

Daily Briefs:

Monday, October 5, 2026

PICKERING — NEW WESTNEY ROAD / CONCESSION ROAD 6 CONSTRUCTION STARTING
Durham Region is beginning crosswalk and pavement work at Westney Road and Concession Road 6. The project includes replacement curbs, sidewalks at all four corners, tactile walking surfaces, asphalt work, new lane markings and new crosswalk markings. Temporary lane closures are expected, with completion targeted for November 15, weather permitting.

PICKERING — KINGSTON ROAD RAPID-TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.
Major Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit construction remains underway between Steeple Hill and Merritton Road. The work involves transit infrastructure, road reconstruction and underground servicing and is expected to continue into 2028.

WHY IT MATTERS: This is a long-term project affecting one of Pickering's most important commercial corridors. Businesses will need reliable access throughout construction, while residents face years of traffic disruption before receiving the promised transit improvements.

OSHAWA — VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 13. Oshawa's municipal and school-board election voting period begins Tuesday, October 13. Residents are being encouraged to confirm their voter information and watch for voter-information letters containing instructions and voting credentials.

WHY IT MATTERS: Election day is October 26, but many Oshawa residents will vote much earlier. Candidates effectively have just over one week before ballots begin being cast.

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

OSHAWA — MAN CHARGED AFTER SHOTS FIRED AT EAST OSHAWA PLAZA
Durham police say officers responded to gunfire at a plaza near King Street East and Townline Road South shortly after 2 a.m. October 1. Investigators say a fight escalated into a shooting and multiple shell casings were recovered. Police arrested a 29-year-old Oshawa man after a short foot pursuit. He faces numerous firearm charges, including discharging a firearm with intent, possessing a loaded firearm and breaching court orders. The allegations have not been proven in court.

AJAX — TOW TRUCK TORCHED IN SUSPECTED ARSON
Durham police are investigating after a tow truck was deliberately set on fire outside a private residence in north Ajax early Friday morning. Ajax Fire extinguished the blaze and no injuries were reported. Police say their investigation determined the fire was arson and they are asking witnesses to come forward.

WHITBY — SIU INVESTIGATING DEATH DURING POLICE STANDOFF
Ontario's Special Investigations Unit is investigating the death of a 48-year-old man following a police operation at a Macpherson Street residence Friday night. The SIU says Durham police attended to arrest the man on outstanding warrants. After interactions with officers, the man allegedly threatened to harm himself with an edged weapon and barricaded himself inside the residence. Officers later entered and found him unresponsive. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful. Three SIU investigators and two forensic investigators have been assigned. SIU WHY IT MATTERS: Any death occurring during a police operation receives independent scrutiny. The investigation will examine the circumstances surrounding the police response and the man's death.

DURHAM — POLICE ALLEGE VEHICLES BOUGHT WITH FAKE DOCUMENTS WERE SHIPPED OVERSEAS

Durham police are looking for a man accused of fraudulently purchasing three vehicles using false identification and financial documents before shipping them overseas. Police allege the transactions took place at dealerships in Durham Region. Investigators say the suspect subsequently left Canada.

AJAX — MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER
An Ajax man has been found guilty of second-degree murder in the killing of his girlfriend, Jennifer Polak. A jury rejected Kyle Severin's intoxication defence. Second-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence, with the judge still required to determine when parole eligibility begins within the legally permitted range.

PICKERING — BILLIONS IN NUCLEAR CONTRACTS PUT LOCAL ECONOMY IN SPOTLIGHT
Major contracts connected with refurbishment of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station are moving toward execution. Two major packages have an aggregate value of approximately \$3 billion, including reactor refurbishment and turbine-generator work. Aecon's share of the announced work is approximately \$1.75 billion, with project execution expected to begin in January 2027 subject to regulatory approval.

WHITBY — CONSUMERS DRIVE AND HIGHWAY 401 RAMP RESTRICTIONS
Durham Region is warning motorists about construction on Consumers Drive and the Highway 401 westbound off-ramp at Brock Street. Daytime curb and sidewalk work continues until October 15, followed by overnight paving scheduled from October 15 through October 31.

BOWMANVILLE — MAJOR ROAD WORK CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 31
Lane restrictions are continuing on Bowmanville Avenue, Durham Regional Highway 2 and Stevens Road. Durham Region says the restrictions will remain in place through October 31.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

DURHAM — POLICE ALLEGE \$650,000 VEHICLE-FRAUD SCHEME INVOLVED OVERSEAS EXPORTS

Durham Regional Police are pursuing suspects accused of using fraudulent identification and financial documents to obtain financing for three vehicles from dealerships across Durham Region. Police allege no payments were made and that the suspects subsequently left Canada. Many of the vehicles were later exported. Investigators estimate losses at more than \$650,000. One identified suspect, 34-year-old Borislav Ninchov of Toronto, is wanted on multiple fraud and proceeds-of-crime-related charges. The allegations have not been proven in court.

DURHAM — NEW AIR4 POLICE HELICOPTER OFFICIALLY UNVEILED
Durham Regional Police officially unveiled its new Airbus H125 helicopter, known as Air4. The helicopter will be operated through the Combined Air Support Unit and used for missing-person searches, major investigations, critical incidents, emergency responses and frontline police operations. The aircraft was acquired through Ontario's Joint Air Support Unit initiative involving Durham, Toronto, Peel and Halton police services.

OSHAWA — HOMELESSNESS FIGHT INTENSIFIES AS COUNCILLOR CALLS FOR DOWNTOWN CHANGES

Oshawa City and Regional Councillor Rick Kerr is publicly calling for changes to the way homelessness services are concentrated in downtown Oshawa. Kerr argues that closure of a homeless hub in Ajax contributed to more people travelling to Oshawa and says downtown institutions attracting homeless populations should be reconsidered or relocated. He alleges more than 100 people came to Oshawa following the Ajax closure.

WHITBY — DOWNTOWN BUILDING DEMOLITIONS CONTINUE
Whitby's demolition of vacant municipal properties at 128 Brock Street South and 132-146 Brock Street North is continuing. The approximately 12-week project is intended initially to create temporary paid parking on part of the Brock Street North property while the Town considers longer-term uses for the sites.

WHITBY — COLUMBUS ROAD EXPANSION SUPPORTING NORTH WHITBY GROWTH
Work continues on the multi-year Columbus Road expansion between Country Lane and Cedarbrook Trail. The project includes three new bridges, three signalized intersections, cycling lanes, multi-use paths, sidewalks, water infrastructure and approximately 2,000 new trees.

WHY IT MATTERS: North Whitby is expected to accommodate substantial future development. Roads, bridges, water and transportation infrastructure must be built before — or at least alongside — thousands of additional homes. Continues pg. 6

RE-ELECT



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ADVANCED POLLS OCT 22ND-25TH

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WARD 3 NEEDS CHANGE.

TIME FOR INCUMBENT TO GO.

WE NEED NEW IDEAS!!!



My name is Timothy Dobson and I am that change.

I am not a career politician. I am like you. Hard working. Tired of having my taxes go up every year. Quality of life down.

I will assure responsible taxes.

I will bring back safety to our community.

I will work to resolve the homeless problem.

Together we can make it happen.

On October 26, 2026 I need your help!

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