

City of
PICKERING



June 2025 eNewsletter

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that the City of Pickering resides on land within the Treaty and traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Williams Treaties signatories of the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations. Pickering is also home to many Indigenous persons and communities who represent other diverse, distinct, and autonomous Indigenous nations. This acknowledgement reminds us of our responsibilities to our relationships with the First Peoples of Canada, and to the ancestral lands on which we learn, share, work, and live.



National Indigenous Peoples Day is recognized annually on June 21. The City of Pickering in partnership with Durham Community Health Centre celebrated in Esplanade Park with a flag raising ceremony, drumming circle, singing, dancing and craft vendors.

Celebrating Pickering's 55+ Community



June is a terrific time of year full of many celebrations and initiatives. One that is near and

dear to my heart is Seniors' Month, because **you are as young as you feel!** The City offers several programs for our 55+ community that are you encouraged to take part in. Follow the link to the [brochure](#) which outlines many of the offerings this month.

For more information, feel free to visit: pickering.ca/adults55plus

Pickering's Got Talent!



Adding another name to Pickering's hall of fame! "Grae" is a Pickering resident who recently has *Grae*-ced the world stage on Canada's Got Talent as a Season 4 finalist and 2-time Golden Buzzer recipient with FunkyVerse Crew - a hip hop dance crew who also won the Gold Medal in the 2024 Hip Hop International Canada Megacrew.

To learn more about this star-studded group of performers, check out their [website](#), connect with them on social, and be sure to watch their amazing [performances](#).

You've Got Questions, I've Got Answers

***Will the Free Waterfront Shuttle Service be running again this summer?
I loved being able to commute and not fuss with parking down there!***



YES! The Waterfront Route on Durham Region Transit Bus 100 will be returning!

- **Service Dates:** Weekends and statutory holidays (June 28 - September 1, 2025).
- **Specific Dates:** This includes June 28, 29, July 1 (Canada Day), August 2, 3, 4 (Civic Holiday), and September 1 (Labour Day).
- **Route:** The shuttle operates on Durham Region Transit Route 100, connecting Pickering City Centre to the waterfront.
- **Frequency:** The shuttle runs every 20 minutes on a loop.
- **Operating Hours:** 12 pm to 9 pm.
- **Fare:** Free for Route 100 only; standard fares apply for other routes.

For more information, visit our [Waterfront Route webpage](#).



Answering your questions - A new segment dedicated to answering some of your most pressing questions! Often times I have residents requesting the same information over a hot topic, issue or event. Connecting with our neighbours and sharing information to Pickering residents is some of my favourite duties associated with being your Councillor. This platform will allow me to do just that!

Send an email to mbrenner@pickering.ca with your questions on City & Regional matters to see if your inquiries were chosen as a hot topic in our next eNewsletter release.



Pickering Farmers' Market
Every Tuesday (Until October 7)
9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Pickering's Farmers' Market has returned! Have you visited them yet? I sure have!

View the details below and check the [City's website](#) for more information on any rain dates or cancellation notices (Please note: the Market will be closed on July 1st).

Join us at Pickering's Farmers' Market

Join us every Tuesday from June 10 to October 7, 9 am to 2 pm, for our award-winning Farmers' Market, located in the northwest parking lot of the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex.

With B.WOOD mobile coffee bar and Didi Grill serving wraps, hot dogs, burgers, sausages, and more - the market makes the perfect place to spend your breaks or lunch. Visit pickering.ca/farmersmarket to learn more.

Farm Vendors

- Albion Hills Farm
- Forsythe Family Farm
- Garlicious Ontario
- Maple Grove Orchards
- Sparrow Gardens
- Stapleton's Farm

Food Vendors

- B.WOOD Coffee
- Basoli Sauces
- Bread on Wheels
- British Baked Goods
- Cupcake Goodness
- Didi Grill
- Graziotto's Bee All/Pure Bliss
- Munchies Gourmet Kettlecorn
- Olive That!
- Peshy's
- Portobello Road/With Grace Marketplace
- Pourret Teas Inc
- The Joy of Harvest

Artisan Vendors

- Ana's Fizz+
- Betty Lou's Country Crafts
- Lago of All
- Rouge River Crafts & Candles
- Stay Warm Crochet
- The Hemp Spot

VQA Vendor

- Pillitteri Estates Winery
- Town Brewery



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Upcoming Festivals & Events

Join us as we have an assortment of great events to engage in all year round. The City of

Pickering's [Events Calendar](#) is a great resource to see upcoming City and Community Events.

I would like to highlight the Canada Day lineup this year, on Tuesday, July 1, 2025:



DAYTIME CELEBRATIONS Esplanade Park (12:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

Join the City of Pickering to celebrate Canada Day, Tuesday, July 1st from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Esplanade Park for a vibrant celebration of Canada Day, featuring exciting games, live entertainment, delicious food vendors, and engaging community group activities.



NIGHTTIME CELEBRATIONS
Kinsmen Park (7:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

Continue celebrating at the annual Canada Day Concert in Kinsmen Park. Enjoy live music on the big stage, food trucks, fireworks, and lots of fun for all ages.

The mainstage performances kick off at 7:00 pm and don't stop until the firework finale at 10:00 pm! Join Tex Rexman, Echo, and Kelsi Mayne for a Canada Day celebration that will keep you on your feet all night long.

Be sure to get to Kinsmen before 8:00 pm for an early-bird raffle at the Pickering Events tent in the lawn. Accessible bus shuttles to Kinsmen Park from Pickering GO Station and Ontario Power Generation parking lots (777 Brock Road with overflow at 889 Brock Road) begin at 6:00 pm and return shuttles resume shortly after the firework show.

Check the webpage for any and all updates: pickering.ca/canadaday

Get Involved in Your Community



I'd like to encourage you to get out in your community and offer support to your neighbours. We have a number of registered neighbourhood community associations in Pickering, that do tremendous work for our great city.

The above photos are from events held by the [Fairport Beach Neighbourhood Association](#), and the [Rougemont Community & Recreation Association](#).

For a complete list of [Ratepayer Associations](#) and [Community Organizations](#), visit our website.



OLG Cheque Presentation June 13, 2025



During Ribfest weekend, the City of Pickering proudly marked the transformative impact of its partnership with Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) at the popular Ribfest event presented by Rotary Club of Pickering.

Since the opening of the Pickering Casino Resort in 2021, the City has received over \$59.5 million in non-tax gaming revenue through its Municipality Contribution Agreement with OLG. For the 2024–2025 fiscal year alone (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025), Pickering received \$17,167,711 in revenue - representing a major investment in the city's

future.

Highlights from the 2025 Capital and Current Budgets show over \$23.5 million in projects funded by casino revenues, including:

- Dunbarton Pool roof and structure replacement
- Construction of outdoor pickleball courts
- Land acquisition and design for Fire Station #5
- Fixtures and equipment for the Pickering Heritage Community Centre
- Community grants to local non-profit organizations
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View the City's Current Budget (page 237/245) for a full list of community grant recipients. These investments demonstrate how strategic, forward-thinking partnerships support Pickering's mission to provide meaningful municipal services to its growing and diverse community, efficiently, effectively, and responsibly.

To view the entire News Release, follow the link to our [website](#).

See It? Report It.



You've probably seen the signs in your neighbourhood, on roadsides, and near parks and trails. The City has installed these signs as part of its anti-littering campaign.

Dumping waste where it doesn't belong harms plants and wildlife, fosters rodent infestations, and results in significant cleanup costs. Penalties can be up to \$25,000 for an individual, and \$100,000 for a corporation.

The City conducts proactive patrols to deter illegal dumping. However, as these incidents continue to escalate, we need your support.

If you witness illegal dumping taking place, please gather as much information as possible (descriptions of individuals, vehicle plates, and locations) and report it to our Customer Care Centre immediately at 905.683.7575 or customercare@pickering.ca.

Visit [LetsTalkPickering.ca/litter](https://lets.talk.pickering.ca/litter) to learn more.

City of Pickering: Council Highlights

Council Highlights



pickering.ca/CouncilHighlights

As Council Members we have a commitment to participate in a number of Committee and Council meetings annually.

The Executive Committee typically meets virtually once monthly on the first Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. Likewise, the Planning & Development Committee meet virtually on the same day of the month at 7:00 pm. The last Monday of the month typically, we meet virtually for Council meetings at 7:00 pm.

Please follow the links below for the City's website calendar, to view the most up-to-date scheduling.

As part of our commitment to open, transparent, and accessible municipal government, we continue to post online recaps of the decisions made at our Council Meetings to help residents better understand municipal affairs and directions set by Council.

Members of the public may observe the meeting proceedings by viewing the [livestream](#). The official meeting minutes are also publicly available through the City's [website calendar](#) and [Corporate Records](#) webpages. For more information on attending meetings and registering as a delegate, you may visit the City's [website](#).

A breakdown of our Council Meeting Highlights are available on the City's website [here](#). Alternatively, you may check out the [City's Facebook page](#).

Building Permit Activity Reports

Each month the City of Pickering Building Services division generates an activity report which includes statistics of new applications received within the month, permit fees received to date, estimated construction valuations, projected building permit revenues, and comparisons to the previous year.

You may view the Building Permit Activity Report for [April 2025](#) and [May 2025](#).

For more information, visit the Building Services webpage [here](#).

Visit LetsTalkPickering.ca/Development to learn more about the planning process.



City Centre Park Survey

The City is working with an architectural firm to design a brand-new urban park where residents can come together, celebrate, and connect year-round!

It will be situated on the west side of Glenanna Road (across from Pickering City Hall). The park will be created on 1.42 acres of repurposed surface parking.

This new destination will offer a range of multi-season experiences for people of all ages. I am looking forward to enjoying some winter skating, spring flowers, summer concerts, and autumn fairs.

For more information and to have your say, take the [survey](#), and visit the [project page](#).



Durham Region Council Updates



The Region of Durham Council continues to be a champion for our community, and leverages its voice through memberships with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). It advocates for change on current Provincial legislation that negatively impacts our residents.

The Region plays a significant role in providing essential services and resources to all of their corresponding municipalities. Check out the [April 23, 2025](#), [May 28, 2025](#), and [June 25, 2025](#) Durham Region CAO Briefing Notes summary to learn

more.

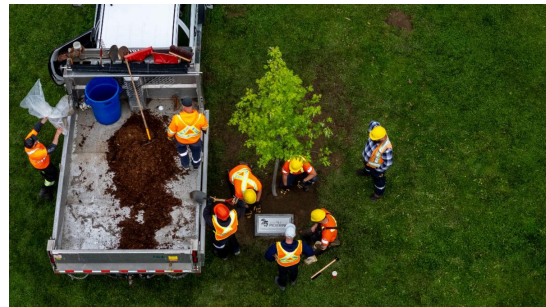
Celebrate Environmental Champions

Submit your nominations for the DECAC Environmental Awards

Do you know someone who has made a positive impact on environmental conservation and/or climate action through projects completed **between October 1, 2023 and June 1, 2025**? The Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) invites you to nominate individuals and organizations for the 2025 DECAC Environmental Achievement Awards.

[Submit your nominations](#) by **Friday, June 27, 2025**

Established in 2003, the DECAC Environmental Achievement Awards is held every other year to recognize individuals and organizations in Durham Region's public, private and non-profit sectors who are committed to protecting the environment and addressing climate change. The award ceremony will take place in the Fall, celebrating the efforts of those making a positive impact in our community. [Learn more about DECAC and the Awards.](#)



Durham Region Transit Updates



[Durham Region Transit \(DRT\)](#) is one of the most popular and reputable regional services offered to our residents.

In fact, beginning July 1, 2025, DRT will be implementing their new [fare adjustments](#).

Highlights from the [May 2025 Transit Executive Committee Meeting](#) can be viewed in the above link.

To stay up-to-date on the latest news with DRT, subscribe to their eNews page [here](#).

Metrolinx Updates



Metrolinx has new and exciting updates for our residents. Be sure to check out the following links to learn about [GO Transit Service Changes](#), the [Seven Top Attractions to Visit on the GO](#), and more.

Durham Region Health Department Begins 2025 West Nile Virus Surveillance & Tick Prevention Program

Durham Region Health Department will begin West Nile virus (WNV) surveillance and control program for the 2025 season on May 12. This program includes adult mosquito trapping to test for WNV, surveillance for larval mosquito activity, and administering larvicide in catch basins and surface water sites throughout Durham Region.

For a fully exhaustive list, including resources to help better equip you and keep you safe, I encourage you to read the full article linked [here](#).



Get Tick Smart:

BLACKLEGGED TICKS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THIS AREA

The bite of an infected tick can spread serious diseases to humans and pets



Use a bug repellent with DEET or Icaridin



Walk in the centre of trails



Wear light-coloured clothing - long sleeves, long pants and closed footwear



Check your full body, including your children and pets for ticks. Shower when you get home to help find ticks that may be attached to your body



Carefully remove any attached ticks



For more information about tick-borne diseases visit durham.ca/ticks

Durham Health Connection Line
905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729



Durham Funding Opportunities

The Region of Durham has published a substantial list of funding opportunities available to residents. If this is of value to you, I encourage you to sign up for their eNewsletter. For more information, please visit their [Funding Opportunities website](#).

Additionally, the Region outlines more than 40 benefits in Ontario, specifically for low-income residents. To learn more about these resources, check out their [Mobile Benefits Hub website](#).

Lobbyist Registry

Open, Transparent,
and Accountable
Government

Learn more at:
pickering.ca/LobbyistRegistry



City of Pickering Lobbyist Registry

1. Read the City's Lobbyist Registry By-law and determine if you are a Lobbyist;
2. Create an Online Profile to register as a Lobbyist; and,
3. Declare lobbying activity within 10 business days of initial lobbying activity.



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The Lobbyist Registry is up and running, and it is now mandatory for those that lobby Public Officer Holders. The team from the Clerks Department has played a lead role in not

only preparing the [Lobbyist Registry By-law](#), but also the tools that will assist Public Office Holders and Lobbyists to understand the definition of a [Public Officer Holder](#).

Questions or Concerns?

Connect with our [Customer Care](#) team, Monday to Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm), by telephone at 905.683.7575, or email customercare@pickering.ca.

Stay Connected

Thank you for taking the time to read this eNewsletter. I welcome your feedback and comments. For more information on what's happening in Pickering and Durham Region, visit my social channels: mauricebrenner.ca, [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#). You can also reach me by contacting the Council Office at 905.420.4605 or by email at mbrenner@pickering.ca.

Feel free to forward this eNewsletter to other Pickering residents, who may find this information helpful. To subscribe to future eNewsletters, visit my profile on the City's [website](#) and click the link at the bottom of the page "Subscribe to my eNewsletter". My eNewsletters are sent out a maximum of once per month, and you can unsubscribe at anytime.

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