



Councillor David Pickles and 2001/2002 Junior Cadet of the Year, Corporal David Killick.

856 Pickering Air Cadet Squadron

In June, I had the great pleasure of attending 856 "Pickering Kinsmen" air cadet squadron's 4th Annual Review at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Over 110 of Pickering's air cadets put on an excellent program, demonstrating a high degree of proficiency in precision drill, military band music, first aid, flying techniques and leadership skills. The local sponsor is the Kinsmen and Kinette Club of Pickering.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the air cadet movement and are looking for a program full of educational, exciting and fun activities for young men and women between 12 and 19; the Air Cadets may be of interest. The program is free and for more information about 856 Pickering Air Cadet Squadron call **905-626-8856** and leave a message or contact the unit's Commanding Officer, Major Colette Blight at **905-427-7628**.

Active Community Associations

I recognize the valuable service that the several community associations in Ward 3 provide to residents. Congratulations to the Altona West Community Association (AWCA) on their 10th anniversary. AWCA is a non-profit ratepayers group, representing over 750 homes in west Pickering. AWCA is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers that continually strive to support residents and make their neighbourhood a great place to live. Working with the City of Pickering, various developers and other groups, AWCA ensures that community interests are properly represented. They also organize social activities to bring their neighbourhood together and publish newsletters. For more information, visit their website at www.awca@home.com.

Other community associations in Ward 3 include:

- Green River Residents Association
- The Friends of Altona Forest & Petticoat Creek
- Whitevale and District Residents Association
- Durham Conservation Association Inc.
- The Claremont and District Community Association
- Woodview/Pinegrove Association
- Kinsale & Area Residents Association

For more information on these associations, contact the City Clerk's office.

Working Hard For You!

I am pleased that I have been able to attend 105 out of 106 regular meetings of Council since being elected in 1997 and serve on a number of committees and boards, including, but not limited, to the following:

- Finance and Operations Committee (2001-)
- Budget Committee (1997-)
- Pickering Public Library Board (1997-)
- Duffins Creek Watershed Task Force (1999-)
- Carruthers Creek Watershed Task Force (1999-)
- City of Pickering Museum Advisory Committee (1997-2000)
- Site Plan Committee (1997-)
- Ajax-Pickering Transit Board (2000-)
- Ajax-Pickering Police Liaison Committee (1999-)



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WARD 3 UPDATE



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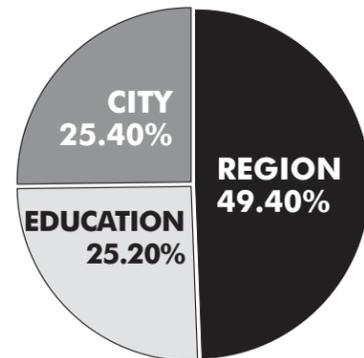
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Who gets your property tax dollars?



City Responsibilities:

Fire, Roads, Recreation, Culture, Parks

Region Responsibilities:

Water, Police, Social Services, Health, Regional Roads

City Taxes Paid per \$200,000 Assessment

Municipality	Residential Tax Rate	Tax Amount
Pickering	.00375559	\$ 751.12
Whitby	.00467918	\$ 935.84
Ajax	.00477112	\$ 954.22
Oshawa	.00670000	\$1340.00

To Residents:

In this, my annual newsletter to residents, I am providing a brief update on matters of interest in our City.

While I celebrate Christmas with my family, many residents celebrate Kwanzaa, Ramadhan, Chanukah, Diwali and other traditions. I wish all a safe and happy holiday season and the best for the new year!

David



Councillor David Pickles presents poinsettias to May Borland (above) and Dorothy Duggan (left) at this year's Poinsettia Tea.

Women's Shelter for Pickering-Ajax

Plans are well underway for the construction of a much-needed women's shelter to service the area of west Durham including Pickering and Ajax. The 15,000 sq. ft. facility will be located in Ajax with plans to open in the fall of 2003.

One of the prouder moments for me this year was that I, and the other six members of Pickering Council, attended the meeting of Ajax Council to support the establishment of this women's shelter.

Hazardous Waste Depot Opens

Pickering residents can now properly dispose of cans of paint, motor oil and other hazardous materials.

These items can be dropped off at the newly opened Durham-funded hazardous collection depot at Miller Waste Systems, 1220 Squires Beach Rd. in Pickering. The depot is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 8 am to 4pm. For more information about which hazardous materials are accepted at the site, call Miller Waste Systems at **905-426-4222**.

Fire Safety Update

In our ongoing efforts to upgrade our already excellent Pickering Fire Services, the City of Pickering has hired a consultant to provide recommendations on a location, likely in the area of Brougham, for a new modern Fire Services Hall (to replace the Brougham Hall that was closed for health and safety reasons).

As well, we recently acquired new fire fighting vehicles, including an aerial fire truck, and progress on a new radio dispatch system is moving along rapidly. These are critical components of quick response. Our fire fighters are kept busy, having responded to an average of over 400 calls per month over the summer.

Congratulations Pickering Fire Services on your 50th Anniversary!

Federal Lands

In 1972, the federal government acquired 18,600 acres of land north of Highway 7, mostly in Pickering. These lands were acquired to locate a new international airport, which did not proceed. Much of these lands are presently leased to tenants and are being farmed.

I was pleased with Transport Canada's Green Space announcement in 2001 to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine portion of the federal lands in Pickering. Transport Canada is developing a Master Plan for these lands, and has appointed a Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee to assist them in this work.

I will continue to support protection of this important environmental area and other adjacent areas while also emphasizing that current residents should continue to be able to live there and use the land, as appropriate.



Federal Transport Minister, David Collenette; Councillor David Pickles and MP Dan McTeague at the Green Space announcement.

In 2002, Transport Canada began work on developing a set of airport zoning regulations that will limit the height of buildings and protect against electronic interference around the federal lands. Airport zoning regulations will also prohibit land uses such as landfills, which would create bird hazards around any airport.

It is anticipated that these federal airport zoning regulations may be in place within the next year or so. Existing uses will continue to be permitted. Transport Canada can be contacted at **905-649-5725** tc.gc/ontarioregion/pickering/gshome.htm

Provincial Lands (Seaton)

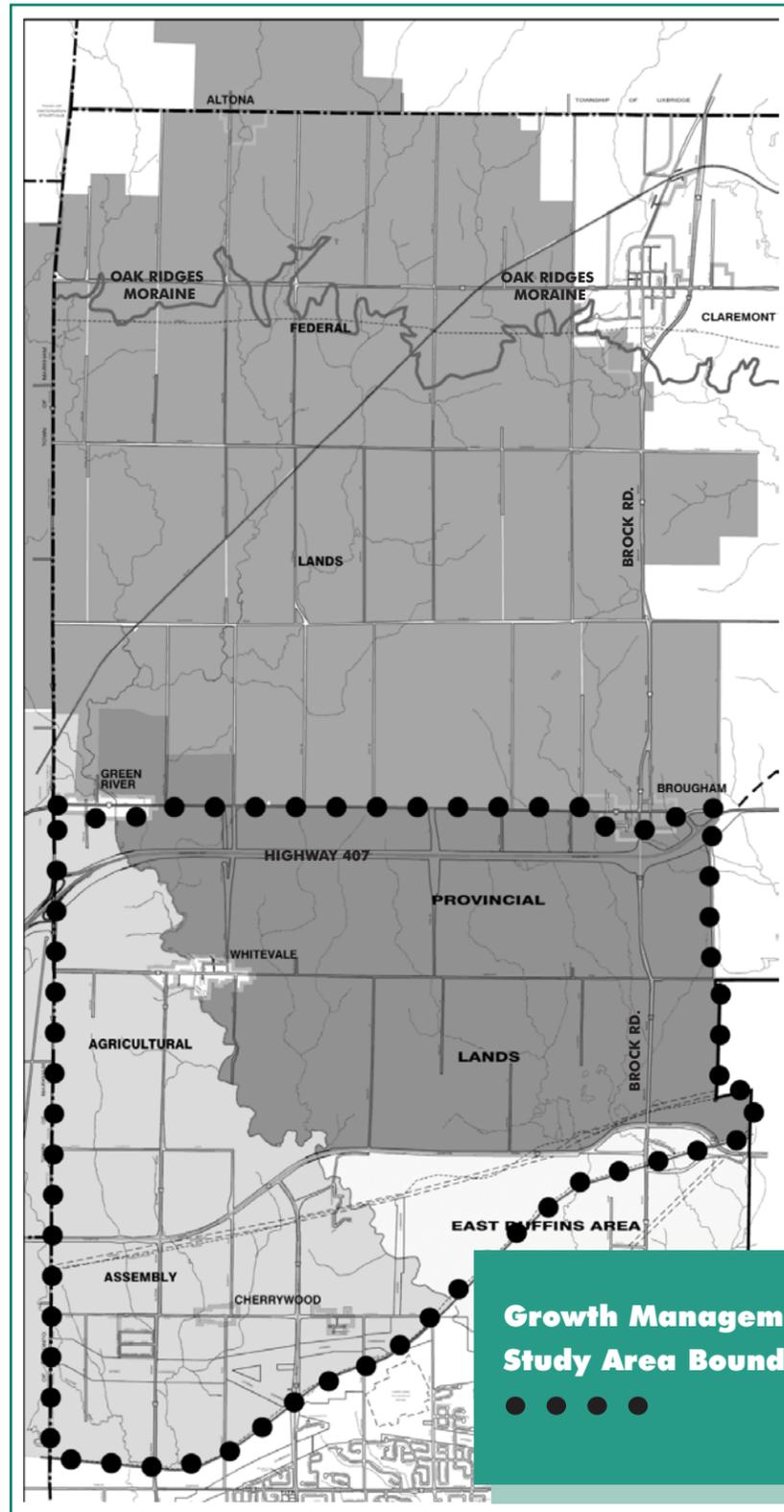
In the 1970s, the Province acquired about 12,000 acres in Pickering, to build a new community, adjacent to the proposed new airport.

In 1999, the Province reached an agreement with the City for the sale of lands on the west side of the West Duffins Creek in the area known as the "Agricultural Assembly". The agreement (among other matters) allowed the Ontario Realty Corporation to sell land to private interests but with Agricultural Easements to ensure continued agricultural use.

In late 2001, the Province announced that to acquire and preserve lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine in York Region, it would exchange those lands for provincial lands on the east side of the West Duffins Creek in Pickering, in the area known as Seaton.

The Province recently accepted recommendations from a provincial panel and is seeking to have plans for development in Seaton in place by June of 2003.

Many details are not yet clear. I have emphasized that the swap process be fair and transparent, protect environmentally significant areas, and be subject to full review and input by Pickering Council and residents.



Airport Update

In April 2001, the federal Transport Minister announced that the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) has been asked to determine the need for a future regional reliever airport on the Pickering lands.

Although I do not support locating an airport in Pickering, I am participating in the review process to represent residents' views.

The GTAA's recent financial analysis concluded that an airport was feasible beginning with general aviation service in 2012 and commercial operations beginning between 2015 and 2019. The report made a number of assumptions and projections about the closure of airports at Buttonville and Oshawa and when Pearson airport would reach its assumed 50 million passenger capacity threshold.

The GTAA will now begin more detailed work in preparation for developing a Master Plan and Environmental Assessment review. It is anticipated that the GTAA may be in a position to submit a plan to the federal government in 2006/2007, at which time the federal government will decide whether to proceed with an airport and further public consultation.

I have formally requested that the City undertake an independent and thorough review of the GTAA's findings and report back to Pickering Council and residents.

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) can be contacted at **905-619-4822** or www.gtaa.com or by dropping by their Pickering site office at Highway 7 and Brock Rd. in Brougham.

the GTAA may submit, by 2006/2007, an airport proposal for the federal government's consideration

Growth Management Study

In 2002 Council decided to undertake a study of the Seaton lands and the Agricultural Assembly lands. The study area generally includes the lands between Highway 7 and the urban area to the south.

The Study will be undertaken by an independent consulting team reporting to the City. It will be done in cooperation with the Province of Ontario and other landowners in the Study Area, and in consultation with the public. The study will look at matters such as the environmental system, ecological and cultural attributes; the location and configuration of Pickering's urban / rural boundary; and land uses. A development concept for the urban lands will be prepared.

I have supported the study on the basis that we need a "made in Pickering plan" for Seaton to ensure that we the residents get to shape our community. I have not supported all aspects of the study and I am emphasizing the need for public involvement, participation, openness and accountability in addressing these land use issues.

A Terms of Reference for this Study was prepared by City staff with the assistance of a Working Group including myself, the Mayor, external agency staff from the Region of Durham and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Province of Ontario, landowners in the Study Area, and local community groups.