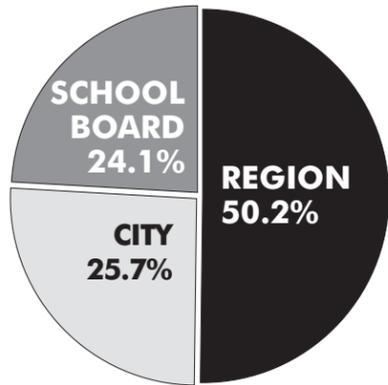


Who gets your property tax dollars?



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	.00357950	\$ 715.90
Whitby	.00431147	\$ 862.29
Ajax	.00435440	\$ 870.88
Oshawa	.00662062	\$1324.12

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As well, the Ontario government has committed to swapping its land holdings in Pickering, generally south of the proposed airport site including the lands between Highway 7 and the urban area, to build a new community, known as Seaton.

In 2002 Council began a Growth Management Study of the Seaton lands and the Agricultural Assembly lands. A consulting team lead by Dillon Consulting Limited was hired to undertake the Study. The purpose of the Study is to determine how to accommodate the Regional Plan's target of up to 45,000 more jobs and 90,000 more people in Pickering, I have supported the study on the basis that we need a "made in Pickering plan" 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.

Notwithstanding the fact that the City is undertaking this study, the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing enacted two Orders giving the Minister the right to prepare and approve a "development plan" for these lands, specifying the extent to which the community and Pickering Council may be consulted, and restricting uses in the Agricultural Assembly to either "agricultural" or "greenbelt conservation". City Council is on record as opposing these Minister's Orders.

For more information visit www.davidpickles.com or www.cityofpickering.com.

A BIG Thank You!

The recent SARS crisis, West Nile Virus and power blackout reminds us all of the dedication and hard work of healthcare providers, power company employees and other frontline workers who have toiled to get us through...

I am proud to hear of many instances of neighbours helping neighbours, City of Pickering staff and **ALL** residents of our community for pitching in to lend support.

A **BIG** thank you to all in our fine community!



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WARD 3 UPDATE



David PICKLES

City Councillor • Pickering - Ward 3

To Residents:

It's been a busy and good year in Pickering. In my annual newsletter, I highlight new businesses, planning issues in north Pickering, safer parks and streets, and how you may obtain more information of interest to Pickering residents.

I am working hard for you and look forward to your continued support.

David

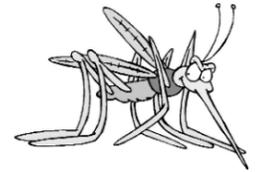
Pickering Supports Businesses



Mayor Wayne Arthurs and Councillor David Pickles review the City's 2001 Annual Report that received one of three awards the City won at the Council of Ontario Economic Development Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to City staff! See more inside.

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Please check davidpickles.com for important information to protect you and your family from West Nile Virus.

Be sure to check davidpickles.com for more information about the items in this newsletter and other matters of interest.

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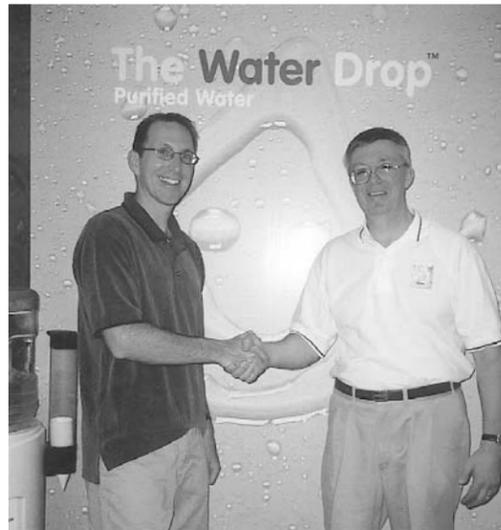
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Pickering Supports Businesses

Our Corporate Promotions program involves activities and events directed at maintaining and enhancing the City of Pickering's image, and marketing the City as an excellent place to live, work, and invest.



Councillor Pickles welcomes Gary Riches of The Water Drop to the Pickering business community.

Redevelopment of the Metro East Trade Centre continues on Brock Road with several new businesses expected to open their doors in the coming months including Sam's Club and Sobeys. The Pickering Markets is expected to open in November (at the southwest corner of Bayly Street and Squires Beach Road). New office space is growing with Ontario Power Generation announcing plans to move many of its head office nuclear support staff to our community and to a new six storey 174,000 square foot facility at Brock and Clements Roads.

Many small businesses are also locating and growing in Pickering. Such as The Water Drop, a new water purification and products business that recently opened at the plaza located at 1900 Dixie Road (and Finch Avenue). Contact **The Water Drop** at **905-837-0793** or visit www.thewaterdrop.com

This is just some of the development news in our community.

For more business information, please contact our Corporate Promotions & Economic Development staff at **905-420-4625** or visit our web site www.cityofpickering.com for more information.

"The Gift of Life"

At any given time more than 1,700 people in Ontario are on organ transplant awaiting lists. However, each year the number of donated organs and tissue falls short of the province's waiting lists and many individuals die waiting for much needed transplants.

Most, if not all, of us know of someone in our community who has either received an organ transplant or is awaiting a transplant and a second chance to live to its fullest. It is my hope that increasing awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation will increase donations for transplantation, which will contribute to saving lives and improving the quality of life for many people.

Many people will spend months, and in many cases years waiting for a second chance to live, see and walk because the need for organs and tissue outweighs their availability. However, it doesn't have to be this way. Everyone is a potential donor, regardless of age.

So, give someone a second chance and join me and others in your community by signing a donor card and/or registering with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. You can do so when renewing your driver licence, or by updating your health card, or by obtaining a Gift of Life Donor Card. For more information, contact the **Trillium Gift of Life Network** at **1-800-263-2833** or www.giftoflife.on.ca



Safer Parks and Streets

I am pleased that we continue to make our parks, neighbourhoods and streets safer.

Many Ward 3 parks have been upgraded in the last three years. New equipment was installed at Brock Ridge Park, Centennial Park, Major Oaks Park, Beechlaw Park, Whitevale Park, Village East Park, Green River Park, Denmark Park, Claremont Park and Forest Glen Park, and Summerpark Crescent Park.

Traffic issues continue to be of major concern to many of your friends and neighbours. The excessive speed of vehicles and the disobedience of stop signs remains the number one complaint I receive. We should all consider how our driving affects the safety of our neighbourhood streets. As a means to help address these issues the City launched the Neighbourhood Traffic Watch and Road Watch Programs in partnership with the Durham Regional Police Service and resident volunteers. These are awareness campaigns that give local residents the tools to help combat unsafe driving on their neighborhood streets. The City has also completed a Safer Streets Traffic Management Strategy to better guide the City in using traffic signage, speed limits, traffic lights and traffic calming measures like speed bumps.

We are presently looking at implementing a 40km/h maximum speed limit for residential streets. In the meantime, please remember the maximum speed on most City streets is 50 km/h (whether posted or not), and lower in some areas. To report problems in parks or to learn more about safer streets programs please contact City staff at **905-420-4630**.



Children enjoying new playground equipment.

North Pickering Update

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is continuing its study to determine the need for a future regional reliever airport on 18,600 acres of land north of Highway 7, mostly in north Pickering. 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 GTAA will now begin more detailed studies and submit a plan in 2006/2007 to the federal Transport Minister who will decide whether to proceed with an airport and further public consultation.

In discussions with federal Transport Minister David Collenette and his staff, I conveyed that the majority of Pickering residents that I have spoken with about a possible airport and I oppose the establishment of an airport in Pickering. Although I do not support locating an airport in Pickering, I am participating in the review process to represent residents' views. 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.

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Councillor Pickles wants a "made in Pickering plan" to ensure that we the residents get to shape our community.