

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Humanitarian Aid in Sri Lanka

Following a presentation by the Durham Tamil Association, a motion was passed by Council to send a letter of support and assistance to the Provincial and Federal governments requesting humanitarian aid for the people of Sri Lanka.

Proclamations

- June 2009 as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
- June 2009 as Seniors Month

2009 Current & Capital Budget

With a residential tax increase of only 3.53%, the City of Pickering's 2009 Current and Capital Budget was presented to Council. Budget highlights include;

- Accessibility Improvements (due to *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*)
- Pickering Village Museum – Hotel Restoration
- 401 Pedestrian Bridge
- Glenanna Road repairs
- Whitevale Bridge repairs
- Don Beer Arena rehabilitation
- Kinsmen Field House renovations
- Western Gateway repairs
- Toy Avenue repairs

First Nations Trail Project Western Gateway

The Western Gateway Project involves a reconstruction of the Waterfront Trail from the Rouge River to Dyson Road and Bella Vista Drive. This will provide improved accessibility to the current trail system and encourage walking and cycling activities. The plantings will also provide additional stability of the East bank of the Rouge River, provide a buffer between the Waterfront Trail and CN rail lines, and increase the forest cover in the Rosebank neighbourhood.

Council approved Tender T-6-2009 by Pacific Paving for the Waterfront Trail, Western Gateway section in the amount of \$836,653.12. Construction for the project is anticipated to begin in June 2009. See Reports OES 12-09 and OES 16-09 for further information.

Duffin Heights Neighbourhood Environmental Servicing Plan

Amendment 18 to the Pickering Official Plan is the culmination of a 3-year comprehensive program to determine environmental limits and servicing requirements for the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood. Council endorsed the draft Official Plan Amendment and the draft By-law was forwarded to Council for enactment.

See Report PD 17-09 for further information.

Fairport Road Traffic Calming Plan

On March 23, 2009, Council passed a resolution directing staff to meet with representatives of both groups in support and opposition to traffic calming on Fairport Road. In recognition of Council's direction to provide an expedited resolution to this issue at a relatively low cost, staff have generated a moderate plan based on the traffic calming elements agreed to by both sides.

Council approved the staff-recommended traffic calming plan for Fairport Road. Additional action for implementing the traffic calming plan included;

- 4-way stop signs to be added at Fairport, Bonita and Voyager; and
- removing the 3-way stop sign at the new subdivision and leaving the 3-way stop sign at Welrus street.

See Report OES 26-09 for further information.

Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax

The Council of the City of Pickering appealed to the Province of Ontario to stop the implementation of the proposed Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax until more public consultation and input is received and requested that AMO lobby the Province of Ontario.