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**Mayor's Newsletter - May 2026**

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Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of May, I'm looking forward to seeing our community out and about enjoying the warmer weather and taking part in the many great events happening across Pickering. May is always a busy, exciting time in our city, and I hope you'll join me at one (or more) of the celebrations listed below.

From [Petapalooza on May 9](#), to [ArtFest on May 23 & 24](#), and the [Duffins Creek Festival on May 30](#), there's something for everyone. I encourage you to bring your family and friends, support local organizations, and take pride in all that makes Pickering such a vibrant place to call home.

I'm also excited to share that the [Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre](#) will open this summer. This 44,000 square foot, net zero facility will bring culture, history, and community together under one roof, with spaces for exhibits, programs, gatherings, and local history preservation. I want to invite you to join us for the official grand opening on **Saturday, June 13 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [mayor@pickering.ca](mailto:mayor@pickering.ca) or 905.420.4600. I also encourage you to stay up to date on the latest news in Pickering by subscribing to my newsletter if you haven't already.

Yours Truly,

Kevin Ashe

## IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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Did you miss out on our last Council meeting? Not to worry! My Keeping Up With Council recap video is out now for the April 27th, 2026, meeting.

I encourage you to tune in and watch the video below to stay informed and up-to-date on all things Pickering!

The recap includes updates on:

- Zoning by-law approval for the first commercial plaza in Seaton
- New parks coming to Claremount and Seaton
- Approval of a seasonal patio for Open Studio Art Café
- \$3 million approved for road resurfacing

...and more!



[Click here](#) or on the video above!



Thank you to everyone who joined my Facebook Townhall. We discussed key themes including traffic, development, parks and community services. Big thank you to Mil Paten, President of Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade for moderating the chat.

**Watch the recording:** [FACEBOOK VIDEO LINK](#)



A big thank you to everyone who joined me for my Coffee Chat event last week. It's always such a pleasure connecting with residents, hearing your feedback, and diving into the issues that matter most to you. I love holding virtual townhalls to reach as many residents as possible, but I especially enjoy meeting residents face-to-face. Your ideas and suggestions truly help shape the future of Pickering, and I'm grateful for the open, honest conversations we had.

A special shoutout to The Shops at Pickering Town Centre for hosting us in such a fantastic space, your warmth and hospitality made this event even more enjoyable.



During our conversation, we touched on many important topics, including protecting the beautiful Frenchman's Bay, City Centre Park, and the exciting new developments in our City Centre.

# ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY



Great to join Fieldgate Homes, Council, and City staff for the groundbreaking of the first commercial development in Seaton.



Honoured to join the Holy Redeemer Parish community as we celebrate 60 years of faith, service, and fellowship in Pickering. We were especially grateful to welcome Cardinal Francis Leo.



Thank you to everyone who came out for our Community Clean-Up at Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park and across the city this April!



Grab your Smile Cookies at your local Durham Tim Hortons before Sunday May 3 and help support the important mental health programs at Ontario Shores, right here in our community.



It was an honour to attend the Legion Branch 606 Honours & Awards Event 2026. Thank you to the Legion and to every award recipient recognized for your remarkable service and achievements.



Great to see the opening of Tim Hortons at Pickering GO Station. A welcome addition for commuters and our community.

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