

THE PLATFORM

Pickering is growing faster than at any point in its history. This is a practical plan to make sure that growth delivers real infrastructure, real fiscal discipline, and real accountability — for every neighbourhood, from Seaton to the lakeshore.

PILLAR 01

Roads & Transit

Pickering's road network is under pressure from rapid growth, and transit connections, particularly GO service, remain inadequate for a city of this size and trajectory.

Launch a **multi-year Road Resurfacing Acceleration Program**, prioritizing the highest-use and oldest residential streets first, with annual public reporting.

Work with **Durham Region Transit and Metrolinx** to fast-track expanded bus service into Seaton's new neighbourhoods from day one of occupancy.

Advocate at Queen's Park and with Metrolinx for **expanded GO Train service** on the Lakeshore East corridor.

Complete **Seaton's arterial road network**, including Whites Road and Taunton Road expansions, in step with housing build-out.

Create a dedicated **Active Transportation Fund** connecting Seaton, City Centre, and the waterfront with cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

PILLAR 02

Seaton Community Infrastructure

Seaton is being built, but community infrastructure lags behind housing. Families are moving in before recreation centres, libraries, and parks are ready.

Champion the **\$266M Seaton Recreation Complex & Library** through to construction, holding the line on the approved budget and scope.

Launch a public **Seaton Community Infrastructure Dashboard** showing real-time status of every capital project in the community.

Work with the **Durham District and Catholic school boards** to accelerate new school openings to match population growth.

Lock in **development charge revenue** for community infrastructure, not general revenue, through formal negotiation with the Province.

PILLAR 03

City Centre Transformation

Pickering's City Centre has real potential as the urban core of a growing Durham Region city, but it needs leadership to cut through delays and ensure the public realm is built alongside new towers.

Establish a **City Centre Development Office** accountable for driving approvals and reporting progress to Council quarterly.

Require a **public realm contribution** — streetscape, park, or civic space — as a condition of any new City Centre development approval.

Champion a **new transit hub at City Centre** connecting Durham Region Transit, GO Bus, and future rapid transit.

PILLAR 04

Fiscal Responsibility

Pickering faces a major capital investment requirement during a period of rising costs and taxpayer sensitivity. The next term must chart a sustainable path through the infrastructure build-out.

Hold **annual property tax increases at or below the rate of inflation** by maximizing non-tax revenue sources.

Conduct a full **Capital Budget Review** in the first 90 days of the new term.

Pursue **naming rights** for major facilities like the Seaton Recreation Complex to reduce the municipal burden.

Publish a plain-language annual **State of Pickering's Infrastructure Report**.

PILLAR 05

Environmental Infrastructure

Pickering's Duffins Creek corridor and Lake Ontario waterfront are assets that must be protected as development expands, and climate resilience must be built into every major project.

Require **climate resilience assessments and green infrastructure standards** on all major City capital projects.

Develop a **Duffins Creek Corridor Master Plan** balancing protection with public access.

Invest in **stormwater upgrades** in flood-risk neighbourhoods.

Complete the **Waterfront Trail network** from Frenchman's Bay to the Ajax border.

THE FOUNDATION BENEATH EVERY PILLAR

Democratic Accountability

None of this platform matters if it's delivered the wrong way. Every commitment above will be pursued through a full council vote and public process — never around it.

- ✓ I will never use **Strong Mayor powers** to remove Council from the budget process.
- ✓ I will never send a **unilateral letter to the Province** on land use without a council vote.
- ✓ I will build Pickering's future with the same ambition, and bring **every resident** along.

*For the full accountability record behind these commitments, visit dougcornellformayor.ca/accountability
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