



City of PICKERING

Your Ward 3 Newsletter Spring 2026



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YOUR COUNCILLORS WORKING FOR YOU

Message from your Councillors

We remain committed to serving the residents of Pickering and ensuring you stay informed and connected. Through newsletters, social media, community events, email, and phone, we continue to be accessible and responsive to the needs of our community.

The year ahead promises to be both busy and exciting for residents. Across Pickering, significant investments are underway in new road infrastructure, community centres, healthcare facilities, parks, and commercial developments. These projects represent meaningful progress as our city continues to grow and evolve.

Investing in Our Safety: Policing

The safety and well-being of our residents remains a top priority. We continue to work closely with the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) to ensure they have the resources necessary to effectively serve and protect our communities.

Across Durham Region, several categories of crime saw reductions in 2025, including commercial break and enters, commercial robberies, and auto thefts. However, increases have been observed in other areas, such as residential break and enters. It is also important to recognize that some crimes remain underreported, including intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

DRPS has launched a public awareness campaign and community outreach initiative, including door-to-door engagement efforts, in which we will be participating to help increase awareness and strengthen community partnerships.

While regional services have a variety of budgetary requirements, policing represents the largest portion funded directly through regional taxes. In the approved 2026 Regional Budget, funding has been allocated for 116 new positions within DRPS, including 83 uniformed officers, 5 air support, and 33 civilian.

We regularly advocate and work with DRPS divisional leadership to address resident concerns on issues such as break-ins, speeding and traffic offences, neighbourhood patrols, domestic violence, car thefts, firearms, and exploitation.

For more information or to report concerns, residents can visit www.drps.ca or call 905-579-1520 for non-emergency police assistance. For emergencies, please call 9-1-1.



Lakeridge Health: Improving Access to Local Medical Services

Ensuring residents have access to high-quality, accessible healthcare remains a core priority for our community.

The Jerry Coughlan Health and Wellness Centre, located at 1690 Dersan Street, continues to grow as a vital healthcare hub for Pickering. The centre provides family physicians, walk-in care, specialist clinics, diagnostic services, and an on-site pharmacy. Additional programs and services continue to be introduced, improving access to preventative care, outpatient treatment, and community-based healthcare.

Planning is also underway for a new Lakeridge Health Acute Care Centre in Pickering, which will help address the needs of our growing population. This facility will expand local capacity for urgent and specialized medical services, helping to reduce pressure on existing hospitals across Durham Region.

In addition, the Province continues advancing plans for the new regional Lakeridge Health hospital in northeast Whitby, an important investment that will enhance healthcare access for residents throughout Pickering and Durham Region.

Infrastructure for Growth

As Pickering's population continues to grow, it is essential that infrastructure keeps pace with that growth. Ensuring the development of roads, parks, recreation facilities, and community services remains a key priority within the City of Pickering's Corporate Strategic Plan and long-term capital planning.

These Council approved plans guide investments over the next decade. They are available on the City's website at:

pickering.ca/studies

We also work closely with the Region of Durham and partner agencies such as Metrolinx (GO Transit) to advance important regional infrastructure.



Some notable infrastructure projects include:

- New Seaton Recreation Complex & Library in central Pickering
- Peter Matthews Road extension to Brock Road
- Streetlights, intersection improvements, and completion of the Brock Road widening from Taunton Road to Alexander Knox Road
- Planned new school in central Pickering
- New urban park near City Hall
- New Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre in north Pickering
- Walnut Lane extension from Liverpool Road to Kingston Road
- Urbanization of Kingston Road, including widening, sidewalks, and Bus Rapid Transit lanes connecting Toronto, Pickering, and Ajax
- New Animal Shelter
- New Seaton Long Term Care Facility
- Intersection improvements at Brock Road and Bayly Street
- Expanded healthcare services at the Jerry Coughlan Health and Wellness Centre
- New Paramedic Station
- Pedestrian Crossing (Brock Rd. @ Usman Dr.)

Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Refurbishment:

A Landmark Opportunity for Our City

The refurbishment of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station represents one of the most significant infrastructure and economic investments in our city's history.

This \$26-billion project, expected to begin in 2027 with completion anticipated in the mid-2030s, will position Pickering at the centre of a major clean-energy initiative while strengthening Ontario's long-term electricity supply.

The project will create thousands of high-quality jobs across skilled trades, engineering, and support sectors, expanding employment opportunities for workers throughout Pickering and Durham Region. Local suppliers, contractors, and service providers will also experience increased demand throughout the duration of the project.

This investment will bring substantial economic benefits to our city, supporting local businesses, driving economic growth, and generating revenue that helps sustain municipal services, future development, and long-term financial stability.

2026 Capital Projects

The 2026 budget includes **\$17 million** for road and bridge construction and repaving. Additional projects approved in previous budgets are now moving through design and tender stages.

Projects anticipated to move forward this year include:

- Old Brock Road – north of the railway track to Uxbridge-Pickering Townline
- Sixth Concession Road Reconstruction and Greenwood Bridge Rehabilitation (Highway 7 to Greenwood Road)
- Scarborough-Pickering Townline north of Finch Avenue
- Whitevale Master Drainage Plan and Road Reconstruction
- Pinegrove Avenue asphalt resurfacing (Altona to Oakburn)
- Waterford Gate asphalt resurfacing (Altona to Lanecrest)
- Somergrove Crescent asphalt resurfacing
- Finch Avenue sidewalk installation (at the northeast corner of Altona Road)
- Brock Ridge Park parking lot improvements
- Third Concession Road resurfacing from Altona to Rosebank
- Dave Ryan Community Park (Alexander Knox & Mulberry) - New Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026

Economic Development: Jobs and Businesses

Supporting a strong local economy remains a top priority. We continue to work closely with businesses, investors, and community partners to attract new opportunities that create jobs, expand services, and strengthen Pickering's economic landscape.

Over the past several years, Pickering has welcomed significant investments that are contributing to employment growth and economic development. Highlights include:

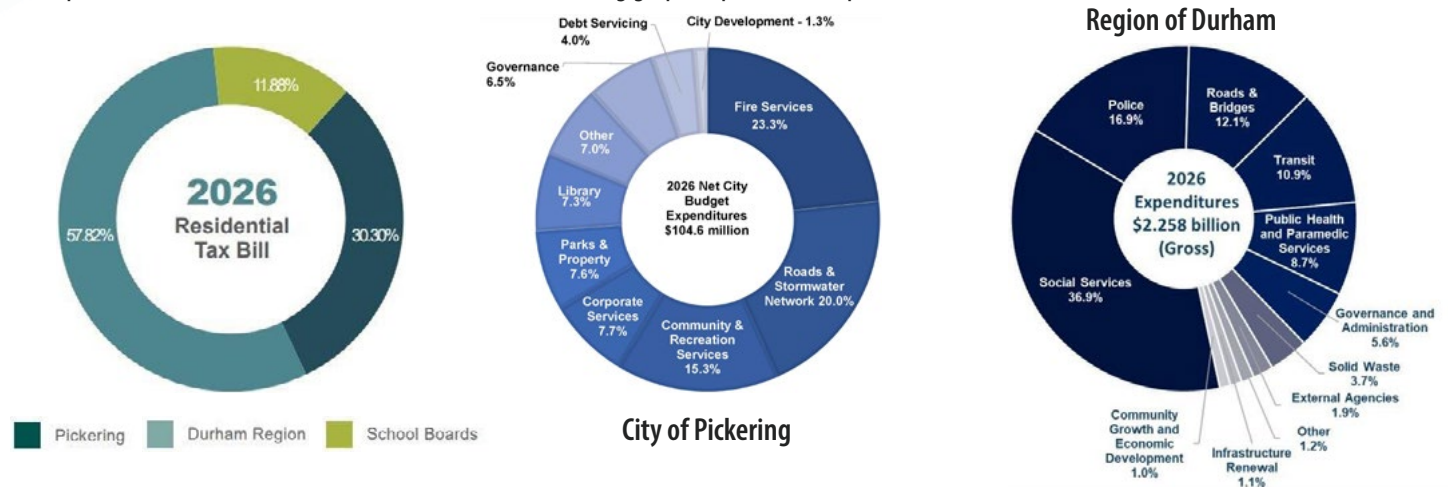
- **FGF Brands:**
Continued expansion of advanced food manufacturing operations, bringing thousands of skilled jobs and long-term investment to the community.
- **Medical Sector Growth:**
New healthcare businesses and clinical services contributing to local employment and improving access to care.
- **Durham Live Expansion and Pickering Casino Resort:**
Growth in the tourism and entertainment sector, including a new 275-room hotel, a 2,500-seat performance venue, expanded dining and entertainment offerings, and the upcoming LaunchPad Golf attraction.
- **Porsche Experience Centre:**
The first of its kind in Canada, bringing a globally recognized attraction that enhances Pickering's profile and tourism appeal.
- **Nuclear and Engineering Firms:**
Companies such as Black & McDonald, AtkinsRéalis, and Siemens Energy Canada expanding or establishing operations in Pickering, reinforcing our growing role as a hub for advanced engineering and energy innovation.
- **New Restaurants and Dining Options:**
Establishments such as Watr Taverna + Ristorante, Thairoom Grand, Jersey Mike's, Gyumono, and Dave's Hot Chicken contributing to local employment and a vibrant dining scene.
- **Additional Business Investments:**
Continued growth across retail, commercial, and service sectors, further diversifying Pickering's economy.

These developments reflect the strong momentum of Pickering's economic growth and reinforce our city as an attractive place to live, work, and invest. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements!

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Residents often ask where municipal tax dollars are allocated. Significant portions of funding support essential services including policing, fire protection, health and social services, housing, schools, recreation facilities, parks, infrastructure, roads, and municipal operations.

To help illustrate how these funds are distributed, the following graphics provide a helpful overview.



Need Help with Regional Services? Call 311

For services such as residential waste management, transit, and social services, 311 is your one-stop contact for Durham Region programs.

- **Inside Durham Region:** Dial 311
- **Outside Durham Region:** 905-668-7711 or 1-800-372-1102
- **Online:** mydurham311.ca
- **More information:** durham.ca/311

Upcoming Events

Grand Opening: Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre
June 13 (5:30 PM – 8:00 PM)

Councillors Pickles and Butt Open House
Where: Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex
When: Wednesday, April 29 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Residents are invited to attend and speak with your Councillors and City staff about important community topics, including road projects, parks, recreation facilities, the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Refurbishment, Durham Region Bus Rapid Transit/Kingston Road, Durham Regional Police Services, and other initiatives.

Upcoming Community Events

May 9	Petapoloosa, Esplanade Park
May 23–24	Artfest, Esplanade Park
June 9–11	Pickering Rotary Ribfest, Esplanade Park
July 1	Canada Day Celebrations
	Esplanade Park 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
	Kinsmen Park 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
August 7–9	Pickering Food Truck Festival

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