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UOIT SERVING PICKERING

Since opening its doors in Fall 2003, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) has played a key role in our community. In addition to offering quality post-secondary education to our residents, it provides unique energy-focused programs that benefit our growing energy sector and has formed valuable partnerships with the City of Pickering.

The province's newest university, UOIT offers career-focused undergraduate degree programs in business and information technology, sciences, engineering, nursing, social science and education. Ontario's first laptop-based university shares selected services and facilities with Durham College, which has provided job-focused programs for 38 years.

UOIT will soon be home to a new Automotive Centre of Excellence, to be built by General Motors of Canada Limited as part of its recently-announced Project Beacon. The \$2.5 billion program, funded in partnership with the federal and provincial governments, is the largest and most comprehensive automotive investment in Canada. Project Beacon promises to strengthen automotive engineering, research and development and manufacturing capabilities in Canada.

The Centre of Excellence will link participating automotive companies, suppliers, automotive engineers, universities, researchers and

students. It will anchor a broader virtual Canadian Automotive Innovation Network, led by GM's Canadian Engineering Centre.

Together with other Durham Energy Stakeholders, the City of Pickering has been working with UOIT towards a Durham Strategic Energy Alliance (DSEA). Launched at the Environment and Energy Conference last month, DSEA is a forum where business, government and education can partner to foster the emergence of an energy-friendly environment in Durham Region.

The City of Pickering is proud to be a founding member of DSEA, which is committed to ensuring Ontario has sustainable, cost-effective and reliable electrical energy within 10 years.

"Newspaper mills in Northern Ontario are closing down, with price of power being a major cause," notes UOIT President Gary Polonsky. "Clearly, we can't allow plant closures in Southern Ontario for that reason. We must act. DSEA is one idea which, coupled with other good ideas, will get the job done."

UOIT Provost Richard Marceau agrees. "We must not take electricity for granted. If we don't plan, we will experience great difficulties in a decade or so," he says. "The Province is committed to phasing out coal-fired generation, but there's no clear idea on how we're going to replace it."



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The City of Pickering is proud to be a leading centre for energy and environment in Ontario, home to industry leaders like Ontario Power Generation, Intellimeter, New Horizons, Eastern Power and Eco-Tec.

More than 15% of our existing labour force is employed in the Energy and Environment sectors. We have been working diligently to attract and enhance energy sector investment in Pickering and Durham. Our conceptual office tower highlighted in this newsletter is an ideal location for energy business headquarters.

Pickering recently sponsored a GTA-wide Energy and Environment Study (EN2) with other municipal and private partners, examining the strength of the GTA's EN2 sectors internationally. Energy is high on the provincial government's agenda and Pickering is committed to helping find solutions to Ontario's energy needs.

Pickering's commitment to energy-efficient solutions has been recognized with a Green Municipal Funds grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. It will be used to prepare a Sustainable Neighbourhood Plan and to complete Partners for Climate Protection milestones to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I am pleased Pickering had the opportunity to facilitate initial meetings of the new Durham Strategic Energy Alliance. I am committed to forwarding the Alliance's mission to position Durham as a world leader in providing timely, sustainable and reliable energy solutions and helping it foster an energy-friendly environment that is a model for action in Ontario and the rest of the country.

I look forward to sharing with you continued successes as Pickering plays a leadership role today in meeting the energy and environmental needs of tomorrow.

Dave Ryan
Mayor, City of Pickering

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

There's something new brewing at the Second Cup café at First Pickering Place at Kingston and Valley Farm Roads. It's among the first Second Cup cafés across the country to serve up wireless technology.

Franchise owner/operator Rick Fernandes is proud to introduce Wi-Fi, also known as wireless networking. It offers high-speed wireless Internet access in locations known as Hotspots, making it easier for business clientele to enjoy the freedom and convenience of wireless Internet access both indoors and outdoors on the café's patio.

Mr. Fernandes looks forward to renovations next year that will further meet the needs of our business community and help him celebrate the café's 10th anniversary.

This busy location serves as a training centre for new franchisees from across the country, which reflects its consistency in meeting rigorous standards. It also conducts product testing for its head office. Call 905.831.1512 to learn more.

Rotary Engine Technologies (R.E.T.) Inc. recently relocated to Pickering from a Durham location. It has announced plans to manufacture and assemble a line of small and powerful rotary combustion engines that will be marketed and sold in Canada, the US and Mexico.

The engines, developed by Wankel AG of Germany, are used primarily in aircraft, marine, recreational vehicle, industrial and agricultural markets. Another application will be the production of Gen-Sets. According to market studies, the production of generators will be another large market locally.

The new technology significantly improves the performance, durability and efficiency of rotary engines, which have extremely low vibration operation and pollution emissions.

R.E.T.'s vision is to be the premier Wankel Rotary Engine manufacturing company in North America. It is located in a 10,000-square-foot facility at 817 Brock Rd. S., Units 7 and 8, and will benefit from Pickering's proximity to Toronto. Call 905.420.5757, visit www.rotaryengines.ca or email info@rotaryengines.ca to learn more.



Second Cup café at 1550 Kingston Rd.

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Dr. Marceau authored a position paper that supports and outlines the need for the formation of a Durham Strategic Energy Alliance. In that paper, he further outlines a proposed geographic structure of Durham's future energy cluster, including headquarters and industrial park complexes in Pickering, an incubation and industrial park complex in Clarington and a research, development and innovation complex at UOIT.

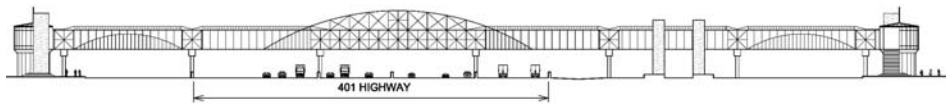
The university offers the only Bachelor-level programs in Nuclear Engineering, Energy System Engineering and Energy and Environmental Science in Canada. It has professors and research activities in key energy-related areas, including nuclear, thermal, fuel cell, solar, wind, clothra-

tehydrates and biomass technologies and electrical power transmission and distribution.

Companies like Hubbell Canada LP have been key supporters of UOIT. An important member of Pickering's manufacturing sector, Hubbell Canada recently donated \$280,000 to the university.

UOIT is a valued member of Mayor Dave Ryan's Business Advisory Council, which continues to work towards attracting high quality business. Direct bus routes from Pickering to the UOIT-Durham College campus make it more accessible for the 500 Pickering residents now attending the institutions. Visit www.uoit.ca and www.durhamcollege.ca to learn more about these facilities.

OPPORT



Cross-section of proposed pedestrian bridge spanning Hwy. 401.

DOWNTOWN VISION

A pedestrian bridge that spans Hwy. 401 and links to a proposed 20-storey office tower at the Pickering Town Centre are exciting intensification projects that confirm the City of Pickering's future as an Urban Growth Centre.

Our Corporate Promotions & Economic Development Office unveiled the proposed office tower in April at the Corenet Global Summit, an annual gathering of several thousand North American real estate and site selection professionals.

Architectural design of the glass-enclosed pedestrian bridge that will link to the tower will be underway soon. The signature office tower, located in the southwest parking lot of the Pickering Town Centre, is the first of 2 contemplated office towers totalling 350,000 square feet. It would be built to meet the needs of future tenants and could be as high as 20 storeys and as large as 200,000 square feet.

"Our number one goal is to secure tenants for the tower," says Ron Taylor, Coordinator of Business Development & Investment. "Executive offices will be available with fabulous views of Lake Ontario and Frenchman's Bay."

Pickering Town Centre is proud to be part of the project. "With Pickering Town Centre

being strategically located at the centre of the City's Downtown Core, we welcome this exciting opportunity to work closely with local government as we strive to address the growing needs our City will face as it unfolds as a new urban centre," says Allan Arseneault, Pickering Town Centre Manager.

The Province of Ontario has recognized the City of Pickering as one of a limited number of Urban Growth Centres in the Greater Golden

Horseshoe, where high intensity, mixed-use development and infrastructure investment is best focused.

To learn more about leasing opportunities at the office tower, contact Ron Taylor at 905.420.4660, ext. 2292 or rtaylor@city.pickering.on.ca or Robert Yamamoto, Development Manager of 20 Vic Management Inc., at 416.681.9014 or ryamamoto@20vic.com.



Conceptual rendering of office tower in City Centre.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ajax Pickering Board of Trade (BOT) invites you to help celebrate its 50th Anniversary at the 11th Annual Business Excellence Awards this fall.

Three Business Excellence Award winners and one Business Person of the Year will be revealed at the special 50th Anniversary Dinner. It will be held Thursday, Oct. 27 at Deer Creek Golf and Country Club

and will kick off with a cocktail party for past winners, nominees, judges, sponsors and directors.

To purchase tickets or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, call the BOT office at 905.686.0883 or email info@apboardoftrade.com.

UNITY



THE THOMSONS OF DURHAM EXHIBIT

Durham West Arts Centre is hosting *The Thomsons of Durham: Tom Thomson's Family Heritage* and is offering you an opportunity to enjoy an exclusive champagne breakfast or cocktail reception for up to 30 of your guests. You and your special clients or employees will enjoy a private tour of the exhibition featuring 3 original works by Tom Thomson and another 15 more by his brothers and sister.

The Centre is hosting one of 27 exhibits being held across the province as part of the Art Gallery of Ontario's 85th Anniversary Celebrations of the first exhibition of the Group of Seven. The exhibit celebrates the 30-year history of the Thomsons in Claremont.

"I want my friends to see the strong links of the Thomson family to Durham and to experience the arts in an exclusive setting with people knowledgeable about the arts," says Ron Halliday of Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility.

Local award-winning house designer Wayne Cassidy is also looking forward to taking advantage of the tour. "I'd like to reward my employees," he says. "It's not every day you have the chance to have a private tour of original Tom Thomson paintings in Pickering Village."

The private 90-minute tours will be held early morning or early evening and will be tailored to the needs of each business. "We want the



Tom, Ralph, George and Henry Thomson with brother-in-law, Tom Harkness.

Photo from the Collection of Kay Morrison, grand-niece of Tom Thomson.

business community to experience an event that will make them proud of what is happening in the arts community," says Centre Director Angie Littlefield.

The exhibit runs until September 23. To book your VIP tour, call April, Angie or Gary at 905.686.7697. Charitable tax receipts are available for your \$1,000 support of the arts.

The City of Pickering is a proud contributor to the Durham West Arts Centre, a not-for-profit organization committed to building support for a permanent arts centre to serve Pickering and Ajax. Its Arts-to-Go exhibition featuring the work of 30 local artists will be displayed at 10 business locations across Durham this year.

Durham West Arts Centre is located at 72B Old Kingston Rd. in Pickering Village. To learn more, visit www.dwac.ca or email info@dwac.ca.

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ECO-TEC FORMS GLOBAL ALLIANCE

Eco-Tec Inc., a manufacturer of equipment for water treatment and chemical purification and recovery, hosted a Chinese delegation from Panjin City to promote cooperation and joint development with foreign countries.

The Pickering company has formed a Global Strategic Alliance with Pall Corporation, a US company that specializes in filter and membrane technology. Their goals include helping one another sell and market complementary products and jointly develop new applications and products.

Eco-Tec has recently provided equipment to NIPSO Power Generating Facilities, AVTEC Finishing and Superior Industries, all in the US, Nippon Chemi-Con in Japan, TISCO in China, and Bombardier Canada. It is meeting the needs of a variety of industries, including aerospace, capacitor foil manufacturing, stainless steel, metal finishing and automotive.

