

Letter To The Editor:

Dear Editor:
 President-elect Donald J. Trump has forced a mandated President Joseph R. Biden Jr. Executive Order for the transition from the 46th Presidential Administration to the 47th Presidential-elect Trump Administration because of his background, control, mastery and intelligence regarding success in business and politics. President-elect Trump has redefined how the period between the general election and the swearing in is utilized. Prior to the pre-47th Administration this period has been used to: take victory laps, for fundraising, resting and for other politicking options. President-elect Trump proved with his defeat of President Biden in just one debate that advanced age is a serious factor that the electorate considers paramount. Unfortunately, the advanced age factor is nondiscriminatory when considering many variables of evaluating and planning the future. This means that President Biden must assure America that there shall be a continuous smooth and peaceful transfer of power on January 20, 2025. President-elect Trump, unlike any prior non-sitting/non-incumbent President, has in a brilliant and unprecedented way used the transition period to appoint and draft those individuals to start working on the first day of his 47th Administration.

Remember President-elect Trump: can elect not to serve, he can determine for any other reason (including age related I remind you of President Biden's withdrawal from the general election), and an act of God, Our Constitution has no provision that does not require acts by at least one or more of the three branches of our government. Our general election selected Donald J. Trump as President and James David Vance as Vice President starting January 20, 2025. Since President-elect Trump has started and will most likely be completed by January 20th naming the members of his Administration President Biden has no option but to assure that President-elect Trump is seated after his swearing in is completed. Vice President-elect Vance was not elected as President. According to our Constitution we need direction and interpretation from the three branches of our government per their Constitutional authority how and if Vice President-elect Vance can only ascend to the Presidency only after the President-elect is sworn in. Therefore, we now address President Biden's mandatory Executive Order assuring the electorate that their vote will be honored regardless of the actions that occurred during this transition period. Both equity and justice would support an election for a new President-elect once it is Constitutionally approved. Therefore, President Biden as the President must order an election for the office of President and Vice President immediately with only the parties named in each jurisdiction on November 5, 2024. Fairness and transparency mandates Vice President Vance shall be listed as the Republican Presidential candidate. Both justice and equity would offer Candidate Vance one of three options as his Vice Presidential running mate: Selecting his choice, A running mate selected by President-elect Trump or The designation TBD/TBNL (To be determined/To be named later) before or after his swearing in date. This option is permissible because our Constitution covers how we would otherwise select a person for the vacancy of the office of Vice President.

Vernon Weems

Dear Editor:
 Re: Mr. Jodoin article in the November 5th - 11th issue of the OCN. The Central. All I can say is "Amen". I am a senior, had 3 strokes and am not computer savvy, yet disabled people like myself are required to cope with the lack of personal of personal service. I want to lodge a complaint with the BBB, but they want everyone to use a computer to explain your problem. I get so fed up and frustrated. I am almost in tears. With an aging population you'd think business would be more receptive.

Beth Aping, Oshawa

DEMOLITION IS CAUSING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Clarington, Ontario – The Municipality of Clarington is aware of recent demolition activities at the former Goodyear lands in Bowmanville, causing concerns about hazardous substances that may be present on the site from years of industrial activity. There is currently no approved development plan for these lands, nor an approved demolition permit for the main building.

the site due to safety and fire hazard concerns. Clarington staff are actively discussing the situation with the property owner, as well as the Provincial government and the Durham Region Health Department, to evaluate safety and environmental concerns. Clarington also intends to hire an independent expert to monitor the site and provide reassurance that the property owner is following safe and legal methods of demolition.

As soon as the Municipality was made aware of the demolition activities, staff issued an Order to Comply under the Ontario Building Code, and demolition activity has since ceased. Clarington Fire and Emergency Services has also issued several Notices to require the owner to secure

"Clarington Council is committed to responsible growth—supporting economic development while protecting the environment," said Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster. "We expect our partners in the

development community to work in collaboration with us to ensure redevelopment is environmentally responsible. I have requested that staff use every tool available to us to ensure all required measures are in place for demolition, in accordance with provincial regulations, to protect the local environment and neighbours in the area."

The former Goodyear lands are located within the Bowmanville East Urban Centre Secondary Plan area, which is currently being updated by the Municipality and set to return to Council in December. This plan provides policies that will guide development in the area, including environmental studies specific to the Goodyear lands.



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By D. Lynne, Associate Columnist

ELEXICON, IS PICKERING SELLING? IS AJAX SELLING? WHY?

Once again the topic is ELEXICON. Most residents of a municipality are unaware that the city or town they live in may own assets. Assets provide an annual income to your city or town and could be used to help reduce property taxes or to help pay for city improvements. Pickering and Ajax are two such cities who own valuable assets. Selling assets usually ends up in no benefit to the taxpayer. Just refer back to the disasters of Wynne's selling off Hydro and Harrison's selling/leasing of the 407, taxpayers lose.

ELEXICON is 100% owned by 5 municipalities. The City of Pickering 27.9%, the Town of Ajax 21.8%, the Town of Whitby 32%, the Municipality of Clarington 9.2%, the City of Belleville 9.0%. Pickering received \$1.7 million in dividends for the year 2023, Ajax received \$1.3 million. With the current under construction, approved but not yet started and all the developments waiting for approval, the dividends will grow immensely because as we know all buildings will need Elexicon (hydro) the dividends will only skyrocket upwards so what's the real reason these two mayors are looking to sell?

Statement July 3rd 2024 - Pickering Mayor Kevin Ashe & Ajax Mayor Shaun Collier posted the following: "Together, we have retained Borden Ladner Gervais LLP to undertake a confidential non-binding Request for Proposal (RFP) to explore the potential sale of our municipally-owned holdings in Elexicon Corporation. As the electricity landscape continues to evolve and transform, we believe the time is right to assess our role in the sector and explore the financial value of our investment in a competitive manner. This is a responsible step to ensure we secure optimum value of our investment for our long-term financial objectives and needs. Once the RFP process is complete, the City and Town will provide an update on any next steps."

July 8th 2024 - posted, a joint statement from Whitby, Clarington & Belleville, "In light of a recent statement from the municipalities of Ajax and Pickering regarding their decision to explore selling their shares in Elexicon Energy" "the municipalities of Whitby, Clarington & Belleville have confirmed their continued commitment as majority shareholders" "maintaining control is a valuable investment that ensures Whitby, Clarington & Belleville a voice in local energy distribution" "Protecting this public sector partnership & avoiding privatization ensures the majority stakeholder municipalities will continue to receive dividends that support key municipal initiatives and benefit taxpayers."

In early November 2024, it appears that Mayor Kevin Ashe had stated that Pickering's Elexicon Shares will be SOLD Pickering Residents (the true owners of Pickering) will have No Say, No Referendum, & No Consultation. Residents will be told when the sale is complete and for how much, after staff gives their recommendation, and council approves it.

So, the question is if, as Whitby, Clarington & Belleville have jointly stated, that by keeping/holding their shares they are "maintaining control - protecting this public partnership - continue to receive dividends - benefit taxpayers" then Why is Mayor Kevin Ashe & Council, Selling Pickering's Elexicon Shares if it is Not in the Best Interest or Benefit of the people of Pickering? At present we haven't updates re Ajax.

MAKES ONE WONDER, AND SO SHOULD YOU.
WHY SELL? WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE SALE ?
History has Shown Us, It's Not The People Who Benefit
So Why, Why Sell The City's Valuable Asset ?

Hmmm, didn't the previous Mayor Ryan & then Deputy Mayor Ashe want to sell Elexicon?

Every four years, Mayors and Councillors are voted in by you the residents of the municipality (a City, a Town, a region etc.). The people elect and entrust the Mayor and the Councillors (the council), to manage their municipality for the benefit of the people. It is up to the people to keep the mayor and councillors accountable. The people have every right to raise any concerns they have, big or small, regarding their municipality, the services, the community needs, the plans etc. Anyone can look for and expect answers to their questions and concerns by directly contacting their councillor, or reach out to the full council through the city clerk.



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