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Duffin Heights (Creekwood) Residents

Subject: Neighbourhood Updates

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### Greetings

As your Ward 3 Councillors, we're pleased to provide you with a few neighbourhood updates as well as options for getting further City information and on ways to contact us.

### New Traffic Signals and Street Lights Upgraded to LED

Improving access for residents, traffic lights at Zents Road and Brock Road are being installed and should be operational by early October.

City Council has also approved converting all 7,234 streetlight luminaires in the City of Pickering to energy efficient LED streetlight luminaires. We expect this will be completed by the end of 2017. LED streetlight benefits include: operational savings, lower wattage and better optical control, better visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and dark sky compliancy. In addition, all LED luminaires will be configured with a seven pin receptacle that would enable adaptive controls to be installed at a later date.

### New Residential Development

Homebuilder Stonepay has submitted applications to the City to permit a residential condominium development consisting of 764 stacked and back-to-back townhouses; two parks; a stormwater management pond; two new local roads; the extension of Tillings Road; and the westerly extension of Valley Farm Road from Brock Road. The property is just over 12 hectares in size and is located south of Dersan Street, east of Tillings Road, north of the Ontario Hydro Corridor, and west of Brock Road. This development is consistent with the community development plans and will be reviewed through a public process. Visit [pickering.ca/devapp](http://pickering.ca/devapp) for more information. This development should also help support the construction of a new school in the neighbourhood.

### Future School Site/Operations Centre

The operations centre currently at 2570 Tillings Road will be moving! Construction has started on the new operations centre on Clements Road next to the Pickering Soccer Centre and is expected to be complete in early 2019. The current Tillings Road site is identified as a future public school site. The final decision is subject to approval by the Durham District School Board. As your Councillors, earlier this year we attended, with neighbourhood residents, a meeting of the Finance Committee and a

meeting of the full Durham District School Board to update them on the progress in relocating the operations centre and on new homes being planned in the neighbourhood. We encouraged the Board to move forward on plans and budget approval for the construction of the new school. We, and staff, will continue to work with the school board to get this much needed school built.

### **Update on Parks**

We were pleased to follow up on residents' requests to put into place some playground upgrades this year in Canadian Green, the parkette on Tillings Road. Two additional pieces of play equipment were installed within the expanded safety surface area.

As your Councillors, in response to residents' desire for more park space we also brought a motion to Pickering Council directing staff to work to create more park space in the neighbourhood. This motion passed and we have been working with City staff and developers. Staff are also investigating the option of obtaining space for additional parkland on the south-east corner of Dersan Street and Tillings Road and have entered into discussions with Hydro One, Infrastructure Ontario, and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority on this. More green space should also be provided when a school is built at Dersan and Tillings. A copy of our Council motion along with a copy of this newsletter can be found at [davidpickles.com/newsletters](http://davidpickles.com/newsletters).

### **Safe and Clean Neighbourhood**

Please obey speed limits, and keep the neighbourhood clear of litter for the enjoyment of all residents.

### **Connecting with You**

In addition to newsletters like this, we remind you to sign up for our **eNewsletters**. Visit [pickering.ca/eNews](http://pickering.ca/eNews) to **subscribe**. While there, subscribe to many of the other interesting newsletters that the City publishes.

And while we're always available to help, please keep in mind our Customer Care Centre who provide an important link between you, the Mayor, Members of Council, and City of Pickering municipal departments. Their main priority is to ensure that you, the "customer," receive prompt attention and service regarding any municipal concerns you may have. Reach the Customer Care Centre from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, by phone at 905.683.7575 or by email at [customer care@pickering.ca](mailto:customer care@pickering.ca).

Yours truly



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**(VII) Notice of Motion**

a) Duffin Heights West Parks

A brief question and answer period ensued with concerns with limited parking being available. Members also questioned how this relates to the Recreation Master Plan.

Resolution #323/17

Moved by Councillor Pickles  
Seconded by Councillor Butt

WHEREAS: The relatively new development of Creekwood in the west part of Duffin Heights neighbourhood is a relatively high density neighbourhood presently containing 472 households and about 1,500 residents;

WHEREAS: The neighbourhood presently contains one village green. The larger neighbourhood park is in the east part of Duffin Heights on the opposite side of Brock Road and is not easily accessible by residents on the west side of Brock Road;

WHEREAS: The expected buildout of Duffin Heights West is presently expected to include an additional 2,000 households, 5,600 residents and two additional village greens;

WHEREAS: Although there is a community park in the new development of Creekside in Duffin Heights East, it is not readily accessible to residents on the west side of Brock Road;

WHEREAS: An anticipated public school with a schoolyard active recreation area is expected to be located on the decommissioned City Operations Centre, although the present timing is unclear;

WHEREAS: Many residents are concerned that there are not presently sufficient outdoor recreation areas, playgrounds, or parks for this highly populated neighbourhood nor will be in place in the short term;

NOW THEREFORE that City Staff contact and work with the developers, the Province of Ontario, Hydro One and the Public School Board to plan and provide appropriate outdoor recreation areas/parks in the neighbourhood;

NOW THEREFORE that the City of Pickering review its present policies, including park land dedication and inclusion, to ensure that higher density neighbourhoods have appropriate outdoor recreation areas/parks.

Carried as Amended  
[Refer to Following Motion]

Resolution #324/17

Moved by Councillor Brenner  
Seconded by Councillor Pickles

That the following clause be amended to read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE that the City of Pickering review its present policies, including park land dedication and inclusion, to ensure that higher density neighbourhoods have appropriate outdoor recreation areas/parks and that staff report back to Council no later than the December 11, 2017 Council meeting and that these policies be reviewed in sync with the Recreation Master Plan.

Carried

The main motion as amended was then Carried.