

MORNING NEWS DESK

Monday, July 27, 2026

PICKERING / DURHAM

1. ([Durham Region](#)) Bayly Street lane closure begins in Pickering

Westbound Bayly Street at Harwood Avenue South is closed from July 27 to 31 while Durham Region completes mandatory concrete repairs. Westbound traffic is being detoured north on Harwood Avenue, west on Hunt Street and south on Commercial Avenue before returning to Bayly Street. Drivers are advised to expect delays through the area all week.

2. ([Durham Region](#)) Brock Road lane restrictions coming this week

Lane restrictions begin July 29 on Brock Road near the Dillingham Road and Clement Road intersection in Pickering. The restrictions, in place until August 7, will allow Elexicon Energy to install new infrastructure. Traffic will be maintained in both directions during the work.

3. ([Durham Region](#)) West Nile virus detected in Ajax mosquitoes

The Durham Region Health Department says a batch of adult mosquitoes collected in Ajax has tested positive for West Nile virus. It is the first positive mosquito batch in the region this season. Residents are urged to remove standing water and use insect repellent when outdoors.

4. ([INdurham](#)) Five in custody after armed robbery at Oshawa Centre jewellery store

Three adults and two teenagers are in custody following an armed robbery at a jewellery store in the Oshawa Centre on Sunday. Durham police responded quickly and made the arrests a short time later. The investigation is continuing.

5. ([*INdurham*](#)) Ajax man charged after Pickering firearms investigation

An Ajax man is facing weapon and drug charges after a firearms investigation in Pickering. Durham Regional Police say the charges follow a search connected to the ongoing probe. Police have not indicated whether further arrests are expected.

CANADA

1. ([*CBC News*](#)) Gordie Howe International Bridge opens to traffic today **[Tempest in a teapot]**

After months of delays and political gridlock, the Gordie Howe International Bridge officially opens to traffic today. The new crossing connects Windsor, Ontario, with Detroit, Michigan, and is expected to ease congestion at the busiest Canada-U.S. trade corridor. Officials say the bridge will handle a major share of cross-border commercial traffic.

2. ([*CBC News*](#)) Carney says retaliation on the table as tariff deadline nears **[Is he finally taking a page from Doog Ford's playbook....elbows up...doing a Gordie Howe?]**

Prime Minister Mark Carney says retaliatory measures are being considered if Canada cannot reach a deal before U.S. President Donald Trump's new 50 per cent tariffs take effect. The tariffs would hit a wide range of Canadian goods, including dairy, wine, cement, furniture and hockey gear. Carney says negotiations with Washington are intensifying in pursuit of a comprehensive agreement.

3. ([*CTV News*](#)) Conservatives demand Ottawa reveal its U.S. trade plan

The Conservative Party is calling on the federal government to unveil its negotiation plan with U.S. President Donald Trump. The demand came in a

letter from Shuv Majumdar, the Conservative shadow minister for Canada-U.S. relations, to Prime Minister Mark Carney. The party says Canadians deserve to know what concessions are being considered.

4. ([CBC News](#)) Alberta crime severity hits lowest level in over a decade

Alberta's crime severity index has fallen to its lowest point in more than 10 years, according to Statistics Canada's annual report. The index measures both the volume and seriousness of police-reported crime. Officials credit a combination of policing strategies and community programs for the decline.

5. ([CBC News](#)) Arrest made after vandalism spree in Winnipeg neighbourhood

A man has been arrested after a window was smashed at a high school in Winnipeg's Crescentwood area. Police say similar vandalism was carried out Saturday morning at several nearby homes, including that of a local MLA. Charges are pending as the investigation continues.

INTERNATIONAL

1. ([Reuters](#)) Russia launches overnight strikes on three Ukrainian cities

Russia struck Zaporizhzhia, Sumy and Dnipro overnight in a fresh wave of attacks on Ukrainian cities. Emergency crews were assessing damage and casualties this morning. The strikes come amid continued fighting along the front lines.

2. ([BBC](#)) U.S. pauses Iran bombing campaign as Israeli PM heads to Washington

The United States has paused its two-week bombing campaign against Iran. The Israeli prime minister is set to meet with President Trump in Washington as diplomatic efforts intensify. Officials have not said how long the pause will last.

3. ([*The Guardian*](#)) **More than 325,000 flee wildfires in France and Spain**

Some of the worst forest fires in the history of France and Spain have forced more than 325,000 people from their homes in southwest France and central Spain. The crisis also forced organizers to shorten the final stage of the Tour de France after police were reassigned to fire duty. Crews from across Europe are assisting with the battle.

4. ([*BBC*](#)) **German minister calls attack likely “Islamic terror”**

Germany’s interior minister Alexander Dobrindt has described a recent attack as a likely “Islamic terror attack.” The suspect was named as Abdul Ballout, who was born in Germany and has Lebanese roots. The investigation is ongoing.

5. ([*Al Jazeera*](#)) **Displaced Lebanese buy satellite images to check on their homes**

Unable to return home, some Lebanese displaced by Israel’s invasion of southern Lebanon are buying satellite images to see whether their houses survived. The images offer families their only glimpse of villages that remain off-limits. Aid groups say the practice reflects the depth of uncertainty facing the displaced.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

1. ([*ESPN*](#)) **Canada’s World Cup run sparks a nationwide soccer boom**

Canada’s inspirational run to the Round of 16 at the FIFA World Cup has fundamentally changed soccer’s place in the national sporting consciousness. The team overcame the loss of winger Marcelo Flores to injury before the tournament and a broken leg suffered by midfielder Ismaël Koné in the group stage. Interest and youth registration in the sport have surged across the country.

2. ([*Global News*](#)) Canadian gymnasts shine at Glasgow Commonwealth Games

Felix Dolci is leading Canada's charge in the men's all-around gymnastics at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow after Canada beat England for the team gold. Ellie Black is also in contention for the women's all-around title. Canada has 62 athletes competing across six sports at the Games, which run until August 2.

3. ([*CTV News*](#)) Pickering mom's push for accessible playgrounds gains momentum

A Pickering mother's campaign for fully accessible playgrounds in her community is winning growing support. She is calling on the city to ensure children of all abilities can play together at local parks. Community members and advocates have rallied behind the effort.