

Appendix C – Online Survey

From September 9, 2024, to October 6, 2024, the City of Pickering hosted an online survey on Lets Talk Pickering. Survey questions included the future of Pickering to 2051 as well as seeking input on the vision and priorities. 306 people responded to the online survey, providing their comments, thoughts, and preferences to inform the Official Plan review.

Input from the online survey is summarized below and is broken down by each question.

Q1. What makes Pickering a great community?

- I was born in Dunbarton and it has been our family home since the 1930's. The sense of community was there but is decreasing daily.
- The people, the resources, it's small size it still feels like a community not a big anonymous city.
- Go train, Waterfront parks, Shopping variety.
- It's not a great community but an okay community. Pickering lacks a integrated downtown core. This will remain even with the proposed building additions near City Hall. The waterfront is OK but difficult to get there. Once there their is not a lot to do unless you just sit on the beach.
- It's not.
- Safety, public parks & waterfront, recreation and amenities, reliable Municipal/Regional services, ease of transportation/travel, relatively clean environment, events & programing.
- proximity to Toronto and sparse development to the north.
- Being inclusive and supportive to all its residents.
- Near Lake Ont and Frenchmans Bay.
- Small town feel with more amenities.
- Access to a central "downtown".
- It is, or has been a wonderful suburban community, close to the city, with great services and easy transit. Now it is over crowded and just not the great community it was.
- Nothing. But it's a good location.
- Open comfortable communities with properly spaced housing. Low traffic.
- Currently nothing. Growth without infrastructure improvements has made the city unlivable. Crime is rampant. There is no community anymore.
- Not much anymore. The big issues facing the city these days are traffic congestion and increasing density of development (that will only exacerbate traffic).
- Easy to get around. Friendly people.
- Different cultures.
- Waterfront, beaches and close proximity to the GTA.
- Safe, clean.
- Not much anymore. Too many condos going up near the highway, creating horrendous views and eliminating decent ones - also not enough demand to BUY condos. Shopping

is disappearing quickly as they close down centers to shove in condos that won't get purchased. What about Seniors? There are several homes near shopping centers that they are tearing down! Where are the Senior's going to shop - especially those who can't drive OR afford cabs of manage transit.....THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE IF YOU WERE OLDER!!

- Its walkability to popular locations to shop, its multicultural community, and its variety of food shops.
- Ease of getting around and friendly people and less traffic.
- A wonderful balance of nature and suburban life, and a nice change of pace from the congestion and overcrowding of Toronto.
- A small town vibe. Keep it that way!!!
- Not as densely populated as other suburbs. Has a well balanced mix of citizens. The access to greenbelt.
- I'm not so sure it's a great community anymore.
- Safety and less traffic/congestion than the city, although many things that are happening are leading to less safety and more congestion.
- Having thing to do here, shopping, parks, restaurants, libraries, but also being easy to commute to Toronto.
- Waterfront.
- Having a good mix of commercial, residential recreation, avoiding heavy commercial/ industrial. They should have their own community.
- Diversity, safe roads and inclusive services for everyone.
- It used to be a shared set of values and respect.
- The people.
- Pickering WAS a great community but has deteriorated over the past 6 years or so. My vision doesn't include 47 condo towers, ridiculous property taxes and pandering to special interest groups. Council no longer has the trust it once did.
- Near the lake, lots of natural forests for hiking/cycling/horse-riding, protected lands from development.
- Pickering used to be a great community - it's been going downhill the last 10 years with the exodus of people from Toronto and the Seaton Lands disaster. I'm not hopeful for the next 10 years as Seaton grows.
- Well planned neighbourhoods with parks, schools, shops and services nearby.
- The people live here.
- People.
- Used to be great, has grown at a completely unplanned rate without infrastructure investments on every level.
- Small town feel.
- Once upon a time it was a sense of community.
- Close to Toronto but still a smaller town and close to the water.
- Walkable shopping, parks, environmental health and protected lands.

- The range of housing and access to green spaces.
- People. Family oriented. Single family houses predominantly.
- Growth.
- The friendly neighbour. The quiet surroundings. Proximity to the lake and beautiful walking paths. Amount of greenery and established trees around.
- Not much so far. Moved recently here and a bit disappointed by the lack of walkable or cyclable options. Would be great to build a walkable nice downtown area somewhere. And be able to bike from north of Kingston road and go to the beach without risking your life.
- It's not a "great" community. I enjoy living here but classifying as great is premature.
- The current non-sprawl and it should be kept that way.
- Diversity. Inclusion. Forests, green space. Friendliness of people. Events.
- The abundant nature, the lack of traffic, the proximity to the lake and the rouge forest, the good public schools.
- Nothing. It used to be amazing.
- It's relatively safe, close proximity to Toronto and work for many. There are many shopping opportunities and places to purchase necessities. There is a strong albeit limited community and recreation programs.
- Great supportive neighbours, away from the big cities, lots of restaurants, grocery stores etc so we don't have to leave Pickering to get what we need.
- We are situated close to a large urban park, with easy access to the city.
- The quietness, wildlife and the sense of community.
- Lake trails and close to Toronto City center.
- The people/families.
- A GREAT COMMUNITY IS A PLACE WHERE ALL THE BASIC SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION, SHOPPING ETC ARE AVAILABLE AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO LIVE WITHIN.
- It used to be a great community but with the increase in traffic, the garbage, the noise levels and the condos being plunked near existing communities and ruining them for long term residents it's hard to see Pickering doing anything great and just turning back into Toronto's bedroom community.
- Convenient store and services locations. Everything as needed, close by.
- Green space and lakefront.
- Small but respectful community.
- It remains relatively small as compared to other GTA cities.
- Pickering looks after the well being of seniors by providing activities e.g. Pickle Ball, Ping Pong, etc.
- A large number of community events, friendly people, somewhat accessible via public transit, has all essential stores/libraries/community centres, feels a little safer than GTA despite recent uptick in crime.

- Everything is so close, no traffic, friendly family owned businesses, diverse community lots of outdoor activities run my the city and local volunteers.
- Close to Toronto.
- Not too big or too many people but good stores and close to other cities.
- At the moment it's big enough to have all the essential services, but small enough that it's still easy to get to those services.
- How family oriented the city is. From the city run events, local businesses and parks to how meighbours help each other.
- Less traffic than Toronto, although it's catching up!
- good shopping, parks and greenspaces, Rec. Centre, programs for kids, adults and seniors.
- Clean, friendly, safe, beautiful.
- The countryside which is now being built over!
- The mix of urban and natural environment.
- Influx of diverse families, access to amenities. Still maintains a smaller city/community feel in most neighborhoods.
- There are lots of opportunities.
- Not sure-not sure it currently is.
- The question should be, What MADE Pickering a great community? I have lived here for over 25 years. Moved here from Scarborough, because I didn't like what Scarborough was becoming. Well, I'm sorry to say, if things continue the way they are going?, Pickering will be the next Scarborough. No longer a nice bedroom community, but a city full of condos, crime, and traffic congestion.
- It's diversity and diversity in nature- lake to farms.
- People.
- small but close to GTA, lake, 401, cottage country. great library and rec centre.
- Relatively safe.
- Proximity to Toronto with express GO train. early on programs/good schools. Free parking most places. Nature and hiking.
- Lack of crowded areas and traffic.
- It used to be the sense of belonging, the kindness residents showed everyone, access to services, easy driving, well thought out schools. It's now turned into Toronto with eveveryone caring about themselves, loitering, schools are over packed with a number of bullying incidents at the parks.. It is difficult to enroll kids into extracurriculars even get books at the library.
- I find it difficult to answer this one. I guess if you're south of the401, it's nice to be by the lake.
- The parks.
- Waterfront & trails, sports fields, residential mixed with commercial to encourage walking
- The lake, the rivers, the woodland.
- City surrounded by parks, farmland and water.

- Why do you think that Pickering is a great community? It used to be a great community. The profile is going in the wrong direction. Too many buildings and not enough roads. Taxes are too high and services are getting lesser.
- the people, activities, close to main Highways, waterfront access, not too crowded.
- A combination of people, the community services available, the small businesses that can operate and thrive, the opportunity for kids to grow up in a smaller community with big city offerings nearby, generally safe & not dense.
- The waterfront is nice and the green spaces.
- Celebrating diversity, people are usually kind.
- close to a huge urban center but still has the feel of a smaller place.
- Not a great community.
- It is close to the GTA, but until recently still maintained more of a community feel
- The way the city is able to organize and bring the community together is pretty great. Lots of family friendly activities all throughout the different neighbourhoods. I like that there are always things put on by the city to encourage togetherness.
- It was great, but now there are too many condos being built.
- We are close to Toronto. Have a variety of services. Our waterfront is OK (the loss of the boardwalk and childrens parks has lessened the waterfront). We have many green spaces to hike.
- It is not as great as it used to be.
- Location within the GTA, layout of the suburban communities, diversity in population
- It's diverse, safe, affordable, family friendly, close to Toronto.
- The people! Waterfront and proximity to the city. Still has a smaller city feel.
- Lakeshore location.
- It isn't anymore.
- Strategic location, beautiful landscape.
- The residents are super friendly.
- Proximity to Toronto.
- Getaway to Durham region.
- Great parks, Great events, great beachfront, great people, great stewardship of the environment, great kids events and schools.
- Close to all amenities of Tororonto. Less congested than other parts of GTA. Close to nature.
- Here, my family and I have everything we need for happy living: stores, libraries, sports, community events, and various activities. We enjoy living here.
- its diversity.
- Fairly quiet city with lower crime rate. Lots of Greenspace and areas to get away from the cars and hustle and bustle of things.
- It's many amenities and natural parks and waterfronts.
- A good amount of well maintained parks, community centers and things to do.
- a quant town nestled between bustling Scarborough and other cities of Durham.



- Pickering is a diverse, thriving place with naturally gifted parks and lakefronts.
- Jobs, restaurants and shopping.
- A great community should focus on respecting one another, taking the time to listen, learn and grow, sustainability, promoting recreational & fun events with keeping in touch with one another to allow the community to grow & flourish.
- Food, trails, beach, people.
- diversity, green space, lake, family oriented.
- Low traffic. Kind neighbors. Low taxes. Not too many people.
- Neighborhood feels safe. Green space. Trails and parks.
- Our waterfront and green space. Fantastic library and community programs.
- The waterfront.
- Smaller population, close to Toronto.
- Pickering is a good community not great.
- The waterfront, the Pickering Mall.
- Close amenities, parks, grocery stores.
- Waterfront, natural areas, rural countryside.
- At one time it was quite town feeling place now feels like its getting closer to a big city.
- It used to be a great community...not like it used to be.
- To be honest, there isn't much of a community feel.
- It's small enough that neighbours know and connect with one another but close enough to Toronto that commuting isn't too troublesome.
- Access to Conservation parkland and green space balanced with adequate infrastructure to support the population.
- Community activities, rec center offerings.
- It attracts new people.
- Proximity to services and transportation.
- Small town feel with all of the amenities.
- Quick access to nature including forests, streams, marshland, and waterfront (lake Ontario).
- The lack of sprawl and high rises.
- Generally diverse, relatively low crime, Rouge National Urban Park, the waterfront, and still lots of room to grow in ways that have learned the lessons from other, older suburban centres.
- Proximity to other cities in GTA.
- In the rural area, excellent neighbours who combine to create a true community feeling, supporting one another during challenging times and hardships. A pharmacy, a restaurant with food and hardware supplies, a church an elementary school and a corner store. Our municipal councillors help when issues are brought to them.
- It's not a great community. It's failing its residents. Taxes are one of the highest in Ontario with minimal services. Development is disjointed with rampant sprawl instead of

intensifying the core. Infrastructure is lacking the ability to handle the population influx. The waterfront is a nightmare.

- Diversity, location, quick 401 access, schools, public facilities, no need to go to Toronto for almost anything.
- Its size (not too big), its people, closeness and availability of resources.
- It's natural beauty with an abundance of trees and lake access. A great balance between a diverse community without being over congested.
- It used to be the varied shopping but they are tearing our malls, portions of malls, grocery stores (not a clever move) to create more housing that isn't selling right now either. Take a look how they are built.
- Clean and safe city close to the largest city in the country.
- People are friendly, great access to the Go station and stores, appreciation of diversity within the community.
- Our parks and green spaces.
- As Pickering increases in size and population, it becomes a less desirable and less livable community.
- Diversity of residents, wide roads, not overly populated, and not a lot of buildings.
- The mix of green spaces with housing and industry.
- What makes you think Pickering is a great community?
- It feels intimate, and not overly crowded - yet. Quality living, with enough resources for its residents.
- Pickering is not such a great community anymore. Too much confusion as to what is going on in the area. No notice that Tauton Road would be in such a mess. Need more communication as to what is happening and when it is happening. Also how long the mess will be going on for. There are no workarounds for what is going on.
- The ability to access all service and amenities within a short distance, e.g., school, parks, shops, critical services. A hospital is sorely missing since the closest one is about 10 min without traffic.
- Pickering has changed drastically. I can say at least we have semi good Healthcare as opposed to none. I can't say Pickering is great anymore due to increase in amount of people here. People out of jobs, etc. What makes it great is just the services for seniors and for some working here.
- Inclusiveness, safe, clean.
- The space, the parks/green areas and the people.
- small town feel while being a city, the abundance of green space, the beauty of the lake.
- Ensuring enough space available for everyone to participate in community programs; an update to Pickering Town Centre-missing popular stores like Sephora, Uniqlo, Korean beauty products, Hot Topic, full size Indigo, etc.
- Pickering, Ontario, is a diverse and welcoming community known for its natural beauty, with beautiful waterfront areas and ample green spaces. The city offers excellent schools, affordable housing, and a strong economy, making it an attractive place for families and businesses alike. With a supportive municipal government and a close-knit

community spirit, Pickering has significant growth potential, drawing new residents and businesses to the area.

- Not residential rentals.
- I wouldn't say it's great. But the tennis clubs and flower beds are great.
- The access to waterfront areas, with its proximity to Toronto while maintaining quieter neighbourhoods.
- Lots of new facilities, less expensive housing, good public transport (Go train), proximity to Toronto. Lots of interesting events and small businesses too.
- People.
- Diversity. From the waterfront, to suburbs, malls, and the go train, to farms, and green space.
- The waterfront and it is accessible to Toronto via the Go Train. Close proximity to hiking trails and farm markets north of the city.
- Pickering is a good community that hasn't improved over the 24 years I've resided here. Job availability continues to be mediocre, we haven't had a decent shopping mall in years, not much to do here if you don't gamble or care to frequent pubs. Pickering Neighbours Facebook page has regular complaints about receiving parking tickets yet there's a visible increase in the number of drivers and cyclists who are blasting through stop signs, running red lights, making right turns from the left lane, speeding, disrespecting pedestrians, and so on yet focus is on parking.
- Pickering is a small but vital community that has always put the welfare of families first. Its vicinity to the lake, the city and to unspoiled farmland has made it an ideal place to raise my children.
- Access to the waterfront and beach areas. Proximity to Toronto for work, sporting events, and entertainment. Lots of detached homes and quiet neighbourhoods. Safe schools.
- Location. Location. Location. Near the big city. Near the lake. Near the hills and valleys of beautiful Durham Region.
- It's close to Toronto, having service from GO (Metrolinx) is good.
- It used to be great neighbours, small town feel close to the city of Toronto, pride of ownership, cleanliness, and great schools. I am not so sure that is the case anymore.
- Peoplesafety.... Trafficwaterfront...golf ..hockey team.....administrators and politicians.
- Good local organizations that engage large parts of the community, forward thinking municipality.
- proximity to Toronto.
- Easy accessibility from surrounding regions.
- Diversity and small town feeling.
- Diversity.
- Cultural and recreational opportunities like programming, events at recreation centres and the museum - continued focus on economic development to help diversity the tax

burden and provide jobs options for residents - environmental sustainability for our green spaces, lakes, trails and Parks.

- Waterfront.
- It still has the feeling of a "small town" instead of part of the GTA.
- Natural areas.
- Family.
- Reduce property taxes.
- Pickering is well situated with lovely views of Lake Ontario, conveniently located adjacent to all Toronto has to offer, and plenty of green space.
- The Town of Pickering was a good community nice and quiet at one time. Far too busy and crowded now. Far too much development going on. And still our taxes keep going up.
- It's a work in progress.
- The smalltown feel close to the city.
- Open spaces we have, parks, waterfront and our National park. We're not too big yet so we can carefully plan our next growth steps.
- Roads are good, not too congested yet. We're adjacent to prime farmland which we need to preserve.
- Small town feel, big town services.
- Good schools.
- Focus upon family living.
- Pickering is a welcoming diverse community that is well located, close to Toronto, near the lake with a lot of greenspace.
- Has some parks.
- People.
- Not the taxes.
- Everything is easy to get to.
- The proximity to nature, the waterfront, farmland, walking trails and proximity to the rouge and zoo.
- This lakefront community along with Frenchman's Bay is a gem. Our access to the beaches & beautiful trails should be treasured. As it's a rapidly growing community I hope our leaders can recognize the gem we have & consider preserving this aspect. I encourage them to reconsider parking issues with the infilling that been occurring for 30+ years.
- The abundance of parks, trails, waterfront while still maintaining its proximity to Toronto.
- Low Population, Green belt, Small town feeling.
- Businesses and other amenities are somewhat within walking distance. There are some great people in our neighborhood.
- The fact that we have housing but we also have local business around in the area as well.
- Close to Toronto but still affordable. Nice beach areas.



- Small population within GTA! Well-funded schools and libraries for kids and adults to learn, meet, think and innovate! Provide low cost recreational programs for kids and seniors. Residents can work, attend schools and play locally!
Safe and no crime city!
- The public spaces like the newly updated parks for the children are clean and well maintained. The libraries have great children's programs. The local events area well planned. The area we live in has a good school community.
- Used to be a great community, close and easy yo get to toronto. Now it feels like we are starving to be another Mississauga.
- Short drive to shopping centers and amenities for day to day needs. Little to no traffic jams. Beautiful beach front. Lots of open space and parklands.
- The community activities.
- It's residents and the amenities, parks, events, etc. that bring them together.
- Ease of traffic compared to other more dense municipalities.
- Proximity to water and Toronto.
- The kind people.
- Our waterfront.
- Diversity.
- People.
- Honestly being located at altona i do not feel part of the pickering commhnty. Everything tmis centralized dar awayi inncity centre. Only commjnity gathering points in west are private retail amenities.
- Small town feel, while still being close to toronto.
- I'll think about it.
- The diversity, beach front shops, restaurants and greenspaces.
- It used to be a great place prior to all of the development. The traffic is horrendous. There has been an enormous loss of natural land for wildlife. If you are driving south in Salem just before you hit Rossland, all you see is the white structure in the left side, an enormous structure/warehouse which is completely out of place. I don't remember what the company who built and owns it is called. So sad.
- A combination of urban plus ex-urban open spaces.
- Community feel in our community.
- Living in Bay Ridges (East Shore) I can easily walk with my children to local businesses (Milkshakes from the Big M, dinner from Zeera or Chuuk, our prescriptions from Liverpool Pharmacy). I have wonderful neighbours and again, walking distance from the East Shore community centre. I intentionally sign my kids up for classes and camps that are run at that location.
- The location.
- Nothing anymore. You have allowed so many condos to be built. Is it safe to live under hydro lines? Years ago this wasn't allowed and now all of a sudden there is going to be condos where the knob Hill store was. Safe, I think not. What about bylaw officers. You have a couple. When fireworks are going off in private homes and parks unsupervised till

late hours nothing is done when a resident complains time and time again.

Small town feel. Location to Toronto and highways.

- Parks, shopping and it is not crowded.
- It is a place where we can both live and work.
- Some green space but honestly it's not really great any longer.
- The people & community, the waterfront, the possibilities for conscious planning for improvement & growth, close to nature, opportunities for small local businesses, creating a shared vision for the future.
- That it's not crowded.
- waterfront access.
- Community engagement, inclusion and events.
- The City is only great if the services provided are of great benefit to the majority of it's citizens, if citizens can feel relatively safe in their communities and if citizens feel that those in positions of power have their best interest at heart.
- Great waterfront. Diverse community members.
- The Urban and Rural communities within Pickering. Also our waterfront and parks are one of greatest assets.
- The quiet residential areas with parks and water.
- People.
- Diversity and inclusion.
- Close to Toronto.
- The fact that it still has a small-town vibe...not looking forward to all the towers, growth, traffic and construction. With that being said, I hope we continue to be as sustainable as possible.
- The firefighters.
- Frenchman's Bay, agricultural north.
- It still is not as crowded as Toronto but also just close enough to be that we can access what it has to offer without driving or busing too far. It still has a small town vibe with local shops, which I love and the access to the lake and the waterfront trail is amazing.
- Waterfront Parks, Waterfront trail for connectivity (without cars) and a city with several unique rural Hamlets.
- Its proximity to modern, historical, and natural amenities.
- Te closeness and relative small size which makes the natural environment more accesable. There is diversity of neighborhoods in terms of character and types housing. All of the above are positive characteristics which make Pickering a diverse community.
- Giving back more open spaces. We don't need condos, we need farmland.
- The people.
- Its diversity.
- The proximity to the GTA, green spaces and historical landmarks.
- It used to be great and affordable to live here but not anymore.
- Location.

- Diverse landscapes and rich history.
- The great views and large areas of protected greenspaces with easy access to trails for hiking and biking.
- Rouge park , countryside, lake.
- I've lived here 5 years and I ask myself that question all the time. I'm still trying to figure it out.
- A unique municipality with rural parts and urban parts. The waterfront is one of the best parts of the city as well.
- Its diverse population, its location, close to Toronto, along lake Ontario, its northern agricultural lands, its natural green spaces, its rivers, Pettycoat Creek, West Duffins.
- A feeling of safety, some great amenities.
- It recognition in its current official plan in chapters one and two that Pickering is an Urban Community which consists of a narrow band along 401, and a Rural Community to its northern boundary, all of which must be within a fragile Environmental System and natural heritage lands which connects Lake Ontario to the Oak Ridges Moraine and within which a large quantity of Prime Agricultural Land must be be protected for future generations. Please ask yourself, is there any compelling reason arising in the Doug Ford's Provincial Policy Statement, which justifies the rewriting and possible dilution of the policies in Chapters one and two of the current official plan.
- Natural habitat, uncrowded, self-sufficient population, self-confident in their identity. This will lead to clean, unpolluted, family oriented life style/living.
- Pickering is a great community because of its strong sense of place, people, and nature. The unique combination of a welcoming environment engaged residents, and respect for the natural surroundings creates a vibrant and supportive atmosphere.
- The people; I have great neighbours.
- The Festivals throughout the year at City center are great.
- It's small town charm and abundance of nature (proximity to lake and forests/greenspace).

Q2. In 2051, how should people be able to travel within the City to work or school? Select all that apply.

Other:

- Any way they choose. The infrastructure should be in place for all means of to be an option.
- e-scooter/e-bike/bike-shares. Ottawa has implemented a great escooter share that doesn't seem to have the issues I hear about from coworkers in Oshawa.
- Most will work from home by that year.
- Scooter, ebike.
- public scooters and trails. seated and standing.
- In 2051 we should be tech-forward and leverage green, autonomous transport that is door-to-door. You should have the option of alternate travel, but we should be designed to leverage the tech that is advancing. Walking will unfortunately become less common

in this world as sprawl is inevitable. It's happening already and as transport becomes more efficient, sprawl will happen more. With that said, walkability is a key factor to happiness in a community (there are studies of course on this) but I don't think commuting to work requires walkability. Kids will need to walk to school though.

- Better bike lanes for use with alternative electric vehicles such as scooters, mini cars and electric bikes.
- Vehicles such as segways, hoverboards, modular vehicles etc.
- Personal Electric device.
- work from home and complete school mainly online and attend locations only on specific testing.
- Dedicated FREE transit running specific routes frequently to discourage motor vehicle dependency.
- Public transport such as bus, street car or light rail.
- This assumes by this time there will be jobs in Pickering that won't cause people to commute to Toronto.
- Getting around Pickering is a nightmare, the roads do not accommodate the growth, public transportation is deplorable, the bus service has deteriorated, worse since the Pandemic, it's too expensive and it's not promoted. It could take more than 1hr to get from Finch to the Recreation Centre. There are no bike lanes in Pickering, which is unbelievable. I'm a senior lived in Pickering for over 40 years, always used bus service. Bus service has declined in the Bay Ridges area as well as Glendale.
- 1. Public transit is too expensive to travel within the city! Please lower the cost! 2. Allow pedestrian lane to ride bikes safely!
- E-scooter.
- The issue is less how people move so much as building in a way that does not force people to move so much. Build actual mixed used and recreation assets smaller but more numerous rather than a single mega rec centre nowhere near where people live.
- E bike/scooter.
- How many people in Pickering, the majority who own their own homes use public transportation? Less than 1%. You have a whole lane blocked off on Kingston Road for public transit. There is gridlock getting to Pickering on ALL routes coming from the west going east. It has taken me over two and a half hours to get from Hwy. 401 and Hwy. 400 to get to Salem Road. Have you looked at the TRCA surface water test reports which indicate the health of the creeks, streams and rivers in Pickering? You should because they are dismal. You don't even have the infrastructure to support development. What about the environment and groundwater?
- I don't see why time would change our preferred method of travel, unless we will become congested or focus more on sustainability and provide more bus routes.
- electric scooters and other innovative electric mobility devices.
- Wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes.

Q3. How can we design neighbourhoods to encourage active transportation?

Select all that apply.

Other:

- Provide more cycling trails that connect the city but aren't on major roadways (like through parks) for cyclist safety.
- Wider lanes Especially where existing left turns were added without wider intersection. Example valley farm road and Kingston road.
- dedicated cycling paths that are separated from both car traffic and pedestrian traffic are usually safer for everyone.
- Provide a network of multi-use trails throughout the City connecting to waterfront, transit and Rouge Park. These trails should not be on sidewalks and should be maintained throughout the winter months.
- Hubs for working remote.
- How about dedicated bike path on wider sidewalks. No one rides their bikes on the road. Of course it's really hard for drivers to see them coming but at least they won't terrorize older pedestrians. And stop the pedestrian controlled crossings. If you miss the timing you end up confusing the cars by going or not going when the walk signal is red and no automatic white walk sign. It's nonsense.
- Force drivers to obey the rules of the road. Make pedestrians use the sidewalk. Have continuous sidewalks on major streets like Finch.
- Making sure you can walk and bike from one end of the city to the other. Provide multi-use sidewalks for bikes and walking - asphalt (separate from road using a barrier) in areas where the roads have a higher speed limit.
- Keep the city using cars for people and public transit with sharing the roadways. No bicycle lanes or pedestrian access.
- Have separate bike / scooter trails created like EU cities of our size and climate have and maintain year round. It's a myth that these trails cannot be easily and cost efficiently maintained.
- Bike lanes should be a shared lane not exclusive.
- If we could have work that paid well enough, within the city boundaries, to support a family and a Pickering mortgage, we would need less transportation.
- Why are we designing this way. Until we regulate and license bike or other forms like this no money should be invested. Investment must include accountability for cyclists.
- Create more bike lanes separate and protected from cars.
- The bike lanes have to be built now, before traffic becomes a problem. The bike lanes have to be safe, providing a barrier between traffic and the cyclist.
- Less roads.
- Keep bikes off roadways and stop promoting road sharing. A cyclist has no chance against a car.
- More bus routes.
- Shower facilities and safe bike storage in large offices.
- Design plazas for pedestrians to enter safely rather than for just cars, keep sidewalks clean during winter, clearing paths through parks/neighbourhoods that aren't typically maintained in winter months. Have more busstops not spread so far apart. Have bus shelters that are clean/well maintained & shaded.
- Protected or separated bike lanes. Especially on roads with higher traffic speeds such as Kingston road, Whites Road, Brock Rd, Altona Rd, Liverpool Rd, Finch Rd, Bayly.
- Provide better lot sizes for housing. Lots are too small, and too close together.



- Bike lanes offer little to no protection - we don't paint a line on the road and ask pedestrians to walk within that space; cyclists should not have to deal with the same. Cycle tracks or multi-use paths or wide sidewalks where cyclists can ride should be accessible especially on busy streets where on-road cycling is not safe.
- More public transport.
- Bike lanes that are separated from the roads.
- Bike paths, multiuse trails or protected bike lanes on major roads.
- More green spaces for walking paths, gardens, community gathering spaces like a central garden park. Ajax, Whitby & Oshawa all have stunning parks with large trees and walking trails and parks for kids to play.
- Excellent ideas!!!! All of them please.
- All the above seem like sensible improvements. Many residential roads near where I live do not have any sidewalk. It makes is unsafe for kids to walk/bike etc. Even major roads such as Kingston do not have sidewalks for significant portion of the roads. In the city core, as well as in other areas, consider the visual appeal as people walk. Does it have trees? Is there interesting inviting transitions/architecture? One question is regarding if powered vehicles such as hoverboards should be on sidewalk or bike lane or on the road? Should there be speed limits? Though I have not found this to be a major issue, it can become more of an issue as more people adopt these vehicles/devices.
- Wider roads for driving.
- Have more public washroom (porta-potties or actual year round maintained washrooms) on main intersections. You go for a long walk and can't even go to a washroom. If you take a bus, and you got to go to washroom, there's nowhere to go but a restaurant like Tim's. So you got to walk a block.
- Having stores along walk/bike paths.
- It is a top priority to connect Pickering north of the 401 with Pickering south of the 401 via bicycle lanes.
- Better integration of multi-use pathways that lead to community and business areas (library, rec-center, parks, grocery stores), and off of major roads due to potential accidents due to a higher volume of cars.
- connect Pickering trails, paths, and sidewalk from north to south and east to west.
- Have less people and thus less traffic.
- Make Pickering walkable.
- Consider dedicated crossing lights for busy intersections rather than using a green light with the ability to cross. This causes more traffic backup. Educate people on distracted or "J" walking.
- You absolutely need to address the buses to have more service into the Major Oaks past 7:15pm. It's absolutely unacceptable that seniors and women with children have to walk so far from Brock Rd North to get to the inner neighbor. It's absolutely wrong. People also have physical conditions. How are they supposed to live lime this!?
- Changing 4 way stop sign intersections to lights as cars always blow their them (ex. SHEPPARD/ROSEBANK) very dangerous for kids walking to school!
- spend efforts figuring out why people prefer or feel the need to drive. I'm seeing many unused bike lanes.
- Encourage people to take public transportation. Provide adequate bus stops with a shelter. Make it affordable.
- Durham transit needs to increase availability and routes and frequency, especially for work hours and school. School bus access needs to improve.



- More buses along Finch Ave.
- Reduce property taxes.
- All of the above are ridiculous. You should be separating pedestrian activity from road traffic. You should learn about the road traffic act.
- Wider roads and better access to the 401... doubling the population without taking active steps to provide the infrastructure is only going to cause gridlock. Build it before it becomes an issue to prevent frustration.
- Lower taxes.
- We need to think about highway access before designing neighborhoods. Also, the huge phase of buildings is going to cause many of us to be unhappy.. ie no ramps for eastbound 401 at Liverpool.
- Campaigns or communication encouraging residents to bicycle to their destinations vs driving. A contest may be a fun way to engage community members. Link it to messaging around the environment and schedule it to commence in the spring.
- Honestly it is shocking that kingston road does not have safe sidewalk for the entirety of it and streets like Sheppard have fast cars and a tiny little sidewalk. Everybnew condo should have have a podium with assets (retail community work etx) and any request for extra height should have extra assets and or be encouraged to build their recreation facilities in a collaborative eay with community (like parts of Toronto have have done) to ensure facilities exist at a community scale not a few lm away. This is extra important for Pickering as we have a minimal east west street network, sprawl to the north and limited 401 crossings.
- Not taking up ALL green space to build houses. The more houses built, the less space there is to have ease of access for transportation. That's only common sense!
- right hand turn lanes for traffic... this will reduce the amount of traffic stalled at intersections waiting for lights to change.. the less static traffic, the better it flows which is good for pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- interconnecting trails for bikes and electric scooters - need to make it convenient for people to encourage not to use the car.
- Creating new Walking and wheeled fully accessible trails and paths (not adjacent to roads) that are available all year round. (Including priority winter maintenance
- It's all and none of those things. You have to change people's mind set. It's also speed. Do I want a 1/2 hour bus ride to go to the store or just hop in my car?
- Narrower roads.
- Provide shared pathways for pedestrian and cyclists where possible. Allow more accessible and safe walkways or bike paths along hydro corridors to improve connectivity between neighbourhood and access to the waterfront. More pedestrian/bike pathways above or under the 401 to have better connectivity between neighborhoods north and south of the 401 (same with newer neighbourhoods in north pickering with the 407).
- Ensure adequate lighting for walking when it's dusk or dark.
- We need to create a bicycle plan for the city, too many unconnected places, trails and sidewalks.
- DRPS can share publicly bike theft stats, strategies to keep bikes secured, etc. Instill confidence in public that their Bikes won't get stolen.

Q4. What community elements and infrastructure help make Pickering a place that people want to live and visit? Select all that apply.

Other:

- An outdoor seasonal pool.
- well maintained infrastructure (roads, bridges, buildings, intersections, sidewalks), Waterfront/Nautical Village, public art.
- Activities that cater to more than just young families and retired seniors. Too much of what goes on in the city excludes those who work and do not have children.
- Public tennis courts and pickleball courts.
- Low Traffic.
- Shopping. Grocery variety as well as regular consumer goods.
- Allowing small convenience stores within communities would be amazing, no need to drive 10 min to get something simple, allow people to walk to there.
- Large offleash trail areas beyond just Greenwood.
- Public art.
- Waterfront trail and access to the beach and lake.
- more bars and restaurants with a focus on small business and not chains to encourage more diversity in offerings.
- Keep tall buildings close to mall and Go train. Should not be all the way along Hwy 2. Pickering Mall needs major investment to modernize and bring in tenants as vacancy rate is really high. Building the seniors center, new library and teen center at the mall makes no sense as it's a mall.
- You need an arts centre (visual and performance), it's not just all about sports. Cultural development is shown to enhance locations draw in tourists and encourage residents to get involved in their communities.
- Waterfront.
- Garden Plots with available water under the Hydro Right-Away for the neighborhood living in condominium.
- less apartment building that just = traffic and more traffic.
- festivals, concerts, stuff happening in the park.
- Sensible infrastructure. Get those bike lanes off the roads. Make wider side walks, half for pedestrians and half for cyclists. The cyclists do not ever follow the rules of the road, nor are they licensed, and not insured. Should not be on the roads.
- Mixed commercial and residential. Example: Bay ridges has a large plaza and waterfront district that are walkable from most of the neighbourhood.
- We need to build schools. What is happening is beyond insane. How can we allow communities to be built (which are incredibly important, I understand that) without a mandatory requirement for a school to exist for them in a timely manner? Neighbouring communities will bear resentment while the quality of schooling goes down in their existing schools. Everyone understands we need to adapt to change and we need to be flexible and accommodating , but there simply isn't enough room, enough resources, a strain on common resources of which there are many, unrealistic competition for team

sports at younger ages, neighbourhood traffic strain which lessons people wanting to move in to this area, and more.

- more green spaces, nature spots, trails, paths in community developments, bike lanes that are beside sidewalks (roads are too dangerous).
- I do not need, or use, any of the items listed. I am more interested in keeping the property taxes as low as possible.
- Senior Centers recreational facilities.
- Shopping and restaurants.
- Airport.
- Playgrounds Rick Johnson Memorial Park is a nice addition. Other than that, there are no destination playgrounds such as Lakeview Park Playground, Highpark playground, or Thomson Memorial Playground. Outdoor Exercise Equipment Outdoor exercise equipment seems to be a great win at relatively low price. These don't need to be electric. However, they do need to be maintained. Beyond Traditional Library Services Pickering libraries go beyond traditional library services already. They will need to ramp that up. For example, podcast/recording studio, virtual/immersive environments, access to software etc. Would be good if they can lend tools, equipment, games, musical equipments etc.
- Every park should have a walking trail on its perimeters or circumference like at the Princess Diana Park has. It would get people walking daily. I have to walk 2 blocks to the Princess Diana park to use the gravel trail, when Denmar park is right beside me. Active people are healthy people.
- Natural Heritage areas...
- We desperately need more functional public spaces ! There is less and less reason to visit parks etc. because there is no infrastructure at these places now. We need nice hockey rinks (both ball and ice), basketball courts, etc.
- People do not communicate with one another while in vehicles. Make Pickering more walkable (sidewalks, narrower roads, more crossing, priority for pedestrians) and you will improve the connections within a community. It is this sense of community that will make Pickering a place people want to live.
- No monster towers like Mississauga.
- Well kept, clean and safe neighbourhoods and communities.
- Shopping that is convenient to homes.
- local schools, accessible and local shopping centres.
- Community centres for residents to hold events as as meeting places for community groups who can not afford their own brick-and-mortar spots.
- Reduce the insane property taxes.
- The ability to access these facilities (as stated above) with ease. Better play parks such as other neighboring communities such as Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa.
- Good schools that are not overcrowded.
- Large venues that support family entertainment like Canada's Wonderland, Wild Water Kingdom, etc.

- outdoor skating rinks with public washrooms outdoor picnic areas with public washrooms restaurants with nice patios (with shade and trees).
- Although there are areas that have parks, since the growth, I notice they are not including green space. Why don't we have water play areas for children in our parks. They provide and encourage parents to take their children, provide jobs in the summer for youth to become Life Guards. Having one spot at the end of Liverpool is certainly not sufficient.
- outdoor pools and skating rinks are a must, cant believe how far we drive our kids to access these things. One rec center for the projected growth is ridiculous and some entertainment options (movie theaters, indoor play centers/activities)
- Affordable housing. Environmentally friendly businesses.
- Local shopping options that do not require a long drive ideally walkable or bike-able
- Reduce property taxes.
- None of the above. What Pickering should invest in is smaller cafes / bistros/ restaurants and not sports bars which is what it is currently comprised.
- More splash pads and better parks.
- Residents should feel safe at all time and at everywhere!
- I grew up in Scarborough and worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor and I spent a lot of my youth enjoying their outdoor pools. I am very disappointed to find that the only outdoor pool offered in Pickering will be closing (within Petticoat Creek Conservation Area). It has unfortunately been unavailable for years. In the United States there are parks with exercise equipment that anyone can use at their leisure and this would be one feature that would be useful by the waterfront trail. I like the installations that have been added to the Esplanade Parkette such as the musical equipment, statuettes, etc. These features add to the enjoyment of being outdoors and make residents more inclined to visit the parks within our community. I am very appreciative of the work that is being done at our waterfront along the trail. Is it possible to get some colored Muskoka chairs like they have in Toronto at the beachfront? That way people can stop and relax and enjoy the serenity that our waterfront has to offer. This is in keeping with the mindfulness and wellness theme that is in the forefront these days.
- Keep retail areas so there are places to shop and dine. Everywhere you look are signs for more and more clusters of condos and removal of existing retail and dining.
- Beaches and waterfront area.
- As above the focus should generally (unless foal is things like sports tourism) be less on large facilities and more on distribution of facilities geographically to encourage active transport.
- William Dunbar is a highly rated school in pickering. Young families looking to move east of the city take this into account.
- Nature and who goes to the library anymore? In one week o saw a dead opossum, squirrel and raccoon on Salem north of Taunton and on concession 5 just east of Salem, one week on a less than 1 km stretch. You can't even jog or ride a bike on Salem north of Taunton to Hwy .7. It is extremely dangerous. I thought the area was Rural Lands!

- waterfront beaches and trails/paths.
- Roads with low traffic, so you can get around. I love to bike, but i don't know if i can do it when i am old. I need an option to drive around town.
- None of these.
- Interesting & unique small businesses plus independent food shops and eateries. So tired of chain restaurants!
- Waterfront.
- Its proximity to Toronto.
- Great fire services.
- Frenchman's Bay.
- need to build more destination parks with destination playgrounds, and fully accessible. Take a chance and build something extremely unique.
- Allow parking. Don't shy away from parking lots as a solution. Create large district parking lots at key locations and create shuttle systems between those hubs. Those lots can include public transportation, public notification signage, and act as new event space.
- leaving farmland and natural environments.
- Easy access to amenities I need to live. Ie grocery stores.
- Swimming pools that are actually open, like Petticoat Creek used to be a great destination for families to spend the day swimming and picnicking but it hasn't been opened for a generation now.
- Rouge park, beaches, farmer markets, farms.
- event spaces that can accommodate large festivals and special events open to the public. partnership with private land owners converting underused parking lots for pop ups and other entertainment uses.
- A mall with stores that will appeal to families and encourage more shoppers.
- Our waterfront park system including Petticoat Creek Conservation Area and Frenchman's Bay, which the Province must make substantial investment in this park so that it can continue to be a Regional Recreation Destination as outlined in the TRCA's integrated Shoreline Management Plan Tommy Thompson Park to Frenchman's Bay <https://trca.on.ca/trca-user-uploads/IntegratedShorelineManagementPlan.pdf> The Natural Heritage connection along the Duffins Creek watershed, which must be protected for future generations Please advise what was the justification to exclude land know as Northeast Pickering from the Greenbelt which surrounds it. Lands known as the Duffins Rouge Agricultutal Preserve must remain protected for future generations, in accordance with the covenants on title as a result of an agreement for their sale to oroginal owners between the Province, Region of Durham and then Town of Pickering. The permanent protection of these lands as agriculture contained in the revoked Central Pickering Official Plan, should be codified in the new official plan People move to Pickering for the blend of urban and rural.
- destination shopping area/centers - so we are not leaving the city to shop.
- Proximity to Toronto.

Q5. What additional community elements and infrastructure would you like to see in the next 25 years?

- Outdoor but covered meeting areas with furniture with armrests in Esplanade Park and in patio area.
- More rec facilities in the downtown core easily accessible and affordable for older individuals, with specific programs for them, bungalows for older individuals so that they can maintain their independence as long as possible with accessible and affordable transit. As noted, currently the 55+ population is in the previous study that the Mayor spoke to, is 31% of the current population and will be growing as noted in your presentation.
- An outdoor seasonal pool, more safe cycling trails, more off leash dog parks, more commercial properties within walking distance to neighborhoods.
- Better road intersections. Wider.
 Completion of Seaton rec centre. Community centre's for existing rural hamlets.
 Completion of the Casino lands.
- zoning for more local shops and convenience stores within neighborhoods, dedicated bike lanes, walking trails, more bus routes/service, natural (trees) and/or artificial sound mitigation along busy traffic corridors, bookable event spaces.
- Network of off road multiuse trails particularly in west end. A pool in the west end of the City and more arts and activities at the George Ashe Community Centre that cater to more than the retired community.
- Better community parks, more places for programs for kids, more things to do with kids.
- No more Condos built, it's too many in a small area, will cause chaos with people, traffic, accidents etc.
- Recreational membership that covers all locations and classes.
- More community and entertainment buildings.
- None! Stop the sprawl!
- Walkable and bikeable. It is terrifying here as a pedestrian. Bikes on sidewalks and cars not "seeing" pedestrians or yielding. . Every crossing feels like you're going to get killed.
- Low Density. Stop trying to be Over Crowded and Non-Functional Toronto or Mississauga.
- Better roads and highway interchanges and more of them.
- More of what we have.
- Improved waterfront.
- Better traffic infrastructure to help alleviate all of the congestion from all of the condo developments in place! Or it's going to turn into Mississauga/Brampton.
- Better accessibility to courts (tennis, pickle ball) without having to be associated with a private club. More activity for 40-55 yr old as they are left out.
- Shopping so that people want to come here.



- Dog parks, splash pads, public track, connection from go train walkway to mall— not having to walk through parking lots, better bus terminal near mall, better multiuse pathways.
- The biggest problem I see is increasing congestion on the roads. It's nowhere near Toronto level yet, but it is getting worse.
There's also an excessive amount of aggressive driving on the road, which is extremely dangerous. I'd love to see this cracked down on.
- Outdoor refrigerated rink, wide pathways for both pedestrians and cyclists (no more conventional sidewalks), outdoor gyms, and nicer pools.
- More access to open air shopping areas along the waterfront.
- outdoor community public pool and skating rinks. Safety, better roads, more police=more safety=more people wanting to live here and less people wanting to leave
- Provide more free parking areas.
- Our current parks are broken with rusty play structures and broken features like firefighter pole at David Farr Park (over 8 months broken). No plans for upgrades until 2033. The 1 inclusive upgrade is on wood chips, making it not accessible for wheelchairs and already broken.
- Better skateboard parks, connected trail system.
- Better paved roads.
- More Pickleball courts or mixed use Tennis courts.
- More pickleball courts.
- Completing the Meadoway will be a big one.
- Fewer condo/apartment or office buildings taller than 15 stories.
- More bike and transit infrastructure.
- More school. Outdoor skating rinks.
- More protected land and open spaces.
- Additional bike paths and that are separate and protected from car traffic.
- More venues and activities for seniors and retirees. Greater support services that will allow retired to stay in their homes such as snow removal etc.
- Less of highrise buildings (over 10 floors) and more of low rise buildings (3-9 floors).
- Would be great to have parks with fitness equipment (bars for pull ups...) along with kids structures and basketball or similar equipment.
Also parks like David Farr's circular concrete spot could be used in winter to do an outdoor rink and bring food/coffee trucks to spend fun times outdoor.
- Community standards should be established and enforced regarding homeowners' responsibilities for maintaining their properties. The approach to monitoring should be proactive not reactive.
- scooter/ebike/bike shares, PROTECTED bike lanes, biking on Kingston Road is still quite dangerous. Bike lanes that don't just end randomly, more mixed use development/communities that don't functionally force people to drive everywhere.
- Preserving the hamlets and the natural area around them. They are the only historical features left to offer and insight into the beginnings of settlement.



- Outdoor pool. Theater. Bowling alley. Kids birthday party places eg trampoline place
A large refrigerated outdoor ice rink. A recreation facility to rival the one in Whitby. A bike friendly city.
- more green spaces, less high rise buildings.
- No more condos please. Too many people and not enough space.
- A new recreation complex with a swimming pool. More outdoor recreation spots. More splash pads and better maintained parks.
- We need more infrastructure, recreation centre's, icerinks, schools, highway exits, entrances for the next chapter of 75 condos being built. Traffic is going to be crazy. We will not be able to move anywhere with so many coming to live here in the future, with no improvement to our support services.
- Id like to see the waterfront become a larger attraction bringing people into the city. An area with fine dining, fun cocktails. Pickering is missing a "main street" style attraction with diverse small businesses.
- We need more businesses in Pickering, you have to drive far for retail or QSRs. Expanding of roads and better bus routes. Kids need places to play (basketball and tennis courts, skate parks, splash pads and rec centres) We need larger public spaces for BBQs, picnics and gatherings.
- Beach front trail just announced is an excellent start! Need more stores and restaurants that are family owned near the lake so it can be a destination for people to visit. Currently people drive through Pickering to get downtown or to restaurants in Whitby which did a much better job building a down town which is non existent in Pickering.
- Not sure I will be around but parking at a reasonable cost would be nice. Accessing public transit via underground tunnels from newly constructed buildings.
- Shopping and restaurants.
- Designated Pickleball courts, paved bike trails, more rest areas on walking trails, garbage cans in public areas at beach and on trails.
- More roads connecting new seaton to west, east and south Pickering.
- More community art installations and gathering places.
- Build the airport as previously planned.
- Expanded recreational complex, more city-run swimming classes through additional city pools, more parks and splashpads for kids (like in Whitby), increased transit services (more buses and less wait times), implementing tax funded sidewalk cleaning in winter, beautification of plazas and neighbourhoods, easier street access to parks and plazas for pedestrians.
- More water parks for kids with benches and shade to encourage picnics and staying outdoors.
- A downtown with small local shops and restaurants.
- Splash pads.
- More trails like the waterfront trail.
- More fun entertainment. All entertainment still seems to be in Toronto. I'm done with commuting to Toronto for fun excursions.

- More pickleball and tennis courts. more stores and businesses in new Seaton.
- more community gardens.
- Pickleball courts.
- Expansion of protected green space.
- More access to swimming pools and skating rinks. Cultural area that supports local music theatre and artists. Pedestrian- and bike-friendly access to all areas of Pickering. Museums (natural, technological, cultural) are needed to enrich the minds of our community and provide creative outlet for many commuting workers.
- Public squares, underground walkways like the PATH in Toronto. A 5,000+ seat Sports stadium with proper seating that can double as a concert venue, Other event and concert venues around the city to foster arts and music in the city.
- On Ramp to go eastbound at Liverpool road on 401= but your apartment building in area that will not create congestion.
- Swimming, water pads, parks, trails. just take a look at the Ajax waterfront and the parks and trails. Perfectly done. The north end of Ajax!!! Garbage.
- Skating rink and outdoor pool.
- More transit and more working closer twonhome.
- group activity in the park, move from community to community, repeat. payment is donation to food banks etc.
- A Pickering Hotel and A Pickering Hospital.
- Larger parks with splash pads and a community centre similar to the ARC in Ajax. More trails that actually join with each other for walking/biking.
- Better road ways. Grocery stores south of the 401, so everyone doesn't have to venture north.
- Better roads to help with the increase in population.
A hospital in Pickering.
- Pedestrian only spaces; Multi-use paths that seperate walking and other activities (especially with uptake of electric methods of active transportation: that is, e-bikes, e-scooters etc.) that are done at higher speeds. Improve the walking landscape (bury the overhead wires/infrastructure to beautify neighbourhoods; making buried electrical mandatory (i.e. no options for developpers who want to cheap out)), tree lined streets and/or paths that don't necessarily follow roads to make the walking experience better. Infill sidewalk program for neighbourhoods that don't have sidewalks even though the boulevards provide adequate space (see city of Toronto who has taken on this challenge).
- fountains and other water displays with space for people to hang out.
- If we build homes , then we should have roads to match. Stop dreaming and get real. Vehicles are here for a long time to come.
- We desperately need an executive airport to look after eastern sprawl. Now that Buttonville airport has closed and Oshawa is facing pressure from local residents, we need to do something asap. I moved here with the hopes that an airport would have been built by now.

- Please make certain things non-negotiables as you're building new communities. Schools should be built soon after people start moving in. Ramping up a school in terms of its population is not an unrealistic idea. Let's also avoid the over-densification that cities quickly move to. Build for ease of commuting where you need to go, not to put as many people within an area as much as possible. It will pay off longer term in terms of everyone's happiness.
- Electric powered vehicle lanes separated from the road. Alternative housing with infrastructure to accommodate solar and offset electricity bills.
- more green spaces, nature spots, trails, paths in community developments, bike lanes that are beside sidewalks (roads are too dangerous).
- More undeveloped areas.
- New schools and a hospital will likely be required given the amount of development planning for Seaton village and along Kingston road. Similarly, parks and community centres will also be required or existing infrastructure will become overwhelmed. Having moved to Pickering 5 yrs ago it is already noticeably far busier and more difficult to access services and drive around town than it was in 2019.
- Stop building so much condos and make Pickering mall better (half the stores are empty).
- A community park with a disc golf (frisbee golf) course would be great.
- Nothing that is gonna cost a lot of money and impact the property taxes.
- Dedicated cycling infrastructure, connected and maintained trail network, proper sidewalks on all major roads (Kingston, Finch, etc.).
- More dine-in restaurants, better lifestyle shops at the shopping centre, more swimming pool facilities, a massive community park and garden with trails (like Ajax, Whitby & Oshawa waterfronts). A special attraction would help bring people to Pickering for a reason. I.e: like the spaceship park in Whitby or developing the north Pickering walking trails. A pedestrian bridge connecting west Pickering waterfront trail to the East Pickering waterfront trail - across the Marina bay, would be so incredible! Please balance housing development with ensuring green spaces or planting more green spaces around every neighbourhood. E-bikes and e-scooter stations at the shopping centre. Introduce some unique or funky architectural buildings. A "downtown" area could become a central pedestrian hub of the city.
- Green spaces in every com. Mix if recreation, retail and residences, walkable communities.
- More land not developed.
- As Noted above.
- More dog parks.
- More pools! More splash pads at parks! A playground at the beach/waterfront.
- Senior centers.
- Park elements of all ages, bigger youth/adult/older adult workout parks like the ones City of Toronto have, more spaces for Tweens and Teens who outgrow the playground

parks, not necessarily just a skateboard park or basketball court, more local libraries with youth hubs or other social circles.

- schools and sports fields. There is an overflow of people and children do not have enough classrooms. my neighbourhood has no parks.
- Preserving and keeping our greenspaces, parks and Natural elements clean
 Widening roads and/or side walks to allow for continous flow of foot,bike and vehicle traffic especially during peak hours.
- Bus lanes.
- A recreation facility and more trails/parks in the developing Seaton area. Better/more reliable/more convenient public transit.
- Attention on issues related to physical and digital accessibility.
- Would like to see better use of school buildings and equipment such as gyms. With some operational funds, school gyms, libraries, and spaces can be made used by the nearby communities. For example, for racket sports, reading clubs etc.
- As the commercial third spaces (e.g coffee shops, malls) shrink, there will be more need for civic third places. Support for community gardens, community kitchens, community meeting rooms (etc for local non profits) etc. Policy changes /awareness campaign related to * support front yard vegetable gardening * rainwater harvesting * better residential/commercial systems to recycle gray water * alternative power systems such as solr airport.
- Great affordable shopping despite the number of condos taking over all the plazas and shopping locations even including Home Depot...
- Another splash pad but north of the 401.
- bike lanes and side walks.
- NO MORE CONDOS!!!
- Updated website that focuses on locally owned dining, businesses & cultural events.
- Creating "villages" that have small town feels with opportunities for independant small businesses like in downtown whitby, brooklin & pickering village.
- We need more recreation options, particularly swimming pools (indoor/outdoor). As our climate warms, access to pools is a safe and healthy way for all residents to get a break from the heat. Also, the city needs to make protecting our waterfront from development and private ownership a priority. If the Pickering Harbour Company can't be persuaded to sell the bay, other legal options to return the waterfront to public ownership should be explored.
- More green space.
- More recreational facilities.
- Easy access to the waterfront.
- Gorgeous statues and fountains (like Europe), an LRT connecting the densest populated locations in Pickering to ammenities (e.g. GO station, library, rec center, waterfront)
- More public washrooms, more benches with shade (a tree beside it), more trees in parks, more public places to hang Pickering residents' art work. Like an art gallery for Pickering residents or Durham residents.

Very important - A place for teenagers to hang out so they don't disturb the library and malls patrons. There's no place for them to go and hang out, especially in winter months.

- Grocery stores closer to where people live...should be able to walk/bike/drive within 5 minutes to AFFORDABLE grocery stores. Also medical centres should be close.
- Integrated bike path throughout the city that connects other communities to the city, the waterfront and the watersheds.
- Less large condos the roads can't handle the population explosion.
- ways to grow your food and be self sufficient.
- Things to encourage close-knit neighbourhoods again.
- I'd like to see better sidewalk coverage - the sidewalk ends on Douglas Avenue around Haller Ave, and this makes NO sense! Lots of people walk and bike along douglas towards the water front and have no safe sidewalk to do so on for half of the walk.
- Planning that is sensitive to the various small historic hamlets and villages.
- More recreational centres, more schools, another hospital.
- Have small one level homes for seniors built. Make it easy for them to downsize.
- Seniors centers that are within walking distances.
- Olympic size pool.
- Make Pickering a modern city, designed with quality of life in mind. Promote physical activity, promote community building, promote pedestrian safety over vehicle dominance. This requires sidewalks, bike lanes, redesigning roads and intersections to highlight pedestrian right of way and pedestrian safety.
- Lots of roads are deteriorating, fixing those would be nice.
- Walkable market areas like Burlington's Village Square; stronger enforcement and implementation of by-laws meant to keep the city beautiful, accessible and safe.
- a better mall, more daycares, schools, parks.
- More recreational opportunities for children, youth, adults and those with physical or mental disabilities.
- Ice rinks.
- More outdoor seasonal parks for activities (outdoor skating trail), improved integrated path and cycling trails, Better connecting pedestrian access across the 401. Improved infrastructure promoting health, wellness and engaging people to connect as a community.
- More paved and lighted park trails to improve safety and peace of mind.
- Traffic flow control. Encourage public transit via maps, lower pricing, convenient stops and accessibility .
- Subway to TORONTO. Direct transit to Airport. Facilities for community and social services. With growth comes a need for services e.g. health, community programs/services, schools, much improved transportation options.
- Closer shopping and medical buildings and seniors centres, and buses up to the rural areas Hwy 7.
- Find a way to connect East and West Shore at the bay. More bike lanes that connect... when they just stop its not good. Work with the Region to advocate for safe passage ie.

sidewalk on roads like Finch Ave (Altona to Rosebank) which is their road to take care of.

- More designated outdoor and indoor pickleball courts. The recreation department needs to keep up with current trends and move with the aging population. The classes that are offered often feel like rinse-and-repeat, and there are often no follow-up classes. It's crucial to have a range of classes that cater to different skill levels, ensuring that there's always a next step for participants. This is particularly important for those who have progressed past the beginner stage and find themselves with limited class options.
- Stop all the building of houses and condos. We don't need more people living in Pickering.
- No more condos but I know that's not stopping. Just something then to take care of all the extra potential congestion.
- You should be looking into affordable housing \$500,000.00. Condos are not what people want. If the politicians listened to what people want ie houses with back yards which is what they grew up with. Not monster homes that people have a hard time getting rid of when the kids move out.
- Any infrastructure to reduce and manage the current and projected traffic congestion
- Reliable Transportation period.
 Extend hours of service for buses please and thank you. Then people would be more inclined to take the bus. At least extend services until 9pm. That would help a lot.
- More public schools to meet the growing demand; new recreational facility so the current one isn't overcrowded.
- Careful planning & development so that people have space to breathe clean air, walk & bike safely, improve transit systems. Also, to put limits back in place for building heights and number of highrises until the infrastructure is in place.
 For example it can take more than 30 minutes to exit the 401 at Brock Rd now so we either need to open additional exits, improve transit substantially or provide more business opportunities so people won't need to drive into the city everyday. Invest in the next generation in every way possible so that they have hope and a future.
- Encourage 3-7 story development along major roads that have business on the main floor creating a similar feel to walking in the Beaches in Toronto.
 Safe secure bicycle trails that connect the entire city of Pickering.
 Regional roads in Pickering to be widened to accommodate increased traffic and bicycle lanes. Creating self contained sustainable neighbourhoods that have schools, shopping etc all within walking distance.
- A hospital! Pickering being one of the more populated city within Durham, having to go to Ajax or Scarborough for the closest hospital is rather ridiculous.
 Better entertainment along the waterfront. Not much to do there besides walking...lots of the restaurants have closed, maybe have permanent food trucks!
- A trail system that links communities to all major attractions in the city. Something that would allow people to remain safe and off the roadways.
- Less residential rentals - like 98% less.

- More outdoor skating rinks. Cheaper buses.
 Better connections on the Waterfront trail. Riding up to Bailey seems ridiculous.
- More playgrounds in the west shore area. More local shops, restaurants and cafes
 More rec centres and options for swimming classes. Maybe arts and community centres as multi purpose places for people to gather and have events.
- More greenspace, hiking and walking trails.
- Expanded community centres that reflect the population and the needs of the majority. A fitness centre is nice but underused by the majority. The space could be put to better use.
- Decent bus service, a mall with higher end stores, prevention of traffic congestion, relocate homeless from the streets, reduce the number of monster sized homes, increase the number of affordable one family bungalow style housing, limit and centralize condos so they don't become a wall between Pickering and the 401.
- As the population grows , I would like to see that programs for seniors continue to be funded regardless of a younger demographic moving into Pickering.
- A more permanent farmer's market that is open in the evenings and weekends.
 More restaurants with nice patios along the waterfront.
- live theatre(s), better restaurants.
- A Hospital, better public transportation. Good schools. Affordable housing that accommodate families, not 600 and 800 sq. feet condominiums. We need a home that can accommodate youth that can't life alone at home and not send them to Long Term Care facilities.
- Absolutely need accessible and USEFUL shopping, daycares, hospitals and seniors residences. All Pickering residents have to drive to hospitals outside pickering, nowhere for aging parents to live that is government run and not crazy expensive and even a Costco! Why are we giving all of those services, jobs and business to the other regions?
- Better transit connections to existing community elements. More community places that encourage usage of the arts.
- cheaper taxes.
- Outdoor pool, outdoor ice skating rink and trail, multipurpose pathways.
- Sports complex, universities, balance residential and commercial space to ensure tax is not burdened on Pickering residents.
- More affordable housing.
- More recreation centres and opportunities with a focus on large multi-purpose facilities that meet the needs of a variety of people within a family...i.e a library, pool, fitness centre, dance studio, art studio gymnastics gymnasium all in one so whole family can engage in programming at the same time in the same place.
- Provide a mixture of "country" and city. Please stop "infilling" every under-utilized lot. Make some "micro parks" or connecting trails from one street to another.
- Waterfront Park.
- in fill of walk up low rise housing on Glendale.
- Reduction of property taxes.

- Pickering waterfront could be a prime destination to attract both locals and those out of town if it had the amenities of other bustling waterfront communities such as Port Credit in Mississauga, or Harbourfront in Toronto.
- Easier access to Public Transportation.
- Depends who you're asking. Who knows what will happen in a years time much 25 years.
- More splashpads, outdoor pools, outdoor skating rinks, wading pools, more accessible parks.
- More sport complexes like hockey, soccer.
 The community complex Pickering was supposed to build back in 2021, ie library and community centre.
- Transit, preferably door-to-door.
- More recreation centres more pools more libraries more parks. Less large buildings and condos.
- Incentivize businesses to establish recreational facilities such as recreation such as; indoor rock climbing, trampoline (e.g. SkyZone & Fly Squirrel in Whitby), indoor arcades (e.g. Playdium), indoor mini golf, indoor or outdoor water park adjacent to Durham Live, indoor batting cages, etc.
- Pickering should seek to develop more walking trails as well as larger parks situated around community hubs to invite people to spend time using different play elements.
- Lower taxes.
- Easier access to 401.
- Continued protection of the greenbelt, connected walking trails with supporting bike path.
- Expansion of an integrated transit system with our neighbouring communities & regions.
- Waterfront communities.
- Recreational facilities.
- A more open concept recreation centre that is more affordable. Definitely sidewalks, bike lanes along the whole of Kingston rd. Also, along finch Avenue would be helpful.
 Community food gardens, sharing options in more subdivisions. More free give away days for communities.
- Putting in the infrastructure first than repaving the roads. So many times, you improve a roadway than 6 months later rip it up, to than put in the infrastructure. What a waste of taxpayers money. Example, Brock Road up at the 407. You finally made the road wider, 20 years after the 407 was built, to now ripping it up because your putting in housing that was planned before widening the road. Why??? I don't think taxpayers should have to pay for it twice.
- Wide roads. Increased lanes.
 Bridges/ overpass and tunnels/underpass for traffic.
- Connect waterfront trail all the way between Toronto and Ajax!
- Cultural and artistic spaces (music venues and support for local artist). Green spaces and urban/community gardens.
- Less!!!

- Small shops, cafes, restaurants to encourage social gatherings. More community events such as food feast. Create the European feel where people can walk along streets to enjoy lunch, brunch, cafe, dinners, while shopping for day-to-day needs
- See my response above. Also, it would be nice to have another indoor pool as lane swim and children's swimming lesson are difficult to facilitate with only the recreational center and Dunbarton pools. Is it possible to take down the small community Centre on Bayly Road and build something larger. Possibly with two level and a deck that looks out over the water. There are a lot of reeds there and so it limits what can be done there but, if you had a deck people could side outside and enjoy the view. I was thinking of the West Rouge Community Centre in Scarborough when I referenced a deck as they have one. The City could host "themed" dinner and dance events, etc. there.
- More sidewalks and raised bike lanes.
- Better water front, More parks, more connections in trails, cleaner streets. So much litter everywhere.
- More dog parks with water fountains. Increased bike lanes. Express GO from Pickering to union.
- Schools, hospital, more green space and LESS condo development.
- Better maintained roads. Better road connectivity and less congestion. Better policing of bad drivers.
- easy way to contact someone for help in emergency ie; police ,EMS, etc. Possibly on lampposts or crosswalks.
- Better connectivity with Toronto transit for those wwww of whites for whom things like rouge hill go may. E more essential than Pickering go. Lobbying for ottawa/403 style highway busways. Build north out based on transit hibs and things like condos clustered by transit. Seaton today isblooming like dense townhouse sprawl which woll ultimately be a traffic disaster like markham.
- Widening of liverpool rd. North of Glenanna rd. and south of Bayly. eastbound 401 off ramp at Liverpool rd. Reliable public transit. More public transit routes. Sidewalk snow plows in residential neighborhoods. More funding to parks dept. To hire more people for maintenance and garbage removal from city parks.
- Schools.
- Improved boardwalk near Pickering beach. More pools and swim programs for kids
- Affordable housing and more jobs .
- None. Just stop building.
- some additional parking near parks. e.g. near Alex Robertson.
- We have nothing but chain restaurants. No unique shopping areas.
- I would love to see right hand turning lanes (Northbound Liverpool at Bayly, getting on the eastbound 401 at Brock). Responsible development. If we are building all these new condos but the roads are already bumper to bumper and transit is NOT convenient, its making life harder for people who already live here. More options for public swimming and skating. I find I have to go to Ajax to use their facilities with my kids.
- More community centers.

- Subway connection.
 - Good roads, because many people filing this survey will be old, will not want to ride a bike or take a bus.
 - How about a decent central library.
 - Remove unnecessary zoning by-law layers like the “established neighborhood precincts”. These added layers of regulation only serve to create more bureaucratic red tape in neighborhoods where the majority of properties have already been redeveloped.
 - Interesting & unique small businesses plus independent food shops and eateries. So tired of chain restaurants! Also would like to see more service oriented businesses so we don't have to drive into Toronto.
 - More culture. Theatre music etc. It is currently too much of a bedroom community. Not much to do within the city limits.
 - Community centres.
 - More community farms. Now that all the farmlands are being eroded to build more houses, provide opportunities for residents to be able to grow their own. Since the new houses being built are concrete boxes with very little land space.
 - Enhanced public transportation. Arts centres. Shopping centres
 - More community recreation areas such as greenspace, ice rinks and community event space (such as outdoor concert areas).
 - Less traffic congestion at rush hour.No new Condos.
 - 2 new Arenas.
 - Better and bigger playgrounds like Vancouver.We need water slides and or outdoor pools, not outdoor skating rinks (those are bad for the environment).
 - More fire stations.
 - More bike trails and waterfront trail.
 - We should build more day cares built into tall office buildings so parents can work and access day care at the same spot....same goes with groceries and convenient store. We have our industrial park in the southeast corner of the City with none of these facilities...
 - more interconnecting trails throughout the whole city (similar to Waterfront trail that connects east to west). Need a large district park that can be designed specifically for hosting large events such as Ribfest and Canada Day. This park would need lots of electrical availability, water hookups etc. If it had extensive wide paved roads/paths, these could be used to create a drive through Christmas display for the community (similar to what Uxbridge does at Kinsmen Park).
 - Larger parks that can host larger events with the infrastructure to host event all year.
 - All future development plans need to emphasize sustainability of infrastructure. As frequency of natural disasters due to climate change are on the rise preparedness plans may have to be reassessed. Sustainability plans proposed a decade earlier may be inadequate.
- In addition any new energy infrastructure to be chosen on the basis of best available technology overriding the economic considerations based on short term.
- no more box stores or malls, small single-owner businesses instead of condos

- Recreation. As we reduce the access to nature (build on green spaces), there will need to be more recreational facilities nearby
- Gathering area for outdoor concerts - live music venue to host large acts similar to a Budweiser stage public transit system with subway system
- More green spaces and less condo towers
- Accessible swimming
- community work spaces - rental work hubs
- Additional facilities (parking areas), better transit connections and/or shuttle bus options to provide better access to the waterfront and continued implementation of waterfront park improvements at Lake Ontario to ensure this amenity and asset is significantly improved for the future as a major regional destination park for Pickering and surrounding areas.
- High speed trains
- A bus that goes all the way up Liverpool to Pine Ridge SS so that there aren't so many cars trying to drop kids off in the morning. It causes pollution and aggression and really bad decisions by some drivers.
- more recreational facilities like community centres and multi-use fields and courts that can accommodate different types of sports
 urban squares and well designed public spaces would be important for the new high density that will be coming
- - Continuing improvements along the lakeshore: trails, parks, outdoor amenities - washrooms , coffee shops, restaurants and outdoor events
 - More emphasis on making the downtown walkable and bikable
 - more support for heritage areas (Whitevale) and the natural areas along Duffins Creek and Seaton trail
 - more support for agriculture and agrotourism
 - les emphasis on the car and more on public transportaion, walking and biking
- More/better sports facilities and care of current ones (in particular baseball diamonds). More activities or spaces for teens to go such as a bowling alley and places to be social. I have to drive my kids to Whitby for trampoline parks, Playdium etc.
- With the absence of churches and other facilities in communities such as Seaton, there is a serious lack of public meeting places for groups such as cubs and scouts. This contributes to the lack of ability to walk to or host community events. There is too much focus on massive community centres such as the new Seaton Centre. We need meeting places. A strategy need to be developed to maximize sharing of school facilities and maximization of public use in the evening. The public cannot afford for these auditoriums to be empty. We need more facilities the size of the East Shore Community Centre where, youth and seniors enjou joint use, there is a small gym, the seniots have a small unofficial library and there are rooms available for rent by the local community
- More subsidized rec centers and fields

- a strong emphasis on appropriate density within the city; bicycle, trails and sidewalks that connect residents to places and parks; strong emphasis on retail nodes and that they are important to the city; a better planning solution to the zero parking minimums; the city needs an updated park area plan, so residents can navigate where to go; better incentives and/or programs for residents subject to basement flooding.
- A real downtown hub with small privately owned shops and restaurants that are not franchises.
- Better trails, trail access around the central part of city. CONTINUOUS bike lanes along major streets, with some separation from traffic.
- Development of the waterfront

Q6. How can the City protect the natural environment while Pickering continues to grow? Select all that apply.

Other:

- Plant native plants, trees and grasses and ground covers in gullies, wild areas, road dividers, boulevards, city flowerbeds to promote pollinator pathways, especially with keystone species and actively removing non-native and invasive species.
- Encourage low rise buildings Increase fines for littering
- landscaping requirements for a diversity of hardy trees and shrubs in developments projects, community gardens, pollinator gardens, restrict industrial/high density development near vulnerable wetlands, streams and marshes, conserve "wildlife corridors" and natural linkage areas, continue farmers markets and promote locally grown food, education and outreach programs focusing on identifying plants and animals in the community (ex. people might be more likely to care about basswood trees if they know what a basswood tree is)
- Just stop the building. Who is buying all these houses??? Certainly not my children who grew up in Pickering, or any of their peers. It's ti to scale back.
- Design planned neighbourhoods like the 1950's and 1960's.
- Stop all developments on sensitive land. Make developers pay for infrastructure improvements to protect the environment.
- Make absolutely every developer create a park on their land, also connecting walking trails , but parks in these huge buildings and communities are a must, there are higher areas in Pickering where you don't see anything except concrete
- No Pickering airport.
- You can't build a Condo with 50 parking spaces. Like it or not cars aren't going anywhere and Pickwring should not engage in a war on the car
- Less condos
- Limit building heights to protect against avian strike hazards
- Not only maintain green spaces but educate both those who live here as well as those who visit on how to respect these spaces. To take this even further, education regarding respect of all public areas. To support program, enforcement thru fines for those that do not comply ensuring all funds collected go right back into education and support of these programs.
- Protect the green belt. If necessary, some ravines where properties have immense backyards could be converted and built over to develop the back end of those properties (like fairport or Applevue road) instead of developing new areas



- Developers and builders should be required to plan properties to accommodate for the average number of vehicles assigned homes private homes .
- Legalize more dense zoning by right on redevelopment, require more dense zoning for greenfield development. Massive single family homes that aren't affordable to first time home buyers are not helping the housing crisis
- Restrict how people deal with wildlife, including banning rodent poisons and cruel extermination practices--provide incentives for pest-proofing homes in a humane way. Have stricter penalties for illegal dumping. Increase number of garbage cans on beaches and parks. Have surveillance to prosecute those who litter/dump illegally.
- Balance infrastructure needs with protecting the natural environment and waiting to see the impact on the natural environment before heading straight into more large scale developments
- Realll public transit why would anybody use if you got wait 2 hours for buss- you end up being 2.5 hours to do somewhere a driver is 10 minutes
- Stop building MASSIVE condo projects!! We don't need to be like Mississauga!!
- Garbage clean up / general upkeep of infrastructure. I can walk anywhere in the city to find abandoned wires hanging down to sidewalk level, broken sidewalks, garbage/littered streets. A lof requires citizens to report and frankly, is quite time consuming and most of the time I don't bother because of the effort. The city doesn't seem to upkeep what it has already put in/up. Regular reviews of infrastructure/walk-about to see what needs fixing within the city...
- Communities can be built with this theme in mind. Attract people who work in these industries so that it will also naturally be strengthened by the people that live there.
- Allow new developments to use alternative power sources that all houses in the neighborhood can use.
- limit high density deveoplement which is happening now
- There is too much emphasis on keeping thing natural in Pickering, so much of it is now designated as green space, or parks, or Morraine, enough is enough. Stop pandering to the econuts before any more land is siphoned off from development.
- Make sure developments also plan and include greenscaping and green spaces, as a priority.
- Stop building these horrible neighborhoods on our green spaces
- More robust policies to natural heritage/ecologically sensitive areas. Develop ecological corridors. Limit urban sprawl. Integrate nature into new developments (e.g by not cutting down large trees or not building over water bodies).
- No more condos! Wider roads and sidewalks! More schools and parks for kids! More affordable shopping!
- The hydro corridors should be utilized more. Especially the one north of the Princess Dianna Park.
- All developments should have BIG parks with mixed use. Pickering is building too many condos which have no greenspace for children to play nor greenspace to walk pets.
- Set minimum buffer standards for natural heritage area and don't reduce the buffer during site planning. Integrated stormwater management planning to control flood risks and preserve protect water quality and quantity
- Make the environment a living part of any development. It shouldn't look and feel like nature has been replaced.



- Leave nothing about protecting natural environments to the developers, they will never have the best interest of the community or the environment in mind. Specific, clear, restrictive guidelines for developers is the only way to protect natural environments.
- Sustainable growth plan - Enabling the city to grow at a reasonable rate (not overgrowth) with well planned neighbourhood and communities. Currently there is growth that does not have necessary resources (schools not built or delayed, access to health care).
- the trails and parks are a must to keep and to expand. We know that healthy communities requires people to be physically active.
- Implement mandatory compliance with Canadian Standards Association CSA A460:19 Bird-Friendly Building Design for all new construction, buildings, projects, retrofits, renovations, etc. in order to reduce avian mortality due to collisions with man-made structures.
- If you want to protect the natural environment, stop all the newsub-divisions and condo towers.
- You need to get the developers out of the planning process. It is not the developers telling the City what to do it is the city telling the developers what they are going to do.
- Increase requirements for natural look and feel within communities such as more trees
- Please take into serious consideration that you are displacing animals. We have swwn an increase in skunks, raccoons, fox, even at night you can hear coyotes crying maybe because they cant find food. Protect the wildlife. I've also seen an increase in dead animals on the streets due to being hit by cars.
- strict enforceable tree by-laws preventing the removal of mature trees without permits
- Stop building monster sized houses and start building moderate, affordable, single family homes.
- Just decrease the projected number of condos. Pickering DOES NOT have the infrastructure to support the residents living here today (especially schools and medical needs) Liverpool GO station will not be able to support that many people/cars taking Go into city
- Proper public transportation ie buses from Go Train on the weekends
- Explore development of residential buildings that fall into the 3-5 floors size built into existing residential neighbourhoods nearby main transit roads. Not all density needs to be towers!
- cheaper taxes
- Plant more gardens and trees in public spaces
- Reduce property taxes.
- Don't turn this into a concrete jungle with a million people packed into small spaces that can't accommodate them.
- Instead of intensifying existing land, build another community like Seaton.
- Allow less large condos to be developed... keep the developments to a minimal sustainable amount. Building to much to quickly creates more crime (just look at Toronto's city place) quickly over populating an area cause to many urban problems. People want a suburb when they move into or live in Pickering. They don't want a downtown feel with large condos blocking sunlight and funneling noise, which has already begun put a stop to it.
- Build affordable housing in areas that currently are derelict
- I have noticed that the creek beside Loblaws parking lot has become an illegal dumping ground for people's garbage and renovation waste. This is unacceptable and there needs to be policy to address this. Perhaps unsustainable growth is not a good idea.



- Limit development on farmland, green belt, high rise! Try to create a feel of downtown: shopping independently-owned boutiques, coffee shops, dining & walking areas!
- Efficient waste management. Composting programs (like for plastic bags) in a location that is easily accessible and well known to people. There used to be one in Metro that would take recyclable plastic packaging bag. This point emphasizes "increasing buffers around existing natural features" - Preserving and protecting the habitats within and around the city for the animals and plants the thrive alongside the urban development. Keep the wetlands and the greenbelt.
- Stop the growth, that will protect the natural lands and the animals that are being driven into the neighbourhoods
- Continue to ensure the protection of existing parks and ensure that proposals for new developments do not infringe on these. For example, there has been an increase in the number of condominiums advertised for Pickering which is of great concern to me. The height blocks the sun/natural light which plants within our parks require to grow. These large buildings add to the noise and density of our community and drive away wildlife which inhabit our parks such as the Rouge Valley Urban Park.
- More gyms and sport facilities.
- Stop increasing density.
- Pickering should embrace the greenbelt and rouge park as a proud part of our identity.
- Do you know that two owls live on the property as well as foxes who can be heard screaming at night and coyotes. All of the frogs are gone as are all of the grasshoppers, most of the fireflies and dragonflies. Why are you asking these questions. You have allowed development around an 40 acre property with all of this nature, trees and wildlife and all you can hear now on the property is traffic and illegal rifle practice all night long. Buffers around natural features like our property where the owners are cutting trees in TRCA land and down to Carutthers Creek?
- More effective and functional public transit. I would LOVE to take transit to work, but my 10 minute drive is over an hour by bus. It just isn't a reality for families who need every precious moment with their children.
- Stop building low density residential. High density and four plexes or nothing
- STOP using every existing piece of land to build more houses! (Have a cap on the number of houses being built in each neighborhood).
- Don't ever touch our greenbelt even if the Feds ask.
- Stop allowing developers to destroy green spaces, especially environmentally sensitive areas that are of importance to the environment and indigenous communities.
- Gently introduce more dense housing in areas with existing walkable services.
- Strengthening the policy framework for the environment and natural heritage, ensuring that Pickering's policy direction provides a systems approach that identifies the natural heritage system and water resource system and requirements for their protection, restoration and enhancement. Ecosystem compensation requirements should be strengthened and supported with clear definitions and applied only after a mitigation hierarchy policy is considered (e.g., allow compensation of non-significant natural cover in limited circumstances). The framework for environmental systems in the Pickering Plan should provide direction for climate change planning up front in the section with requirements for emissions reduction planning and adaptation planning.
- Leed certified buildings, electric car charging stations, green roofs, solar panels. Etc
- Developments are great, but the town needs more affordable options that aren't huge high rises. Buildings like the ones currently across from the Town Centre, maybe 10-15 stories tall are big enough.

- allow/encourage innovation in building design. Incentives for this would be good.
- A comprehensive background paper should be developed on how Pickering can attract a wide variety of jobs. The completion of the retail study need to be completed in phase one of the plan A committee should be struck immediately to review the status of OPA 38, which is strenuously opposed by residents in abutting neighbourhoods and the recent application for lands south of Walnut Lane (Home Depot lands) goes against the direction which was intended for a detailed zoning process of blocks of land within the individual blocks. A detailed transportation study must be prepared to focus on traffic issues including the capacity of the 401 interchanges at both Whites and Brock, and intersections such as Whites/Kingston Road, Whites/Bailey, Walnut Lane/Liverpool ie prohibition of turns northbound and implications, and Bayly/Liverpool A detailed review of parking in condominiums needs to occur especially in the City Centre. Doug Ford thinks one size fits all. How does that work? Its a fruit salad. Toronto has many hundreds of public parking lots. Premier Ford needs to fully restore the planning role of the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority and its funding. Under no circumstances should taxpayers of the City of Pickering be expected to fund trails and infrastructure upgrades to regional recreation facilities such as Petticoat Creek Conservation Area which provide recreation facilities and access to the Lake Ontario shoreline for Markham and Toronto residents. The provincially owned natural heritage system in Seaton and its connections along Duffins Creek should become a new provincial or national park, similar to the Rouge National Urban Park, so that this watershed connection between Lake Ontario and the Oak Ridges moraine are protected for future generations.
- Pickering does not need to have continuous growth. Over crowding dense population is killing our environment and is not sustainable. This concept has ruined Toronto and will continue to rein more cities and regions. We need to be satisfied with what we have and allow new cities to develop
- Not sure 'Farmland' equals protecting 'natural environment.' Promote a mix of greenspace and Urban development, instead of current model where greenspaces are located in north Pickering, which inhibits accessibility, unless with a car.

Q7. What can the City do to continue to support farming and the agricultural community? Select all that apply

Other:

- Provide more areas for native plants grasses trees and ground covers, especially keystone plants to increase native pollinator diversity
- Support local farming by lowering their taxes
- Hold Farmers market on the weekend, provide demonstration of sustainable and innovative farming and farm shares from a site within agricultural reserve, plant orchards in parks, provide more community gardening opportunities
- More farmers markets on weekends or after the workday
- Don't rezone for development.
- Give all residents the ability to do some sort of farming at home, example (a few chickens), and then all the parks that these communities should have can have small farmers markets that (hopefully) sell for cheap to their own neighbours
- Make agricultural land appropriately zoned, and not allow rezoning for residential or industrial use.



- STOP THE SPRAWL! If you continue to bulldoze farmland, there is not enough land to feed the people. Ontario has a very limited amount of farmland and you can't build farmland.
- Support farm to table initiatives.
- Stop building in the north of pickering. Leave the farms and open spaces alone.
- I don't know enough about farming to accurately answer this question. I think it would be important to ensure farmers are involved on this discussion
- Create connections between the urban and farm community to increase awareness and attention to the area such as educational centres, markets, organization of agriculture tourism.
- do not touch the farm land at all.
- Farmers market / Encourage farm to table restaurants and the like. Local produce should be cheaper than what can be found in the supermarkets but often is not...I'm not certain how to address, but I would much prefer getting most, if not all my food locally (seasonally when possible).
- Limit new development
- Is farming around Pickering even viable any more ? Lots of corn is being grown for gasoline purposes, is that really farming ?
- Promote local and healthy food via more farmers markets (on the weekend instead of weekday), side of the road fruit and vegetable stands. Local businesses selling local goods. Perhaps open a "Pickering Farm" to bring communities together, have a petting zoo, sell local farming foods and goods and products , hold markets there. Utilize the land we do have - you could grow sunflower fields, lavender fields, pumpkin fields, strawberry fields
- Increase urban densification
- Have policy to not to remove farming land for residential or industry development.
- Stop building homes/condos on areas where can be used for picnic areas or parks for families
- Stop low density sprawl on agricultural lands
- Stop the sprawl. We moved here for the green spaces, now being sold off to Ford's buddies..
- Improve education and communication on the importance of agriculture and how it impacts the overall community. Improving farmer's markets where the community can understand the benefits of local agriculture.
- cheaper taxes
- Encourage residents to shop local
- Prohibit farmland rezoning to residential/commercial uses. Do not allow lot sizes to be made smaller
- Reduce property taxes.
- How many farms does Pickering currently have. That would be a great question which requires a response.
- Give farmers incentives for building greenhouses on existing land for year round fruit and vegetable growing.
- Keep the farm land and stop building north.
- Tax incentives to promote indoor greenhouse operations
- Slow down expansion.... le Taunton Rd and Whites Rd extension is ruining the countryside



- Get rid of that GD airport dream! Such fertile farm land, habitat has been destroyed is truly disheartening.
- Offer small farming opportunity Not sure what the 'create better buffers' mean. Why there is a need for a buffer? Keep the rural and urban mingle together seamlessly to allow learning opportunity for kids and adults alike!
- Preserving agricultural land. Incentives for sustainable farming like financial incentives such as tax breaks. Water and resource management support for farmers.
- Have places where local farmers can sell their produce directly to the public with minimal rental fees for farmers to use these places. Basically, create more farmers' markets
- Agroturism. Stop doing whatever the builders ask
- Stop development in rural lands. You aren't even following the Provincial Policy Statement. Development around property like ours is not allowed but you have allowed it. Stop illegally penalizing people who care about the environment.
- This issue is fraught. I don't feel qualified to venture an opinion. Perhaps seek input from the farmers. I suspect that a lot of land is in fact being farmed by large commercial farmers who lease the lands from developers who are holding it for future development.
- As someone who is not a farmer, my suggestion is to ask the farmers directly.
- Outline protected areas that will not be used for sprawl development. Offer incentives for agriculture and farmers to stay and create enrichment programs that involve the urban residents
- Stop allowing developers to eradicate farmlands. The city should pursue buying up farms that are up for sale, This would support the agricultural community and provide jobs for residents within their own community.
- Limit residential and commercial infrastructure in northern Pickering and don't build the airport the farmers are concerned about
- More supports for farmers
- I do not know enough about the challenges in farming to be able to comment
- Encourage community farms, support new farmers
- Ask the farmers what they need to ensure you're supporting their livelihood.
- Revisit the repealed Central Pickering Development Plan and enshrine in the policies of the new Pickering Official Plan all of the policies of that document which protected the agricultural and natural heritage land with the Duffins Creek Watershed and area west of Duffins Creek known as the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve. Put in place practices such as the Natural Area Policies of the City of Toronto Pursuant to the Central Pickering Development Plan, a Natural Heritage Management Plan was developed (<https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/naturalheritagemanagementplan.aspx>). It is incumbent upon the Province of Ontario to fulfill its obligations to manage the natural heritage lands it owns in a responsible way in accordance with its commitments to the City of Pickering which permitted development of Seaton to proceed. This requires the province to properly fund the TRCA.
- Stop the sprawl into farmlands. There are lots of unoccupied lands for new cities to develop.
- Have Pickering farmers participate in Pickering Farmer's Market

Q8. What is needed to support the continued vitality of rural hamlets (i.e. Greenwood, Claremont)?

- They are part of the City and shouldn't be expected to bend to the urban sprawl. These communities need the same facilities as the main city, water and sewers, good transit and to help them promote the rural nature of their areas
- No idea
- Maintain the historical framework. Provide new community centres
- Keep it free from new homes or buildings, maintain its natural beauty untouched.
- Tourism
- Keep them rural hamlets. No stacked townhouses.
- I don't know but it is important
- Leave them alone.
- Stop over development
- Improve road infrastructure (see for example Cherrywood roads...WTF?).
- Good transit.
- Stop urban sprawl
- Awareness. Education. Bee friendly areas
- As someone who does not visit said hamlets, I'm going to hold off on commenting.
- More public spaces instead of private housing. For e.g., why can't farmers market run in all these hamlets like a moving circus instead of just at the city center
- Give them a sort of "downtown" just a place with walking only and cafes and some shops will make people come
- Not sure
- The hamlets are scared. We are paving and building right up to them. What makes a hamlet a hamlet? When we allow construction to sprawl all over Pickering, it takes away the hamlet feel. They need adequate assurance, and proper zoning protection.
- Ask the people who live there
- Not building huge unnecessary developments out in the countryside, when Seton has not even been utilized fully.
- Contain the sprawl. No more subdivisions. Any new builds should be minimum 2 acre lots.
- Limit new development
- Don't destroy them with 45 condos, I guarantee those hamlets won't let it happen
- Leave the land alone
- Control on development. Reduce traffic in these areas. Hold government events in these communities. Support residents to maintain properties by giving tax cuts.
- Choose appropriate heights when integrating the higher density developments as these areas grow do that new construction blends into the environment in a more natural manner as opposed to standing above it, looking down at it. Ideally as you drive in the country and enter these spaces, they maintain a shift, green feeling as opposed to the stark concrete and glass slap in the face.

- Maybe a couple of shops like convenience stores and coffee shops to create a community spot that could bring a bit of life
- I'm not qualified to comment on this topic!
- Requiring increased density in the more urban areas of Pickering will consequently limit the amount of sprawling into the more rural areas
- Larger buffer areas. You should also include hamlet of Whitevale
- Excellent question. I do not know the answer.
- No more people and way less building of townhouses and condos.
- Support local farmers by creating farmers markets and community gardens
- Having services and places to work closer
- Put in place bylaws that will actually force developers to take communities into consideration when they develop. I mean - building monster homes on a well system , what will that do to water levels for existing residents.
- Don't know
- Transportation links
- Safe environment for the residents
- unsure
- Stop developing them and paving over the usable farmland. Stop the spread of single use properties that the majority of people cannot afford.
- Not familiar enough to say
- Don't grow them with huge subdivisions
- Not sure
- maintain roads
- Stop building everywhere
- ...and Whitevale. Provide continued support to local neighbourhood groups to ensure the community engagement of residents and upholding the rural hamlet characteristics.
- Repair the concessions and regional roads. Connect cycling and sidewalk routes with thoroughfares to encourage cyclists and pedestrians to visit rural hamlet communities.
- Strong urban planning and zoning. development of points interest.
- Leave them alone. stop building fixed their roads- listen to their impute
- Stop building on them!!!!
- Slow plowing- snow drift protection of roads. Wastewater sewers to prevent flooding.
- More shopping amenities
- Better roads.
- Give locals destinations of why to visit those places. For example, Cherrywood could have the transformer station or the new battery plant explainers on/near the multiuse path along the planned durham meadoway...explaining what the infrastructure does and how it helps support the community. Have events planned around those locations to develop a sense of what those hamlets provide and their uniqueness of how they fit into the pickering picture.
- Limit development.

- Let the Farmers do the planning. Let's face it. They will do as good as politicians and better.
- Provide services like elsewhere in Pickering. More stores or restaurants
- Better alternative lanes to support transit using alternative electric vehicles. More car pooling lots.
- don't over develop them, keep new buildings to a certain height (4 stories max for example)
- control urban sprawl pickering is getting bad for building on any vacant lot no matter how big it is
- Limit development
 - We need to prioritize and protect farmland and greenspace and not allow sprawl to make for short-sighted decision on land use
- Stop building so much condos.
- Restricted development polices, local events in those locations
- I don't know
- Education and integration of farming with communities
- Stop building
- Provide more education
- no major housing developers allowed in these areas
- I do not have enough information about these areas and their needs.
- Stop expanding
- Better public transit to these areas
- Perhaps, assistance with marking of the farm produce to nearby communities, including through farmer markets and community supported agriculture.
- This can be very difficult as civilization has for centuries taken over hamlets etc...
 Access gates like a private community where only residents can access (lots in Florida and other USA states) & guests need residences to provide access
- More bike/walking trails, wider sidewalks, wider driving roads. Leave the parks alone! Maintain the current infrastructure of our greenery. No more condos!
- Good movement of private vehicles and transit
- Connection via LRT. So that they can take an easy tram to the city centre without having to drive everywhere.
- Stop expanding housing.
- Building design standards so that new adjacent developments are in keeping with the hamlet nature of the area not just sprawl developments
- Stop developing
- leave them alone...the serenity and peacefulness is what makes them special
- Give farmers a better incentive to do what they do. It should be more than worthwhile for them to farm.
- Preservation of the integrity of each community; when planning a by-pass for example, do not bisect the community but rather by-pass the whole length of the main road that

homes and heritage dwellings front onto; do not run bypasses directly behind or through existing properties; clear understanding of water shed and aquifer as hamlets have multi-depth wells, septic systems and sump systems for drainage!

- Keeping them remote from any sprawl, maintaining their rural status.
- More appropriate residential housing in these hamlets that can support a baseline level of amenities / “Main Street”.
- Additional recreational programming, municipal office located in the community centre staged by either one person or representatives of social services one or two days/week or reps from other municipal services that are frequently used by north Pickering residents.
- stop the urban sprawl. All the residents know that developers are this Council's best friends.
- Limiting over-development. Promoting parks & recreational facilities in the area. Preserving the community structure and character of the area.
- Ensure resident access to all major facilities.
- Stop housing development. Too many are becoming low income developments - see what’s happening to Toronto
- Stop building massive developments in those areas. And when development happens, ensure social and physical infrastructure is built into the development. Protect the forests!
- I live in greenwood and the last nine years is has real gone done. It needs planting of new trees, stop signage has to be improved along 5 th concession, it is being used to cut through to the 407 and to westney from Brock the traffic is ridiculous. I’m afraid to walk on the street because I’ve almost been hit. Now with the new subdivisions at Brock, this needs to be addressed.
- Stop building
- Although they have good greenspace to keep them separated they also need to be able to connect if needed ... without driving
- Stop the growth rate.
- You have to pay attention to what the people of the area are asking for. Large houses on small lots don't work. You have to be mindful that everyone up in the north of pickering are on wells and septics. Increased growth in these areas are taxing the underground streams etc. There is only so much the undergrounds streams and water sources will stand before you start getting dry wells.
- Restricted growth, not taking g excessive amount of green space
- I'm not sure. I don't live there. Please ask the people that live there. I'm 100% sure they will share what they need.
- Support their community centres/activities/churches/small businesses
- Move all the residential rentals ruining suburban areas there!
- More activity centres and public places to meet up. Museums or local attractions
- Limiting growth in these areas.
- Stop the sprawl.

- Stop selling land to developers!!
- They need better shopping and restaurants so that people can enjoy life close to home in those hamlets.
- I need to think about this. rural hamlets provide a wonderful experience, they should be maintained and supported with good roads and accessible by public transportation.
- those hamlets should be left alone. You choose to live there for a reason and that is to get OUT of the city. I chose Pickering for that same reason but with the growth plan I will be leaving and it is a place like Greenwood or Claremont that would have appeal
- more housing
- The plan should focus on majority of the population. People living in very well provided facilities should work to maintain existing infrastructure
- Support of residents and the environment
- More events that help promote vibrancy of community and better use of community centres in these communities for all Pickering residents to access programs as all Pickering has paid for them not just the local community.
- Buffer with agricultural/natural lands between them and subdivisions
- Consider Heritage Conservation Districts
- Wi Fi, local shops
- Reduce property taxes.
- No more housing development. No more high rises.
 Do not build skyscrapers. Perhaps more bungalow infrastructure as seniors are a big part of Pickering and all of us do not want to live in condos or retirement homes.
- Good roads and continued access to clean water.
- Stop urbanizing the area and leave it alone
- Ensuring that there are development is undertaken in a deliberate manner to ensure the heritage is not lost. There should be emphasis on ensuring buffers between other development and not to allow endless homes to be built.
- Leave it alone
- Transit connectivity, focus on current infrastructure deficit
- That's obvious, preserve the green belt and farm land. Once again...what is with that airport dream?
 Support the rural aspects of living in diverse Pickering where local farms can provide produce & survive.
- The addition of unsustainable luxury estates anywhere in Pickering costs everyone. Sprawl into these areas should be avoided.
- Designate them as historical areas and limit the amount of growth with new housing. Make the housing blend in with the existing houses.
- Schools, libraries, medical centre, etc.
- Support small businesses, tourism, support local agriculture, heritage preservation, festivals, and local arts.
- No subdivisions!!!!

- The support of the City and their partners.
- Create more recreation. Hiking, etc
- Don't let developers get their hands on these lands
- people move there for a reason and knowing the limitations so why use other area taxpayer money to make these areas more popular and busy.
- Lock in the protection around the provide transit to them then provide incentives to builders who will build in the in a way that includes a way that includes amenities. Right now all are car dependent without the vitality previous g generations.
- If its not broken don't try to fix it.
- Protection for the residents in the hamlets in regards to restricted monster home building structures, increased services for the Valley View Public School in the Greenwood Hamlet.
- Nothing, just stop development. Now you are going to allow development on sideline 4 north of Hwy 7 on the west side. Why? Why? Why? The soil where you have allowed humongous estate homes to be built on sideline 4 at concession 5 is contaminated already. Carruthers Creek water quality has a C rating.
- It appears to me that the planning I have seen already on your site will overwhelm Greenwood.
- What vitality? These are lovely little hamlets for those that live there. We don't want to loose these little communities to developers.
- It would be a great idea to take advantage of Cherrywood, Whitevale, Claremont and Greenwood in the same way Prince Edward County has capitalized on Agro-tourism - AND we're a much closer commute to the city!!
- Maintain the uniqueness and ambience of those communities
- No comment
- Heritage designations to protect important properties.
- Discussion is required to see what is needed in respective rural hamlets
- Stop building residential on farm land!
- Not sure about this one. Would need to learn more...
- Limitations on the size and design of construction with in the communities. Keep the style in line with what exists in the communities. Encourage appropriate commercial business, cafes, restaurants, gift stores, art galleries, green grocers selling local product.
- Better roads and available transportation.
- Not sure
- Ensure that these communities are kept up to date with technology - mainly communication lines without impacting these rural environments.
- Green space
- ensure technology services (internet and cell) are at levels with the urban areas
- services closer to home
- Keep it rural.
- More fire stations

- Keep them as rural hamlets, limit development
- There is a current problem where people in those communities do not want "other Pickering Residents" in their backyard. They consider the community centers and parks as their own. I would suggest we attract some unique business opportunities to bring in other area residents to promote the Hamlets.
- Hamlets without small businesses or agricultural that sells direct to residents, is really just a gated community without the gates
- Support the development of community facilities to replicate those which are available in the urban centers.
- listen to the residents - leave roads small, do not take out mature trees, do not install sidewalks on rural roads
- Keep their respective recreation centres. These are close knit communities that don't wish to be absorbed into the city
- zoned areas that won't be targeted for development. Create conservation areas.
- Make a resolution declaring farmers will not lose their lands to developers and urban sprawl. Without farmers we have no chance at a sustainable future.
- ?
- Continue investment and creative events matched to trail/hike experiences to encourage tourism visits. Green River and Whitevale are also rural hamlets that need investment and prioritization. Brougham is unique but is arguably the most important historic centre of Pickering—don't abandon control of that area despite complicated ownership/stewardship.
- development must be reduced and must maintain character
- allow opportunities for more commercial opportunities within the hamlet.
- I live in Whitevale. The city should put more emphasis on preserving the cultural asset that a rural hamlet is and its heritage significance, its tree canopy, its buffer zone. It should educate all residents on the importance of preserving historically significant hamlets and should negotiate with infrastructure Ontario to increase natural green space around these hamlets
- Updated community areas.
- The City of Pickering must properly fund its facilities in these communities which serve the residents. This includes preserving buildings such as Brougham Hall.

Doug Ford's government needs to reverse many of the actions imposed by Bill 23, 185 and others, none of which will result in affordable housing.

Full indigenous consultation is required before any further consideration of development occurs in North east Pickering.

A detailed fiscal analysis is required of the cost to provide services to North east Pickering and to construct and maintain structures and measures mitigate downstream in perpetuity the downstream impacts of further development in the Carruthers Creek

Please also include all other rural hamlets including Claremont and Cherrywood

- keeping them as rural hamlets by stopping the city sprawl and over crowding
- Don't allow investors to buy all the land and build townhouses/condos

Q9. What types of housing will be needed in Pickering, by 2051? Select all that apply.

Other:

- purpose-built rental apartment buildings (not Air B&B) too many highrise condos concentrated along major roads might cause traffic congestion from all of the cars coming in and out of the underground parking and trying to turn onto the main road (unless the entire transit system is reliable enough that they won't need a car).
- No more.
- Stop high density development
- No tall condo or apartment buildings.
- Building that have stores on the bottom, businesses on top
- Interesting that we have been talking about this, I see no reason why builders don't make smaller bungalows with decent lots, other than greed of course, what is one of Pickering's most loved neighbourhoods, that is Amberlea, take the houses that made and still make Amberlea amazing to live in, and have them be built elsewhere also, not everyone needs a massive 2 story home and not everyone wants a condo or townhome with no backyard.
- 4 or 6 plexes. Ban any Large single unit homes that are over certain square feet within a go train line. For Example Glendale Drive in Pickering is erecting mega mansions, single unit homes within walking distance to Pickering GO. Only allow multi-unit buildings like 4-6 plexes or multiple townhomes on the same property. Let larger single unit houses be further away from Go Train line as they are building 3 car garages and dont need such valuable 15 minute access to ublic transport.
- High-rise apartment buildings in already urban zoned areas
- We need to look to create hubs around each major intersection (Whites/Kingston, Liverpool/Kingston & Brock/Kingston) to make walkable communities. More bike lanes everywhere. More public transit. And we need to make sure that ALL new development is as green as can be. From green roofs to solar panels, rain collection and grey water recycling. And make sure they are all connected to the streets, make it easy to walk out the door and go somewhere.
- Encouraging new and single family living lifestyle. Too many areas in the GTA have homes with multiple families living in them.
- High rise along major roads will turn Pickering into Scarborough. Terrible idea
- Townhouses with ONLY TWO FLOORS
- we have enough, demographics will change in 10 years lots of houses will be on the market, this is city, not a business growth is not necessary
- Look at what other countries have done and copy the designs that work. Why reinvent the wheel?
- We will need more housing in the traditional sectors of single family, semi detached, townhouses. All these condos planned for Pickering I fear are gonna make Pickering a transitory city with people staying a few years in a condo until they have enough equity to move on to something better.



- Too many townhouses already! Please continue building detached homes and maybe so low rise apartment buildings in the downtown Pickering area
- Stop building
- Average sized homes with moderate land to raise a family
- Accessible properties of all types Bungalows
- BUNGALOWS... come on folk where does an aging population want to live... a bungalow. Take a look at "The Villages" in Florida for ideas (#1 55+ community in the world). Double benefit as previous home now would then become available for families...etc
- No more highrise buildings without more grocery shopping, schools, parks and more roads! Pickering will become too crowded.
- A diversity of high, low and mid-rises - each with a direct transit connection that does not depend on/clog up the roads (e.g. buses). Instead think LRT or subway. Pickering does not need busier roads (the suburbs will always need them, why force more people on the road). We need more housing and better road-free transit connections to service the increased population.
- None
- Small one or two bedroom homes in a large complex geared to seniors with staff to organize recreational activities, a small restaurant, a nurse on site and an on call doctor. A minivan and driver to take residents on scheduled outings and to medical appointments. This type of facility should be available in both urban and rural areas of the city.
- This should be tied to a sustainable growth plan where the city is not forced to grow beyond its capability due to an increase in people wanting to live in Pickering.
- APARTMENTS , less condos. We need places for people to be able to afford on wages that will come from the corridor jobs. Not everyone can afford a condo. We need rental Apartments that are reasonable for folks to afford.
- Who says we want more housing of any type. My area has been changed to high density which will enable home to rent out portion of the house. We're already jammed in with lots more cars and trucks parking on streets and people converting their front lawns into parking lots.
- I can agree with the frequent transit. Safety first always.
- Mid-size detached on mid-size lots, people like backyards; too small lots are depressing
- It does not matter unless you limit the amount of residential rentals on a street to 2 or 3.
- Condos with 3 proper bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. And parking for 2 cars per unit.
- Triplex and Duplex living is wonderful, look at Montreal, some areas in North York, Kitchener. It's a win win,
- None of the above. Pickering needs to build to support current residents. Honestly, 3 kids and I have to drive one to scarboro to do his Lifeguard and one to Ajax for other recreation. I sit in rush hour traffic on kingston road stressed i wont make it on time. We had to drive to Stouffville with one kid to hospital as Ajax had 5-6 hour wait time. It is unacceptable. Kids already being bussed to our school from Seaton, no school for all those residents, again unacceptable planning
- More affordable 1 and 2 bedroom apartments
- Please stop these "55 storey" developments. Low rise (3 - 4 floors) or maximum 8 floors is comfortable. Look at Don Mills around the Donway - small, comfortable apartments/condos surrounded by trees and grass...cool, comfortable. Not towering apartments that block the sun, cause traffic chaos at morning departure/evening return.
- Reduce property taxes.
- Bungalows



- Seniors need a place to live once they out grow their existing single dwelling homes. We don't want to move to high rises where people don't know each other, we want to move into bungalows on reasonably sized lots or low rise condos, 4 to 6 stories.
- Affordable, detached housing units, apartment units on and around go station and town centre
- We don't need high rise buildings! Build more small houses to accommodate singles, couples, seniors or even small family who can only purchase affordable houses!
- I do not like the idea of large condominiums except or densely packed homes i.e. apartments within existing homes. The reason been these adds overcrowding which brings with it an increase in vehicles. This adds a level of danger for young children trying to navigate our streets safely.
- In most cases mid rise is the answer but density if housing requires density of amenities or it will result in traffic hell. We need to be bolder at strategically communicating for real mixed use not tokenism. A 60 story tower at a go station should have s full on mall style base
- We have more than enough high rise buildings. We're will there be room for development in the future. Already overcrowded.
- 3 bedroom apartments that can house a family, while providing amenities that will attract them to these apartments/condos. Parks, Rec Centres, Gyms, Schools etc.
- Remove the "established neighborhood precinct" layer from zoning by-laws to allow larger homes on larger lots. Restrict high rise condos to near the GO Station. Other intersections, such as Kingston Rd and Rougemoint should be limited to mid-rise buildings. A 30+ story tower is inappropriate for that location.
- There are more than enough houses being built currently. The roads, schools and infrastructure cannot handle more houses in Pickering by 2051. We already see the results of the poor planning of having too many houses being built. There is way more congestion on the roads and within the school zones. This is only common sense.
- If we want to grow, and we have to build, then low rises and modest houses on medium lots. High rises eventually have an end of life and would need to be demolished.
- Space pods
- If we allow dwellings in backyard, which I think is a great idea, we need to ensure the people who will living in there will have access to maybe parking spot, or access to convenient transit stop and maybe bike lanes etc....
- affordable housing - look at what Minneapolis did to build new affordable housing. Unique but is proven to have worked to promote building of affordable housing.
- We may aspire to be like Europe, with low rise and accessible shops, but we're about 300 years behind
- I think we are already beyond capacity on condo towers and need to stop building now. The infrastructure already can't support the residents we have.
- accessible housing of all types
- Co-op communities, co-housing/supportive options, courtyard facing smaller homes creating community hubs.
- 4 plexes
- opportunities for multiplexes within existing neighbourhoods
- Pickering cannot handle the amount of proposed condos and apartment buildings!!! The roadways aren't in the best shape and traffic will be a nightmare! Where will children attend school? We're already bursting at the existing schools near highway two "downtown" core.



- Mixed use residential communities with a mix of single, semi detached and townhouses,

Q10. What parts of the current Official Plan vision and priorities are still relevant?

- All plus much better transitions for aging in place.
- Can't decide.
- Roadway improvements
- Vision statement still relevant
evolving needs; healthy settings; urban and rural sustainability
- Without definitions the vision statement is very vague - not sure what a healthy setting is and evolving needs seems to be a fudge factor. Need more focus on quality of life for residents particularly to encourage sustainable living. Need to speak to healthy and connected neighbourhoods.
- Unsure
- Global connectivity, evolving needs. This is the next central location (go train, highway, more transit hub) out east other than Toronto. This needs to be the next modern downtown
- Healthy and sustainable
- Looks Ok
- All.
- That it needs to evolve
- All 5 bullet points are still relevant.
- all of them. I wasn't aware of these priorities and happy to see them being a guiding principle for our vision.
- The "vision" is more of a word salad and doesn't outline anything, we don't need a massive uncontrolled amount of people moving in, there's enough land to have enough condos and enough housing for everyone, that along with ensuring that we all see a future and happy to live here
- Urban Sustainability
- All are still relevant
- All
- All of the above
- They are all relevant, but are being ignored.
- Seems all are reasonable
- I don't understand what healthy settings means. It does not clear from your statement.
- Global connectivity - what Pickering does affects the rest of Durham Region
- All
- It is a good start
- ALL
- Building low or mid rise can increase density of existing communities without creating major traffic jams however I do not support high rises (especially when projects have like

6-7 high rise of 40+ stories all in the same plaza as it brings unmanageable number of additional cars in a very small space. The city of Pickering road system has not been setup to accommodate a very vertical growth and will push people away if traffic becomes too much. People like me moved away from downtown Toronto to avoid the traffic and density so hopefully you don't reproduce Liberty Village's mistakes and horrible access issues here

- All of the Official Plan is boiler plate and all are still relevant..
- All
- Nothing. Unfortunately Pickering has gone to the dumps
- Evolving needs
- All
- 2, 3 and 5
- Healthy settings
Global connectivity
- all but the second. There is little consideration for the health of any residents living near existing new developments. Studies show that exposure to constant noise is a factor in increased stress yet no steps are taken to ensure some level of protection is in place.
- All
- All of them
- All
- all
- Unique community
- It is still relevant
- Many parts still seem relevant
- Urban and rural sustainability
- All
- Evolving needs is very relevant. I understand the need for more housing but also am concerned that the city infrastructure (roads and businesses) aren't keeping up.
- they are all still relevant
- All 5
- It's all relevant but depends on interpretation. Mass townhomes with few green spaces do not comply. Green building using items that promote environmental well being should be used
- All parts are still relevant.
- Sustainable development with appropriate infrastructure and access. Healthy communities that encourage citizen responsibility to respect safety.
- They are all relevant however I can't say I've seen them carried out already.
- Urban and rural sustainability
- None
- We need the balance between farm land and urban high rises.

- All
- We are evolving. Keep up with growing population.
- Global Connectivity
- All
- All
- All of them.
- urban and rural sustainability
- Keep the Scarborough / Pickering border where it is.
- These are always going to be relevant. I think it's more around if these are the right priorities for right now. It's hard to say from just seeing this list.
- sustainability - keep existing streams, not let them dry up and build over top of them for example
- Healthy settings
- Global connectivity as many people now work from home, in some cases for companies far and beyond.
- Evolving needs and healthy setting
- All of them!
- Healthy setting
- rural sustainability
- All politicians care about is money in their pockets and scams behind iur backs
- Urban and rural sustainability
- Affordable housing for active seniors who cannot afford the current and expensive retirement homes now being built.
- All
- unique community
- Urban and rural sustainablilit, Healthy settings, and to a lesser extent but still important unique community
- Urban and rural sustainability
 Unique community
- I think all of these visions are still relevant
- Sustainability for existing members of the Pickering community and determine the feasibility of supporting expansion of this community while balancing that against infrastructure capacity.
- Promoting Equality
 As Pickering grows, there will be a need for diverse communities and individuals to better understand each other. Otherwise, those seeking to exploit will pitch one community against another and create havoc. Develop spaces and opportunities for people to meet, converse and contribute to develop a shared community.

Homelessness and Poverty

Homelessness is already a significant issue. Support a Home First (with supporting

services) approach. Build social housing to support people who have challenges meeting their housing needs.

Addiction/Mental Health

One main reason for people to end up homeless is addiction and mental health. As a relatively young city, it should implement prevent programs from ground up to combat these challenges.

- Global connectivity
- Visions are very motherhood statements and generally do not capture reality when applied.
 Pickering's statement can apply to any community....
 Focus on demographic needs (age, race, abilities, encourage culture as we are Canadians and not previous heritages)..... remember: "When in Rome do as the Romans do."
- All of them
- all are relevant
- Keeping the Pickering mall. Adding stores/grocery stores in North Pickering (Taunton area)
- Evolving need, healthy setting,
- All of these priorities remain relevant.
- All
- Healthy settings
- All are good
- None
- Sustainability needs to be actively managed in the new OP... currently it feel more like a greenwashing exercise for the city
- None
- Healthy settings
- I think they all are
- All
- Urban and rural sustainability and unique communities
- Global connectivity. I support an airport.
- All.
- All of it.
- Everything is still relevant
- I believe all sections are relevant.growth needs to be focussed on affordable housing not just homes for the affluent
- If council wants to develop Pickering into a modern city, then they best look elsewhere at what's going on around the world. Reliable transit. Facilities and services easily accessible without having to use a car.
- All 5 interrelated priorities

- All.
- ALL are still relevant
- Global warming is a result of non environmental conservation. Pickering has wetlands that they are trying to compress to become housing e.g. Brock and 401 south side. These areas are needed to preserve and conserve the Monarch Butterfly and bees which are becoming endangered.
- NONE
- All are relevant.
- Pickering s rural areas need to stay rural there is enough growth all around us. Think Pickering should keep its farming communities active.
- Unique community, healthy settings, evolving needs and urban/rural sustainability are all relevant.
- These should all be ongoing
- Slow the growth down considerably
- Not anything because they change the Official Plan so often without citizen input.
- Need for a hospital in Pickering. The airport will bring much needed jobs, and easier access to travel and transport.
- All
- All of it, we can't lose our identity by trying to be all things to all people, our priorities of respecting our history and culture is key.
- These broad vision statements could apply to any city. They are all true but how do you make them practical and relevant?
- All are still relevant.
- The current Official Plan vision and priorities for Pickering remain highly relevant as written.
- Residential rental housing licenses - mandatory - just DO IT
- All of them
- All but the rural element. As GTA continues to expand and populations expand, Pickering as the city beside will become more urban
- All of them.
- They are all still relevant provided the Mayor and Council understands the needs and desires of existing residents.
- All however they sound like considerations, not plans.
- All parts will always be relevant and should be reached in the most fiscally responsible way, without compromising on the health and welfare of the land and existing communities.
- Maintaining our green space and sustainability.
- All
- All are important and I believe ALL are not being met
- All of them.

- Would like to see Pickering be a unique community. Not sure this priority is being achieved.
- Environmental protection
- Many elements of the current Official Plan vision and priorities for Pickering remain highly relevant, reflecting ongoing trends and the city's long-term needs. Here are the key parts that still resonate strongly:
 1. Evolving Needs:

Relevance: Communities continue to face demographic shifts, technological advancements, and changing social dynamics. This priority is critical in ensuring that Pickering remains adaptable and responsive to new challenges and opportunities, such as affordable housing, smart city initiatives, and evolving work patterns (e.g., remote work post-pandemic).

Why It's Still Important: As the needs of residents change, policies must remain flexible to accommodate growth, innovation, and diversity.
 2. Healthy Settings:

Relevance: The focus on healthy urban and rural environments is more important than ever, especially in light of global health crises like COVID-19. Cities are increasingly recognizing the link between environmental health, mental health, and physical well-being. Accessible green spaces, sustainable infrastructure, and wellness-oriented urban design are key priorities.

Why It's Still Important: The importance of spaces that promote physical and mental well-being continues to grow, driven by increased awareness of health equity, climate change, and community resilience.
 3. Urban and Rural Sustainability:

Relevance: Sustainability is a major global focus, and ensuring that both urban and rural areas are developed and preserved with long-term resilience in mind is critical. Urban sprawl, environmental conservation, climate adaptation, and agricultural protection are ongoing concerns.

Why It's Still Important: The need to balance urban growth with environmental conservation remains central to ensuring the city's future, particularly in maintaining green spaces, protecting rural areas, and addressing climate-related challenges.
 4. Unique Community:

Relevance: Pickering's distinct identity, including its landscape, history, and settlement patterns, continues to offer valuable opportunities for differentiation within the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA). Emphasizing its heritage and local character can attract investment, tourism, and foster community pride

Why It's Still Important: As cities become increasingly interconnected, highlighting what makes Pickering unique—such as local history, culture, and the natural environment—helps maintain a sense of community identity and attract new residents and businesses.
 5. Global Connectivity:

Relevance: Pickering remains part of larger regional, national, and global systems. Economic, environmental, and social changes outside the city's borders still significantly affect its development. Issues such as housing affordability, transportation infrastructure,

and the shift towards a digital economy require ongoing collaboration across municipal, regional, and global levels.

Why It's Still Important: In a globally connected world, Pickering's success relies on its ability to adapt to regional and international trends, leveraging opportunities for innovation and sustainable development.

Overall:

The core vision of the Official Plan remains relevant as it addresses the city's adaptability, health, sustainability, distinct identity, and interconnectedness. These foundational principles continue to guide the city in an era of rapid change, whether in response to environmental, social, or economic shifts.

- These are all "motherhood statements" that will always be true. They also allow council to do basically anything.
- Protecting the natural environment
- healthy settings
- Reduce property taxes.
- All parts are essential for a successful city.
- Keep rural areas clear. Keep the farms and farmland.
- None
- They all apply. Urban and rural sustainability, Global connectivity, Unique community and healthy settings.
- More recreational facilities and more schools, probably building and encouraging the building of the Pickering airport
- Evolving needs, healthy settings and global connectivity.
- I do not agree with what is being planned.
- Improving the water front and finishing the casino area development. Finishing the current high rises.
- The vision mentions preserving the natural history. That is intrinsically relevant. I've seen no sustainable projects from the building dwellings on flood planes to plowing over natural habitats. A vital part of the ecosystem.
 Independent contractors were allowed to come in & fell trees by the hundreds basically denuding our green spaces.
 Ironically, now Pickering has turned about face & want people to plant trees!
 I'll stress from my previous choice...modest homes on small lots.
- All of the above
- All of these are relevant except the last one, Global connectivity. I don't feel much like Pickering is relative to the rest of the region. I feel like Pickering is last pick for anything.
- Urban and rural sustainability and Unique community
- Evolving needs within the limit of safety!
 Healthy setting with the mind of learning, playing and innovating!
 Continue the maintenance of public buildings & their need for expansion within a reasonable standards in both rural and urban areas!

Just focus on the safety and health of residents within the city before expanding to the thought of global connectivity!

- Urban and rural sustainability acknowledges that the City's urban and rural areas must both be sustained and enhanced over the long term for the well-being of the community.
- All of the above. Especially the middle three.
- Communities need walkable environments to do groceries and take care of errands without cars.
- Healthy settings
- Evolving needs and connectivity
- Too long a survey
- I regret that I have not reviewed enough of the Plan to feel competent to comment
- Urban and Rural sustainability
- Global community
- Global connectivity
- keeping with the unique community and distinctive landscape.
- Na
- Healthy settings
- The visions and priorities must be those of the citizens and not just that of decision makers and must be for the well being of said citizens. The parts of the plan that are still relevant are those that recognize and acknowledge Pickering's distinctive landscape, history, but also the changing demographics, while still preserving the unique rural feel that made many choose to move away from the city to come here. These valuable assets are what will make the city still relevant.
- 1-4 are still relevant
- These are all relevant for a future plan but they need to ensure these points are clearly defined so that they can't be amended or changed for various time periods.
- Unique Community
- Evolving needs.
 Urban and rural sustainability.
 Unique community.
 Global connectivity.
- The parts about improving fire services
- Urban and rural sustainability
 Unique community
 Global connectivity is GIVEN; it is happening by default. Therefore the emphasis needs to be on UNIQUENESS and GLOBAL RURAL SUSTAINABILITY
- Urban and Rural Sustainability, Unique Community, Healthy Settings
- I'm not convinced the plan takes into account the needs of the existing communities. The plan calls for mixed use buildings along a corridor that is currently used for shopping for the automobile reliant communities.
 When those shops are gone, they will drive farther for their needs.
 Where is the plan for retail. Not everyone shops on line

- The need to continue to evolve
- If the current Official Plan had been followed Pickering would have continued to be an amazing place to live, but it wasn't followed and too many members were beholden to outside developers and their donations. The will of a few has destroyed a community for generations to come. The current Official Plan is still relevant and it doesn't need changes.
- all
- ""To build Pickering in a manner that meets the evolving needs of its people, that sustains healthy urban and rural settings, and that creates a unique INTERCONNECTED community"
- the vision and priorities are still relevant for the changing time and landscape
- The four first parts are still relevant. For the 5th point, before global connectivity, we should talk about local connectivity, making urban residents aware of the rich assets that are rural hamlets, agricultural areas, natural green spaces and making the most of the unique asset that the lakeshore represents and which could make Pickering even more vibrant and unique for the residents and visitors.
- Evolving needs, Healthy settings, urban and rural sustainability
- All of these are relative and this vision should have included detailed sections focussing on both a strong business and office community for employment and a strong retail and service community to meet the evolving needs of people.

In 1997, when the current Pickering Official Plan was written, Pickering had a young community. Serious consideration needs to be given to having the medical and seniors centre infrastructure and housing to meet the needs of aging residents who want to remain at home as long as possible. There are no "bungalow" communities.

- 2,3,and 4.
- none of the above, we are not growing the city as noted above.
- Urban and rural sustainability
- Evolving needs, Global connectivity

Q11. What needs to be changed or added to the Official Plan vision and priorities?

- Aging in place
- More focus should be on supporting the existing residents and what they currently need.
- More attention to sewers and water run off
- Focus on business growth
- Quality of life, healthy and connected neighbourhoods, respectful and inclusive communities, promotion of sustainable development and lifestyles, resilience to climate change
- More affordable housing for low income families that already live here. The new condos proposed would not be within financial limits for a lot of people. More co-ops (apartments and townhouses) .

- Unsure
- Protect and preserve and make the city safely walkable
- Stick and Do Not Budge from Current Zoning.
- Roads and school should be built before development starts not years later. No permits should be issued for residential until schools are built.
- The city needs to seriously throttle back on towers for the sake of towers. Dave Ryan used to preach that "Pickering could be like Hamilton." Why? He meant towers (maybe he had a small one). NO city needs the density of development that is ahead of Pickering. How many units of housing are currently proposed/approved between, say, where Home Depot currently sits and the intersection of Pickering Pkwy and Brock Road? Something like 20,000. If every one of those units had two occupants and 1.5 automobiles - stop and think about what Hwy 2 will be like. I recently tried to drive from West Shore to Liverpool/Finch at 5PM on a Friday. It took me 25 minutes to get across the Liverpool bridge over the 401! What will that be like in 5 years? 45 minutes? Ridiculous.
- Good as is.
- There are several proposals that encroach on areas for Seniors and their conveniences. Stop them and reconsider developing the lands so that Seniors aren't having to put up with grinding digging equipment and the constant dirt of construction.
- The condos that are being built need to be more than 1 or two bedroom. There are families that can't afford houses, more rooms are needed.
- Traffic safety needs to be addressed.
- We are also responsible for the nature of this region - trees, plants, animals, birds, insects. Our urban and rural sustainability needs to incorporate that responsibility more - it reads like it's only focused on land use.
- We need clinics/hospitals, I understand this may not be 100% from the city but
- Higher priority of urban sustainability
- Not sure
- Nothing. Immigration will be controlled going forward. The economy will get better so housing will become more in line with income
- Protection. When you say "urban and rural areas must both be sustained and enhanced" what we are SEEING is urban sprawl encroaching and spreading. What we are SEEING is a plan for numerous high-rises which are knowingly connected to a poorer mental health. What we are SEEING is a Pickering that wants to build not protect its rural areas.
- We do not want high rise Condos unless the vision is to recreate Scarborough. Pickering was a nice small community once and retaining some of that small town feel is critical. I won't live in Scarborough I'll just move
- RESPECTING OUR AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL AREAS without creating new developments in noncontiguous areas. Ensure that the city expands slowly and thoughtfully without impinging on our agricultural and natural areas.
- Anything to stop the sprawl. It is just not sustainable.

- Don't know
- We need to bring green thinking into
- Build a strong city centre to encourage job grow and provide incentives to attract clean business and industry.
- Create stronger emphasis on work in the community, creating a stronger base so that those who will live in Pickering in the future will be able to work here as well as fulfill all their daily needs here without having to travel into Toronto or to Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa or further. Of all these areas, Pickering has a lack of basic services to support the current population never mind what is proposed in growth for the future.
- Consideration for mix of low / mid rise, townhouses and detached homes even if considering condensing and changing by laws to allow front yards to be a bit less wide to promote density without building many high rises like the project suggestion where the Home Depot is that would create major traffic issues
- There should be regular, implemented reviews of the effectiveness of the priorities..
- Pretending Pickering is all that much more unique than the rest of the Durham cities, is a bit comical. Driving through Durham all the cities blend right into each other and less bickering over things like who gets a hospital between Ajax and Pickering is silly. Same as the waterfront parking wars that came out of COVID. Ajax has now made it too unreasonably expensive to paddle Duffin's creek by having paid parking for non-residents of Ajax, and the same thing with Pickering. Neither waterfront is a serious destination for people not living close by (regardless of what municipality its in) Durham would function better as one megacity
- Stop building and lower the population.
- More amenities so that people who don't live in Pickering will spend money in Pickering...

Casino is a good start but more is needed

- Downtown destination near the water front that people want to visit for good food and unique shopping
- The planning needs to be much more than just what the developer wants. In cases where there are existing communities then buffer zones need to be considered - where the green space goes, whether townhouse should be included to separate the high-rise (and potential loss of privacy) from an existing subdivision.
- We need to have a greater respect and relationship with the environment, particularly the waterfront which is used by many but not cared for in a sustainable way. With Frenchman's bay being privately held there is no political will to ensure the habitat for all as demonstrated by the 3 abandoned boats which have been left to rot with no accountability from the city or the private enterprise owners.
- Do not allow builders to build homes close to major street. Eg. Brock Road. This only allow for pollution and noise from vehicles to deteriorate human lives. Children can be at risk to serious health hazards and adults suffer from lack of sleepless nights due to noise.

- safety
- Don't make Pickering as congested as Toronto. We love that Pickering is a calm community without the huddle and bustle of traffic and being overpopulated
- Prioritizing/not making life harder for current pickering citizens - really considering what new builds does to traffic, overpopulation, strain on services. I recommend a slower development to see the effect of these developments. Tearing down full Plaza that current citizens enjoy visiting doesn't seem like a good option
- Better access!!!! Right now Whites Rd and Brock Rd exits off the 401 are already frequently backed up. Turning north off Bayly at Liverpool during rush hour is a mess. With all the growth planned, getting off the highway will be a nightmare.
- I would change "Global Connectivity" to something that speaks to the regional nature of Pickering/Durham region. The word "Global" to me is associated with international ie other countries. I don't think Pickering is large enough to think anything international.
- high speed rail line
- Affordable housing
- Environmental responsibility to respect and maintain natural areas in Pickering. The amount of garbage (household and construction) that is dumped on regional roads and concessions and fields indicates a lack of civic responsibility. More education is needed on citizen response in building a healthy community.
- Local connectivity. While we are in a globalized world we can't forget that we are still a local community that needs to feel connected in order to be the best we can be.
- more to do- if you going to build - make it golf course, trails, attractions- stop charge tourist for parking if you want tourist. Maybe delve ope Pickering village in to a proper main street... no more condos or warehouses.
- Stop the CONDOS
- We need to add schools and education opportunities for all. There needs to be hubs for refugees who need help that is near where they are being placed. Training and esl classes. And multi-languages translators accessible for schools, hospitals and government places.
- Environmental sustainability
- As the population grows, figure out how to deal with traffic. It is already a mess trying to get around city. Provide cheaper public transportation. or free to non car owners
- Diversity and inclusion
- I don't know
- Roads expansion (not bike lanes) and a hospital.
Continue to protect parks and waterfront
- Limit building heights and large homes on big lots.
- protect green spaces
- When building new structures (stores , strip plazas etc)... have a colour theme or design , like Markham.
Forget cramming buildings into corner spaces of existing lands . Think of a nice layout that is visually appealing

- I can only speak for our family, but I want to see the standard of everything raise for the next generation. Let's invest in them in a heavy way, let's make sure they know they can do anything and provide the resources and challenges to excel. Let's get them to start businesses at 8/9, let's make sure they can code with AI at 7 years old, let's look at each aspect of their education and development and see what the future looks like, and how they can be the top 1% in each area.

The key for me is that the people from this community are happy and successful in what they choose to do. They may ultimately leave, but it was Pickering/Durham that supported and pushed them there. The

- people's aspirations is too vague, what is that now ?
- Too many people are gonna be crammed in to such a small area with all the condos planned, we need to take another shot at getting those 5,000 acres released from the nonsensical green belt and/or moraine that was attempted earlier. Stop trying to turn the Pickering area in to a big farm or park, enough already !!!
- Global connectivity is premature. Focus on local connectivity with infrastructure providing and promoting staying local.
- Please keep Pickering culturally diverse - encouraging all (not just one or some dominant cultures) to live here. Our unique and broad diversity is one of the best things about this city!
- Prioritize environmental aspects throughout the city along with health promotion and active living. Stop building unwalkable communities in the north. Make builders accountable.
- Stop building
- Safety for the community
- Affordable modern housing for active seniors, medical facilities, banks, police and fire station.
- None
- healthy settings- we need a hospital
- Growing in a sustainable way, one that takes in infrastructure BEFORE making plans for more people. The Increasing houseless population in pickering alone is very concerning. This is showing a lack in either affordable housing or resources. In aware this is a very nuanced issues, however this is going to increase significantly (we can base this on statistics from other local city and towns) and this needs to be addressed and handled both appropriately and with care.
- Less high rises
- Just follow through on the connectivity piece. It is very difficult in Pickering and the GTA in general to use public transit as it is not convenient and not reliable.
- Inclusion of accessibility needs to support people with disabilities.
- Include focus on addressing challenges such as homelessness and inequality/poverty in the vision/priorities.

- Need more vibrant commercial environment: jobs, businesses, shopping
 - Safety
 - Orderly traffic - rules followed, courteous behaviors
 - Accessibility
- Priorities and planning schedule are all backwards... building too many homes before the infrastructure of recreation, shopping, schools, hospitals, police service, parkland.... needs to be done in unison. This is planning 101.
- Recognizing the substantial growth in population and actively preparing our education, health, and transit systems to accomodate.
- add text about reducing traffic and allowing for safe walking and biking
- **NO MORE CONDOS WITHOUT BUILDING ROADS, TRANSIT, STORES TO ACCOMMODATE THESE NEW PEOPLE!**
- Environmental priorities
 - Hospitals, school, & retirement communities for changing / growing population.
- That the official plan should prioritize Pickering as a place where businesses of all sizes and stages can locate and operate with confidence. If I were a small or medium-sized business these days, Pickering is the last place I'd choose because every time you turn around there is a new application to tear down a low rise plaza full of businesses that provide lots of local employment to put up condos. Not everyone wants to buy everything on Amazon. We need hairdressers, local coffee shops and restaurants, vets, tailors, butchers, bakeries, you name it. The retail podiums in most condo proposals are grossly insufficient, or are designed in such a way to make them less accessible to people who don't live in the building.
- I think we need a hip, urban, trendy area (like in Toronto) in Durham region, where there are art galleries, museums, trendy shops, events...I'm tired of driving into Toronto. I want those things in Durham region.
- The building of condos need to be stopped or slowed down. We don't have roads to deal with all the traffic.
- A strong plan for natural heritage protection and enhancements focusing on mitigating the local impacts of climate change
- None
- Decrease in housing height and more energy efficient.
- A sense of belonging. Close-knit neighborhoods. Public spaces and public events.
- I think developers and the city need to be very cautious regarding Urban and rural sustainability: I don't think Bayly can handle more high rises without risking local wildlife and creating unsustainable traffic (there is NO off ramp on liverpool and yet all these hise rises are at liverpool & bayly area...)
- Reconsider prioritizing the 407 as the number one driving force behind all your planning, placing the automobile over people and habitat and heritage.
- Need for hospitals, geocery stores (i.e. an Costco in Pickering) and keeping traffic flowing.
- Use affordable resources for every improvement . Lower taxes.

- The recent attack on the greenbelt needs to be highlighted. Pickering should make it a priority to ensure this type of attack doesn't happen again.
- Limit sprawl into rural areas, no high rises on already congested streets.
- The city must have a vision that it can get the small things right. We need transparency and measurable performance when it comes to enforcing by-laws and using the powers the city has at it's disposal to make sure residents and companies are keeping their homes and businesses in good shape.
- . Priority for location of new housing developments should be in fill in urban areas. The Oak Ridge Moraine needs to be included in the official Plan and preserved from any development of any kind.
- Look at Tokyo. Look at Berlin. Look at Helsinki. Stop urban sprawl. Intensify the core and minimize the dispersion of resources. Have better transit, not just east/west but also north/south. Attract companies who hire and pay a livable wage. Stop doing what the developers want and do what your constituents want.
- Nothing except further improving adherence to the current plan as there issues still occurring within some of the priorities.
- All to be done in a creative financial way that does not drain the pockets of residents and makes the city unaffordable to live in. Property taxes are already too high compared to other cities. What is all the OLG revenue being used for?
- Environmental conservation to save endangered species of insects, birds, and other wildlife.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Recognition or a statement of the growing diversity in the city. It can be implied in the above statements but there is a growing number of people from all over the world and the vision ought to acknowledge that integration.
- I think you can develop Pickering without over crowding the green space
- Protection of the natural environment should be the highest priority.
- Recognize the residents' diverse backgrounds and lived experiences, and there should be a vision of how the city will actively acknowledge and support the differing needs while promoting inclusion and interconnection with the groups. This would include things like sign language at council meetings, large gatherings, etc., easier access to information in other languages, and more work in continuing to educate residents of the Indigenous history in this area and why it is important for us to know this.

More community advisor groups so you don't build the plan without guidance.... open houses and online is under used. The Advisory groups would have solid input ... we do not have enough resident guidance.

Working with governments to bring more health care to Pickering by the time the new spot is built we will have out grown this

Mandate protecting our waterfront from highrises

Increase industry on all levels including retail so we do not have to leave and to Scarborough, Toronto or Oshawa.. this will go with the reduction of using single-occupied vehicles and promote public or active transportation

- Take the developers out of the official plan amendments and keep to the five or ten year plans.
- See notes above if it is not listed
- Continue to support community initiatives to provide a safe, clean place for all to live. Consider each new "idea" or project against these priorities to determine next steps.
- Current infrastructure is not keeping up with traffic. Liverpool between Bayley and Kingston is already a congestion nightmare and even though construction has already started at the 401 and Liverpool, nothing is being done to accommodate the future increase in cars.
- It is to general and should be more "Pickeringcentric".
- Ensure the quietness and safety of neighborhoods are maintained.
- To ensure the Official Plan vision and priorities for Pickering remain relevant and forward-thinking, a few updates and additions could be considered:

Climate Resilience: Incorporating strategies to address climate change and enhance resilience against extreme weather events would be beneficial. This could include sustainable building practices, green infrastructure, and renewable energy initiatives.

Technological Advancements: Emphasizing the integration of smart city technologies to improve infrastructure, transportation, and public services can help Pickering stay ahead in the digital age.

Affordable Housing: Given the rising cost of living, a stronger focus on affordable housing options could ensure that all residents have access to safe and affordable homes.

Economic Diversification: Encouraging a diverse range of industries and businesses can help create a more resilient local economy and provide varied employment opportunities.
 Get that airport built!

Residential rental housing licenses - mandatory - just DO IT

- Keeping green spaces to enjoy while allowing for development of lower cost housing. Creating community to connect suburban neighborhoods together at events, for classes and people to get to know one another here
- Protecting Greenbelt/ greenspace in North Pickering
- How will crime rates remain low? How will residents continue to feel safe? How will homeless and those begging for money be relocated off the streets and assisted?

- More schools, more trails, parks, skating, swimming, in the north of Pickering.
 More doctors
 Widen ALL the roads
 Make better use of our waterfront, east of the nuclear plant.
- Stop the currently planned extension of Walnut Lane and the high rise ghetto farm "development" that will be crammed between highways 2 and 401 and contain +/- 20,000 individuals.
- What desperately needs to be added is "Current Needs" - how can you look at evolving needs when current, health and safety (hospitals, street garbage, lack of recreation options, lack of affordable seniors residences, lack of policing, theft on rise) are not being met? It is so frustrating as a resident who has lived here for many years to see all of the new development and not understand how it will possibly be supported when we lack so much for the residents we have
- Please make me feel you have taken survey seriously.No Input or follow up re Durham Transit town hall meeting.
 More emphasis on forward-thinking (a la evolving needs), so that we're proactive in approaches to development and priorities, rather than reactive.
- protection of the natural environment, including the rivers and creeks that flow through pickering. Protection of farmland and the DRAP.
- The vision statement has no actionable items. Balance between residential and commercial space. Balance between single homes, townhouses and condos. Balance between green space and developed space. Improved connectivity between north and south as well as east and west Pickering.
- More affordable buildings
- To ensure Pickering's Official Plan vision and priorities remain future-focused and responsive to evolving challenges, several areas could be refined or expanded. Here are some suggestions for changes or additions:
 1. Climate Resilience and Adaptation:
 Addition: While sustainability is already a focus, the plan should explicitly address climate resilience and adaptation. This would include measures to mitigate climate change (e.g., reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to renewable energy) and strategies to adapt to its effects (e.g., flood management, urban heat island mitigation, and disaster preparedness)
 Why It's Important: As climate-related events become more frequent, cities need specific policies to protect infrastructure, natural resources, and residents from climate risks.
 2. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI):
 Addition: Incorporate a strong emphasis on equity, diversity, and inclusion in the vision and priorities. This would involve addressing systemic barriers to housing, employment, and services for marginalized communities, as well as ensuring diverse representation in decision-making processes.
 Why It's Important: As demographics continue to shift, it's vital that all residents—regardless of race, income, gender, or ability—have equitable access to resources and

opportunities. Inclusive communities are more resilient and cohesive.

3. Smart City and Digital Innovation:

Addition: A focus on smart city infrastructure and digital innovation could be integrated into the vision. This would involve implementing technology to improve municipal services, traffic management, energy use, and public safety while enhancing the digital literacy and access of residents.

Why It's Important: The increasing integration of technology in everyday life means that cities must adapt to smart technologies, from optimizing energy use to enabling more efficient public services and transportation.

4. Affordable Housing and Housing Diversity:

Enhancement: The plan should place greater emphasis on affordable housing and housing diversity, ensuring there are sufficient housing options for all income levels, including affordable rental units, supportive housing, and innovative housing solutions like co-housing or modular housing.

Why It's Important: Housing affordability is a growing issue in many Canadian cities, and ensuring a mix of housing types is essential to accommodate people at different life stages and income levels.

5. Sustainable Transportation and Mobility:

Addition: Broaden the vision to focus more on sustainable and multimodal transportation systems, including cycling infrastructure, electric vehicle charging stations, public transit expansion, and walkability. This could also include strategies to reduce car dependency and promote low-carbon travel.

Why It's Important: With growing concerns around congestion, air quality, and carbon emissions, investing in sustainable mobility options is critical to reducing the city's environmental footprint and improving residents' quality of life.

6. Economic Diversification and Innovation:

Enhancement: Strengthen the focus on economic diversification by encouraging emerging industries (such as technology, green energy, and creative industries) while supporting local small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Why It's Important: As global and regional economies evolve, Pickering will need to diversify its economic base to remain competitive and create local job opportunities that align with the future of work, including remote and digital economy jobs.

7. Health and Well-being:

Enhancement: Extend the concept of healthy settings to explicitly include mental health, social well-being, and access to healthcare services. The plan could also integrate policies that promote active lifestyles and mental well-being through community design and public programs.

Why It's Important: Physical and mental health are increasingly recognized as integral to community planning, particularly in a post-pandemic world where social isolation and mental health challenges are growing concerns.

8. Resilient Local Food Systems:

Addition: Incorporate a priority around building resilient local food systems. This would include encouraging urban agriculture, community gardens, and food security initiatives.

Why It's Important: Supporting local food production not only helps reduce the environmental impact of food transportation but also strengthens community resilience in times of crisis or supply chain disruptions.

9. Youth and Aging Population:

Addition: Address the specific needs of both the youth population and the aging population. This would involve creating spaces and services that cater to younger residents' needs (education, recreation, job opportunities) as well as seniors (accessible housing, healthcare, social engagement).

Why It's Important: As demographics change, cities need to ensure they are planning for the full spectrum of life stages, supporting the well-being of both the young and the elderly.

10. Collaboration and Regional Governance:

Enhancement: Build on the concept of global connectivity by emphasizing regional collaboration, especially in areas like transportation, environmental sustainability, and economic development.

Why It's Important: Addressing regional issues, such as transit and housing, requires coordinated efforts across municipalities in the Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA).

Summary of Key Changes/Enhancements:

- Climate Resilience and Adaptation
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
- Smart City and Digital Innovation
- Affordable Housing and Housing Diversity
- Sustainable Transportation and Mobility
- Economic Diversification and Innovation
- Health and Well-being
- Resilient Local Food Systems
- Youth and Aging Population
- Regional Collaboration

Incorporating these changes would better align Pickering's Official Plan with modern challenges and opportunities, fostering a city that is inclusive, resilient, and forward-thinking.

Less emphasis on "growth" and packing in people. More emphasis on status quo and "comfortable" neighbourhoods. Please reconsider parking requirements. Until something changes, we NEED parking if you are going to put in stores. And please consider WIDER PARKING SPACES. Right now you can't walk between cars' side mirrors if you have a stroller or a shopping cart. Consider turn lanes and advance signals and figure out how to get cars to/from the 401 without horrible congestion when people leave for work/return for work. Offramp at Liverpool? On and off ramps at Harwood? Widen Brock?

- More emphasis on communities with a mix of housing sizes and mid-rise buildings
- more global connectivity
- Reduce property taxes.

- Keep the roads safe and enforce the speed limit. Especially along Bayly between Liverpool.Road and Whites Road. It is a race track.along that road.
- Less taxes / more bungalows with a mixture of low rise condos. More businesses. Less sports bars which better restaurants. More bistros. Less bike lanes.
- Take out the skyscrapers
- Intensification needs to be addressed or we will be just like Toronto Markham, Mississauga, etc.
- People come first
- More libraries more schools more recreational facilities more parks less condos less urban sprawl.
- Emphasis on growth, economic development and environmental sustainability.
- Lower taxes probably higher taxes
- Smarter planning regarding highway access
- assessing the need for more high rises based on the condo surplus and road limitations already strained
- See above response.
- Greater connection to TTC subway system
- Evolving needs
- 1. Safety was not mentioned on the official plan! It's the most and number one priority! If we feel safe, we can begin to think, learn, play and create!
- 2. Encourage creativity! Create funding, programs and services that encourage residents to create and innovate that makes Pickering a unique community!
- Senior services: there is not a long and short term plan for senior services! Create a unique senior village that offer safety, relaxing and learning environment for seniors to participate, engage and lead.
- "Healthy settings make it easier for people to meet their needs and fulfill their aspirations. Healthy settings need to be maintained so that the needs and aspirations of future generations can also be addressed." - This could also include easy access to mental health programs, crisis intervention services, access to medical care such as doctors and medical facilities.
- Create an environment to attract people to support local small business such as boutique shops, cafes, restaurants, etc. create the European feel where people walk more and "hang out" at city centers or community parks and recreation places. Basically get people to spend more time outside as oppose to staying at home.
- Limiting the condos building in one area. It's taking away from the green spaces and polluting the area which is not able to sustain the amount of new people
- Ensuring that any change does not disrupt or damage the parts of our community that we are blessed to have. I am talking about the parks, waterfront, trails, and communities within the city that presently exist.
- More active lifestyle oriented developments. Enable people to walk places in a pleasant environment.
- Sustainable future

- More emphasis on healthy settings.
- Listen to taxpayers. People should be allowed to speak in council meetings
- HEALTHCARE. Durham has some of least available hospitals.
- Proper Maintenance is lacking
- Too long a survey
- Accessibility. Pickering should be able to be enjoyed by all types of people with all types of income. The current situation in pickering is pushing alot of people out because of high taxes, high rent prices, high housing costs, and lack of public transit.
- Build schools and bigger roads at same pace as building houses
- Add the reinvestment into local pickering business
- Hire staff who don't lie and know their job and follow what you preach.
- Housing will continue to be a huge issue. Much of the necessary change must come from the Province, some from the Federal government as well, working in conjunction with the municipalities. Co-operative Housing seemed promising in the 1970's and could continue, as long as strict building standards and appropriate sinking funds are made mandatory. Modular homes, modest in size, built to a set of pre-approved designs could simplify the approval process and reduce cost. One must question why new homes must bear so much of the additional infrastructure costs, particularly when increased density rather than sprawl results.
- Stop building of high rise condos.
- Evolving needs - we need housing, but we need AFFORDABLE housing. The massive amount of condos being built are not affordable for families and do not meet the reality of the need to have at least one car. Since moving to Bay Ridges, there are weekly posts from people in our neighbourhood Facebook group asking to rent out part of a driveway because the condo they purchased didn't have parking.
- Nothing
- No comment
- Homes that provide a great place to live, not just space, where people at hopping to get out of. For example small 1 bedroom condos or developments with not backyards or parks.
- protection of parks and lot sizes and coverage.
- Na
- Remove unique community. There is nothing unique about Pickering and trying to maintain some sort of historic community look through design guidelines is a useless exercise and a waste of taxpayer money. .
- Needs to be more focus on community development and connectedness, not just enticing big business to Pickering. We need more congenial meeting places and areas, interesting main street fronts where people can shop, eat, have coffee, and gather locally at local places. Just came back from Montreal and was delighted how they manage to do this. Why can't Pickering?
- Diversity and inclusion



- If Global connectivity means competing with other municipalities to bring in more urban and a big city feel, that should change. Pickering should not become a concrete jungle to attract potential residents.
- Important of being able respond to environmental threats, climate change
- Clearly defined points to be agreed upon.
- Stop the growth of condo's. Keep us a natural quaint, and quiet area. Scarborough residents are now using our beaches beaches, getting overly crowded on weekends especially.
The cost of housing needs to come down for our young people.
- Healthy settings. People allowed to play pickleball until 11:00 pm is not healthy for the families that reside around those courts that do not have sound barriers.
- More firefighters and fire stations
- The City CENTER Official Development needs to be scrutinized by an independent agency. Outcomes of high density development in City Centes in other parts of the world could provide valuable lessons. Namely there is optimal balance between allocating greater density in high rises and the long range sustanibility of such neighborhoods. The alternative to maximizing building heights is more mid-rise building spread over a larger area. There are numerous examples that show this approach results in healthier and more stable communities.
- No replacement of neighbourhood small businesses/shops with condo/apartment structures
- See #10
- More emphasis on environmental concerns and designing a city that minimizes individual impact (ie with design that makes active transportation and public transit use more realistic and convenient)
- Environmental protections need to be added. Support for farmers need to be added. A moratorium on new condo towers needs to be added, our existing infrastructure cannot support current residents so how are we supposed to support all the new residents in these condo towers? It's not possible.
- accessibility
- ELIMINATE "with all other places and people" because you can't meet "all". Place "interconnected" before "community" as shown above.
- Protecting and growing existing character
- A focus on making Pickering a community where people live and work. Using what is already there, develop agrotourisme and agriculture, tourisme based on the lake, attract a university or college with a specialty (maybe agronomy)
- Realizing that the proposed increase in population isn't wanted and can't be handled. People are wanting to leave Pickering because of this.
- See above
- Stop the dense overcrowding within neighborhoods. I don't want Pickering to become a basement and backyard low income dwellers with no front yards because they have been paved to park multiple vehicles.

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- Protect the farms we have and encourage more farming
- Urban and rural sustainability - don't need to be sustained. Must be enhanced over the medium term to account for significant growth and development we are seeing.

Prioritize Adding PROVEN infrastructure for Alternative Mode of Transportations, that will inhibit traffic congestion in the short term.

Q12. By 2051, Pickering will have...

- A well maintained community that looks out for citizens, young and old. Provides recreational facilities to all residents with the inclusion of seniors.
- Multiple outdoor pools and an comprehensive trail network suitable for e scooters, bikes and bikes as well as numerous off leash dog parks
- No airport
 - High speed train stop
 - Over crowding along Kingston road
 - Grid lock
 - A nuclear plant still in operation
- "15 minute neighborhoods" in urban areas
- matured into a place where residents can live sustainably in respectful and connected neighbourhoods. Pickering will have active transportation linkages including multi -use trails to the Rouge Park, the extension of the Meadoway in the Hydro corridor, to the waterfront and to the transit hubs. The mall will be redeveloped into a robust walkable community. Recreational facilities and programming will be more equitably provided throughout the City particularly in west and south west Pickering. A high speed rail station will be built on the airport lands with a connection to Toronto.
- All communities have a place to play, more splash pads and better parks. More pools, indoor and outdoor.
- I'll be retired long gone away from pickering in another province or country.
- A downtown core
- A traffic nightmare with insanelly high taxes
- No green space.
- No one wanting to live here anymore.
- Too many very tall buildings unless many planned projects are stopped.
- Too many condos
- Nothing viable
- More lanes on finch road with multiuse walkways along it, turning lane down centre of road (minimum) Bike lanes are useless, make wider asphalt sidewalks.
- Waterfront amusement park, to invite tourist and visitors
- ... a wonderful suburban feel without high rises, lots of green spaces, and safe traffic conditions.

- preserved its green spaces and be a beacon to other communities / suburbs and be the gateway to the countryside.
- Too many people living here, too many high rise buildings and too much traffic
- A lot more cars, and not enough roads, hopefully we will have a downtown, but current visions don't have a very pedestrian friendly version
- over a million residents
- Built more affordable housing without compromising the greenbelt
- Elected officials that are accountable, current issues with certain councillors and a poor economy and poor federal government support will fix the issues. Therefore 25 years from now cannot be predicted
- 30 more large rise apartment buildings at lower costs
- Real bike lanes, and residents who understand and respect them. A park where a nuclear plant once stood. Affordable housing that is near employment that pays well enough to live and work in the same city.
- Likely lost it's identity and become a homogenous element of the GTA. Crime will likely be a major problem unless we get tougher and focus on bringing law abiding people wishing to integrate into Pickering neighborhoods.
- Good public transport available to all. Managed sports and continuous learning facilities. Access to all waterfront areas with supporting facilities. Protected agricultural and natural areas north of Highway 7, without urban impingement.
- far too many people, not enough farmland
- Walkable communities with housing/stores & services all within easy walking distance
- Double the residents - are we ready? From widening streets to bike lanes, dedicated transit lanes, more frequent transit, better 401 access, you name it. Existing infrastructure is stressed now, imagine twice the population. Schools to workplaces, we need to plan NOW for the future.
- 145 high rise condos and be a Canadian immigration and naturalisation hub and centre for low income housing
- Safety
- Strong infrastructure, best in class communication systems, complete transportation systems and arts and sports activities.
- An integrated feel, with ease of movement to the abundance of services offered by businesses now established directly in Pickering for those that call it home. Be a place we're both retirees that have lived and brought their children up here can continue to live alongside their children and grandchildren.
- A Kingston road that connects very well to the GO train station, bike lanes that allows people to go safely from finch to the lake/beach safely.
 A small but nice and convenient walkable downtown around Pickering centre where people can have fun and hang out.
- Tripled in population .!!
- deeply unaffordable single family homes and even more sprawl if we don't develop more densely with better transit, walkable/active transit infrastructure, not to mention the

increased infrastructure replacement/maintenance costs that come from lower density and sprawl

- An outdoor pool and a theater
 - A good system of protected bike lanes, seamless connection to the TTC subways, and no more than 150,000 people.
 - A lot of homeless problems and crime.
 - Too many people with not enough infrastructure, roads, retail and support services to support the already grown population.
 - Realible transit, great entertainment, a night life, a amazing waterfront
 - A downtown
 - More cars on the road, traffic chaos, crime will elevate, and no farm land
 - a multi national community with all the activities, and resources at hand
 - Traffic congestion and more density than the current infrastructure can handle.
 - More people that will require more nearby and walkable entertainment and shopping....no one wants to live somewhere it they have to travel more than 10-15 minutes for food, shopping, entertainment.
- Will more people, there will be more problems so we will need more security (CCTV) and police.
- A hospital, more medical clinics, more recreational spaces, better transportation
 - Many more people and not enough schools or healthcare providers
 - An airport. More Police patrol.
 - infrastructure that meets the needs of its population.
 - A better shopping mall . ITS OWN HOSPITAL
 - A downtown core with public transit.
 - Perhaps more houses and a bigger population but not a lot more than now - if I wanted to live in a place like Toronto I would.
 - Self sustainable from food, to entertainment to work. It'd be nice to drop the commute to Toronto.
 - Enough infrastructure and businesses to keep up with all the housing developments.
 - lots of greenspace in the urban centre
 - More bike paths
 - Blocked roads and intense urban sprawl with little low cost housing available.
 - Museums, theatre venue, sidewalks and proper bicycle lanes. Diverse families living in sustainable homes without adding to urban sprawl.
 - Pickering will have a walkable mixed use downtown supporting many new small businesses as well as medium to large companies. It will be a place where residents no longer have to commute to larger more developed cities to find work, entertainment such as sports, music and the arts or locally run, high quality restaurants, cafes and bars and finally that there are spaces across the city to pursue their dreams.
 - a Major city and total grid lock
 - Crime, Traffic congestion.

- Low social- economical areas where policing will be needed. It will lose higher income households because they will be multi-generational or split into rental rooming houses.
- More urban farms
- sidewalks along kingston road. a safe bike / scooter path on major roads. free public transportation
- A world class hotel, entertainment centre and hospital.
- Light rail, instead of busses on the main roads. Take out the unused bike lanes put in a narrow light trail system. Ideally underground, maybe even above ground so it doesn't interfere with traffic at all.
- Beautiful parks and waterfront.
Expanded roads to handle the population.
- Much more active transportation infrastructure on major routes to major destinations accessible by most of its population. Traffic. A need to look at a transit system that may need to look at other forms of transportation (besides busses) as the region grows...A vibrant city centre with many events thoroughout the year and a destination for local families to visit and enjoy outdoor and indoor spaces. A great new library and downtown area.
- Exceeded its road network.
- ensured a reduction in traffic or improved road planning to ensure traffic flow
- A comfortable and affordable community.
- Too many people and too many condos.. already have traffic issues
- a lot more people, a lot more traffic, a lot more noise, a lot more ..
- updated infrastructure and communities/neighbourhoods designed to prioritize walking and public transit. Currently, many parts of Pickering do not feel comfortable walking especially because of how far cross lights can be, leading to many wanting to jaywalk to get where they're going efficiently. Planning new homes and communities in a way so that the residents of the new development also choose public transportation or walking would also be beneficial.
- Hopefully not too many condos.
- A dense downtown area and more rapid transit
- A buzzing downtown Pickering, sufficient infrastructure to support our growing population, a continually diverse population, and beautifully designed green spaces everywhere we turn.
- More bike lanes, increased community recreation, all communities are walkable, green spaces are everywhere.
- Bulldoze buildings and bring back green soaces
- Infrastructure to accommodate future expansion
- A hospital or an airport
- More options for families with young children to enjoy as a family and not have to go to other cities
- An active, safe haven for young people and seniors.
- A vibrant, connected, progressive and green community

- Developed core with a pedestrian only avenue with cafes, restaurants and other amenities.
- enough schools and a hospital
- Huge issues if a holistic isn't taken, we already see a rise in traffic which will only compound; homelessness with the lack of affordable housing which the new developments are not going to help with; and huge amounts of garbage and trash throughout the city as people either 1. Lack respect and 2. Lack of garbage receptacles in most pedestrian areas.
 Change this and I think a better place will follow
- Too many people and buildings
- Reliable public transit
 State of the art recreation facilities
- moderately grown to support the needs of our community
- Pickering will have children play in its urban streets. It will have preserved and enhance its natural environment. It will have a thriving agricultural sector, contributing to local food security. It will have met the challenges of divisiveness and growing tensions, climate change, and homelessness to build a more resilient community.
- an airport
 toll-free highways
 high speed rail service
- Accessibility to primary amenities all within walking distance in the downtown area.
 Some underground access like downtown Toronto.
 An exceptional transit service for transporting residences to and from the downtown area
- Waaaaay more people
- walking and biking trails
- Too many people
- Bike lanes on major roads.
 A hospital
- full ownership of Frenchman's Bay, and a thriving waterfront for all residents to enjoy.
 Lots of great local businesses and restaurants. Mixed use neighbourhoods with sensible intensification. More swimming pools and quality recreation facilities to keep residents healthy and active.
- Too many people
- Too many people, not enough infrastructure to support them (public transit, local businesses & manufacturing, healthcare) - we already don't have enough infrastructure for the people we have.
- Better transit infrastructure for a variety of private and public vehicle types
- I imagine....a nice quiet (quiet is very important) library like the Whitby Central library, An LRT, public washrooms, a diverse art scene and opportunities for artist to showcase their art. Living and working in Durham. No drugs. No crime. Polite, respectful people. Teenagers that have a purpose and direction to aim for in their life.

- Would be nice to have more opportunities to work and live in Pickering.
- I am not sure based on current and past practices
- Over crowding
- Everything you need within it, including corporate offices, a hospital, and tons of activities for all people. It will be connected by trails and have a lively and happening waterfront.
- A larger population, so it will have grown north as required (aka stop cramming people/housing near the highway and waterfront lol)
- Imagine a region in which small hamlets and villages retain their unique heritage through respect for the existing homes, schools, churches and all heritage structures, as well as retains farmland, wet lands and conservations in the mix with additional housing and retail and vendors that support small business and are in keeping with the many historic communities-i.e. not big box stores, not massive ugly storage units, not huge distribution centres--but rather build on the sense of traditional communities that serve to draw people to shop and support the small local shops and restaurants.
- A hospital, another recreational center, more schools, large park/outdoor space and a Costco.
- More green areas. Responsible land owners who respect their tenants and keep the tenants with working amenities.
- A collection of tight knit walkable communities, connected by active transport and public transport with access to central community resources like nature trails, libraries, community rec centers.
- Better waterfront planning, more businesses and manufacturing.
- A reputation as a city that grew intelligently
- A massive increase of population and an on going battle to utilize farmlands and sensitive ecological areas such as the Oak Ridge moraine for continued urban expansion. This will only serve to increase food insecurity, water limitations and opposing factions in the community.
 Increase food insecurity
- Better, reliable transit. More accessible waterfront and trails. More ice rinks and sports fields. More public information on how important the watersheds are. And a better city council who will act for the citizens of Pickering, not for the developers.
- An inviting city with attractive housing accommodations with sound city management who promotes the growth of the city without compromise.
- Better integrated communities and resources while maintaining its historical character and striking a balance between the city and local agricultural communities.
- Maintained and enhanced its natural beauty by improving use of trails and lake access
- No shopping. Violence as people too cramped together.
- Large industrial base - Innovation center - Silicon Valley - north Carolina research triangle
 Subway

- Sufficient programs and services to address the needs of people who live in Pickering; the greatest public transportation system in Ontario, maintained its natural green spaces, will be acknowledged as a 'safe' city; will have opportunities for people to work in their home city
- A hospital and nursing homes and shopping to support our community.
- Acquired the wisdom to give up its dream of becoming a wannabe ugly Toronto or Mississauga.
- efficient public transportation system so that residents chooses to take public transit than take their own vehicles.
- A fuller mix of residents of all backgrounds, including from the LGBT population, newcomers, and those who are without housing
- Too many people living in it. People that have lived in Pickering for 40+ years have lost what they moved to Pickering for. A nice quiet community has turned into an extension of Toronto with Toronto like pricing and problems.
- Sounds like a lot more traffic, let's hope southern pickering doesn't get too congested
- Too many people and too much crime. It is only just starting with the crime statistics.
- A fully functional hospital, the much needed airport with a traffic management plan for growth while keeping the greenery
- Less noise, have better transportation, more frequent transportation. Nicer doctors. More farmland options, cleaner city. Possibly beautification, less business that cater to just Asian cuisine. We need variety. Just for balance and equality. Keep it more balanced. Make it fair. More job opportunities. That is majorly lacking at the moment.
- An infrastructure that meets the demand of its citizens vs. one that lags behind the demand, e.g., schools, public and modern facilities incl. pools, libraries, parks
- A great reputation as a functioning city and great place to live.
- A lot more people and a lot more buildings. The key will be what kind of buildings, where they are located and the long term impact they will have. We cannot afford to think only of immediate profit or self interest. Staff and council must step beyond themselves and look to others cities, local and international, take the most successful (those who have the happiest people) and then copy their strategies. Aarhus, Denmark; Helsinki, Finland; Zurich, Switzerland are just a few. Cities around the world are ranked based on how hard local governments work to create a place where residents feel good about life, through sound, strategic policymaking, as well as issues like the environment, social mobility and the local economy. Wouldn't it be something if Pickering were to end up on that list? Why not contact these governments and use their best ideas?
- An updated mall, more community events, extra lanes along Kingston Rd to combat increase in cars due to population growth, more diverse ethnic restaurants
- Thriving Green Spaces: Expansive parks, nature reserves, and waterfront areas that provide residents with ample opportunities for recreation and relaxation, while also supporting biodiversity and environmental sustainability.

Smart Infrastructure: Advanced smart city technologies integrated into transportation,

utilities, and public services, making the city more efficient, connected, and responsive to residents' needs. Get that airport!

Affordable and Diverse Housing: A wide range of affordable housing options that cater to different income levels and family sizes, ensuring that everyone has access to safe and comfortable homes.

Efficient Public Transportation: A comprehensive and efficient public transportation system that reduces traffic congestion, lowers emissions, and makes it easy for residents to get around.

- 1% residential rentals
- Better opportunities for biking, hiking, and walking. More outdoor amenities in the winter. Regulate small motorized vehicles better. A police force that can respond quickly to concerns.
- More residents, more restaurants, highly diverse population, better roads and more parking to accommodate the population growth.
- More housing, great community and local services. Great for business and people to live
- High, mid and low rise housing, townhouses, more schools, plazas, shopping and industrial all with connecting green space for wildlife and hiking/ walking trails..
- Evolved into an urban wasteland of high rises and unemployment
- An adequate number of high paying jobs across a variety of career fields to help reduce commutes. Family oriented attractions. A clean, safe and affordable city whose residents uphold respectful values.
- too much congestion on major roads
 not enough swimming and skating classes
- ,,,lost its charm and appeal. It will look, feel, and be as dangerous as Scarborough is now.
- be a crime ridden, ugly extension of Scarborough with no municipal support for anything (unfortunately) There will be severe traffic congestion, theft, low cost housing. There will still be no hospital. No affordable housing for seniors. Overcrowded schools. Likely some overrun little swing set parks in front of horrible tall condos and no real parks left as developers are given every minute piece of beautiful land to cram condos onto I have seen nothing in any planning to suggest otherwise.
- Some proper middle income housingmid rise apartments ...2 to 3 bedrooms
- More infrastructure for electric vehicles (cars, bikes, scooters, etc.); more density along major routes; more low and mid rise apartments; celebrated green space.
- 300,000 residents without the necessary infrastructure to support them and horrendous traffic delays.
- A Whole Foods grocery store
- An international Airport
- Environmental protection.
 People with peace of mind.

- By 2051, the hope is that Pickering will have transformed into a thriving, sustainable, and inclusive city that embraces its unique character while adapting to global and regional changes. Here's a vision of what Pickering could become by 2051:

1. A Climate-Resilient and Green City

Net-Zero Emissions: Pickering will be a leader in climate action, achieving net-zero carbon emissions through renewable energy, green infrastructure, and energy-efficient buildings. Solar panels, wind farms, and energy storage systems will be integrated across urban and rural areas.

Abundant Green Spaces: The city will be filled with parks, urban forests, and green corridors that support biodiversity and provide recreation for residents. Nature will be woven into urban planning, creating a harmonious balance between the built and natural environments.

Climate Adaptation: Pickering will be prepared for climate-related challenges, such as extreme weather, through resilient infrastructure and flood management systems that protect communities.

2. A Connected, Smart, and Innovative City

Smart Technology Integration: Pickering will be a “smart city” where technology enhances the daily lives of residents. Data-driven solutions will optimize public services like waste management, traffic flow, and energy use, making the city more efficient and sustainable.

Seamless Digital Connectivity: Ultra-fast internet and advanced communication networks will connect every resident, fostering a digital economy where businesses, education, and healthcare thrive through technology. Remote work and education will be common, providing flexibility and work-life balance.

Innovation Hubs: Pickering will be home to tech incubators, research centers, and startups that fuel innovation in sectors like green technology, artificial intelligence, and advanced manufacturing, creating new economic opportunities.

3. An Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Community

Equity for All: Pickering will be a place where everyone, regardless of background or ability, has access to housing, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. Policies will promote inclusion and eliminate barriers faced by marginalized

communities.

Affordable and Diverse Housing: Housing will be diverse and affordable, with a range of options including co-housing, mixed-income developments, and modular homes. Innovative housing solutions will ensure that all residents can find a home that suits their needs and budget.

A Multicultural Hub: The city will celebrate its diversity through cultural festivals, public art, and inclusive community programs, fostering a sense of belonging for all residents.

4. A Health-Focused and Vibrant City

Holistic Health and Well-being: Pickering will prioritize the physical, mental, and social well-being of its residents. Accessible healthcare services, wellness programs, and green spaces for exercise will be widespread, and mental health will be integrated into public services and urban design.

Walkable and Active: Neighborhoods will be walkable and bike-friendly, reducing reliance on cars and promoting active living. Safe streets, wide sidewalks, and extensive cycling infrastructure will encourage physical activity and social interaction.

Access to Healthy Food: Local food systems will be robust, with community gardens, farmers' markets, and urban farms providing fresh, sustainable food to residents. Food security initiatives will ensure that all households have access to nutritious meals.

5. A Sustainable and Balanced Urban-Rural Blend

Preserved Rural Character: While urban areas will grow, Pickering's rural spaces will remain vibrant, with sustainable farming practices and eco-tourism supporting the local economy. Protected natural areas will preserve biodiversity and provide recreational spaces for residents.

Urban Villages: Pickering's urban development will focus on creating compact, mixed-use urban villages that offer shops, services, schools, and recreational spaces within walking distance. These villages will foster a sense of community and reduce the need for long commutes.

Sustainable Agriculture: Rural areas will embrace sustainable agriculture, supporting local food production, reducing environmental impact, and enhancing food security.

6. A Leader in Sustainable Mobility

Integrated Transit System: Pickering will have a fully integrated public transit system that connects all neighborhoods with nearby cities in the Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area. Efficient, low-carbon buses, light rail, and autonomous electric vehicles will reduce traffic congestion and emissions.

Car-Free Zones and Active Transportation: Pedestrian-friendly zones and bike lanes will dominate the urban landscape, encouraging people to choose walking, cycling, or public transport over cars. Charging stations for electric vehicles will be commonplace, supporting the transition to a low-emission transportation network.

Hyperloop and High-Speed Rail: Future-forward transportation options, such as hyperloop or high-speed rail, could connect Pickering to other urban centers in minutes, fostering regional economic growth and reducing travel time.

7. A Thriving and Diversified Economy

Green Jobs and Industries: The economy will be anchored by green industries, with jobs in renewable energy, environmental management, and sustainable construction driving growth. This focus on sustainability will attract businesses and investors aligned with green practices.

Creative and Knowledge Economies: Pickering will nurture creative industries, tech startups, and knowledge-based jobs, drawing talent from around the world and fostering a dynamic, future-oriented workforce.

Support for Small Businesses: The city will actively support local businesses, fostering entrepreneurship and providing resources for small enterprises to thrive in the digital economy.

8. A Globally Connected City

Global Collaboration: Pickering will be a model of global connectivity, forming strong partnerships with other cities, regions, and countries. This will include collaboration on sustainability, innovation, and economic development.

Cultural Exchange and Tourism: As a multicultural hub, Pickering will attract international visitors and foster cultural exchange, promoting its unique identity while embracing global diversity.

Resilient to Global Challenges: Whether facing economic shifts, pandemics, or environmental disasters, Pickering will have systems in place to respond quickly and effectively, ensuring the city's resilience in a rapidly changing world.

9. A City of Lifelong Learning and Community Engagement

Education Hubs: Pickering will be home to state-of-the-art educational facilities, offering a variety of learning opportunities from early childhood education to adult and vocational training. Schools, colleges, and lifelong learning centers will integrate technology and innovative teaching methods to prepare residents for the future.

Engaged Citizens: Civic engagement will be a core value, with platforms and initiatives that encourage residents to participate in local governance, community projects, and environmental stewardship.

10. A Unique Sense of Place

Celebrating Heritage: The city's unique history, culture, and natural environment will be celebrated through heritage conservation, public art, and cultural initiatives. Pickering will retain its distinct identity, even as it grows and modernizes.

Dynamic Public Spaces: Public squares, waterfronts, and gathering spaces will be vibrant, inclusive places where people of all ages come together to enjoy the city's cultural and social life.

By 2051, Pickering will have evolved into a smart, resilient, and inclusive city that not only meets the needs of its people but thrives in a global context. Its balance of urban and rural settings, technological innovation, and community spirit will set it apart as a model city of the future.

- A more sensible approach to growth. An understanding that a liveable city does NOT have to be a carbon copy of downtown Toronto or urban Scarborough. If we wanted that, we'd have moved downtown. We want something DIFFERENT. A place with trees and grass and ravines and little wild areas that intersperse the residential areas and make life bearable on the increasing number of hot, humid, airless summer days. A place where you CAN walk/bike, but also that understands that WE'RE NOT THERE YET. We have unused bus and bike lanes. That's great and forward thinking, but for NOW and for the next decade, we will still be using cars/scooters. Make room for them.
- the best bicycle infrastructure

- Hopefully, reduced property taxes.
- A bustling waterfront community, a walkable downtown core with incorporated green space, additional 401 ramps, additional fast transit connections to Pearson airport, Markham and North York.
- Changed the development plans. To keep the small town feel.
- More businesses to offset residential taxes / a mixture of the older generation and younger generation commingling together. Not a mini Toronto or Mississauga.
- Too many highrises
- Kept its waterfront free of large buildings, congestion free roadways for the most part, a state out the art community centre and lots of green space.
- good transit, local services
- More schools more access to highways more libraries and more recreational facilities
- Walkable communities, plenty of greenspace and tree cover.
- A beautiful waterfront, a functional transit system, protected, green belts, and agricultural zone. Quite and comfortable community
- In my fantasy this city will have green spaces, a respect for our waterways & our wildlife & new Canadians to will be allowed to breathe healthy oxygenated air thanks to trees being allowed to flourish.
 They'll see our Lake Ontario & it's bays thrive & become once again a sustainable waterway for fish.
 That north Pickering will hold onto independent farms & businesses such as recreational horse facilities will survive this close to such a progressive community.
- Lots of condos
- the best employment opportunities for it's residents, the best public transit system and the most affordable housing availability.
- Housing for the wealthy, middle class and lower income. We will have access to all kinds of businesses. We will support large businesses as well, to help reduce property taxes. We will have a transit system that works and make it user friendly.
- The best schools, libraries and medical facilities in the region!
 The most innovated downtown core!
 A blend of rural and urban community living together, next doors & 'almost self-sustained' city!
- Additional recreational facility and libraries to fulfil the needs of the increased population.
- Too many people and unaffordable housing.
- More farmers markets, more pedestrian and biking lanes, more easily accessible natural trails, more small businesses to cater to residents buying needs and social gatherings for meals
- Will stop building condos and create more family spaces.
- A City Centre that is vibrant, accessible and fulsome. It will include shopping (a mall that includes desire store), a library (Pickering Public Library), a recreation Centre, possibly a theatre for musicals/plays. Any new condominiums could be located here. Also, grocery shopping and City Hall. This hub can be easily accessible to the more senio residents

that living in the senior living buildings such as Amica. All public transportation can use this location as its hub. The dwellings that radiate outward from this city Centre can them remain as they presently exist with forcing them to become overpopulated. It should be a continued requirement for their to be a cap on the height of homes both new builds and renovations.

- More park activities. More sport facilities. Healthy eating choices.
- A bigger population, more traffic.
- A lively community with many outdoor fitness options and walkable/biking safe transportation
- Condo slums, no retail and rich ex counsellors
- No diversity, at least the way it is progressing is disappointing.
- Walkable streets, better mall and shops
- too many people
- Terrible traffic because of poor planning
- -Well planned infrastructure to handle the inevitable population growth in its community.
- -A diverse offering of rental units, and housing to meet a variety of income levels.
- -Multiple community based programs/centre's to offer its population classes/exercise and promote socialization.
- Affordable housing just outside of Toronto
- I regret I have no crystal ball
- Transit that works so that people, and families can get to grocery stores, work and school without taking an obscene amount of time
- 250 000 residents, mass transit, rural transit an an airport
- Connection to Toronto subways
- Lots of people living here. Hopefully it will be a place people at happy and proud to live in.
- protected its parks and wildlife/environment; restrict the size of homes within a community so that the community maintains a equal landscape.
- Bike lanes and public transit over cars!!!
- Walkability, better transit, new community centre
- top priorities:
 - safer and cleaner communities
 - safer roads
 - more services that meet the changing demographics
 - more green space and recreational activities
- Diverse communities
 - Friendly neighbourhoods
 - Integrated transportation systems with GTHA
- Hopefully with proper planning Pickering will the envy of other communities - a great place to live, work and enjoy all activities without major urban sprawl.
- A more mixed downtown core
- More speed cameras and red-light cameras.

- flying cars and floating sidewalks
- much improved transit facilities.. lot of our transit stops don't have shelter
- small businesses, no tall buildings, no airport, large natural spaces, unique unspoiled hamlets
- Too many people and too many cars
- become a walkable, easily transitable city with lots to explore before ever needing to get into a car.
- Too many residents, no enough infrastructure to support them.
- an airport, toll free highways, highspeed rail, fully accessible infrastructure
- Walkable, rollable, convenient access to services from the majority of neighbourhoods. A well-developed gateway to the Rouge National Urban Park interconnected with Seaton Trail, Oak Ridges Trail, Waterfront Trail and the new Provincial Park.
 Taken advantage of economic opportunities from tourism, agritourism.
- High speed trains connecting us to the greater world. Farms , rural, greenspace
- A central downtown core gathering space that promotes community and has local businesses. Newmarket has done this really well.
- a vibrant city core while being minutes from the rural landscape
- An hospital, a university, vibrant public spaces and parks and restaurants along the lakeshore, a healthy focus on agriculture and maybe technology, a walkable downtown, an eclectic and lively cultural life
- Answered
- No free natural leisure space at the rate we're going
- Leaders who support the natural environment
 Better transportation to Toronto, where most Pickering adults work
- A defined downtown area. community focused. (Markham Downtown is a great example of it.)
 Access to greenspace and trails all over. Great transit connections (Potentially even a local LRT)
- A developed waterfront that will attract residents and nearby towns/cities

Q13. By 2051, Pickering will be known for...

- Overcrowding with poorly maintained roads, too many high rises and insufficient transit.
- It's commitment to native biodiversity in flora and fauna as well as it's commitment to diversity within its population.
- Great water front parks and decent concerts with music and theater at the resort
- The City beside the bigger city
- Great respectful neighbourhoods, great transportation connections and being a diverse community.
- A beautiful and safe place for families to grow regardless of income.
- Tourism, community, night,life, entertainment, access
- As above. Traffic nightmare. Insanely High taxes
- Crime

- The residential flight out of Pickering.
- A reasonably sized city close to Toronto.
- Too many condos and somewhere that used to not be Mississauga or Brampton
- Absolutely nothing as it currently stands
- Entertainment venues, and places to do outdoor social events
- top destination for summer vaca
- its shopping, restaurant and entertainment destinations for a weekend getaway for city dwellers.
- being a small city outside of Toronto
- It's beautiful waterfront, trails and forests while being close to Toronto
- The best GTA option for all
- That time in 2025 when it's elected officials said "wait, what we have here is a precious balance of rural and urban, we shouldn't screw this up" and they made an about face when it came to high-rises and sprawl.
- Condo Towers, traffic congestion, high crime
- Fabulous trails and access to nature. Fantastic agricultural land and produce. Beautiful lakefront where people can enjoy the best of Pickering.
- being another suburb of Toronto, or an extension of Scarborough
- Walkable, sustainable community
- Hopefully we'll be known for doing it right.
- How not to design a city
- Low crime
- Great schools
- Innovation and the place to live and work.
- Pedestrian friendly mixed-use areas, dedicated bike lanes traversing the whole of the City, forested walking trails easily accessed from every residential area.
- Having attracted major companies to bring their business (ex Amazon) here and bring relief to what became an unaffordable property tax
- Hopefully as a city where homeowners take care and pride in their property and community and the elected officials and staff are competent, creative and proactive !!
- being the first suburb east of Toronto
- All the activities it has to offer its residence
- being a community that is readily accessible to Toronto, but with less density, more green space and safe neighbourhoods
- Being too overpopulated for services, roads, schools, traffic, policing, nursing homes, parking, taxes out of control.
- A tourist destination
- Great food and interesting shops with excellent access to Toronto
- its activities that people living within the community can enjoy and friends and families living nearby can visit.
- being the bedroom community for Toronto

- Its green spaces and bike trails
- It's high rises which are slated to dominate the landscape.
- The most secure and safe city.
- safety, friendly community, excellent public transportation
- It's amazing community involvement, no traffic
- Urban sprawl
- A safe, comfortable place to live
- Efficiently planned with proper amenities to support population grow
- The place people go to because they can't afford homes in Toronto
- a great community for all ages and abilities
- See above
- Being a great place to live and grow a family with many opportunity to enhance quality of life.
- For leading the way in creating an interconnected agricultural and urban area where each adds value to the other rather than being seen as an inhibitor. It will be a city where you can experience both a pedestrian focused urban area and open agricultural spaces in the same city that work together.
- just being part of Toronto and extention of scarborough
- See above.
- Being the outskirts of Scarborough where housing is cheaper and thus more rental and lower social- economical families living in condo towers.
- Community friendliness, cultural and work opportunities close to home
- if not. Pickering roads will be a parking lot
- Being a fun place to live and take care of your family
- Looking like Mississauga.
Please don't tower up the water front area, keep that for everyone.
- Beautiful parks and trails.
- Close to the city but not in the city. Easy to access Toronto but very easy to get around within the city- preferably by active transportation as everything is within a short walk/bike. Hopefully a good tourist destination - Durham live has turned out to not really seem like much with its varying changes...its far from transit and quite remote. A Porche test track and casino/hotel aren't going to do it...
- Traffic jams.
- having once been a great city, but without careful fiscal management and only increasing taxes, everyone will leave
- A comfortable and affordable community.
- Pickering Nuclear Power plant, still no airport !!
- Advancing tech in autonomous driving, why not? We have the driving space for testing.
- the shops and boutiques that are coming, will squash out the middle class most likely
- too many high density buildings and congestion



- being pedestrian friendly. Not only does Pickering currently have a high senior population, but also many families with young children. Prioritizing safe and comfortable crosswalks and walkways will help to not only have current Pickering residents want to leave their homes to go on walks and explore Pickering businesses, but will also attract potential residents or visitors because of how rare it is to see whole walkable cities.
- Too many people crammed in to too little space if all those condos get built by then.
- It's urban planning and blend of urban/rural
- Being a family friendly community with activities, social programmings, restaurants and night life; environmentally friendly practices across the community; innovative solutions, a focus on preserving our green scapes, being culturally diverse.
- Most healthy walkable city in Canada.
- Traffic
- Beautiful city
- Small town feel in a city
- The next great city next to Toronto
- A community that will be envied by all.
- Being vibrant, connected, progressive, safe. An amazing place to work, live and play
- its clean, litter-free environment and people who care about the place they live in.

(as now there is a huge problem with littering in some areas: people are littering and dumping, throwing litter, bags of trash right along the parks/trees. This disrespect to the environment where we live says a lot about the community in general. I think the City should find ways to combat this problem, maybe by distributing the knowledge among the residents, installing cameras, etc.)

- a diverse sustainable city that is a good place to raise a family
- That is up for debate we could be known and a nice safe and clean place to live which is what I think most people want, or a failed attempt at being toronto
- Having beautiful parks and public spaces
- maintaining its status as a quant town nestled between giants.
- An urban oasis in a forest.
- being a good place to raise a family, and retire
- Friendly community with a strong sense of ownership of their city.
 As a model community and a place where others want to live
 A fun and dynamic activities while remaining affordable.
- Food and fun
- diversity, waterfront community
- Overcrowded like Toronto
- Quality education systems
 Sustainable, environmental developments
- Being a great place to raise a family and live a prosperous life.
- Overcrowding, traffic jams, loss of green space

- It's casino
- It's clean, safe and quiet communities where people are kind and respectful to one another.
- A bedroom community.
- It won't been known as a desirable place to live if the status quo is allowed for the next 25 years.we need a forward and innovative Official Plan so pickering will be known in the GTA s a great place to work and play
- Being like toronto
- Awesome waterfront, beautiful Frenchmens Bay untouched.walking trails
- The best place to raise a family
- It's green spaces and sprawled population
- The region that actually respected heritage, habitat and the existing residents when planning for growth
- It's balance of green space and easily accessible amenities.
- A community with less people on the street begging. A community with more activities for all. Citizens with RESPECT for their property, mowing their lawns. And citizens who will have confidence in their civic center that is prompt to control backyard nightly disturbances, late night loud parties, etc. we need a safe place.
- Great place to work and live
- High quality of life for its citizens.
- If we're smart and attract the right industries, we can become the tech center of the GTHA.
- It's Greenbelt, it's national park, it's waterfront, and hopefully it's downtown.
- Being an example of a community that built monster homes everywhere when the need was for affordable housing. There was too much growth too quickly without the necessary community infrastructure and supports in place-schools, fast public transit, community centres, social support services, libraries, police departments etc
- Failed opportunity to dig itself out of mediocrity.
- I great place to visit and live.
- Being a diverse community that is not densely populated and offers the best quality of life for it's residents
- Safe place to live and work with leading innovation companies headquartered here with easy access to the city
- its culturally diverse city that values diversity, its great public transportation system, and its green spaces where people spend their leisure time
- Our beautiful green spaces and outdoor learning experiences as well as community activities
- Having abandoned its dream to become a wannabe ugly Toronto or Mississauga.
- a modern city that prioritizes its citizen above all
- If we don't ensure the infrastructure is in place to handle the growth we will have, it will be known as a mess. Start building it before it's needed. It will only be known as a place

to live that is close to transportation to Toronto. Not a place to live and play (includes social spaces, like restaurants, bars, retail shopping etc) If the infracture and planning between all levels of government involved is done well then we could be known for a place to get away from the city and still have all a city offers.

- Toronto East
- Being a bedroom community of Toronto.
- The fastest growing city in canada
- I'm not sure but there needs to be more peace, better mental health care. Many people who work in this field have a bad bedside manner. Services for seniors and for families. Stop collecting tax from single women / men to help families. We shouldn't have to pay taxes for them. It's actually wrong.
- Harmony between people and planet - sustainable living
- Being a caring community that puts people first in a world that doesn't care.
- Hopefully not resembling Mississauga.
 Being a city where people can flourish and enjoy outside spaces and admire creative integrated development. Unlike other cities, Pickering has taken the best development practises from other cites and countries that have proven successful. Pickering staff and council chose to make Pickering a beautiful city, a people friendly city and not let development decide direction
- A city where people do not need to go to other nearby cities to access a hospital, mall or entertainment
- Sustainable Living: A leader in environmental sustainability, with green buildings, renewable energy, and extensive green spaces that promote a healthy lifestyle and protect natural habitats.

Innovative Technology: A hub for technological innovation, integrating smart city solutions that enhance the quality of life and make the city more efficient and connected.

Inclusive Community: A diverse and inclusive community where all residents feel valued and engaged, with strong community ties and active participation in civic life.

Efficient Transportation: A comprehensive and efficient public transportation system that reduces traffic congestion and emissions, making it easy for residents to navigate the city.

Global Connectivity: Strong connections with the broader region and the world, leveraging these relationships to enhance economic, social, and environmental outcomes. Being the hub of business and personal movement from Durham Region to the world (i.e. airport)

- A safe, green, convenient place to live. Connected easily with Toronto.

- It's gorgeous natural waterfronts, excellent restaurants, strong economy and an amazing growth area. People will travel from gta to Pickering and tourists that visit Toronto would do a day trip to Pickering.
- Good jobs at the nuclear power plant, thriving community and excellent access to local services needed
- Cultural and Land Diversity
- Low crime rate/safe, clean, well groomed/kept, friendly, affordable but not cheap.
- I hope that Pickering will not be an extension of Scarborough with high density housing and more noise and pollution and crime!!
- congestion, crime, tackiness, and its creaky old nuclear plant
- The once extremely beautiful place, neighborhood and community my oldest kids grew up in that was deteriorating rapidly by time my youngest son went to high school and we were forced to move away from as it lacked anything appealing or health care we needed as we aged.
- Great place to start out...start a family.
- Thoughtful city planning, expanded population that was accomplished with minimal sprawl, celebrated parks/recreation/trails.
- Failing to become more than a commuter town for people who work and travel to Toronto.
- Its diversity.
- The best planned city in Canada.
- Environmental protection. Affordability. Sense of community.
- By 2051, Pickering will be known for:
 1. Leading Climate Action and Sustainability
 A Green and Resilient City: Pickering will be celebrated for its leadership in climate action, achieving net-zero carbon emissions and fostering a green, circular economy. The city's extensive use of renewable energy, green infrastructure, and nature-based solutions will set it apart as a pioneer in urban sustainability.
 A Climate-Resilient Community: Pickering will be a model of climate adaptation, with resilient infrastructure designed to handle extreme weather, rising sea levels, and other climate-related risks. Its proactive approach will protect residents and ensure long-term sustainability.
 2. An Inclusive and Equitable Community
 A Beacon of Diversity and Inclusion: Pickering will be widely recognized for its commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. The city's policies, programs, and community initiatives will foster a sense of belonging for all residents, making it a place where people of all backgrounds thrive.
 Affordable and Accessible Living: Known for its housing affordability and accessibility, Pickering will ensure that people from all walks of life have access to safe, affordable, and diverse housing options, creating a vibrant and socially inclusive community.
 3. Smart City Innovation
 A Hub for Smart Technology: Pickering will be known as a smart city that harnesses

technology to improve the quality of life for its residents. From smart traffic systems to digital public services and cutting-edge green tech, the city will be at the forefront of technological innovation in urban living.

A Leader in Digital Connectivity: The city will have a world-class digital infrastructure, providing ultra-fast internet access and fostering innovation in the digital economy. Pickering will be a hub for tech startups, remote work, and virtual education, making it a magnet for creative talent and entrepreneurs.

4. Sustainable Mobility and Transit

A Transit-Oriented City: Pickering will be renowned for its efficient and sustainable public transit network. An integrated system of light rail, electric buses, and regional transit links will offer seamless, low-carbon travel across the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area, reducing reliance on cars and supporting a more sustainable lifestyle.

A Walkable, Bike-Friendly City: The city will be known for its commitment to active transportation, with walkable neighborhoods, extensive bike lanes, and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes that encourage healthier, more sustainable movement through the city.

5. A Thriving Green Economy

A Green Jobs Leader: Pickering will be recognized as a hub for green industries, with a thriving economy centered around renewable energy, environmental management, sustainable construction, and technology. Its focus on innovation in sustainability will attract investment and talent from across the region and beyond.

Economic Resilience: The city will be known for its diverse and resilient economy, balancing emerging tech sectors, creative industries, and a vibrant small business community, all contributing to a dynamic and future-oriented economy.

6. A Unique Balance of Urban and Rural Life

Sustainable Urban Villages: Pickering will be known for its unique urban villages—compact, mixed-use neighborhoods that offer a high quality of life, with homes, shops, schools, and parks all within easy reach. These villages will foster a strong sense of community and reduce urban sprawl.

Preserved Rural Charm: The city will also be celebrated for preserving its rural areas, maintaining a balance between urban growth and rural heritage. Pickering's rural landscape, local food systems, and eco-tourism will be key attractions for visitors and locals alike.

7. A Culturally Vibrant and Creative City

A Hub for Arts and Culture: Pickering will be a cultural hotspot known for its thriving arts scene, with public art, festivals, and cultural events that celebrate the city's diversity and creativity. Its cultural offerings will attract visitors from across the region, making it a destination for arts and culture enthusiasts.

Rich in Heritage and History: Pickering will also be known for its rich heritage, preserving its historic sites, buildings, and landscapes while embracing the future. The city's unique blend of history and modernity will make it a standout destination.

8. World-Class Green Spaces and Waterfront

A Nature-Lover's Destination: Pickering will be celebrated for its extensive green spaces,

parks, and conservation areas. From urban forests to protected wetlands, the city will offer abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation, biodiversity conservation, and environmental education.

A Vibrant Waterfront: The city's waterfront will be a key attraction, known for its stunning views, recreational spaces, and vibrant waterfront communities. It will serve as a gathering place for locals and tourists alike, offering cultural events, outdoor activities, and dining.

9. A Safe and Healthy City

A Health and Wellness Pioneer: Pickering will be recognized for prioritizing the health and well-being of its residents. Its health-focused urban design, accessible healthcare services, and community wellness programs will set a standard for promoting mental, physical, and social well-being.

A Safe and Connected Community: Pickering will also be known for its sense of safety and community connection, with low crime rates and a strong network of community organizations that ensure the well-being of all residents.

10. A Globally Connected, Regionally Influential City

A Regional Leader in Collaboration: Pickering will be known for its strong collaboration with neighboring municipalities in the Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area. Its regional influence will extend to shared initiatives in sustainability, transportation, and economic development. **A Globally Connected City:** With its thriving economy, diverse population, and innovative spirit, Pickering will be a globally connected city, attracting businesses, talent, and visitors from around the world. By 2051, Pickering will be known as a city that combines innovation, inclusivity, sustainability, and community spirit, creating a model for cities across the globe. It will stand out as a forward-thinking, vibrant, and resilient place that offers a high quality of life for all its residents.

- Being a "livable" city. Not just an extension of the GTA with rows of townhouses with one "lollypop" tree on the front postage stamp lawn and an air conditioner and utility hook-ups taking being the focal point of the house front because there's nowhere else to put them. Not houses so close you can barely squeeze between them. Having "connected" streets and neighbourhoods...little pathways from this cul-de-sac to the neighbouring crescent that let school kids walk/bike between and through the streets instead of having to go out to a main road/artery to get somewhere. Have these paths connect to little parks and green belts. Reserve a bit of land for parkettes and paths instead of letting developers shoehorn in "one more" lot.
- a connect community that strives to protect the natural environment.
- Hopefully, reduced and sustainable property taxes.
- Being the best city adjacent to Toronto!
- A safe, healthier, quiet place to live.
- A healthy lifestyle with work and business opportunities. Keeping the infrastructure within. Less travel. Less stress.



- In the current plan, being an extension of Toronto and overpopulated.
- Safe streets, lots of green spaces and a sense of community.
- the small city that has big city service.
- The nuclear power plant, poor waterfront and too many condos.
- High taxes.
- Nature, fishing, a music festival in one of the parks in Seaton area using the valley depths to amplify the stages, harvest festivals and community orchards
- My fear is that by continuing our current trajectory our legacy will be “looking like Mississauga “ or something things worse.
- Condos, casino, waterfront.
- Having the least amount of sprawl and for being the most sustainable municipality.
- Having housing, businesses and farm land.
- Be the most safe community!
Be the most admired city within GTA and the province!
- A great place for families to raise their children, and for accessible activities and community events.
- How nice it used to be!
- A city with a small town feel. A city that is pedestrian and biker friendly. A city where people are friendly.
- It’s natural beauty and offerings (Rouge Valley urban Park, Petticoat Creek Conservation Area, etc.) and, waterfront. It’s vibrant city Centre and all of the offerings at that location. The offering available to the residents meaning good schools, parks, recreational facilities, libraries, parks, etc. Most importantly it’s people.
- Quaint but modern and active lifestyle promoting.
- Waterfront.
- Probably nothing to note.
- hopefully not violence and theft.
- Missing the opportunity to leverage green space.
- Hopefully it will be known for its well thought out infrastructure, good reliable public transit and well planned co-habitation of housing/buildings and nature but it will most likely be known for:the nuclear plant, the casino, the mall/multiple towers.
- Beauty, strong businesses and communities.
- Parks. Walkable communities. Accessible communities.
- Hopefully a beautiful, clean, and in tact natural waterfront and marshland (WITHOUT condos), a destination for agro-tourism, and transit that makes people's lives easier
- Big city amenities with a small town ambience.
- Crowding.
- No more Nuclear Plants.
- The Casino.
- providing employment and affordable housing to its residents. Providing support to its seniors with development of senior living areas.

- Bike friendly city.
- Great education, transit and culture.
- The safest and cleanest city to live in Durham.
- Being a place to live, work, shop and play.
- For ensuring that they listened to and looked after their community - providing employment, recreation for all ages and needs.
- Safety.
- it's incredible fire services.
- safe crime free and child friendly....so couples are encouraged to have children and feel safe..
- The big empty nuclear plant casino and resort. Hopefully these lands will be given back to the community.
- reserving rural and historical sights and living.
- Congestion.
- Variety of natural spaces and modern structures.
- Pickering will be known for tiny condos that don't have enough parking for residents. New residents will see that it was a lie that a car isn't needed to live in Pickering because the transit system isn't reliable and makes route changes that negatively impact residents.
- its accessible downtown.
- Prioritizing nature and agriculture, and making it easy for residents and visitors to access these nourishing respite areas by bike, foot, and transit. Placing a priority on affordability by freeing residents from the costly burden of car ownership, thereby making space on existing roads for people who must drive for work.
- Rouge park. The opportunity exists to be the green area in a sea of GTA cement. People will come here to breathe clean air.
- Condos :(
- the unique blend of urban and rural living.
- Being a diverse city, pedestrian and bike friendly, with more green spaces than asphalt, a little Chicago because of its rich cultural life and vibrant lake shore.
- High tax rates unless it can attract office and manufacturing jobs, or the municipal tax model is changed so that Toronto's commercial industrial tax base is shared with the communities such as Pickering where employees of Toronto employers live.
- over crowding, lots of traffic and cheap ugly neighborhoods at the rate we're going.
- Hopefully healthy happy residents.
- Not just a Starting point, but a destination for majority of journeys.