

# PICKERING FORWARD

Planning tomorrow, together.



## Official Plan

### Phases of the Plan



# **Phases of Pickering's Official Plan**

## ***Phase 1: Background Research***

Includes identifying changes that have occurred at the Provincial, Regional, and local level that may impact the Pickering Official Plan; creating discussion papers and multiple opportunities to engage with the public and stakeholders on specific topics at this initial stage.

A key element of community engagement and education regarding the Official Plan Review including discussion papers on these topics:

- Community Vision and Priorities
- Growth Management, Urban Structure, and Urban Design
- Natural Heritage, Hazards, and Sustainability
- Housing and Affordability
- Community Structure (Parks, Transportation, Cultural Heritage, etc.)
- Agriculture and Rural Areas

## ***Phase 2: Policy Drafting***

Includes consideration of research conducted and comments received through community engagement; creation of new policies that:

- respond to stakeholder comments
- are required to ensure conformity and consistency with Provincial and Regional policies
- incorporate best practices

A first draft of the proposed changes to the Official Plan would be released for public review and comment.

## ***Phase 3: Policy Recommendations***

Includes reviewing public comments.

A second draft of proposed changes will be released; and a statutory public meeting on the recommended changes will be held; and will be considered by Committee and Council. Staff will subsequently prepare a final draft Official Plan for Council approval.

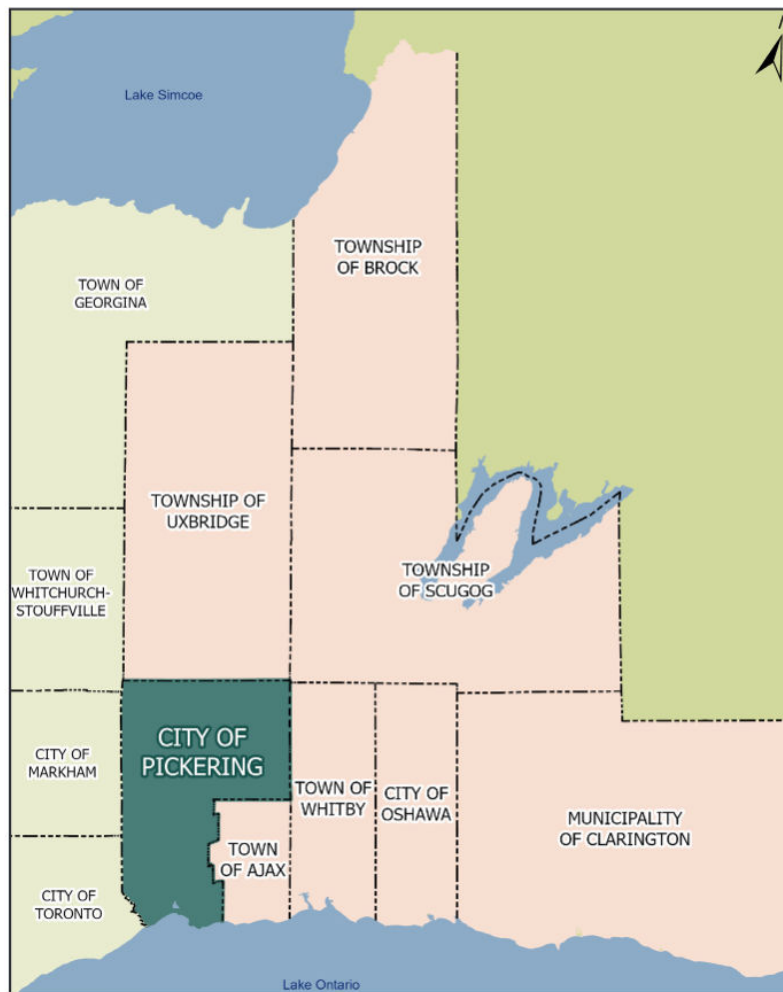
## ***Phase 4: Final Approval and Implementation***

Includes Council adoption of the Official Plan, Regional approval (if required), and consideration of revisions to documents or processes that may be necessary to implement the Plan.

## ***Background***

Information provided includes that from:

- Corporate Strategic Plan
- Pickering Housing
- Strategy & Action Plan
- Recreation and Parks Master Plan



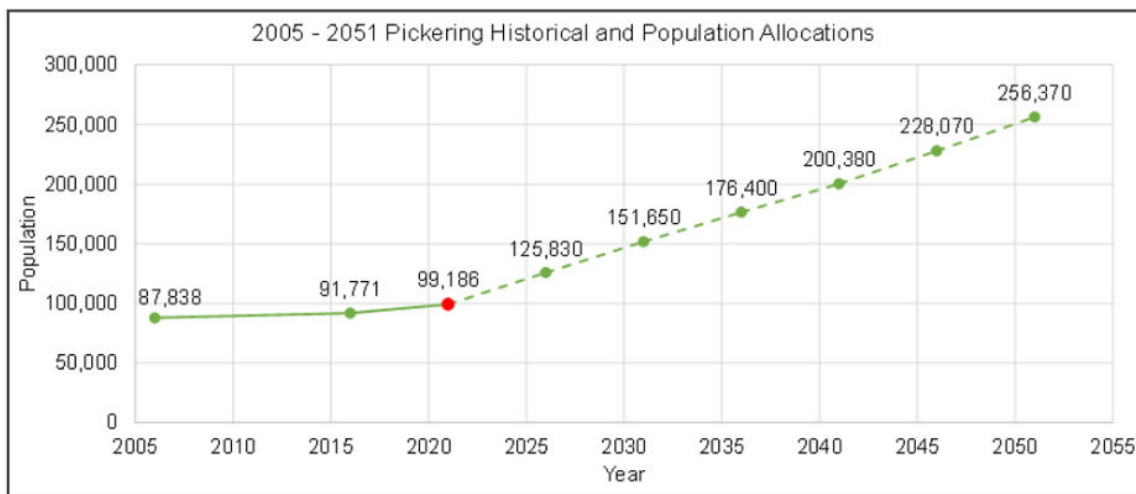
Map of City of Pickering within Durham Region

## The Official Plan

Official Plan is the long range, comprehensive plan that guides land use decision-making. It represents Council's vision for growth and change within the City and sets a policy framework for the physical, social, environmental, and economic development of the City, while ensuring growth occurs responsibly, and resources are used efficiently and sustainably.

### *An Official Plan deals with:*

- Location of new housing, industry, offices and shops.
- Services will be needed, such as roads, watermain, sewers, parks and schools
- Location of open spaces and how to protect the natural environment.
- Schedule and sequence of the parts of the community growth.
- Location and analysis of investment in community improvement initiatives



Pickering population and allocated growth of population trends

Not only is Pickering's population growing, Pickering is anticipated to significantly increase the number of jobs within the city. Pickering has a significant amount of employment lands available, specifically the innovation corridor in **Seaton**, that is expected to result in the number of jobs almost tripling by 2051

## **Official plan integrates with other plans:**

- Provincial Planning Act
- Greenbelt Plan
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
- Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Ontario Heritage Act Plan
- Federal Lands and Minister Zoning Order's Plan
- Durham Region Official Plan

## **As well as...PICKERING PLANS**

- Corporate Strategic Plan
- Housing & Action Plan
- Transportation Plan
- Sustainable Design Standards guidelines
- Economic Development Strategy Plan
- Retail Market Studies
- Recreation and Parks Master Plan
- Northeast Pickering Secondary Plan

## **More forthcoming**

Community input will be coming in the form of *discussion reports* based on:

- Community Vision & Priorities.
- Growth Management, Urban Structure and Urban Design.
- Natural Heritage, Hazards and Sustainability.
- Housing and Affordability.
- Community Structure (includes Parks, Transportation, Cultural Heritage, etc.).
- Agriculture and Rural Areas.

## **Elements under consideration in the Official Plan development:**

- Urban and rural growth;
- Greenspace protection and enhancement;
- Rural areas;
- Economic development;
- Parks;
- Transportation;
- Housing and its affordability.