

VOTE -- Monday October 25

Major Issues

Property Taxes – are way too high !!! These increases have to be stopped.

Jobs – are needed both for local employment, and to offset your high property taxes. The vast majority of Pickering residents have to work outside of Pickering because of a lack of local jobs.

Development Charges – paid by land developers for new developments are too low to fully pay for the infrastructure costs of growth. Therefore, current Pickering residents end up paying extra taxes for the extra costs.

Transit in Pickering and Durham – needs to be improved. Constructing bigger roads and then building more houses, only serves to make traffic worse.

Environmental Protection – whether it is from the pending massive sewage pipe, the planned incinerator, or building on the headwaters of the Carruthers Creek, there is not enough care for the environment for future generations.

Farmland Protection – paving over farmland with urban sprawl has to be stopped. Especially in the future, we will require our necessary farmland.

International Airport – is opposed by the majority of people in Pickering. It is clear that there would be overwhelming costs for an unnecessary project, that has no justifiable reasons.

Seaton Development – by adding 70,000 people to Pickering, if not planned properly, will only lead to future problems of all kinds: gridlock, higher taxes.

Councillor Conduct – needs to be publicized, whether it is their responsiveness or excessive spending, or their voting records at Council meetings. We need better communication with residents.

Durham Chair – should be elected by the voters.