

Daily Briefs:

Monday, September 21, 2026

PICKERING — BROCK ROAD RESTRICTIONS BEGINS Daytime and overnight lane restrictions begin on Brock Road and are scheduled to continue until October 30, weather permitting. Durham Region says the affected sections are between Williams Jackson Drive/Dersan Street and Rex Heath Drive/Zents Drive. The work is required for construction associated with new development. **WHY IT MATTERS:** Brock Road is a major north-south route serving residents, commuters and businesses. More than a month of construction adds to existing transportation pressures in one of Durham's fastest-growing areas.

PICKERING — MORDEN LANE CLOSES THROUGH DECEMBER Another Pickering construction disruption begins. The City says Morden Lane will be temporarily closed beginning September 21, with the closure scheduled to continue through December 23.

WHY IT MATTERS: Multiple simultaneous road projects can create significant cumulative disruption. Residents and businesses should plan alternate routes and additional travel time this fall.

OSHAWA — PARK ROAD SOUTH LANE RESTRICTIONS BEGIN. Durham Region begins daytime and overnight lane restrictions on Park Road South. The restrictions affect the area from Marland Avenue to approximately 60 metres south of Marland Avenue and continue through September 23. Crews are investigating a broken watermain valve.

WHY IT MATTERS: Park Road is an important north-south Oshawa route. The work also highlights

DURHAM — FOOD INSECURITY REMAINS MAJOR COMMUNITY ISSUE Hunger Action Month continues throughout Durham. More than 880,000 visits were made last year to food programs within Feed the Need in Durham's network of 70 community organizations. Donation campaigns are operating through local municipalities, including Oshawa.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

CLARINGTON — SNOW-CLEARING PROGRAM OPENS FOR SENIORS Clarington has opened applications for its winter snow-clearing program for eligible seniors and residents who require assistance keeping their properties accessible. The program provides another option for residents who may have difficulty managing snow on their own.

WHY IT MATTERS: Municipal services affecting seniors and residents with mobility limitations become especially important during severe winter weather. Early registration also helps residents prepare before the first major snowfall.

OSHAWA — ONLINE VOTERS URGED TO CONFIRM THEIR ADDRESS Oshawa residents planning to vote online in the October 26 Municipal and School Board Elections are being reminded to ensure their address is correct. The address is used to mail the Voter Information Letter containing instructions for accessing the online ballot and the voter's PIN.

WHY IT MATTERS: There are now fewer than five weeks before election day. Residents who intend to vote online should resolve registration or address problems early rather than discovering an issue once voting is underway.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

AJAX / PICKERING — MAYORAL CANDIDATES FACE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THIS MORNING The Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade is holding a Mayoral Candidates Forum this morning at ComputeK College in Ajax. The forum brings together candidates seeking to lead Ajax and Pickering ahead of the October 26 municipal election. Questions are expected to focus on economic development, infrastructure, investment, transportation, employment and the local business environment.

WHY IT MATTERS: This is an opportunity to move beyond campaign slogans. Ajax and Pickering are experiencing rapid growth, major development and transportation pressures. Voters and businesses should be listening for specific commitments on taxes, spending, development approvals, infrastructure and attracting jobs.

WHITBY — \$1.5-MILLION WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT ANNOUNCED Major restoration work is moving forward at Lynde Shores Conservation Area in Whitby, Ontario. It is providing approximately \$1.51 million through its Wetlands Conservation Partner Program for projects involving Whitby and Clarington. At Lynde Shores, approximately 23 acres — 9.4 hectares — of wetland habitat will be created as part of three coastal wetland restoration projects. The work is intended to improve habitat, biodiversity, water quality and climate resilience.

PICKERING — \$26.8-BILLION NUCLEAR REFURBISHMENT CREATES MAJOR LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY The refurbishment of four reactors at Pickering Nuclear Generating Station is moving forward. The approximately \$26.8-billion project is expected to extend the reactors' operating lives by decades and support tens of thousands of jobs during construction. Major contracts are already being awarded to companies participating in the refurbishment.

WHY IT MATTERS: Few economic projects in Durham's history have involved investment on this scale. Local contractors, manufacturers, engineering firms, skilled trades and service businesses should be positioning themselves to compete for work generated by the project.

Thursday, September 24, 2026

WHITBY — MAN CHARGED OVER ALLEGED ONLINE ANTI-MUSLIM VIOLENCE A 57-year-old Whitby man is facing charges after Durham Regional Police investigated alleged social-media posts promoting violence against Muslims. Police allege one post depicted what was described as a "hunting permit" targeting members of the Muslim community. DRPS says its Hate Crime Unit concluded the investigation Wednesday. The accused faces charges including public incitement of hatred and an offence allegedly motivated by hatred. He was held for a bail hearing. The allegations have not been proven in court.

DURHAM — POLICE SEARCH FOR SUSPECT IN PACKAGE-THEFT INVESTIGATION Police are seeking public assistance identifying a suspect accused of stealing multiple packages in Durham Region. Investigators allege the individual used false identification while targeting deliveries during August. Police have released information publicly in an effort to identify the suspect.

WHY IT MATTERS: Package theft directly affects residents and local businesses as online shopping and home delivery continue to grow. Residents should secure deliveries where possible and report suspicious activity or useful surveillance footage to police.

AJAX — GTA GUN-TRAFFICKING CASE REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION An Ajax woman is among four people charged following an undercover Peel Regional Police investigation into an alleged GTA firearms-trafficking operation. The investigation, known as Project Red Zone, involved cooperation with U.S. Homeland Security Investigations and Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario. The allegations have not been proven in court.

PICKERING — NUCLEAR REFURBISHMENT GENERATES BILLIONS IN NEW CONTRACTS The massive Pickering Nuclear Generating Station refurbishment is beginning to translate into major contracts. Siemens Energy and Aecon have secured work valued at approximately \$1.3 billion connected to the refurbishment. The broader Pickering refurbishment is estimated at approximately \$26.8 billion and is intended to extend the operating lives of four CANDU reactors by decades.

WHITBY / CLARINGTON — WETLAND RESTORATION MOVES FORWARD Major wetland restoration projects are moving ahead at Lynde Shores Conservation Area in Whitby and Westside Creek in Bowmanville. Approximately 23 acres of wetland habitat are planned at Lynde Shores, while Clarington's project will create new open-water wetland and rehabilitate additional habitat near the South Bowmanville Recreation Centre.

Port Perry continues facing significant decisions involving development and infrastructure. Recent proposals include major residential growth on Reach Street, commercial expansion along Highway 7A and smaller residential intensification projects. At the same time, Durham Region is investing in Port Perry's water and sewage infrastructure to accommodate future population growth.

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