

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Ensuring Fair & Appropriate Municipal Election Financing

Council endorsed a Notice of Motion requesting that the Province of Ontario undertake a review of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* to ensure the rules regarding election financing and expenses are appropriate and transparent.

2009 DEAC Environmental Achievement Awards

David Middleton, from the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee appeared before Council to explain the 2009 Durham Environmental Achievement Awards process, which is to acknowledge and commend the positive examples of individuals who have made a difference. The Durham Environmental Advisory Committee is seeking nominations for these awards, which are due March 2, 2009.

Proclamations

- February 2009 as Black History Month
- April 2009 as New Homes Month
- May 3-9, 2009 as Hospice Palliative Care Week
- May 17, 2009 as International Day Against Homophobia
- December 6-12, 2009 as English as a Second Language Week

Sustainable Pickering

Council provided an update on the work conducted in 2008 on the City's Sustainable Pickering program and outlined the 2009 work plan. The City will continue to use the consulting services of Durham Sustain Ability to assist in delivering the program in 2009. The City of Pickering will also participate in "Earth Hour" on March 28, 2009.