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ONTARIO — STEEL LAYOFFS RAISE NEW CONCERNS FOR MANUFACTURING
Cleveland-Cliffs is preparing to idle cold-rolled and coated steel operations at its Stelco Hamilton facility beginning October 9, potentially affecting as many as 500 workers. The company has blamed difficult market conditions associated with U.S. tariffs and import pressures.

WHY IT MATTERS TO DURHAM: Durham's automotive, nuclear, construction and manufacturing industries depend on competitive Ontario supply chains. Weakness in the provincial steel industry can ultimately affect costs, investment and employment well beyond Hamilton.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS — 25 DAYS UNTIL DURHAM VOTES
Durham residents vote Monday, October 26. Candidates in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington and Scugog now have just 25 days remaining.

WHY IT MATTERS: The campaign is entering its decisive final weeks. Voters should demand specific positions on property taxes and spending, crime and public safety, housing and homelessness, development, infrastructure and economic growth. Every major campaign promise should answer three questions: What will you change? What will it cost? Who will pay for it?

Friday, October 2nd, 2026

PICKERING — KINGSTON ROAD CONSTRUCTION ENTERS FIRST WEEKEND Major construction continues along Kingston Road as part of the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project. The Pickering work extends from approximately 200 metres west of Steeple Hill to Merritt Road and forms part of the planned rapid-transit corridor connecting Durham with Scarborough. The work includes road reconstruction, transit infrastructure and underground servicing.

PORT PERRY — HISTORIC GRAIN ELEVATOR RESTORATION MOVES FORWARD Restoration efforts continue for Port Perry's historic Grain Elevator, commonly known as the Old Mill. Scugog secured \$500,000 through the federal Legacy Fund toward restoration of the Township-owned structure at Queen and Water streets. The building dates to 1874 and is described by the Township as Canada's oldest standing wood-crib grain elevator.

DURHAM — REGIONAL TAX INCREASE REMAINS ELECTION ISSUE Durham Region's approved 2026 budget increased Regional property taxes by 4.8 per cent. For an average homeowner, the Region estimates the increase at about \$14 per month, with approximately \$10 supporting police services and \$4 funding other Regional services including transit, housing, paramedics, roads and bridges. Water and sanitary sewer rates increased by a combined five per cent, or approximately \$5.24 per month for an average household.

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Saturday, October 3, 2026

OSHAWA — CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM SAYS DOWNTOWN SAFETY PROBLEMS ARE HURTING BUSINESS The Canadian Automotive Museum says continuing problems involving trespassing, vandalism, littering, loitering, open drug use and other criminal activity around its downtown Oshawa property are affecting visitors, employees and revenue. The museum says parking revenue has declined more than 34 per cent since 2023 and that staff regularly contact Durham police about incidents. It is calling for a partnership with the City, Region, police, businesses and community organizations to examine additional security, bylaw enforcement, cameras, fencing and other measures.

WHITBY — COUNCIL CONSIDERS HOLDING PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN'S E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER VIOLATIONS
Whitby Council has unanimously directed staff to investigate whether parents can be held responsible when children violate the Town's e-bike and e-scooter rules. Whitby's rules generally require riders to be at least 16 and prohibit riding on sidewalks. Council wants staff to examine possible parental penalties when underage riders break those rules or engage in other unsafe behaviour.

PICKERING / SCUGOG — MISSISSAUGAS OF SCUGOG ISLAND FIRST NATION CLARIFIES POSITION ON NORTH-EAST PICKERING DEVELOPMENT
The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation says a recently announced memorandum of understanding with Pickering should not be interpreted as support for the Northeast Pickering Secondary Plan. The First Nation says the agreement establishes a framework for consultation but that it continues to maintain concerns and legal positions regarding the proposed development. MSIFN says it wants to ensure it is properly consulted when municipal decisions could affect Aboriginal and treaty rights.

BOWMANVILLE — MASSIVE NEW COMMUNITY COMPLEX OPENS FOR PUBLIC PREVIEW TODAY
Clarington residents get their first major public look at the new Bowmanville Community Complex today. The open house runs from 1 to 5 p.m. The complex will eventually exceed 172,000 square feet and includes a massive indoor multi-sport dome, walking track and other recreation facilities, with an aquatic centre planned for a later phase.

PERRY / SCUGOG — GROWTH DEBATE REMAINS AN ELECTION ISSUE
The proposed development involving properties on Reach Street could accommodate as many as 1,355 residential units in Port Perry. Questions remain over whether development of this scale should proceed before Scugog completes broader planning work.

DURHAM — REGION-WIDE FOOD DRIVE ENTERS FINAL WEEKEND
Durham municipalities' Hunger Action Month food campaign continues through Sunday, October 5, supporting Feed the Need in Durham and community food programs. Clarington

WHY IT MATTERS: Food-bank demand has become an important indicator of affordability pressures across Durham. Residents have this weekend to contribute to the coordinated regional campaign.

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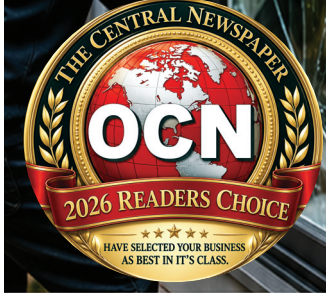


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