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North Pickering Residents

Subject: Neighbourhood Updates

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### Greetings

I would like to personally welcome Councillor Shaheen Butt to Pickering Council. He has been working to inform himself on the matters being considered by staff and Council. Councillor Butt brings broad experience and skills to Council and I look forward to working together for residents and the City. ~*Councillor Pickles*

Along with Councillor Pickles, I am enjoying touring the many areas of the City including Ward 3, meeting with and hearing from residents, and getting briefed by staff. It is an honour for both of us to represent you and the City on Council. ~*Councillor Butt*

### North Pickering Open House | March 28, 2017

We have scheduled an open house for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Lions' Room of the Dr. Nelson Tomlinson (Claremont) Community Centre. This will be an informal drop-in meet and greet format. Although there will not be scheduled presentations, City of Pickering staff from Engineering Services and City Development as well as representatives from the Durham Regional Police Service will be present to speak with residents. We invite you to join us and share your comments and questions.

### Claremont Park Naming | Councillor Rick Johnson's Passing

In honour of Councillor Rick Johnson, Council proposed the renaming of Claremont Park to Rick Johnson Park. During the public process some residents noted, and further City staff research clarified, that Claremont Park was dedicated in 1923 as Claremont Memorial Park to commemorate World War I veterans. Therefore, the current name with "Memorial" is proposed to remain. We have asked staff to post new signs to include "Memorial" and to investigate a plaque noting this designation. We are working with staff to name a new park, likely in the Seaton area, to honour Rick Johnson. A new park, with a soccer field and play equipment, will be a fitting memorial.

## Northern Roads Hard Surfacing Strategy

Some residents have asked about hard surfacing currently loose surfaced roads and reconstructing existing hard surfaced roads that are in poor condition in North Pickering. Further to Councillor Pickles' earlier notice of motion approved by Council, traffic volume and public input was reviewed and staff prepared and recommended a strategy for the next five years for priority loose surface roads to be upgraded to hard surface roads.

Funds for the hard surfacing of Westney Road from Seventh Concession Road to Ninth Concession Road are budget approved and will be constructed in 2017/18. Hard surfacing of Sideline 14 from Highway 407 to Seventh Concession Road is expected to be recommended for approval in the 2018 budget. The Northern Roads Hard Surfacing Strategy represents an approximate \$12 million investment in hard surfacing roads in North Pickering and will improve access and road quality for residents.

| Road                    | Description   | Centreline KM | Cost (including 10% contingency and net HST) |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| Westney Road            | Seventh Concession Road to Eighth Concession Road                 | 2.3 km        | \$1,750,000.00                               |
|                         | Eighth Concession Road to Ninth Concession Road (Regional Road 5) | 1.9 km        | 1,800,000.00                                 |
| Sideline 14             | Highway 407 to Seventh Concession Road                            | 1.2 km        | 925,000.00                                   |
| Seventh Concession Road | Sideline 32 to Sideline 26  | 2.4 km        | 2,150,000.00                                 |
|                         | Sideline 26 to Sideline 22  | 1.7 km        | 1,525,000.00                                 |
|                         | Sideline 22 to Brock Road   | 1.6 km        | 1,525,000.00                                 |
| Kinsale Road            | Highway 407 to Seventh Concession Road                            | 1.0 km        | 975,000.00                                   |
| Sideline 24             | Highway 407 to Whitevale Road                                     | 1.1 km        | 975,000.00                                   |
|                         | <b>Total Net Project Cost</b>                                     |               | <b><u>\$11,625,000.00</u></b>                |

As well as the projects listed above, the reconstruction of some existing hard surfaced roads including Salem Road, from Highway 7 to Fifth Concession Road and Sixth Concession Road, from Westney Road to Greenwood Road has been approved. Both will be reconstructed in 2017. Staff and Council have already begun discussion for 2018 and future years' budgets.

For more information, please see the Northern Roads Hard Surfacing Strategy residents' notice and report posted on Councillor Pickles' website at [www.davidpickles.com/newsletters](http://www.davidpickles.com/newsletters) (October 2016).

### **Federal Lands**

The long-awaited report on the proposed Pickering airport has been released and the author, Dr. Gary Polonsky, makes four recommendations:

- Undertake the analysis required to make a decision on the need for an airport including timing, type, size, location, capitalization, infrastructure, governance, and other pertinent factors.
- Continue engaging with stakeholders in the community throughout the process of making a decision on an airport and subsequent stages.
- Avoid interim development that could jeopardize aviation options, until after a decision is made on a potential airport, and continue to foster success of agricultural activities in collaboration with the farm community.
- Establish a Pickering Lands Advisory Network, consisting of a diverse representation of stakeholders for two broad purposes: a) to liaise with and advise Transport Canada on matters such as are referenced in the report; and b) to enable Transport Canada to share information throughout all phases of development on the Pickering lands.

As required by the Province in December 2015, the City initiated a conformity review and amendment of the City's Official Plan (proposed Amendment 27). This amendment addresses a variety of issues including the identification of a larger Rouge Park and the designation of a reduced airport site. Council also reaffirmed the City's position adopted in Councillor Pickles' notice of motion (January 2014) requesting further studies prior to making a decision.

Further, the Federal Government has announced it has initiated an aviation needs study which will be conducted by KPMG and expected to be completed in 2018.

### **Canada Post Rural Routes**

Some residents in northeast Pickering are assigned to the Ashburn postal routes (LOB) for mail delivery. As a result, the City and Canada Post have received regular complaints from residents and businesses that general or bulk mail (including municipal mailing and election campaign materials) they are receiving corresponds to matters in neighbouring Whitby rather than City of Pickering.

Canada Post has indicated that over the next couple of years they intend to take steps to re-align the LOB postal routes to the Pickering postal station. To advance this process we are considering introducing a motion at Pickering Council requesting Canada Post to start the public consultation

process for transferring the L0B route in northeast Pickering to a Pickering postal station route. We welcome any feedback you may have on this matter.

As for the Seaton development, Canada Post reiterated that this would be an urban route.

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Yours truly



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