



**Certified Candidates for the
Pickering Municipal Election**

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Candidates for Mayor



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Position: Mayor

Incumbent: No

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1. It's been widely reported that Ontario needs 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years to balance supply with demand. As one of the fastest growing regions in the province, Durham Region will be playing a large part of the solution. As mayor, what will you do to improve the development processes, timelines and current staffing constraints to be able to stay on pace with the necessary growth?

In my first month of office, I will meet with senior Pickering staff and review what is required to meet the needs of developers and ensure that the 2023 Pickering budget includes the necessary funds for required staffing. As Mayor, my office will always be open to hear the concerns of residents the building industry.

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

When I'm mayor NIBYism will not be an issue as we will be abiding by consensus and community input. The Kingston Road corridor is a prime example of where development of this nature can and will be used to address affordable housing and the missing middle.

3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

Pickering has considerable vacant land in the Seaton Neighbourhoods and land for employment in the Pickering Innovation Corridor.

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Candidates for Mayor

Candidate: Kevin Ashe
Position: Mayor
Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.

Candidate: Bradley Nazar
Position: Mayor
Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.

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Candidates for Regional Councillor - Ward 1



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Ensure measures are in place to reward applicants whose submissions represent a balanced approach to development and intensification.

Stream line the inspection process by hiring required inspectors that will ensure no delays. Ensure adequate resources within the Planning process to process applications on time consistent with the Planning Act.

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

Set up an Office of Affordability as a one stop service to assist applicants in accessing various grants and programs that can help to reduce costs. Reward those applicants that include programs such as Habitat for Humanity

and others by providing a front of line service that cuts through red tape.

Form an advisory engagement team including DRHBA and Build to work with the Office of Affordability to set reasonable targets to measure the success for filling this need.

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Model after the best practise announced by Mayor Tory in Toronto enabling offering up lands at cost vs market by entering into agreement with those who are prepared to construct and increase the social housing and affordable housing stock with an emphasis on rentals.

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Candidates for Regional Councillor - Ward 1

Candidate: Tom Hayes

Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 1

Incumbent: No

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 1



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As a councillor, I would like to help better streamline the development process by working with various agencies to identify the specific constraints and challenges that are causing delays.

We could then work on addressing these key issues like staffing constraints; we currently need more inspectors and planners in Pickering. The key is, it needs to be a collaborative effort, and as a city councillor, I would work hard to ensure that efforts are being made to improve the development process and to keep up with the pace of necessary growth.

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

I believe that an effective way of addressing NIMBYism is through education. As a Realtor, I understand the need for development, but as a future City Councillor, I also believe that there needs to be open and effective communication with existing communities about their concerns.

Although we may not be able to appease all existing residents, it is important to keep them informed! There are quite a lot of townhomes and stacked townhouse in Ward 1, and although they are great for affordability and walkability, the development of the 'missing middle' alone cannot keep up with the pace of mandated growth.

3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

I could help through data collection, surveys and by working with City Planners and various Committees.

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 1



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With affordability being the most pertinent ballot box issue in this election I think ensuring we are building more mixed use residential homes is essential to help stabilize home prices

Pickering already has proposed intensification in my Ward along Kingston Road - I feel with such unprecedented growth it is imperative we consult with current residents and ensure we are protecting the environment and building sufficient transportation infrastructure

Residential housing needs to be built faster but we can't compromise on the character of our community and we need to have a plan to ensure we are prepared for growth

I would propose we continue to work with our Provincial and Federal partners to make sure we have sufficient resources in the GTA to deal with this massive real estate boom that we anticipate

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

The missing middle should be the adopted development path - it is the only solution to helping new comers, young families and seniors to find affordable housing solutions

Addressing NIMBYism can only be done with proactive community engagement - we are in an unprecedented time in our City's history and educating constituents and why this actually benefits the community overall is essential and a key part of community engagement

3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

We have to review all available lands and see how we can develop responsibly for the missing middle and more densely especially along transit corridors

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 1



Candidate: Anthony Michael Yacub

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Incumbent: No

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I will ensure immediate appointment of committee and revision chairs to efficiently address the processing of development proposals by the City in a timely fashion.

I also would like to increase the per diem for committee members to encourage participation and increase the number of committee members to expedite processing times further. Creating sustainable housing is key to building the future of Pickering and I would like to create more housing options with a proportionate small business base and adequate infrastructure.

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

One of the platform promises is regarding the Scarborough Subway Extension into Pickering along Kingston Road to ensure there is adequate transportation for new development residents. Residents, along with I, embrace the idea of 'missing middle' housing as it allows for flexible housing options which is important for many residents as different areas have more optimal housing constructs than others.

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In Pickering, we have open land in the North which is currently being under-utilized and I want to protect our existing communities as historical villages so I encourage building on surplus land.

This will increase the housing supply and improve affordability for the next generation to accomplish their dreams of home ownership while protecting our existing residents' quality of life.

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 1

Candidate: James Blair
Position: City Councillor - Ward 1
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Tony Harold
Position: City Councillor - Ward 1
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Lisa Robinson
Position: City Councillor - Ward 1
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Karen Sloan
Position: City Councillor - Ward 1
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Jeanine Soligo
Position: City Councillor - Ward 1
Incumbent: No

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Candidates for Regional Councillor - Ward 2

Candidate: Linda Cook
Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Eileen Higdon
Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Ali Marani
Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Gary Strange
Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 2



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1. It's been widely reported that Ontario needs 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years to balance supply with demand. As one of the fastest growing regions in the province, Durham Region will be playing a large part of the solution. As mayor, what will you do to improve the development processes, timelines and current staffing constraints to be able to stay on pace with the necessary growth?

I have been fiercely advocating for sustainable growth in the province throughout my platform and at the doors. I am pro-growth, so long as new development is built without affecting the existing infrastructure, communities, and environment in irreparable ways. I am committed to maintaining the timelines of the provincial mandate to grow, but also intend to evaluate all current projects and impacts on well-being of citizens to ensure we are maintaining sustainability and infrastructure in our growth.

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

I have been lucky enough to not run into issues surrounding the missing middle, which is the core element of my platform. Affordable housing is

crucial in sustainable growth, and reminding nay-sayers that youth need to be able to buy into the market to alleviate tax concerns, as well as remembering that affordable housing and rental properties are key to reducing crime and taxpayer expenses in supporting those struggling to support themselves, are ways to address NIMBYism.

3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

I am committed to ensuring that we prioritise lands already zoned for development that are being underutilised, such as the empty warehouse on Bayly, areas of the Brock Industrial Area, and the 407 innovation corridor, so long as we are ensuring to mix usage, bringing in manufacturing, industrial, and commercial developments as well, and categorically refusing to build on environmentally sensitive lands (wetlands, farmlands, etc.).

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 2

Candidate: George Turner
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Ward 2
Incumbent: No
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1. It's been widely reported that Ontario needs 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years to balance supply with demand. As one of the fastest growing regions in the province, Durham Region will be playing a large part of the solution. As mayor, what will you do to improve the development processes, timelines and current staffing constraints to be able to stay on pace with the necessary growth?

Improvement of the development process starts with the initial submission. Delays occur in the process when variances to the existing by-laws occur. Working with the Developers to ensure their proposals are in accordance with the City's and resident's vision will be required. Additional transparency and reporting is required by the City to show status of development proposals. I would recommend that a summary report of outstanding development proposals be included in the monthly Planning meeting. Meeting with the Planning Department Manager to understand their workload will be one of my first priorities.

2. As affordability is a key issue, how will address NIMBYism when it comes to new developments, especially those that will address the missing middle?

Pickering residents are already upset by the Kingston Road/ Brock Road intensification as the missing middle has been completely ignored. Working with the developers to include more affordable housing is required, this also includes the Seaton development. Residents do not have trust in the present planning process. They feel that staff and council are not listening to their concerns. Denying proposals that do not include affordable housing should be rejected.

3. How could you help to make underutilized or surplus land available to the industry to increase housing supply and improve affordability?

Pickering's growth has been established in the Seaton area and Kingston road corridor. Farmland should be protected from development if at all possible. Increases in housing supply will only be achieved if our infrastructure can accommodate it. More Industrial and commercial use of property is also required in Pickering as the present property tax burden is highly skewed to residential.

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 2

Candidate: Dave Currie
Position: City Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Frank McGillan
Position: City Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Ayesha Sardar
Position: City Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Nancy Van Rooy
Position: City Councillor - Ward 2
Incumbent: No

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Candidates for Regional Councillor - Ward 3

Candidate: David Pickles
Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 3
Incumbent: Yes

Did not respond to questions.

Candidate: Peter Rodrigues
Position: Regional Councillor - Ward 3
Incumbent: No

Did not respond to questions.

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Candidates for City Councillor - Ward 3

Candidate: Shaheen Butt
Position: City Councillor - Ward 3
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Ali Naqvu
Position: City Councillor - Ward 3
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Darshan Sritharan
Position: City Councillor - Ward 3
Incumbent: No

Candidate: Damian Williams
Position: City Councillor - Ward 3
Incumbent: No