging from potholes to municipal planning and development.

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