



## Residents & City Fight Odour Control Facility

The efforts of the many Pickering residents to "stop the stink" have been amazing and effective. They have expressed their views to the City, York and Durham Regions, our MPPs, and the Minister of the Environment. They have done research, visited other facilities, informed the community and put

forward rational arguments and alternatives. Thank you and keep up the good work!

I and Pickering Council have been clear, consistent and working with residents in opposing locating an Odour Control Facility in Pickering. We have also raised concerns with the proposed pipe route and impacts to the environment and Pickering residents. Pickering Council has considered and passed several resolutions including: seeking more time to review and participate in the environmental assessment, more public consultation, opposing the location of an Odour Control Facility (OCF) in Pickering, seeking legal opinions, challenging the environmental assessment and potential project approval, and taking legal action.

In response to Pickering Council's and Durham Council's resolutions to relocate the OCF, York Region has proposed to move the OCF from south of Cherrywood to a site northwest of Cherrywood in York Region, on the west side of the York Durham Town Line.

At the Pickering Council meeting of October 19, 2009 I seconded a motion: 1. that Council retain a qualified expert to assist with the review of the Environmental Assessment on in flow/infiltration issues and aquifer delineation issues 2. that Council write to the Minister of the Environment to address the amended EAs and the government review and 3. that if unsuccessful in achieving the desired results with the letter to the Minister an application commence for judicial review. This motion carried unanimously. A subsequent motion was also carried to seek legal action against the Region of York.

I have, and continue to act, in the best interests of residents and the City and have vigorously opposed the OCF in Pickering. I have worked with residents, I have spoken with the Durham Regional Chair, and our two Pickering MPPs, and I have contacted all Regional Councillors seeking their support and assistance to support Pickering and its residents.

The Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer was constructed in the 1970s. It moves wastewater from York Region through the City of Pickering, in the vicinity of the CPR railway tracks north of Finch Avenue to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located in Pickering. York Region is now undertaking an environmental assessment to construct a second line in the same general area and construct an Odour Control Facility. The Ministry of the Environment is presently reviewing the environmental assessment and views received before making a decision. So, write the Ministry with your concerns.

## Sustainable Pickering

A sustainable community is a healthy, prosperous and welcoming community. It offers residents and businesses a clean environment, a strong economy, and a friendly place to live and work.

The City of Pickering is doing its part by working to:

- make municipal facilities & vehicles more energy-efficient
- take action to reduce air pollution & water use
- plan sustainable neighbourhoods
- promote economic growth
- offer leisure & wellness programs to residents

### What can you do?

Visit [sustainablepickering.com](http://sustainablepickering.com) to:

- learn about ways you can make Pickering more sustainable
- find community programs you can join
- become a Sustainable Pickering Ambassador
- use our calculators to measure & reduce your utilities & fuel usage
- sign up with your family, friends & co-workers to take the Sustainable Pickering Challenge, today!

Email: [sustainability@cityofpickering.com](mailto:sustainability@cityofpickering.com)

Toll Free: 1.866.683.2760 TTY: 905.420.1739

**Help us make Pickering a more Sustainable City!**

## Please Drive Safely

Traffic issues continue to be of major concern to many of your friends and neighbours. The excessive speed of vehicles and the disregard for stop signs remain 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.

The City has also completed a Safer Streets Traffic Management Strategy to better guide the City in using traffic signage, speed limits, traffic signals and traffic calming measures like speed humps. The City has implemented a 40km/h maximum speed limit for residential streets. Streets subject to the maximum 40km/h limits have now been posted. In the meantime, please remember the maximum speed on arterial roads and most other City streets is 50 km/h, including the northern rural roads, unless posted otherwise. To report problems or to learn more about safer streets programs please contact City staff at **905.420.4630**.



# DAVID PICKLES Ward 3 Update



## FALL 2009 Newsletter



### Dear Ward 3 Residents:

In this newsletter, I am providing a brief update on a few matters of interest in our City. Of course the City is a busy place and I can only highlight a few things in this

newsletter so please visit my website at [davidpickles.com](http://davidpickles.com) and add it to your favorites list to get more information.

As my family celebrates Christmas, I hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season according to the faith and tradition you celebrate.

**Put [davidpickles.com](http://davidpickles.com) on your website favourites list and sign up for electronic newsletters/updates by emailing me at: [dpickles@cityofpickering.com](mailto:dpickles@cityofpickering.com) or by visiting [www.davidpickles.com](http://www.davidpickles.com)**

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### City of Pickering's Customer Care Centre

Our Customer Care Centre offers centralized customer service, receiving and responding to residents' enquiries and concerns, and ensuring that all customers receive prompt attention and service. Should you require any further assistance, contact any member of the Customer Care Centre by phone at **905.683.7575** or **1.866.683.2760** or by email at: [customercare@cityofpickering.com](mailto:customercare@cityofpickering.com)

## Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Events

**December 4th**

- Christmas Tree Lighting

**December 6th**

- Poinsettia Tea

**December 6th & 13th**

- Christmas in the Village, Museum

**December 8th & 10th**

- Make a Joyful Noise Concert

**December 16th**

- Mayor's Light Tour

**December 31st**

- New Year's Eve Family Countdown

**January 1st**

- Mayor's New Year's Day Levee

**Visit our website at [cityofpickering.com](http://cityofpickering.com) for more information or to find related events happening in our community.**

## Infrastructure Investments Boost Sustainability

Amongst other great business expansion in the City, the City of Pickering's transformation from a suburban community to a sustainable city continues with \$30 million in key infrastructure investments that will support intensification, urban renewal and public transit. The Government of Canada, Province of Ontario and Metrolinx made the joint Infrastructure Stimulus Fund announcement in September.

The Federal and Provincial governments will each contribute \$5 million towards construction of a fully-enclosed pedestrian bridge that will span Hwy. 401 and connect the Pickering GO Train Station to a new office tower currently under construction.

Together, the \$10-million bridge and the 132,000-square-foot, "Class A,"

LEED-Silver office tower to be built by 20 Vic Management Inc., the owner of the Pickering Town Centre, will be the most visible examples of sustainability in the province while creating a more cohesive and accessible downtown district for our community.

Also, Metrolinx announced its plans to construct a \$20-million GO parking structure at the base of the office tower. The addition of 500 new parking spaces – a 25% increase in total parking capacity – will further promote public transit usage without exacerbating traffic congestion in and around the terminal. A new transit hub for buses will also be developed along the north side of Pickering Parkway, establishing a superior mobility hub within Pickering's urban growth centre.

The 3 projects will be built concurrently with an estimated completion date of March 2011.



## Recreation Complex Grand Re-Opening

The Pickering Recreation Complex allows for even more residents to benefit from healthy activity thanks to an expansion that brings 3 high-tech fitness studios and 2 doubles squash courts to our nationally-accredited fitness centre, which celebrated its grand re-opening in September.

The \$4.5-million expansion was made possible through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative. The Pickering Squash Club also raised \$250,000 for the new squash courts.

The building's aging heating, ventilating and air conditioning system was upgraded, improving its overall energy efficiency. Lighting is more energy efficient and a green roof will improve insulation.

## Celebrating our Diversity-Celebrating the Season

The City of Pickering is among the most diverse in the Durham Region and many of our ethnic and faith groups will be celebrating these significant events. As the Chair of the Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations & Equity I am pleased to formally recognize these significant holiday celebrations.

The City of Pickering has proclaimed the following:

**Eid al-adha** begins November 27 to November 30, 2009 (Islamic, Muslim)

**Chanukah** begins sunset December 11, 2009 to sunset December 19, 2009 (Jewish)

**Christmas** on December 25, 2009 (Christian, Roman Catholic, International)

**Kwanzaa** begins December 26, 2009 to January 1, 2010 (African-Canadian, African-American, Pan-African)

**Vaisakhi Day** (Sikh) April 14, 2010

Banners describing the holiday celebrations will be on display in the Lobby of the Pickering Civic Complex beginning November 23, 2009. The banners will be accompanied by symbolic images that help tell the story. We invite members of the public to come in and learn about the cultural and/or religious celebrations of others in our community.

## Capital Projects and Road Improvements

**Recreation Complex Expansion** completed in September 2009, includes a new aerobic studio, double squash courts and a new mechanical system to make the building more energy efficient.

**Don Beer Arena** – Rehabilitation of the facility including expanded lobby, elevator access to the second floor and replacement of HVAC equipment with up-to-date energy efficient equipment.

**Kinsmen Park Artificial Turf** – A joint project with the Pickering Soccer Club.

### Duffin Heights Storm Water Management Pond

Located on the north side of the Third Concession Road, east of Brock.

### Museum Hotel Restoration Project

Restoration of the Brougham Central Hotel is well underway with joint contributions from the Federal and Provincial governments.

**Sideline 4** – reconstruction of road to two lane profile.

### Brock Road Expansion from Dellbrook to Third Concession

Partnership with the Region, the City pays for the construction of sidewalks and streetlights in conjunction with the widening of the road.

### Valley Farm Road from Kingston Road to Esplanade North

Reconstruction of sidewalk and boulevard in Spring 2010.

**Old Brock Road** – final coat of asphalt for this project.

**Waterfront Trail** - new improved trails and pedestrian bridge with lookout at the Rouge River/ Bella Vista Drive.

**Altona Road** - widening and urbanizing including construction of sidewalks and streetlights.

## What's new @your Library

### iHelp Service now open!

If you haven't had the chance to visit the Central Library's new iHelp desk, make sure to add it to your list! The iHelp desk offers a full range of adobe creative products, such as Photoshop and Illustrator, to clients. You can scan and print documents and photos as well make you own movie and music masterpieces with Final Cut and GarageBand. Library clients can also borrow downloadable books, loaded right onto their iPod, or borrow a Library iPod.

Now you can keep up to date on what's happening at your Library with email reminders. You can sign up at [www.picnet.org/programs/joinmail](http://www.picnet.org/programs/joinmail) and receive regular updates about the programs and new services at your local Library.

### Greenwood Library Branch

The Greenwood Branch was extensively renovated in the past year to make it more energy efficient, more accessible and to provide a safer and nicer environment for our clients. Some of the changes were: furnace replacement which included a conversion from oil to gas, more energy efficient lighting, wheel chair accessible ramp and washroom, emergency exit upgrade, repairs to basement walls and interior painting and new carpets.

The Greenwood Branch is also the new home of the Durham West Arts Council. The Library is happy to share its facility with this important community group that promotes arts and culture in our community.

As well, the City, through the work of Heritage Pickering, designated the Greenwood Branch as heritage building recognizing its architecture and historic value to the community.

### Full Time Claremont Firefighters

In September 2008, the City and Pickering Fire Services reached a new milestone which ensured all residents within the City have access to full-time emergency protection 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

For the first time in the history of Pickering Fire Services, the citizens living in Claremont and the surrounding area and the hamlets of Greenwood, Whitevale, Brougham and Kinsale have full-time firefighters able to respond in a timely manner to fires, motor vehicle accidents and emergency medical alarms, etc., without having to wait for crews responding from the south urban area.

Incidentally, this full-time staffing of Claremont is exactly 100 years from the time the Claremont Fire Department was established and staffed by local volunteers. I would like to recognize and thank the many local residents who for years were part of our volunteer firefighters that served the community.