Daily Briefs:

Monday, November 16, 2026

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WHITBY — NEW MUNICIPAL COUNCIL INAUGURATION TODAY
Whitby's newly elected council is scheduled to hold its inaugural meeting today.The municipality is also seeking public input on 2027 budget priorities, including roads, parks, community facilities and municipal services.
AJAX — NEW COUNCIL BEGINS FOUR-YEAR TERM
Ajax's incoming municipal council is preparing for its November 16 inauguration.The new administration will face continuing challenges involving housing development, transportation, public safety and municipal operating costs.
PORT PERRY / SCUGOG — NEW MAYOR FOCUSES ON MUNICIPAL SPENDING
Scugog's incoming mayor, Ian McDougall, has identified capital-project reviews, roads and recreation as priorities.The future of the Port Perry Fairgrounds remains an important community issue, with McDougall expressing support for maintaining the annual fair at its existing location.
CLARINGTON — DARLINGTON NUCLEAR PROJECT FACES COST AND SCHEDULE REVIEW
Ontario Power Generation has indicated that the Darlington small modular reactor project is no longer expected to meet its previous October 2030 operational target or earlier cost expectations for its first reactor.A more detailed budget and schedule assessment is expected by mid-2027.

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OSHAWA — NEW MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TERM BEGINS
Oshawa scheduled its inaugural council ceremony for November 16 at Tribute Communities Centre, marking the beginning of the 2026–2030 municipal term.The incoming administration, led by Tito-Dante Marimpietri, faces important decisions involving property taxation, downtown revitalization, housing, infrastructure and economic development.
DURHAM — KEVIN ASHE'S REGIONAL CHAIR TERM BEGINS
Pickering Mayor Kevin Ashe's provincial appointment as Durham Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer took effect November 15.Ashe will continue serving as Pickering Mayor while assuming regional leadership responsibilities.The first meeting of the new Durham Regional Council is scheduled for November 25.
WHITBY — NEW COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRIORITIES
Whitby's new council term follows the November 16 inaugural meeting schedule.The town has also invited residents to provide input on 2027 municipal budget priorities, including roads, parks, public facilities and services.WHY IT MATTERS: Budget planning will affect property taxes and the services residents receive over the coming year.
CLARINGTON — DARLINGTON NUCLEAR PROJECT COSTS UNDER REVIEW
Ontario Power Generation has indicated that its Darlington small modular reactor project is no longer expected to meet its previous October 2030 operational target or earlier cost expectations for the first reactor.A more detailed review of the budget and construction schedule is expected by mid-2027.
BOWMANVILLE — HOSPITAL EXPANSION MOVES FORWARD
The Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment continues progressing following the award of an approximately $861.4-million contract.The project is intended to more than double the hospital's size and expand patient-care capacity.Major construction is planned for 2027.
NORTH DURHAM — SUNDERLAND ARENA REOPENING APPROACHES
Brock Township is preparing for the reopening of Sunderland Memorial Arena following renovation work.A grand opening is planned for December 19.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

OSHAWA — CITY LAUNCHES NEW PUBLIC BUDGET TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM
The City of Oshawa announced November 17 the launch of OpenBook, a new interactive system allowing residents to examine municipal financial information.The platform displays operating and capital budgets through charts, maps and financial dashboards. It currently includes the 2026 budget and will be updated following adoption of the 2027 budget.
OSHAWA — NEW CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED
Oshawa confirmed November 17 that its newly elected 2026–2030 council was inaugurated at Tribute Communities Centre on November 16.The ceremony marked the beginning of the new municipal term under Mayor Tito-Dante Marimpietri.
AJAX — ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT
Durham Region has introduced lane restrictions on Westney Road South and Salem Road. The work began November 16 and is scheduled to continue until December 15.The project includes median restoration, with overnight restrictions on Westney Road South and daytime restrictions on Salem Road.WHY IT MATTERS: Motorists and businesses should anticipate delays along these important commercial and commuter routes.
WHITBY — NEW COUNCIL BEGINS FOUR-YEAR TERM
Whitby's newly elected council was scheduled to begin its term with the November 16 inaugural meeting.The municipality continues preparing for budget decisions affecting roads, parks, infrastructure and community services.
NORTH DURHAM — UXBRIDGE ROAD REHABILITATION BEGINS
Durham Region announced November 16 that lane restrictions will affect York-Durham Line, Regional Road 30, in Uxbridge through December 31.The work includes ditching and culvert replacement. Additional road rehabilitation, guiderail improvements and asphalt resurfacing are planned for spring 2027.
CLARINGTON — NUCLEAR PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE REMAIN UNDER REVIEW
Ontario Power Generation's Darlington small modular reactor project faces a revised schedule and cost outlook. The previously anticipated October 2030 operational target is no longer expected to be met. A more comprehensive assessment is anticipated by mid-2027.
BOWMANVILLE — HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT ADVANCES
The Bowmanville Hospital expansion continues moving toward major construction following the award of an approximately $861.4-million contract.The redevelopment is expected to more than double the hospital's size, with major construction planned for 2027.
OSHAWA — TOYS FOR TICKETS PROGRAM RETURNS
The City of Oshawa announced November 17 the return of its seasonal Toys for Tickets program.The initiative connects eligible parking penalties with charitable toy donations during the holiday season.

Thursday, November 19, 2026

WHITBY — APARTMENT FIRE DISPLACES APPROXIMATELY 20 RESIDENTS
Whitby firefighters responded to an apartment building fire Wednesday morning, November 18, on Victoria Street near Brock Street.Crews brought the blaze under control, but approximately 20 residents were displaced from their homes.The cause of the fire had not been announced in the latest available reporting.
WHITBY — SIU INVESTIGATES COLLISION INVOLVING POLICE CRUISER
Ontario's Special Investigations Unit is investigating a November 15 collision involving a Durham Regional Police vehicle at Brock Street and the Highway 401 eastbound on-ramp.The incident involved three vehicles while an officer was responding to a call.The officer suffered serious injuries. Investigators are requesting video footage from witnesses.
OSHAWA — GENERAL MOTORS MARKS 600,000 SILVERADO PRODUCTION MILESTONE
General Motors announced November 18 that workers at the Oshawa Assembly Plant have produced more than 600,000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup trucks since production resumed in November 2021.The milestone comes as the plant prepares for a significant production change next month.
PORT PERRY / SCUGOG — TOWNSHIP MOVES FORWARD WITH BLACKSTOCK ARENA ICE PLANT REPLACEMENT
The Township of Scugog announced November 18 that it is moving forward with an Ice Plant Replacement Project for Blackstock Arena.The announcement follows repeated delays to the arena's winter opening because of refrigeration equipment problems.
OSHAWA — GENERALS HEAD COACH STEPS AWAY
The Oshawa Generals announced November 18 that head coach Mario Pouliot has stepped away from his coaching position.Pouliot will remain with the organization as an Advisor to Hockey Operations.The club is now seeking a new head coach.
DURHAM — HOLIDAY IMPAIRED-DRIVING ENFORCEMENT UNDERWAY
Durham Regional Police launched the 2026 Festive R.I.D.E. campaign November 18.During last year's campaign, officers stopped 12,465 vehicles, laid 85 impaired-driving charges and issued 53 three-day licence suspensions.
AJAX — ROAD RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE
Median restoration work continues on Westney Road South and Salem Road, with lane restrictions scheduled through December 15.

Friday, November 20, 2026

WHITBY — APARTMENT FIRE DISPLACES RESIDENTS
Approximately 20 residents were displaced following a November 18 apartment fire on Victoria Street near Brock Street.Firefighters brought the blaze under control. The cause had not been publicly established in the latest reporting.
WHITBY — EMERGENCY VETERINARY HOSPITAL PLANNED
A new emergency veterinary hospital is being planned near Brock Street and Taunton Road.The proposed facility would provide around-the-clock emergency veterinary care.
PORT PERRY / SCUGOG — NEW COUNCIL INAUGURATION SET FOR MONDAY
Scugog's inaugural council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, at 6 p.m. in Port Perry.The new council will face decisions involving municipal finances, roads, recreation and the future of community facilities.
PICKERING — BAYLY STREET CLOSURE SCHEDULED SUNDAY
Durham Region is advising motorists that Bayly Street will close November 22 between Toy Avenue and Squires Beach Road.CN Rail will conduct railway crossing restoration work. A signed detour is planned.

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