

Appendix C: Online Survey

From April 22, 2025, to May 20, 2025, the City of Pickering hosted an online survey on Let's Talk Pickering. Survey questions sought community input on how the City of Pickering can better support its transportation, cultural heritage, and parks sectors to inform how, where, and in what form mobility, heritage, and open spaces will evolve within Pickering by 2051. It also explored strategies to create complete communities, improve transportation, preserve heritage buildings, and expand the parks system in Pickering. Two hundred twenty-one (221) people responded to the online survey, providing their comments, thoughts, and preferences to inform the Community Elements and Infrastructure section of the Official Plan review.

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

Complete Community

Q1. Which neighbourhoods in Pickering offer the best characteristics of a complete community?

- Amberlea (21)
- None (20)
- Not sure (15)
- Bay Ridges (14)
- West Shore (11)
- City Centre / Downtown (10)
- Rosebank / South Rosebank (7)
- Liverpool (5)
- Near Pickering Mall (4)
- Seaton / Setonville / New Seaton (3)
- Pickering Village (3)
- Since no Pickering neighbourhood offers the comprehensive characteristics of a complete community, I would say none. Although Seaton, being the newest and possibly the most progressively planned. Most are built around car use.
- Areas south of Highway 401, where a mixture of home styles formed Pickering's foundation. These areas have a warm feel, are airy, provide a good mixture of people, young and old, all ethnicities, and infrastructure to live in, and are close to a transport corridor.
- Probably the City Centre because it has everything. Employment, Mall, Library, Rec Centre, GO Station, lots of proper, fully sheltered bus stops, parks, and grocery stores!
- Neighbourhoods between Notion Road and Pickering Mall, and ones near Pacific Fresh Food Market, are the best examples of a complete community.
- Woodview.
- Amberley, Liverpool/Maple Ridge, from Krosno/Liverpool down to Lakefront

- I don't really know any other areas in Pickering other than my own. I am at Fairport and Finch. The whole area is lovely; we have a lovely group of people here of all ethnic backgrounds.
- Amberlea.
- West of Dixie, north of Hwy 2.
- Rosebank they all need improvement and parking has been made into a huge problem retail how the beach has been restricted and no outdoor pools or rink are bringing them down.
- Amberlea, Frenchman's Bay, Millennium Square.
- Amberlea, Westshore.
- Frenchman's Bay.
- Westshore.
- Greenwood.
- Northshore.
- Glenanna.
- Not Claremont, where the roads are not maintained and are missing a lot of sidewalks.
- South Rosebank?? It's hard to say. South Rosebank has walking paths, schools, several parks and tennis courts. But there are not many options for a convenience store or other easy amenities.
- Rouge West.
- Westshore, Amberlea, Dunmoore Park area.
- Not sure.
- I think the town center, with its focus on becoming a walkable community close to great amenities and transit, is trending in the right direction.
- I don't know of any neighbourhood in Pickering where people can do a significant % of their daily activities (shopping, health, services, etc.) without driving.
- Amberlea, Fox Hollow.
- None that I know of. Local government has built a car-dependent city.
- Abbey Road.
- Unfortunately, I don't believe that Pickering has a neighbourhood with the characteristics of a complete community. They are all fractured, with some having recreation, while others have retail and medical. A new way of planning is needed.
- I like the areas that have a catwalk between neighborhoods. It makes everything more walkable. Having proper bike lanes fully connected east-west and north-south would be great to move around the region more safely.
- Amberlea.
- Claremont is safely walkable to school, park, community centre, cafe, church, and convenience store (missing transit connection, farmers' market, and grocery store). Forest Brook area has safely walkable/rollable shops, schools/parks.
- They are all fine. Leave them alone.

- Glendale.
- Diversification.
- The area by the Pickering rec center/ city hall/ mall. Near a neighborhood as well. The Center of the city for me. I feel the most excitement when events happen here, people gather.
- The south area of Liverpool is the Frenchman's Bay area. All it needs is a grocery store, and it's already a wonderful neighbourhood.
- Liverpool.
- It can't be called a perfect community as there is a lot to do. The newer community in Seaton/Seatonville needs shopping places and transit communication to and from the GO station to commute to work or education.
- Perhaps the civic centre, although groceries and furniture are not within a 15-minute walking distance for some older citizens.
- Don't know.
- Kinsale.
- Maple Ridge - park with tennis court, schools (lower & high), church for multiple faith groups, etc.; Credit builder Heron Homes; Town Council then vs. The City today, which has sprawl, congestion as its legacy.
- Bigger roads and single-sided footpaths to make the communities feel less cramped.
- None. None of them are truly walkable. No bike lanes. Just endless subdivisions and large roads.
- Altona Forest.
- Amberlea, Dunbarton.
- Rougemount.
- Westshore area (South Pickering).
- None. Honestly, Pickering has many solid attributes, but the historic separation of business, amenities and housing leaves no area complete. Even the PTC area, although it has density, lacks the public realm to support it.
- The area surrounding City Hall, the shops at Pickering, GO Transit, and the Chestnut Hill Community Centre.
- Brock Ridge.
- Parks and community center.
- Along Kingston Rd.
- Anywhere but Brock Ridge.
- None. The jobs in Pickering would not pay well enough to live in Pickering.
- Whites Road and Finch area.
- Chestnut Hill
- Dunbarton.
- Main...near City Hall.
- South Rosebank pre condo construction - family-owned business and green space.

- Love the High Bush Neighbourhood the most.
- Don't know.
- The Esplanade N.
- Valleyfarm-Kingston Rd.
- The older ones that haven't been hit with high rises.
- N/A.
- Major Oak Road has a large park and space for kids to cycle around.
- Schools, faith gatherings, and the library.
- Near the mall.
- I don't know. Pickering is an expensive place to live. I can't think of one area that encompasses all these criteria.
- Central Pickering.
- I'm unsure of the boundaries of Liverpool, but I think it's a reasonably complete community if you can extend it to include the mall and Loblaws.
- Glendale.
- The areas around the Pickering Town Centre are walkable. You can walk to community services, activities, restaurants, shopping and schools.
- Major Oaks. Taunton and Steeles area.
- Where there are walking and biking trails with trees and forests.
- Taunton; Whites/Burkholder.
- Haven't seen or heard of one.
- Liverpool to Valleyfarm, Finch down to Pickering Parkway.
- Pickering Parkway near Pickering Chestnut Hill Recreation Centre Area, there is no Water Splash pad for kids to play in the summertime. I have a child with Autism who likes Water Play, and it's not safe to go to the Pickering Waterfront beach with him.
- Buckingham Gate.
- Whites and Finch.
- Not sure about Pickering, but Cornell in Markham and many areas in Whitby. We seem to be underdeveloped.
- Valley Farm Road, Chestnut.
- Glengrove.
- Surrounding community near the mall.
- I think it is the communities near Kingston Rd.
- Near Pickering Town Center.
- Lookout Point.
- Schools, libraries nearby, green spaces and parks, variety of homes, close to transit.
- North Pickering/Altona Forest.

Q2. What do Pickering neighbourhoods need more of to become complete communities?

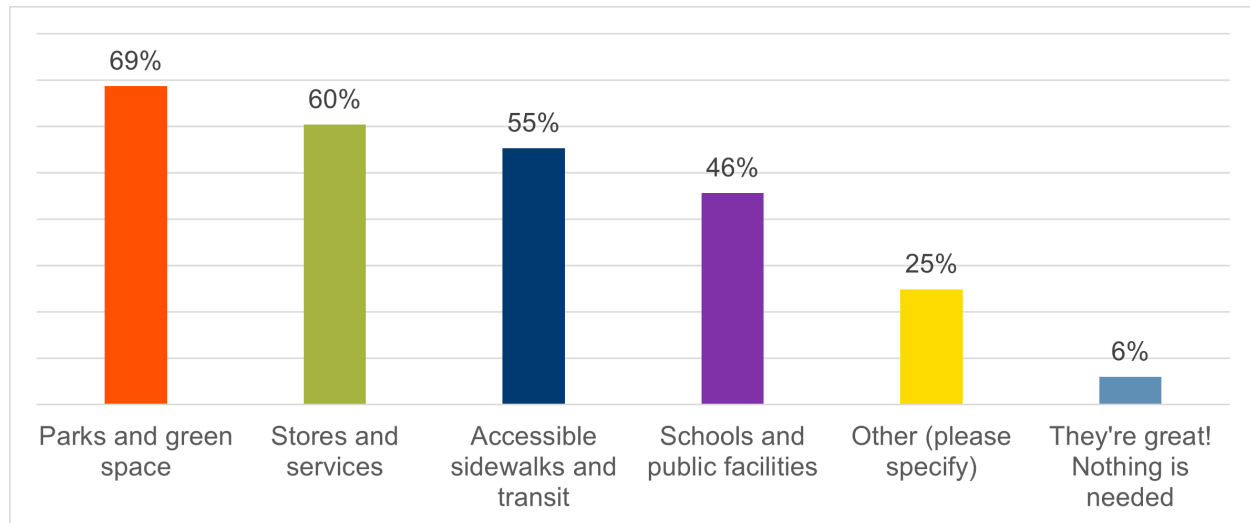


Figure 1 - Summary of elements participants felt Pickering neighbourhoods need more of to become complete communities.
N = 217

Other:

- Mixed-use residential zoning is the best approach, as well as top-tier transit supported by very frequent services. Other municipalities have made transit so attractive, residents have opted out of car use and ownership.
- Multi-use trails separated from roads.
- Community centres.
- Family doctors/clinics, banks, and car rental/sharing locations.
- Roads and sidewalks.
- Front yards so that kids can play outside and people can do their gardening, take walks, and meet their neighbours.
- Small-scale and localized community centres and meeting places.
- Less taxes.
- Parking is lacking.
- Transit, especially transit that connects easily to TTC.
- Nothing. We don't need to spend any tax dollars on "complete communities." What we all need is reduced taxes.
- Cafes, walkable shopping, and restaurant districts.
- Libraries.
- We need better infrastructure for the existing communities and people who live in Pickering: wider roads to accommodate the current number of people living in Pickering, better transit if expecting residents to make use of the city's public transit, updates to current sewage systems especially in areas where basements are flooding after a bad rainstorm or when snow thaws, updated park structures to be more inclusive for children

of all abilities, sidewalks for areas that should have them, such as with younger families or elderly, etc.

- A walkable downtown with coffee shops, restaurants, and a few shops, where we can all grab drinks at night and walk around: European style. Whitby has a nice little downtown street.
- Better road infrastructure, either adding more lanes on Finch making it 4 lanes, or adding more turning lanes to keep traffic flowing. I would also like to see more roundabouts and fewer lights to help with reducing carbon emissions from vehicles idling.
- More of the live, work, play design concept (and this is pretty basic stuff for your planners). Walkable. Bikeable. Not car-able.
- Mixed housing: single homes and low-rise buildings (4 stories maximum) that could be used by seniors who still want to remain in a community. High-rise buildings are not a community-based type of housing.
- You need to be able to walk from one side of Pickering to the other. Most of the sidewalks stop where it is inconvenient. Nothing joins together when you try to walk, especially on busy roads.
- Bicycle lanes.
- Full and connected bike lanes.
- Outdoor basketball courts with painted lines and paved ground. We need an outdoor sports centre: courts, pickleball, tennis, water park... similar to the Audley outdoor space.
- Public spaces.
- Separated bike lanes.
- More shelters against wind, rain, snow, and harsh sun along the main roads. There should be seating. Regional roads heading north and south tend to isolate sidewalks from the residences, with very high (violating city ordinances) fences making the pedestrian almost unseen. These long roads need emergency communication boxes as well as shelters along the way. DRT must shorten distances to bus stops to less than half a kilometre from origin and destination. It should provide small electric vehicles for casual, neighbourhood-to-neighbourhood transit. Residential street signs are small and should be larger for easy perception while driving to destinations.
- More community centres; affordable retail unit sizes that allow for the creation of "third spaces" (e.g., pottery, yoga, woodworking, artists' studios) — which allow the community to gather in high-quality environments.
- Less development. Preservation of cultural heritage properties.
- Local public artwork, safe street crossings, traffic calming, pedestrian-scale lighting.
- Better restaurants and name-brand stores. Nowhere to eat or shop. We go out of Pickering to Yorkdale or Bayview. No upscale restaurants, too many pubs, and terrible shopping. Town takes too long to pass permits, etc.
- Reduce the increase in population density by not allowing too many high-rise residential buildings.

- More Indigenous spaces. Independent shops — less big box places. The streets of Pickering need replacing.
- Housing for the homeless and help for addicted homeless on the street.
- More businesses, better roads and intersections, more thought put into the people that live here, listen to the people that live here, proper maintenance.
- At this point, even Kingston Road does not have a sidewalk in areas, and there is an assumption of centralized car-based movement (like the rec centre). All new condos need to have more than a token podium of mixed use, and amenity construction should be encouraged to generate public assets rather than building-specific (like the YMCA in the Beach or Pan Am Village area or the elementary school in CityPlace).
- Entertainment.
- More streetlights at intersection corners, making it safer for all to see pedestrians (example: lighting is insufficient at the corner of Amberlea and Strouds). Accessible curbs for crossing the street (example: crossing Amberlea Road at Chiron, there is a lowered curb at Chiron to cross the road, however no lowered curb on the other side. There used to be and it was removed. This does not make sense). Promoting outdoor enjoyment should include ways to get to nearby green spaces on foot, easily and safely. Sidewalks should be wide enough for people to pass each other.
- Linked multi-use trails. Currently only a few trails exist and are not interconnected — example is Waterfront Trail.
- Jobs that provide livable wages; affordable rentals.
- Sports facilities.
- Garbage clean-up.
- Affordable housing and not raising the rent so businesses have to move. Example: mom and pop stores having to relocate after the construction of a new building and they cannot afford the rent on the new building.
- Dog parks with separate spaces for smaller dogs.
- Require religious institutions, and other community facilities, that are located within residential neighbourhoods to respect the peace and tranquility of the neighbourhood.
- Plaza, grocery store.
- I believe that Pickering needs to be an inclusive community to every race. As a Caucasian I feel discounted.
- Paved walking trails — this way you can accommodate different modes of travel devices such as strollers, bikes, wheelchairs. Transit needs to be increased during the day for the senior population and for individuals who don't drive.
- Parks with public bathrooms. Bev Morgan Park and turf field are the most used in the city and have zero facilities. It is embarrassing when we host teams from other cities.
- All of these services and spaces thoughtfully designed for flow and ease.
- Walking/biking trails with trees and nature.
- Central business district.
- Public buildings — official-looking buildings.

- 55+ spaces/activities/facilities/services — a city should treasure its seniors that have contributed to the tax base for so long. Designated seniors' centres (take a look at what Brampton/Region of Peel offers for its seniors).
- Police officers who don't ignore registered firearm weapons and people abusing the smart grid. This is beyond a serious issue. Ignoring terrorism at the cost of the taxpayer.
- Bicycle lanes, tick-free and coyote-free walking trails.

Transportation and Mobility

Q3. How do you usually get around in Pickering?

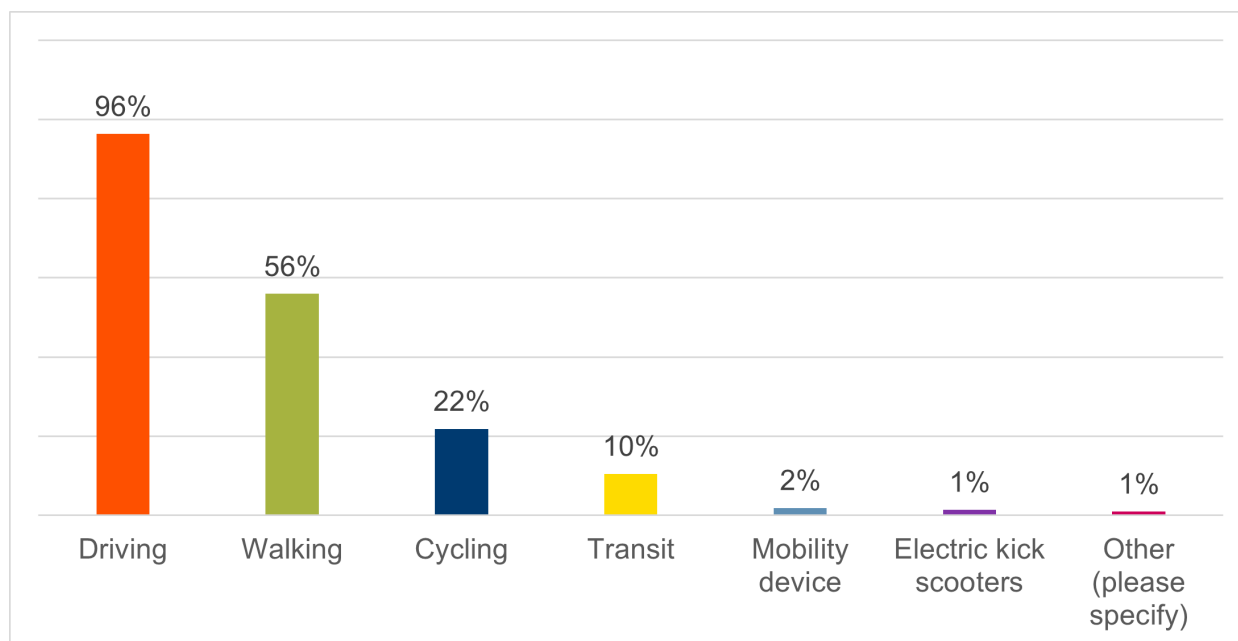


Figure 2 - Summary of transportation methods participants identified using to get around Pickering.

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Other:

- E-Bike.
- Durham Pulse is terrible and so I walk to most of the places I need to go. If the weather is bad, I'll Uber.

Q4. What could make walking, cycling, or taking transit easier and/or safer in Pickering?

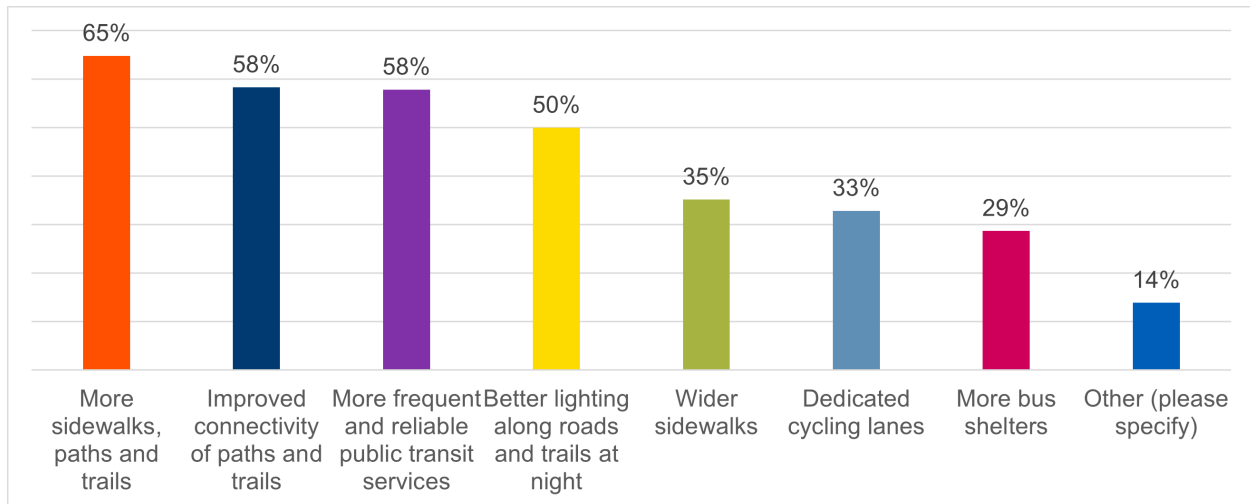


Figure 3 - Summary of elements participants identified that would make transportation methods easier and/or safer in Pickering. N=216

Other:

- Sidewalks near school areas!
- Protection for vulnerable road users like pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users from high-speed cars/trucks. Cars nowadays can easily jump curbs and have caused complete destruction of bus shelters in Pickering.
- Lowering speed limits will also help, especially when combined with road diets.
- Using traffic-calming measures like speed humps, chicanes, and continuous sidewalks will lead to major safety improvements, as these don't rely solely on driver behavior.
- Many bridges and infrastructure in Pickering place vulnerable road users at risk to protect cars. Examples include street signs, bus shelters designed to be breakable, and sidewalks right next to car lanes with concrete barriers. One example is the bridge at 43°51'02.5" N 79°04'33.0" W.
- Better traffic flow in highly developed areas.
- Nothing else.
- Bike lanes and bus lanes should be removed from roads and routed through green spaces. At Liverpool 401 exit, small, elevated trains should be used instead of buses.
- Nothing. Reduce our taxes!
- Dedicated bike lanes that are protected—not just painted lines on the road.
- Make condo developments more walkable and bikeable. Put services and employment within the same complex. Durham Transit is a dog's breakfast, that's why everyone relies on cars.
- More interesting retail areas with smaller boutique stores and eating spots (think of what they are doing in Markham). The intersection of Rougemont and Kingston Road is a good example but is slated to become a condo development with less retail space.

- Not enough access to the 401. High traffic congestion on smaller roads.
- Dedicated areas for pedestrians only—small streets near the casino, Pickering Village, and Frenchman's Bay.
- Safer ways to walk across 401 on/off-ramps. It's dangerous to travel from south to central Pickering at these points. My third spaces are at PCC, and I avoid walking or cycling north because of the ramps.
- 9 or 10 years ago, it was safe for me to jog and for my daughter and I to ride our bikes on Sideline 4, Concession 5, and Salem Road between Taunton and Highway 7. It's no longer safe due to increased traffic and drivers disregarding pedestrian and cyclist safety. Many other roads in Pickering now lack sidewalks and are unsafe. The increase in traffic, noise, and pollution is shocking.
- Pickering has become dangerous for walking and cycling. Cyclists are forced onto sidewalks to stay safe. It's a mix of poor driving, bad planning, and a lack of proper transit, trails, and bike lanes. The system was better 40 years ago. Sprawl and poorly implemented development have made things worse.
- Safer crossings, permeable paving surfaces, improved transit wayfinding.
- Refresh road markings where worn out.
- Fewer bike lanes. Biking is not a widespread method of transportation in the suburbs—driving is. Bike lanes create congestion and increase accidents. They also cause more idling, which harms the environment.
- If I can't drive my car, I won't go—period!
- Improved maintenance of what we already have. Better road infrastructure.
- It's not just about installing sidewalks or bike lanes. It's about encouraging development that places destinations within walking or cycling distance.
- Subway, LRT, or even a gondola for public transit.
- Rentable electric scooters and bikes.
- Some intersections on Brock Road with a 70 km/h speed limit need left-turn signals.
- Urbanize arterial roads (Brock Road, Kingston Road, Finch Avenue, Bayly Street).
- Most of my destinations are too far—I wouldn't take transit or walk.
- The intersection of Brock and Major Oaks is unsafe. Many people jaywalk to get to the mosque instead of crossing at the lights. A barrier may help. I've seen many near-misses.
- More parks and picnic areas that are free for residents, as well as outdoor pools.
- Increased enforcement of traffic laws.
- Catwalks in neighborhoods so people can cut through to main roads more easily.

Cultural Heritage

Q5. Aside from heritage buildings, what other cultural heritage elements in Pickering should be protected?

- Waterfront, Seaton Trail and connections.

- None.
- Waterfront, to ensure it remains accessible to all residents.
- Elements that preserve Pickering's Indigenous history and culture.
- Pickering Diana Princess of Wales Park, Bay Ridges Kinsmen Park, Beachfront Park.
- Beaches. Swimming areas.
- Beach area. Bay area.
- Can't think of any.
- Forests.
- Marsh and bog areas, small streams. Land locations where significant history has occurred. Old brick walls that separate some of the farming fields in North Pickering. Old but healthy oak trees or trees over 100 years old.
- I don't have an answer for this. The only thing that comes to my mind is down at the foot of Liverpool — it's a beautiful area and I can't wait for it to reopen for walking, but I don't suppose it's considered cultural heritage.
- Nothing, not even heritage buildings.
- They've already been removed.
- Frenchman's Bay, Waterfront Trail, Liverpool Boardwalk, existing parks and green spaces.
- I didn't know we had any landmarks per se, so not critical to me; we do need to protect Frenchman's Bay and Petticoat Creek.
- Greenspaces, trails.
- Waterfront.
- None.
- Green spaces.
- Karl Polanyi is the brother of Michael Polanyi, who is known for transition state theory, tacit knowledge, and post-critical theory. Karl had a house in Pickering and it should be preserved as a heritage building.
- Farmland where trails could be created to connect areas of Pickering.
- Petticoat Creek is a priority. The city should explore taking over the water park from the Toronto Conservation Authority. We have all this green space and it cannot be used by the community.
- All green spaces, parks, waterways, beach.
- Petticoat Creek, beachfront.
- Frenchman's Bay.
- Landscapes. Waterfronts. Natural features. Marshes. Gardens. Frenchman's Bay marina.
- Dunbarton Church and all churches in the area.
- Youth-based murals.

- Green spaces should be protected. Pickering is home to many animal and plant species and is an important stop for many migratory birds. It is important to protect these spaces from developers in particular.
- Devi Mandir – 2590 Brock Road.
- Waterfront.
- We should be looking forward, not backward. Some older buildings, though historical, are not well designed for modern use and require significant costs to upgrade and still offer limited utility.
- The perimeter of Frenchman's Bay — this should have been all parkland for everyone to enjoy. For instance, the townhomes at the foot of Liverpool Road should not have been built.
- The lakefront as well as the marsh areas south of Bayly.
- Maintain the watersheds. Expand the boundary between them and development to protect them.
- Not clear what is meant by "cultural elements." I don't feel we need to represent any particular culture other than our Canadian Indigenous one. What Pickering needs in terms of heritage is a proper "downtown" — a walkable Main Street.
- The small malls are part of the community where people gather to shop and meet for a coffee or lunch. Losing places like Bruno's and Tiano's and the small restaurants will increase the loss of community and the feeling of belonging.
- Pickering has very few heritage elements, so what there are should be preserved in some fashion.
- Pickering Village north side of Kingston — get rid of the south side. [Editor's note: Pickering Village is actually located in Ajax.]
- The Pickering waterfront areas and Nautical Village.
- Natural spaces. Wetlands, green space, forest and hiking areas.
- Would like to see heritage assets connected with storytelling routes so they are considered as part of a network or collective, and not in isolation. Keeps visitors engaged longer and invites local spending. See Hamlet of Whitevale's walking tour, for example.
- The waterfront.
- The waterfront is an area that should be protected. The area around the Esplanade is a core area for events that needs to be protected. Pickering Museums Village needs to be protected.
- Beaches and waterfront.
- Are there any?
- I can't really think of any cultural heritage elements in Pickering. I don't really see much cultural heritage preserved in Pickering in terms of landmarks in the landscape.
- Seaton hiking path. Conservation areas. Pickering Museum. Pickering Village area. Purchase of the Frenchman's Bay area for the city.
- Seaton Trail.

- Hamlets (including main streets featuring commercial businesses and older homes); rural roads (Concession Road 7, North Brock Road, Scarborough–Pickering Town Line); Oak Ridges Moraine (rolling hills, active agricultural fields).
- Green space.
- Holiday Gardens Slovenian Country Club and camping on the property. In the 1960s, we had a gravel pit on the north side, scrap yard on the west side, and police outdoor shooting range east of us. Preserve cultural heritage and recreation as per your policies.
- Sports facilities (i.e. skate parks), naturalized green spaces.
- Not sure.
- None.
- I don't know enough about unique natural features to comment.
- Big trees.
- Lakeshore.
- Waterfront.
- None — it's fine. Better things to spend taxpayer dollars on.
- Small towns (Chinatown, for example).
- Greenbelt, Dufferin's Agro Preserve, Whitevale.
- Conservation areas and parks — stop taking the animals' homes. We have wild animals everywhere with nowhere to go.
- Protect our green spaces. What you allowed the developers to do at Seaton is disgraceful.
- The agricultural focus of North Pickering should be preserved and leveraged through things like a focus on agritourism.
- Frenchman's Bay.
- Parks, swimming pools.
- The Liverpool beachfront. Stop building condos. There's no room — let alone demolishing landmarks, etc.
- The Liverpool waterfront, all the libraries, Rouge Valley.
- The wetlands. Heritage.
- Lakefront and waterways.
- The Pickering waterfront.
- Parks, in general. Protect them to prevent more houses from being built.
- Parks and green spaces. We need to stop looking at green fields with dollar signs in our eyes. Not every piece of land should be a future build. Turn spaces into protected parks.
- Waterfront.
- Heritage Museum.
- Not sure.
- Historic buildings and parks.
- Wetlands, existing green spaces.
- Landscapes... waterfront... Rouge.

- Frenchman's Bay.
- Lakefront.
- Green spaces and areas by the lake should not have huge condos built, which encroach on the land. More townhouse buildings and low-rise condos. No one wants super high-rises unless it's in the core of Pickering by the GO station.
- There are no heritage buildings around here.
- What is protected now is good enough.
- Greenbelt and parks. The forested area immediately south of Seaton Mulberry development.
- The forest around Pine Ridge High School.
- Parks.
- Forest.
- Greenbelt.
- All along the water — forest by Valley Farm/Concession 3.
- All of our forests, green spaces, and water's edge.
- Duffins Creek, Lynde Shores, Petticoat Creek. The Liverpool waterfront needs to be protected from people making a mess there.
- There should be more art and historic centres for young people to visit.
- The beach area at the end of Liverpool.
- Library, the gazebo in the park behind the library.
- Churches.
- Every park and current green space should be protected.
- All parks and green spaces.
- All green spaces. Stop building homes.
- When you start changing street names and building names, you start losing the history of the cities we live in, and it affects the heritage that has been built up over the years. It also costs everyone who lives there.
- The waterfront, such as it is.
- The history has been torn down. Stop building condos on every corner.
- Libraries, parks, and farms.
- Green space.
- Parks.
- Trees and natural wetlands.
- All of them.
- Century buildings and mature neighbourhoods.
- The area around Frenchman's Bay should be kept as a wildlife refuge. There should be more areas designated to be left as parklands for picnicking.
- Art installations. More parkland in prominent areas.

- Need to build new infrastructure in the playground area with updated zip line for children. More functional play opportunities in the neighborhood playground. Mostly add splash pads and a secure playground area far from the street where cars are going 24/7.
- Greenspace and waterfront.
- Not every available space needs to be taken for condos.
- Green spaces.
- Pickering Recreation Complex and Pickering Town Centre.
- Waterfront.
- Trees at the beach.
- Waterfront.
- Landscapes.
- The green space and farms in Northern Pickering. We don't want to look like Brampton or Mississauga with endless sprawl. Pickering's best quality is being close to rural, and close to the city.
- Build some usable spaces into our Rouge Urban National Park, but do it in a way that still protects the geography and wildlife.
- Consider repurposing instead of demolishing if cost-effective.
- The Pickering Mall. We need a mall in this city. Winter is harsh and there's nowhere to go. If the mall fails, Pickering is not enjoyable anymore.
- Waterfront.
- The waterfront, the Mansion (Liverpool House), the Seaton Trail.
- Frenchman's Bay.
- The waterfront.
- Frenchman's Bay.
- Frenchman's Bay East and West. My grandparents had a cottage on the west side. It is important to keep our heritage!
- Need attractions such as performance centres, art galleries. The performance centre should have a unique and spectacular design to be a recognized destination for Pickering.
- Forests and farmland in North Pickering.
- Parks and natural habitat for wildlife and birds. Waterfront.
- Agricultural land and DRAP areas.
- Waterfront.

Q6. What is the best way to preserve and protect heritage buildings in neighbourhoods that are being redeveloped?

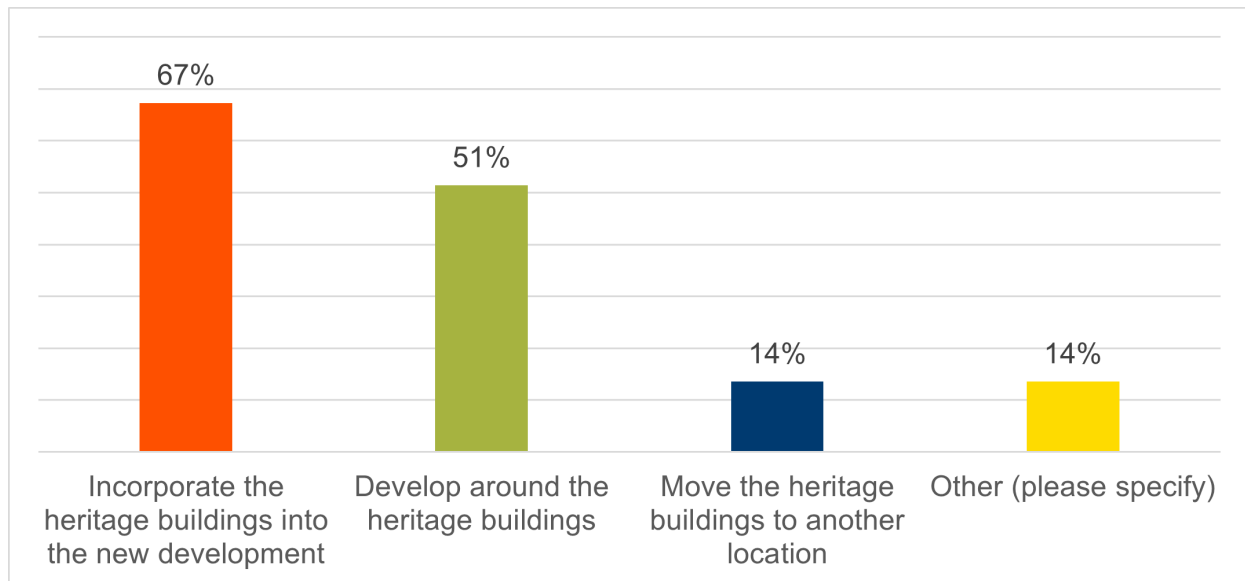


Figure 4 -Summary of suggestions that participants identified as best ways to preserve and protect heritage buildings in neighbourhoods that are being redeveloped.
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Other:

- Be mindful of what is actually being developed in specific areas, as condo and large developments can be seen as a cash grab.
- Place the developments elsewhere.
- Let private people buy and maintain or move them, otherwise let them go. Do not spend any more tax money on them.
- Do nothing. Pickering doesn't have any heritage buildings worth preserving.
- This is very situational. It would depend on the development and the heritage building itself.
- Stop development in these areas.
- I have selected the other two options because it would depend on the type of heritage building. If the building happens to be well-kept, then perhaps it can have development around it but not in very close proximity. Creating a green space around these areas would attract more interest to these sites. If the heritage building will require renovations anyway or is unsafe to be used as is, then incorporating it into a new development will likely be best suited.
- Build with a similar style around the heritage building.
- Depends on what the heritage building is being used for and if it's commensurate with the surrounding area.
- Connect the areas that are heritage to walking paths or public transit areas.

- Regarding "move" above, Pickering could consider modelling Markham's Heritage Estates to protect assets through relocation and provide new housing through adaptive reuse. The best way to honour Pickering's heritage is to integrate and celebrate it through sensitive new uses.
- Complete a Cultural Heritage Master Plan that clearly outlines the cultural heritage value of these spaces (e.g. Greenwood's cultural heritage value lies in its X, Y, Z). Get ahead of urban area expansion by understanding what the community values about these areas now. This ensures that when applications come in and you're asking for the development to "conserve the cultural heritage value of X", there is a defined test that the applicant needs to meet. Understand the difference between preserve vs. conserve — we can still conserve the cultural heritage value of a resource in development. See Barrie's use of Historic Character Impact Evaluations (HCIE) and how that's been integrated into the OP. They've completed Neighbourhood Studies and Profiles through extensive public consultation, asking the community where and how historic neighbourhoods should evolve. Applicants within a historic neighbourhood are required to demonstrate how the proposal is context-specific, relying on the NHS. Their policies allow for flexibility to scope the HCIE deliverable dependent on the nature of the applicant (e.g. infill single-detached vs. mid-rise condo).
- Many properties are still governed by the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, which states in section 1.1.5.7: Opportunities to support a diversified rural economy should be promoted by protecting agricultural and other resource-related uses and directing non-related development to areas where it will minimize constraints on these uses.
- Pickering again has a poor record of protecting its heritage buildings. Whitby, Uxbridge, and others have much better walkable trails with interesting downtown villages. We go there for hiking, trails, village shopping, restaurants, and cafes.
- Don't really care they are heritage buildings — we need to develop the area for the future, not retain past structures even if they are heritage.
- Strict guidelines.
- Leave them alone.
- Just don't touch. How hard is that?
- Different approaches based on situations.
- Stop building. Pickering does not need to be a mega city.
- Avoid or minimize impact to historic areas. They add value to real estate.
- Don't build around them.
- If you move the heritage building, it needs to stay within the same city.
- Don't tear them down in the first place.
- What heritage buildings?
- Don't develop around them at all.
- Depends on the type of building. Often, park areas around heritage buildings are preferred. However, if the heritage building is within the urban area, it can be

incorporated into the new development (thinking of the Old Liverpool House and its incarnations).

Q7. What parks in Pickering do you love and why?

- Seaton Trail, Greenwood (possibly Ajax), Rouge National Urban Park, and the waterfront. I love exercising and being in a natural environment. As a cyclist, I enjoy connected neighbourhoods without the danger of sharing space with vehicles.
- I use Westshore Path and Petticoat Creek as they are the only parks that are clean and maintained.
- I love the waterfront areas for the fresh air, wide pathways, and space for walking and cycling.
- Rouge Beach Park and Petticoat Creek are amazing. Walkable and cycle-friendly access to the waterfront is a blessing.
- Mitchell Park Playground, Petticoat Creek, Beachfront Park, Millennium Square, and Alex Robertson Park are great.
- Pickering Diana, Princess of Wales Park, Bay Ridges Kinsmen Park, and Beachfront Park are my favourites.
- Westshore Beach Park offers a mix of water, beach, green space, seating benches, and parking.
- Frenchman's Bay Memorial Park is close by, has open space, and many activity areas for kids.
- I often walk at Petticoat Creek and along the waterfront. The pond on Finch is also a nice spot with lots of birds and wildlife.
- Rouge Park is beautiful.
- I like Millennium Square near the lake for its views, Rouge Park for its natural beauty, and the park below the dog park on 3rd Concession for short walks.
- I enjoy all the waterfront parks.
- Liverpool Road is my favourite place to walk in Pickering.
- Pickering Park is a good spot.
- Oshawa Lakeshore Park is great because of the splash pad and play areas.
- I don't love any particular park.
- None are great anymore. Westshore Beach is now inaccessible with little parking. The gate at the roundabout should be removed, and angle parking added. Seasonal shops on the piers would be beneficial.
- Amberlea, Frenchman's Bay, Kinsmen Park, Beachfront Park, and Westshore Beach are favourites.
- Petticoat Creek and Frenchman's Bay are clean, well-kept, and have great trails.
- I don't enjoy any.
- Waterfront parks are nice, but Pickering hasn't invested in good parks away from the lake.
- Conservation Park is appreciated.

- I don't love any. The park in Claremont is poorly maintained and has drainage issues. Another pickleball or tennis court could be added.
- I like the train park near the waterfront trail and the park near William Dunbar.
- The beach area is a relaxing place.
- Petticoat Creek has lovely walking trails and access to the waterfront.
- Rouge National Park is large and green, and Hydro Marsh/Alex Robertson is easy to walk to.
- Alex Robertson is beautiful, shaded, and has great sledding and open spaces. The playground at Progress Park is also nice.
- I enjoy the park by the golf club.
- Pine Grove is great because it's next to trails.
- Recently updated parks (within 5–7 years) have accessible playgrounds. I like the one near St. Mary's High School and Dunmoore.
- Alex Robertson Park is great for cricket, baseball, festivals, and has excellent landscaping and trees.
- Shadybrook Park is a favourite because it has pickleball courts.
- I like Saint Mary Park but dislike the wood chips—they're unsafe for toddlers.
- There are no really nice parks in my opinion.
- I visit the Rouge and the lakefront. I look forward to the day when pedestrians and cyclists can cross the channel at the mouth of Frenchman's Bay.
- Bay Ridges Kinsmen Park has remnants of forest and marsh. It's a shame the trees were cut.
- I don't visit parks due to allergies.
- Waterfront parks are appreciated.
- Many parks have access problems due to a lack of parking, especially Amberlea Park and its splash pad.
- Rouge National Urban Park is great because it's preserved in its original state, with beautiful trails and scenery.
- Diana Princess of Wales Park is nice.
- The Waterfront Trail is used almost daily. It's paved, scenic, and dog-friendly, with picnic spots and beach access.
- Petticoat Creek, Frenchman's Bay, and Rotary Park are nice for being open and close to water.
- All parks are unique and valuable. Cleanliness, shade, benches, and restrooms are key.
- Seaton Trail is a gem.
- Rouge National Park is loved.
- Parks with both play structures and green space are great, especially near the lake.
- Amberlea and Rouge are favourites.
- Petticoat Creek Conservation Area is a city escape. Princess Diana Park makes good use of hydro corridors for gardens and community uses.

- Altona and Amberlea Park are well-rounded.
- David Farr Park offers a variety of year-round uses.
- Amberlea Park is loved for the splash pad and toboggan hill.
- Location is important.
- The waterfront park is nice but needs better upkeep.
- I love the path by the water near Liverpool South—even though I forget the park's name. Any waterside path is great.
- I like all the parks—they're great community spaces.
- Seaton Trail, Kinsmen, Rotary, Frenchman's Bay West, Millennium Square, and David Farr are all excellent.
- Waterfront parks are great but need more development and parking.
- Esplanade Park is central, shaded, and has seating, flowers, art, and washrooms.
- I love the Enchanted Forest in the urban area and Seaton Trail in the rural area. These parks connect to larger systems and don't feel like isolated paths.
- Rouge Valley Park is a wonderful green space.
- I used to love the 40 acres at the Holiday Gardens Slovenian Country Club until the city restricted camping after 60 years.
- I love the Lake Ontario trail system, including Pickering and the Greenbelt. The protests helped save this area from condo development.
- Beverly Morgan Park offers peaceful trail access. West Shore Beach has beautiful water views. Esplanade and Diana Princess of Wales Park are well-located.
- Pirate Park off Liverpool Road is fun for kids, with bike trails and courts nearby.
- Petticoat Creek Conservation Park is appreciated.
- All of them! Green space makes Pickering stand out in the GTHA.
- The park behind Pickering Library is great for events like Ribfest and movies in the park.
- I used to go to the Altona Forest playground when my kids were little.
- Beach, Victoria, and Sutton Parks are clean and calming.
- Petticoat Creek and Dunmoore are good.
- I like Petticoat Creek.
- None are convenient for me.
- None. Look at Victoria Park in Cobourg for comparison.
- Many structures are aging and not accessible under the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- I enjoy the waterpark near Liverpool and Frenchman's Bay.
- Waterfront areas support independent shops.
- None. The new parking rules have ruined the beach experience.
- I enjoy the preserved areas of Seaton. Greenwood and the north Kiley path are great, though maintenance is lacking.
- I like the area west of Frenchman's Bay, though access is limited. I often enter Rouge Park from the Toronto side. As density increases, parks will be even more important.

- Rotary Frenchman's Bay Park is great with a sandy beach, parking, and bathroom facilities.
- I enjoy many parks.
- I prefer parks with hiking trails.
- Petticoat Creek, Major Oaks, and the waterfront are favourites.
- I like taking my son to play at local parks.
- Seaton and the waterfront offer views and natural interaction. However, Seaton Trail needs better maintenance.
- Beachfront and Kinsmen Parks are appreciated.
- The Esplanade is peaceful.
- I don't go to parks anymore since my kids are grown. We used to love the one at the bottom of Liverpool.
- Bear's Park is nice.
- I haven't visited many.
- David Farr, Forest Brook, and Kinsmen offer green areas, trails, and sports fields.
- Frenchman's Bay and Rouge Park are appreciated.
- West Shore and Bay Side Parks have great views.
- Westshore Beach is a nice spot.
- Altona Forest is unspoiled, and Esplanade Park is a great gathering spot.
- Waterfront parks and conservation areas are enjoyable.
- Some are just grassy areas overrun with dogs and dog waste.
- Petticoat Creek offers a full experience, including swimming.
- Beverly Morgan has long forested trails. The Esplanade has trees, seating, and art.
- Amberlea is great for its toboggan hill.
- I like Frenchman's Bay and Esplanade North for entertainment and walking.
- Rouge Park is a favourite.
- None in particular.
- Petticoat Creek is spacious and has beautiful nature trails.
- Whitevale and Seaton Trail offer a mix of vegetation. Rouge has several trails. Rotary Frenchman's Bay West and Petticoat Creek Conservation Park are also beautiful.
- I love parks that are accessible for all, with water features and nature trails.
- Pickering parks are basic and boring.
- Brock Ridge Park used to be great, but now it's full of dog poop due to irresponsible owners.
- Douglas Park is one I know.
- I don't know the names, but I'd rather see more parks and fewer townhomes around Altona.
- None.
- Princess Diana Park is loved by my kids for its soft play surface.
- Amberlea is great for soccer and baseball diamonds.

- Brock Ridge and David Farr are great for walking, cycling, and family fun.
- Brick Ridge Park is appreciated.
- I love all the parks—they're each unique.
- St. Mary's is a favourite.
- None—there are only tiny parks for little kids, nothing for adults or families.
- David Farr has big green space, paths, and garbage bins—it feels safe.
- David Farr, Seaton Trail, and Duffins Creek are great.
- I like that many Pickering parks have parking, trails, nature, water, and events.
- Beverly Morgan Park has peaceful walking trails through woods.
- The parks near Vaughan Willard and Centennial are great for families and have bathrooms.
- Balsdon Park is good.
- I enjoy the parks walkable from my home at Rosebank/Finch and the waterfront parks. I miss the Petticoat Creek pool and hope it reopens.
- Waterfront parks near Liverpool and Whites Road are great.
- Pickering's waterfront offers lovely views.
- I enjoy the parks but less so now due to crowding. Trails have become harder to navigate safely.
- The beach at Frenchman's Bay is a favourite.
- Heber Downs and the waterfront are appreciated.
- Pickering needs more recreational parks with pickleball and basketball.
- I like parks with both nature trails and playgrounds for kids.
- Seeing blue herons around Frenchman's Bay is a joy.
- Petticoat Creek is close to the water and has trails. More parks like this are needed elsewhere in the city.
- The park at Taunton & Burkholder is clean and has lots to do for kids.
- I like the lake-adjacent parks.
- None in my neighbourhood.
- Parks are the only places kids can go during summer breaks. They love water play and walks—it's healthy and relaxing.
- David Farr Park has a creek and trail nearby. Sandy Beach Road has a good park too.
- Frenchman's Bay is appreciated for its lake access.
- I don't currently use parks.
- The Esplanade Park isn't too big or crowded. It has shade, seating, and is accessible.
- The waterfront trail near my house is lovely.
- Amberlea Park has great playgrounds for kids and sports facilities for older children.
- I love the water parks—Pickering needs more.
- Waterfront parks and Petticoat Creek Park offer a natural setting.
- We don't see many parks overall.
- Petticoat Creek is a favourite.

- Rick Johnson Memorial Park is the only park in my community.
- I love Progress Park but hate the fishers who leave hooks and lines everywhere—it harms wildlife and kids.
- Petticoat is great for family picnics, trails, and the pool.
- I use the dog park.
- Amberlea Park has a bit of everything.
- Seaton Hiking Trail is a natural preserve with rustic trails. Rouge Park's beach is nice. Unfortunately, Beach Point Promenade was ruined by tree removal.
- Rouge National Park and the waterfront areas are favourites.
- Parks near the lake are calming and offer relief from city noise.
- Rouge National Park is appreciated for its natural, lakeside location.
- I love all of them.
- Princess Diana Park is great, especially the running path—it encourages active use like jogging and cycling.
- Rotary Park Trail and Montgomery Road Trail are enjoyed.
- Esplanade Park, Millennium Square, and Princess Diana Park are well-located and offer planned events.
- I like the parks on Front Street, William Dunbar, and Vaughan Willard—they offer great space and equipment.
- Esplanade has events, green space, and ample parking.
- We moved here to be walking distance from the bay. Petticoat Creek should be Pickering property, and more could be done with the bay.
- I love Petticoat Creek, Frenchman's Bay, the waterfront trails, and northern watershed parks.
- Waterfront parks with green space and accessibility are best.
- Millennium Square is great. Looking forward to the boardwalk completion. Rouge Beach Park has a new playground and is great for biking and walking.
- Petticoat Creek is my top choice.
- Princess Diana Park has a great variety of sports facilities.

Q8. How important is it to integrate parks into the design and planning of new developments?

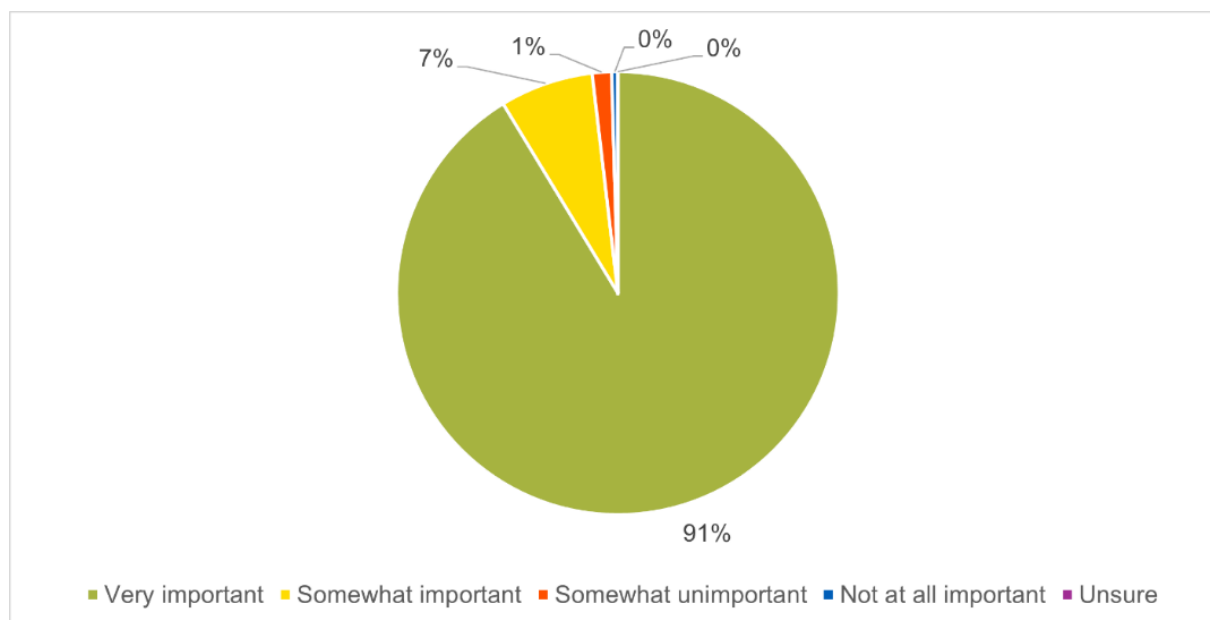


Figure 5 - Summary of how important participants identified integrating parks into the design and planning of new developments. N=220

Q9. What type of parks are most needed in Pickering?

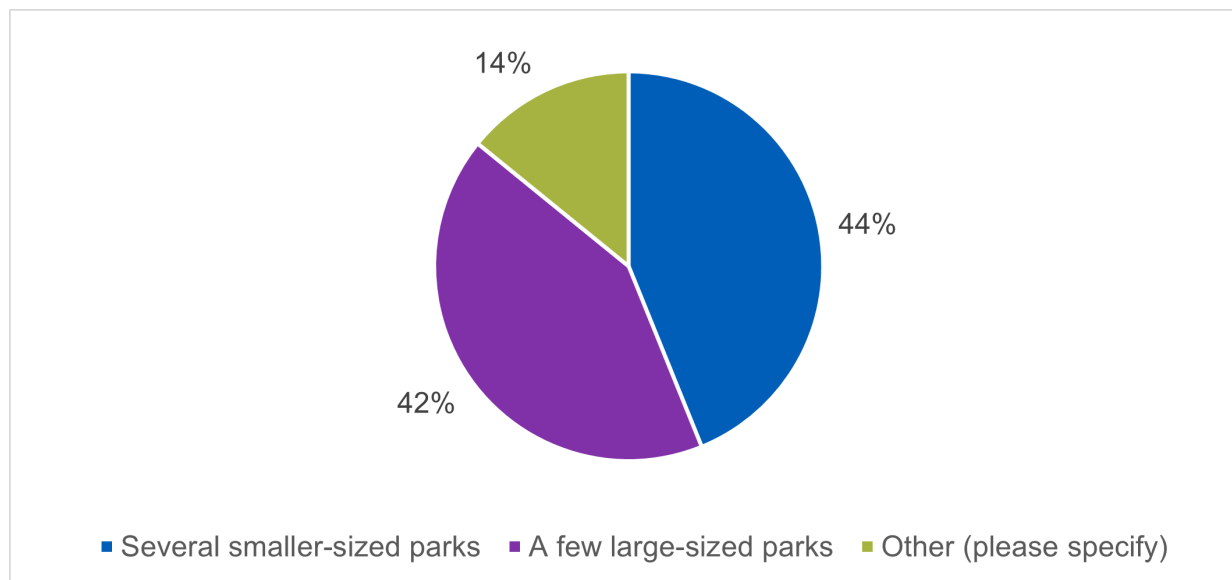


Figure 6 – Summary of the type of parks participants identified as most needed in Pickering.

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Other:

- More park spaces in older neighbourhoods where they weren't established when the area was developed, and better connections between parks, particularly off-road multi-use trails.
- Mix of water park and park combined, like Ajax has at the beach area.
- Have enough, unless private.
- None, if it will cost us money to build or maintain them.
- Both. We need large-scale and small-scale parks for different purposes.
- It depends on how you want people to access them. Small parks in every community are great for access via walking. If you expect people to drive everywhere, you may as well plan a mega park a la High Park or Mount Royal.
- Both large-sized parks and smaller-sized.
- I would say a variety—large and small ones that cater to different age groups.
- You need a combination. Large parks are great to protect habitat and have longer walking trails. Small parks are usually geared toward having an area where children can play and explore.
- Mixture of both sizes.
- Trails in nature.
- Small public area with group seating, especially in popular areas or areas of high foot congestion (i.e., City Hall, near high schools).
- Every neighbourhood needs to have a park in which sports such as soccer, baseball, bocce, etc., can be played and a playground. Large parks are also needed.
- Both types—whatever can be accommodated within the area they are to be.
- Connected trails.
- A mix, but they need to be maintained.
- A large park and several smaller-sized ones.
- Both.
- More parks are not needed; keep the ones we have maintained.
- Both. We need large and smaller parks. Larger parks can accommodate family gatherings and the smaller parks can accommodate single families.
- Parks with outdoor sports facilities.
- Both are needed. People need green spaces for their well-being, pets, and children.
- Large parks that include nature, such as creeks and forests.
- Pickering to me is becoming a concrete city. I would like to see something that will bring back some of the peace and tranquility of nature—something that will create mindfulness and let people slow down and relax.
- A variety of parks encompassing different types of space while preserving nature and trees.
- Walking trails; enough parks for kids here.
- Parks both small and large—large to facilitate activities such as sports and outdoor festivals.

- Parks with trees, grass, and benches.
- When new developments are being considered, parkland should be incorporated into their design.
- Both. In fact, every area in Pickering should consider green spaces. For instance, industrial areas could have common areas for employees to have green spaces to enjoy time with colleagues, have a walk during lunch hours, and places to get together after work hours.

Q10. Please explain why?

- Several smaller ones would be more accessible by active transportation.
- So they are throughout the city, not concentrated in one area.
- While smaller accessible parks are welcome. Few large size, go-to destination parks and playgrounds would contribute greatly to Pickering's liveability.
- It is very important for kids to reach and cycle to parks safely without relying on parents driving them to a park.
- Free parking.
- If there are more smaller ones, more people can walk to them with their families and dogs.
- Accessibility.
- More amenities can be provided with larger parks i.e. soccer field, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds.
- Each new developed area needs green space... it cannot be all houses and condos.
- Something that you can park at, and have festivals, farmers markets or craft shows. Food truck festivals, a place where each weekend something is going on no matter what the season. Like the Distillery District for example with outdoor vendors.
- One large park is wonderful except it's not accessible to everybody that's not driving. So several small size parks would be beautiful.
- Spending is out of control at all levels of government.
- We have large parks like Petticoat we need to improve and make them available.
- Easy commute for residents, especially those with younger children.
- So people can spread out and enjoy nature.
- We don't have enough large size parks for kids to enjoy.
- Neighbourhoods.
- I am tired of paying ever-increasing taxes for non-essential things.
- It would be nice to have more hiking trails.
- Just to make the existing ones better.
- Rural areas are being forgotten for south of HWY 7. With new developments more green space is needed to help with the high density.
- Parks are amazing. I am intrinsically motivated to be in them. Many people are not. There are numerous health benefits for people to be in parks. So, whatever you do, make sure it is easy for people to go to the parks.

- Both. Need at least one large park that has a splash pad and other amenities that's walking distance from a school. Gated. Also adult parks as well.
- Pickering has become very cramped with the large amount of homes in a small area. Brock and Taunton area is an example.
- Pickering is home to many families with children and they require safe and accessible outdoor spaces to play. We also have many areas in which there are higher numbers of elderly people, so green spaces would benefit our elderly population.
- A space for all diversities to come together and to share with each other.
- Pickering is a large city. We need several to be built for community members to access easily by walking to them.
- Larger parks mean more people coming together to play.
- A nice and large gathering place maybe with a rink in the winter. The large concrete pad at David Farr Park could be a rink in the winter.
- For people to become less reliant on cars we need access to great local amenities which includes outdoor opportunities.
- Smaller sized parks are best suited for small children's activities. Large sized parks need space for gardens, trees, and quiet areas.
- Different age groups have different needs and uses for parks.
- Better use of Petticoat Creek Conservation Area and bringing back the pool.
- Large parks require large parking areas. Amberlea Park has a great rectangular pad for pickleball in the summer and could be used as an ice rink in the winter, but there's no parking spaces.
- I look at the system that is found in South Ajax where you can walk down trails and small parks all the way to the waterfront where there is an expansive park that combines natural habitats and a playground for children.
- Large parks where people can gather with friends and family to enjoy and also cook and BBQ.
- Large dedicated green spaces are important especially as the population increases. If developments do not have outdoor backyard spaces, people will need room to recreate in nature to stay healthy physically and mentally.
- Different events require different size parks. Larger parks are good for large gatherings, and smaller parks can focus on specific activities.
- Promote active living.
- Pickering needs gathering spaces that are accessible by multiple methods of transportation, encourage people to stop and relax, that are owned by the city and accommodate many forms of recreation and socialization.
- I'd rather answer both to large and small. It is really helpful to have a smaller park nearby for kids and dogs and such. But a larger park allows for more activities and gives a sense of community to a place.
- Every community needs a medium-sized park for kids and families.

- Parks or greenspace within 10 mins walk are best for maximum usage. When further, users are either demotivated to use frequently, or if not able-bodied, further away is too taxing to access. Smaller parks help provide essential cooling centres near home.
- More around the city so it's accessible.
- Large parks will have too many people trying to access it. Now, playgrounds and parks could be two different things. If you mean parks (green spaces) then large ones are good.
- I think we need large park spaces for families together. There's not enough of that. A friend and I have to go to Ajax for those types of events. That big park in Ajax by the water is typically where we go when we want to gather as a family.
- Allows public to gather in small groups within their communities. Helps people feel safer seeing people around.
- There are already a lot of small playground parks throughout the southern half of Pickering.
- Large size park can accommodate more community gatherings.
- Make it easier to "nature bathe" in a nearby location.
- A large park is more appealing than a parkette or park with a playground, which encourages organized activity. There's a reason why Beare Hill, Valley Farm Ravine, and Waterfront Trail are busier than neighbourhood parks. Expansive and things to do for all ages.
- Everyone should be able to access a park that is within walking distance to their house. It will encourage people to use it more often and the parks would also be less crowded.
- To preserve the flora and fauna of the earth and reduce pollution to mitigate climate change and to provide clean air to breathe. For exercise, enjoyment of nature, peace and quiet, socialization, building dexterity on play structures, a place to hang.
- There is no significant park in the core of the city—just a shopping mall, government buildings, and planned massive towers and large roadways for vehicles only. Not people friendly. Better in most US cities and Europe.
- Distributing park space = more equal access for everyone, potentially increased connections to other parks (e.g., ravine system).
- More variety for kids.
- Ideally, parks should be in walking distance of people, and a small number of large parks necessarily puts some people farther away from a park than a larger number of small parks (assuming equal total park area).
- Parks encourage residents to stay healthy and active. They can encourage children to spend more time outside, instead of on a screen.
- If they are larger parks, they can accommodate more people and other housing/buildings can be built around that.
- Better use of land.
- More is better.
- More parks spread around are more accessible to more people.

- Dog park.
- We need more community outdoor pools that are free to community like in Toronto.
- Because as people move into smaller homes and condos, parks become a more essential community asset.
- Large spaces for unique cultural and social events. There is only the park by City Hall. Also all our parks are pre-fabricated and mundane. There is no unique identity to any park space in Pickering other than the physical landscape.
- More access.
- Larger areas allow for more events that can build community.
- We need more green space.
- Parks need to be within walking distance to communities where there are children.
- There are numerous smallish parks in Pickering but no linkage (other than driving). Need to eliminate the piecemeal aspects.
- More smaller-sized parks across Pickering will allow for easier access and availability to residents.
- Makes it look less like a gray, depressing city.
- If I see that a smaller park is hosting a family get-together, I'm just going to go home. So if you have larger parks, those can host the larger family gatherings and the neighbourhood parks can host the neighbours.
- A park that can allow long walks.
- Close proximity and less traffic in some parks is ideal.
- Parks provide health and wellness spaces to the residents and visitors.
- Nature gives peace of mind.
- Smaller, more numerous parks are more accessible.
- Areas for children to play, especially if all the condos are built. More soccer/pickleball/tennis/basketball courts for public to use and have access. Also splash pads like Ajax has.
- We need to build more homes and the new developments need small parks rather than a few large parks.
- I find it's easier for myself to feel like I'm in nature when I'm in a larger park. Smaller parks are nice, but they feel more like an extension of the suburb rather than a place in and of themselves.
- There need to be better parks like Audley or Rotary Park. Reopen Petticoat. Or check out Cornell Community Park in Markham. Multi-functional to keep people active.
- Every community needs more trees around their homes.
- Because of basketball, walking and hiking.
- Both large and small parks are needed.
- People should be able to have parks within walking distance from their houses. However, the small parks do NOT eliminate the need for large parks.
- We don't have amazing parks for the kids. We are always driving to Ajax or Whitby.

- The Pickering park game is not great. Not very many parks for children with handicaps. Boring.
- Several small parks are a better option so that residents of the local neighborhood can walk to a nearby park rather than driving to a few large parks, which require more parking spaces and increase traffic.
- There are far too many condos and townhouses going up. We need more green space so it doesn't feel like downtown Toronto. Pickering is losing its small-town charm very quickly.
- Several smaller parks spread out in the community for kids to enjoy.
- You can get more parks with smaller ones than just a few larger parks.
- Small parks at more locations give you a chance to explore the areas.
- Unlike many other towns that have large sport complexes for adults and children, Pickering cannot host sport tournaments which limits tourism in the city. Being part of a travel sports team, it is a shame we cannot host and spend so much in other cities.
- Parks should be at walking distance.
- Smaller to support community.
- Less crowded.
- Bigger parks with an artificial lake, picnic tables, splash pads, barbecue area and a field for other outdoor activities.
- Green spaces are necessary for mental health. It is also good for the environment.
- We are paving over too much wild land.
- Several smaller parks can be included in more communities than a few larger parks.
- We need to build a community feel. Big playgrounds.
- Smaller parks so everyone can walk to one.
- If one park, we have less parking and are overcrowded.
- More parks, the better.
- We need more.
- Large allows for activities as opposed to just benches and a playground.
- There are quite a few smaller scaled parks. We had one large one by the beachfront, but that got taken down a few years ago. Still hoping for them to rebuild.
- Children should have a place to play nearby. There should be winter skating rinks made.
- Walking and biking trails everyone can use. A park is used mostly by young families and doesn't provide use for everyone.
- Pickering has seen a huge growth in communities with children.
- To accommodate the diverse culture of the population.
- Just smaller parks to go and sit in and enjoy the quiet.
- Makes you feel as if you have some breathing room and more fresh air.
- Our children need a safe place to attend where they can be active, have fun and keep fit.
- Intermittent green spaces are very important.

- Both Ajax and Oshawa have large waterfront parks complete with walking trails and picnic tables. I think our waterfront needs some work. Parks should be a combo of play areas with benches and lots of shade, with nice green areas to play on and paved paths.
- No purpose to large parks. Smaller local parks for family access.
- Some parks have way too much activity going on, which is fine for sports, picnics, etc., but not for personal visits.
- Green spaces are important to quality of life and for one's mental health.
- More large size parks with playing fields (soccer, basketball, pickleball, etc.).
- Proximity is important.
- Very little undeveloped land in Pickering to allow larger spaces.
- Large sized parks are very crowded. Children often have to spend their time waiting for their turn.
- There are too many people here and many smaller parks help give people space.
- Children can play and have fun and 100% safety value.
- We live in a rural area with a park that is not walking distance from us.
- Pickering is now being built up with density and little to no green space. This is why people originally came here. We don't want to be Mississauga.
- I prefer green space. Pickering is becoming too big, too congested. More condo towers, more people, more cars, no space for more roads to accommodate those cars. It's already rush hour all day long on Kingston Road.
- More places for children to interact and play.
- Large parks are more fun and useful.
- A mix. Maybe one large park and several small parks.
- Playgrounds are fun, hills for sledding. Don't let the weeds make it overgrown like what happened with Ernie L. Stroud Park.
- There need to be large areas for large amounts of people to access.
- Population is growing everywhere.
- Toboggan hills—big ones! Kids, teenagers, and adults alike love them and there are none around.
- Need more vast green space to enjoy outdoor picnics with seating areas and many trees for shade.
- Families will come in and the children need a place to play. My grandchildren can hardly wait to go to the park across the street when they come to visit. Their mother played there when she was young too.
- More parks and green spaces are needed for mental health and exercise. Natural heritage features should be connected to provide sufficient areas for wildlife to forage and encourage diversity.
- Green space promotes health and well-being.
- Large parks encourage community building.
- More community parks with playground equipment for kids. Quiet spots to read, or just relax and enjoy nature. Meet for coffee with friends.

- Open green spaces for people to use at their will.
- More availability.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like us to consider when updating the Pickering Official Plan about moving around the city, protecting cultural heritage, or parks?

- Reading the Pickering Forward document makes me feel encouraged by this vision. All too often the discussion gets hijacked by a car centric doctrine which seems outdated, backward thinking and expensive on many levels. This looks like a step forward. In theory.
- We need to focus on building bike lanes that will last long or multi-use paths in boulevards. We also really do need to improve transit routes and times in the City. Nighttime does not feel safe when you are a transit rider and a walker. Our lights are dim and sidewalks do not seem safe at nighttime! We are pushing out young people as there is not much to do for them in the City without a car.
- Now that Greenbelt land is more firmly protected; it would be good to conserve and use them as parks or publicly accessible/supported agricultural lands. COVID, and now the tariffs has shown the importance of local food production, and local economy.
- Please add protections for vulnerable road users and incorporate road diets. Also build protected cycle lanes.
- Free and lots of parking. Increase accessible parking with strict enforcement.
- Traffic issues, better light and garbage cans and collection of the waste at the parks.
- We don't need more bike paths on the road. They rarely get used and they benefit very few people. Due to our weather, they aren't used most of the year. We could broaden the sidewalks and incorporate a few bike lanes or connect more side roads to allow bikers to stay away from main streets if they wish to.
- Reduce the requirements on developers allow flexibility as each site is different and has its own natural constraints.
- Look at Unionville, and parts of Whitby.
- More traffic lights along Kingston Road, specifically between Liverpool and Whites . There should be one from the entrance of Loblaws. And crosswalks are needed. There are also not enough sidewalks along Kingston Road. It's dangerous to walk to the bus stop.
- Less condo development.
- I live in the new Seaton development on Chateau Crt. There are so many kids in the neighborhood, but there is no park for them to play in. Builders should be required to build parks, or the City should, so all residents have a park within walking distance.
- City Hall continues to spend every cent it can get, time for more constraint.
- Overpopulation with no real improvement on our roads - it's too much to handle.
- Increased timeline for upgrading playground equipment with improved equipment.
- Please make a small playing area for kids in the Rotary Park.
- Reduce our taxes!

- Take the Hamlet of Claremont and Whitevale into your planning. Both areas have been neglected for years in favour of communities south of Taunton Road. There should be a dog park for Claremont Residents as we shouldn't have to go to Stouffville or Uxbridge or down south of 7 just to access one especially when you have Animal Services on Hwy 7 and space around there you could add one.
- We need to protect green space and provide spaces that people want to use. They need to be properly MAINTAINED. with lighting and maintenance and repairs. There should also be emergency buttons for alerting police in more isolated areas.
- Lublin Avenue, a quiet residential street was just repaved and turned into a drag strip for motorcycles and cars. We don't need double wide streets when no one ever parks on them. Stop paying to repave poorly designed roads when that is a perfect opportunity to redesign with sidewalks and or bike lanes.
- Adult parks, too.
- Create spaces that are not going to be used after hours for the safety of the houses around and to prevent needles.
- I have lived in Pickering since 2011 and am happy to call it home with my husband and two children. We do not need to end up like Mississauga or Toronto where there are so many people living in an area that it becomes so congested to the point where we increase pollution, lose long-time residents due to overcrowding, lose green spaces to ridiculous condos that only hurt the environment and the residents living in those areas where the proposed buildings are wanting to be put, etc.
- Kids are the future, their development is very important. Also people always speed on the road, sidewalks keep the community safe.
- More trees along the streets and also why are we putting those ugly wooden hydro posts every 10m where there were less concrete posts before. Can't we bury those lines instead? or find a way to put fake branches or a way to decorate those ugly posts.
- We should make every effort to preserve farm land and still find a way to grow with more family friendly buildings which would mean better built midrise and high rise structures that are affordable even more so than detached homes. At a glance it appears to me that multi story property is, all in, more expensive and less reliable than detached. At this point most people I know don't see value in such properties!
- Look at Pickering's past development decisions with a critical eye. Also - what is going on in 'Seaton'? Where are the parks, schools, shops, transit? So far, the developments north of Rossland Road are examples of what NOT to do.
- Equipment, sport fields, washroom facilities, age diverse and mobility cares for seniors.
- Residents are concerned about increased core density. There seems to be no infrastructure improvement plan.
- One of the things I am aware of is that any development in the City rarely takes into consideration the impact on existing residents. If they did, then the planning would be more carefully planned out when it comes to the location of a high-rise, whether sound

walls or buffer zones (park location for example) should be considered at the start to take into the consideration of future noise levels etc.

- Acknowledgment of Indigenous culture, accessibility, community gardens.
- Please consider the people-to-place ratio. Too many people crammed into too little space is never pleasant or healthy. Make sure that developers include retail/business spaces on the first several floors of tall condominium developments so that the building can be self-sustaining and even draw in people from nearby dwellings. Development must happen, so be proactive in what you want from developers to make our city people-friendly. What is decided must have room for retail and business if we want our city to thrive. Driving out small businesses and not making Pickering accessible to larger companies will come back to bite us. I always hear that my taxes are so high because there is not enough retail. Where is the space for retail in the condominium developments and townhouses that are being proposed? So far, they only offer a fraction of what was previously on that land. Please think very carefully and wisely on what you are doing. You literally carry the future of Pickering in your hands. It is a tremendous honour and responsibility to leave a legacy that will outlive you.
- Have the grocery stores near large populations, and less investor condos that are bachelor or 1 bedroom, families need to have condos too.
- People in Pickering need access to parks and the parks should include a variety of native plant species that promote biodiversity. Proposed developments in Pickering should not be built if we are losing large areas of green space that could have been dedicated to parkland instead. As more developments come into Pickering, I want to be reassured that greenspaces, natural features and parks will be preserved. I want Pickering to create policies that protect the environment and allow for new growth. Stop building on wetlands and forested areas, these areas are essential for healthy ecosystems and they protect this city from soil degradation, coastal erosion and flooding. we need parks and we need biodiversity.
- Make the waterfront at Liverpool more appealing with shops, cafés, and restaurants. Tattoo parlors and hairstyling places don't make it as attractive.
- When you solve for rolling users (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, strollers), you generally create an enjoyable outcome for a wide range of abilities. Personally, I love the principles of 8 to 80 Cities: "We are guided by the simple but powerful idea that if everything we do in our cities is great for an 8-year-old and an 80-year-old, then it will be better for all people." When my mom was in a wheelchair for four months, then using a walker for two more, we quickly learned how tricky life can be beyond accessible parking spots. Incomplete or missing sidewalks = car risk. Paved nature trails are limited or not cleared of snow/ice in winter = limited access to fresh air and nature.
- Don't remove all the plazas—this is where we shop. I can walk to many in under 10 minutes. These businesses need to stay. Also, there aren't enough schools in Pickering for the growing population. There are too many portables. Build more schools ASAP.
- Consider parking needs in spaces where people may gather.

- The planned high-rise condos are going to ruin the community. We will move.
- Fewer high-rises without proper transit planning.
- The last feedback window closed a bit too soon. I think it's important to consider green spaces where families can gather and picnic—larger green areas with picnic tables, a water park, and maybe a basketball court. Pickering has many trails, but not any large "mega parks." I have to go to Ajax or further east for that. Also, we need outdoor basketball courts. It's baffling that there are no public outdoor courts for kids to play. There are tennis courts and ice rinks—but no basketball? Yet there are so many rep basketball teams in Durham. This sends the wrong message. Outdoor basketball courts are a must.
- Please protect our green spaces. As the GTA population expands outward, community spaces must be maintained and updated to accommodate this growth.
- Shopping complexes, transit, and schools should be prioritized for new communities in North Pickering. The population is growing, but there's nothing nearby. Transit is lacking between downtown and the new Seaton areas.
- Parks should be more than just lawns—plant trees and flowers. Include bodies of water where possible.
- Identify and describe Cultural Heritage Resources to strengthen cultural heritage policies in the Official Plan.
- Stop development around Duffins and Carruthers Creeks. They're already rated C and D. Rural roads are unsafe for joggers, cyclists, and walkers. Development has caused a loss of frogs, grasshoppers, fireflies, birds, and even trout in local creeks. You're allowing development in protected areas, removing trees and meadows, which violates the Greenbelt Plan. Wildlife such as owls, foxes, and wild turkeys are losing their habitats. Please inspect rural areas before approving Official Plan changes.
- Increase traffic-calming with permanent structures: chicanes, speed bumps, narrower streets, crosswalk humps, roundabouts—not just camera enforcement.
- Mixed-use is very important. Keep commercial spaces within communities to make walking more practical. Higher density helps, but many neighborhoods require long walks to access even one non-residential building.
- Create more public spaces and facilities—for people, not just dogs. Outdoor skating rinks and pools are needed.
- Improve roads to avoid traffic congestion, especially with all the condos being built.
- Stop building so high. Build more culverts when developing new areas.
- Pickering has been a huge disappointment—it's full of cookie-cutter houses and twisty roads that render public transit ineffective. There's no character.
- WE NEED POOLS! With climate change, we need to provide this for our communities.
- New development must include infrastructure. Current taxpayers shouldn't bear the costs.

- Toronto is a city of neighborhoods. Pickering's planning feels overly generalized. As we grow, it'll be harder to get around by car. Development should include local parks and amenities so we don't have to drive.
- Add sidewalks on busier streets like Altona.
- Invest in mass transit—not just buses. Make Pickering walkable. Bus lanes aren't enough. With all the development along Bayly and Kingston, we need rail or gondola systems to reduce car dependency. Without a car, getting around is nearly impossible.
- More fitness parks.
- Add sidewalks on both sides of major roads: Kingston Rd, Altona, Sheppard, and Finch.
- Stop demolishing buildings just to build condos. Roads can't support a larger population. Leave green spaces alone. We don't have enough grocery stores, schools, or public resources as it is.
- Improve public transportation. Better bus service reduces cars on the road.
- We need more jobs and businesses.
- Consider building a bridge across Frenchman's Bay channel to connect the waterfront trail.
- Please consider people with disabilities. Bus service is terrible, and snow isn't cleared in winter. Try using a wheelchair around Pickering for three days. It's exhausting.
- Facilitate traffic—don't block movement.
- More pedestrian-friendly areas.
- More off-leash areas for dog owners.
- We love the city! But our small dog would enjoy more dog parks with separate sections for smaller dogs.
- Please consider what's best for the community in terms of sustainability and environmental protection when planning.
- More ice pads. Figure skating and skating lessons often get bumped for hockey. These are part of Canadian heritage. Hockey is growing—support it too.
- More park space with washrooms and small, independent shops. Host weekly or monthly artisan markets.
- Improve roadways if you're adding 75 high-rises. Traffic is already a major issue.
- **WE NEED MORE ROADS OR LANES!**
- Add a grocery store near Dragonfly Ave.
- Traffic congestion is worsening. Condos are being added without addressing increased traffic flow. It shouldn't take 10 minutes to cross a single bridge.
- Altona Road used to be a bird sanctuary—now it's townhomes. We need more parks, gardens, and play areas in every subdivision.
- Build schools so kids aren't bused to Ajax. Developers keep building near Walmart, but no schools are planned. These children are bused to Ajax.
- Carefully consider the impacts of any changes or planning decisions.
- Parks should be free for residents.

- Add signs commemorating cultural heritage. Remove ditches on Finch—they're unsafe. Clean forested areas. Add more garbage cans. Plant trees along Kingston. Add banners to celebrate our history and culture. Pickering pride is low. The Christmas lights event is nice, but the tree is corny. Add splash pads and a pool with a slide for kids. Use digital banners to highlight community members—not ads. Make the beach more accessible.
- We should not grow the population too much—halt development.
- Collingwood has a labyrinth in a wooded setting. That would be lovely here if there's room in the budget.
- Make walking safer—lack of sidewalks makes it dangerous at night, especially for children.
- Add free outdoor pickleball courts.
- Stop building so many condos. People move to Pickering to escape Toronto's density. Don't turn Pickering into Toronto.
- I've lived in Bay Ridges for over 39 years. Traffic has increased and become dangerous. With all the new condos on Kingston, Liverpool, and Bayly, Liverpool is now a nightmare.
- Add more playgrounds and parks with washrooms. Don't tear down heritage buildings. Don't take forever to build—those condos at the Town Centre have been "coming" for years. Nothing's started.
- Plan four-lane roads between neighborhoods. Add more parking at malls and strip plazas. As population grows, we need more wheelchair-accessible parking that's free.
- Please protect areas around Frenchman's Bay and other natural spaces.
- Highway 2 is just strip plazas and condos. What we need is a central district for business, entertainment, culture, and sports. I've lived here since 1979—development has been slow and fragmented. Let's create a more integrated, vibrant city core.
- Reconsider the condo on Pickering Parkway. The only exit is onto the Parkway, and it's a massive building.
- Continuous sidewalks on Kingston Road, please! The random patches of mud and grass are embarrassing—like there was never a plan.
- Improve safety at high-traffic corners like Liverpool and Kingston Rd. Ensure all bus stops are accessible, have shelters, and align with high school schedules.
- A new Costco!
- Stop raising property taxes. My mom in Scarborough has a larger home and lot and pays less! Mine have gone up every year for 13 years. It's unfair!
- More recreation centres.
- Pickering hasn't grown up or progressed. It still hosts events in a single block of the Esplanade. That's all it's ever been in 40+ years—just one block.
- Improve regional transit access, including better service into downtown Toronto.
- Add traffic lights at Waterford Gate and Altona Road. Please survey the area—you can't exit the street when Rouge Valley is closed.
- Stop the excessive number of condos being planned.

- Currently, we have to go to Brock or Whites Road for essentials or to get on the 401. A new road connection would save time, reduce emissions, and help the environment.
- Add stores near the West Shore waterfront trail—a creamery or bakery would be nice.
- There's too much push for density.
- Make waterfront areas more accessible for beachgoers. If new parks are built, post clear rules and have staff monitor for safety and behavior.
- I'm looking for work in Pickering, but it's hard. An employment agency would help. Prioritize hiring local residents. It would reduce traffic and strengthen community ties.
- Infrastructure must keep pace with construction. Not everyone will walk to stores or appointments. Don't just think about new condo residents—consider existing citizens too. All residents should be notified of major development, not just those within 150 meters.
- Lower taxes. Again—larger house and lot in Scarborough, but lower taxes than mine in Pickering. It's not fair.
- Consider traffic impacts and congestion during peak times.
- Please make sure residents are properly consulted—you never know what ideas might emerge.
- Transit is a complex issue. Partner with universities for solutions. Public transit needs to be safe, comfortable, and practical—including for those carrying goods. Provide options like taxis, car rentals, or car-sharing.
- Don't redraw boundaries without considering how it affects residents. DDSB boundary changes caused massive disruption. Decisions should come with clear communication and options for impacted residents.
- Promote food security and help citizens grow their own food. Encourage agriculture-related businesses.
- Develop a real downtown—a central gathering space with cafés and restaurants. café.