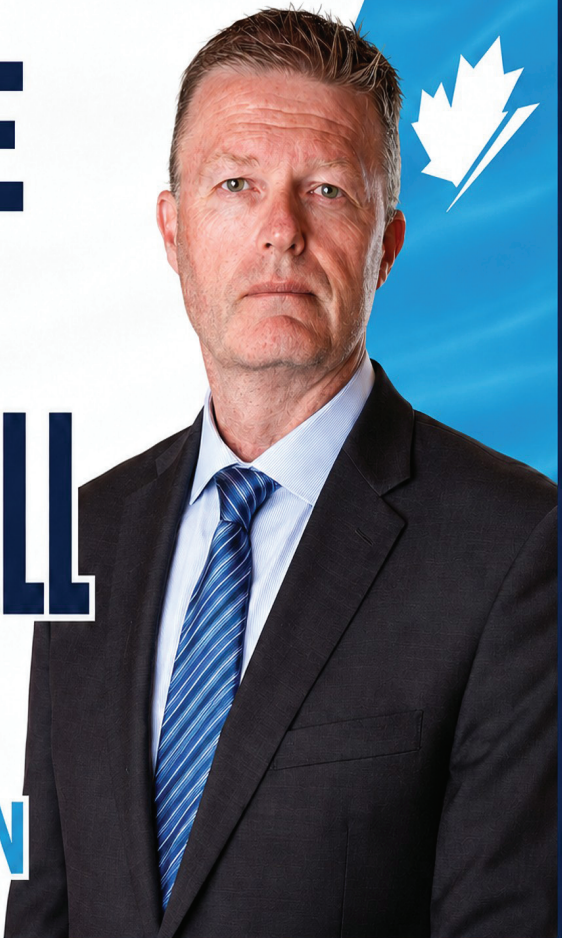


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AJAX AND PICKERING MAYORAL CANDIDATES FACE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

AJAX/PICKERING — With the October 26 municipal election drawing closer, mayoral candidates from Ajax and Pickering faced questions on some of the biggest issues confronting both communities during an Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade mayoral candidates forum. The event offered residents and members of the business community an opportunity to hear directly from those seeking the top municipal offices in Ajax and Pickering.

Topics included economic development, infrastructure, investment, transportation, employment, the business environment and future growth. The discussion comes at an important time for both municipalities as rapid development, increasing infrastructure demands, housing pressures and business competitiveness

continue to shape the local political debate. The 2026 municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. Pickering's official election information confirms seven certified candidates for mayor, while Ajax's official election site lists five certified mayoral candidates.

The certified Ajax candidates for mayor are: Marilyn Crawford, Carion Fenn, Richard Hinds, Ashmeed Khan, Vian Persad. According to information provided from the forum, Crawford, Hinds and Khan participated in the event. Fenn and Persad were listed as absent.

Pickering has an even larger field competing for the mayor's chair. The certified candidates are: Kevin Ashe, Doug Cornell, Janice Frampton,

Zargham Rasool. Shaun Rickard, Lisa Robinson, Andrea Wood. The City of Pickering confirms all seven candidates on its official certified-candidate list. According to the forum information provided, Ashe, Cornell, Frampton and Robinson participated.

Rasool, Rickard and Wood were listed as absent. That meant voters attending the forum were able to hear directly from four of Pickering's seven mayoral candidates and three of Ajax's five. Unlike many traditional political debates, the APBOT forum placed a strong focus on the economic and commercial future of the two municipalities.

That means questions went beyond personality and campaign slogans. Candidates were faced with issues that affect

employers, investors, workers and taxpayers every day. How can Ajax and Pickering attract new employers? Can infrastructure keep up with population growth? Are transportation systems capable of supporting future development? What can municipalities do to improve the business environment? How should local governments balance investment with the cost carried by taxpayers? These are increasingly important questions in two communities experiencing major population and development pressures. Municipal councils do not control every economic force affecting local residents, but they do make major decisions involving planning, roads, development approvals, taxation, municipal infrastructure and local services. Those decisions can directly influence

whether businesses decide to expand, relocate or invest. Ajax and Pickering are both located in one of the fastest-growing parts of the Greater Toronto Area. Growth can bring jobs, new businesses and expanded municipal revenues. It also creates pressure. More people require more roads. More homes require more water and sewer capacity. More development requires increased fire, police, transit and emergency services. More traffic places additional pressure on already congested transportation corridors. And residents increasingly expect municipal governments to ensure growth improves communities rather than simply making them larger. The forum gave candidates an opportunity to explain how they believe those pressures should be managed. One of the strongest messages surrounding the event was that political discussions should be available to more than just those who were able to attend in person. The full forum was recorded so residents can hear the questions and responses for themselves rather than relying exclusively on short social-media clips or second-hand interpretations. Residents were encouraged to watch the full discussion and make their own assessment of the candidates.

Ajax voters will elect a mayor and members of council for the next municipal term. Pickering voters will do the same. The official voting period in Ajax runs from October 19 at 10 a.m. until October 26 at 8 p.m., with internet and telephone voting available.

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