

MUNICIPAL INTERNET POSTINGS DO NOT WORK

In an age of misinformation and shrinking newsrooms, your support for credible journalism has never mattered more.

According to the 2024 Digital News Reports by the Reuters Institute, 52% of Canadians say they're willing to pay for trusted news - yet only 15% actually do.

This gap threatens... the sustainability of local news organizations like ours who work every day to report with integrity, accountability, and a deep connection to our community.

Other countries are stepping up:
Norway: 40% pay for news
Sweden: 31% pay for news
Australia: 21% pay for news
Finland: 20% pay for news
Even United States out performs Canada's support of journalism, with 22% of readers who pay for news.
Canada shouldn't fall behind
Local journalism keeps communities informed, connected, united and empowered. It shines a light on the issues that matter most - your schools, your streets, your stories.

By subscribing, you're not just getting access to trusted local news - you're helping preserve a vital public service.

**CHOOSE TRUTH
CHOOSE FACTS
CHOOSE LOCAL JOURNALISM**

Municipalities have opted for online posting with catastrophic failure. Every week you are missing out on important local information that affect your daily life.

Municipalities are forcing taxpayers to go on line. Taxpayers are not responding due to a series of realities:
Cost of Internet
Cost of purchasing computer/cell phone.
Lack of knowledge on use of technology.
Complex web pages full of pop-ups.
Lack of time to sit in front of a computer.
Internet is infested with all kinds of algorithms that track you.
Internet is very specific and not broad enough for public.

By supporting your local newspaper you are uniting the community around a trusted local news source.
Your support, supports local businesses and creates an atmosphere of community. Your support sends a real message to your municipality that you demand arms length accountability.

Your local newspaper is written and published by journalist that live and work in the community. Community members that you can trust.
Today, even major network news sources have fallen to bias reporting due to political interests.
Your local community newspaper is different. Your local journalist bring you articles that matter to you and your family.
Demand that your municipality publish in your local paper.

**WITHOUT SUPPORT TRUTH HAS NO PLATFORM
Subscribe Today!!!**

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING 'BROWN OUTS?'

A brownout is a temporary reduction in voltage in an electrical power system, often causing lights to dim and equipment to operate poorly. Brownouts can be caused by high electricity demand, such as during heatwaves, severe weather, or equipment malfunctions in the power grid. They are a partial voltage reduction, unlike a blackout, which is a complete loss of power.
Citizens along the Rossland, Thornton, Simcoe North area have been reporting high volume of 'Brown Outs'. Many, have lights flicker and have no idea of what may be going on.
Electrical experts have attributed these 'Brown Outs', as the over load on the grid. People coming home from work and plugging in their electric vehicles is putting a huge strain on the over access to the system.
People experiencing this... People calling this newspaper. Are directed to call directly the Oshawa Public Utility and demand that they put in place some sort of safeguard against these 'Brown Outs'. People have worried that equipment may be damaged. Best thing. Call the local OPUC and report the incidents.



Ontario Rewards Clarington With Over \$2.8 Million Through the Building Faster Fund

CLARINGTON — The Ontario government is awarding the Municipality of Clarington \$2,877,680 through the second round of the Building Faster Fund, which provides funding to municipalities that achieve at least 80 per cent of their provincially designated housing targets. Clarington broke ground on 899 new homes in 2024, achieving 83 per cent of its 2024 housing target. This funding will help Clarington build more homes and community infrastructure while advancing the province's plan to protect Ontario by investing in infrastructure to support economic growth and keep workers on the job.

"The Building Faster Fund is just one way we are creating the conditions to get shovels in the ground, complementing recent actions like the Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, and rebating the provincial portion of HST for first-time home buyers," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "I want to thank Mayor Foster along with all the mayors and local councillors across Ontario who are getting shovels in the ground to build more homes, faster."

Announced in August 2023, the Building Faster Fund is a three-year, \$1.2 billion program that is designed to encourage municipalities to speed up approval processes and get more homes built

faster. The program rewards municipalities that make significant progress against their targets by providing funding for housing-enabling and community-enabling infrastructure.

"There's a reason Clarington is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area — it's a place where people want to be. As we proactively plan for Clarington's steady growth, we're pleased to receive the Building Faster Fund, which will be invested in the infrastructure needed to support new neighbourhoods," said Adrian Foster, Mayor of Clarington. "We're eager to keep working with the province to advance our shared housing goals and ensure Clarington remains an awesome place to live and work."

Additionally, the Building Faster Fund is complemented by an investment of nearly \$81 million in municipalities across Durham Region through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, which will enable the construction of approximately 200,000 new homes. This includes more than \$509,000 for Clarington.

The Ontario government is also helping to speed up the construction of new homes and infrastructure, including by streamlining development processes and reducing costs in close partner-

ship with municipalities, through the Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and the 2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Protect Ontario.

From January to September 2025, Ontario saw 17,202 rental starts, an increase of more than 38 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. This is the highest level of rental starts on record for this time of the year.

To help make way for more housing opportunities and support growing communities, the government is also giving municipalities more time to spend funds awarded through the Building Faster Fund, extending the deadline to 2028.

To help lower costs for first-time home buyers and spur the construction of more homes, the province is proposing to rebate the full provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers of most new homes. Subject to passage of federal legislation, Ontario's new rebate would eliminate the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers on qualifying new homes valued up to \$1 million, saving home buyers up to \$80,000 off the cost of a new home when combined with existing provincial relief.

"Our government continues to Protect Ontario by rewarding municipal partners who lead by example. We know that for every project that gets green-lit, we are keeping workers on the job and building stronger communities where everyone has a safe place to call home."

- Brian Saunderson
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

"I commend Mayor Foster for taking bold action to ensure homes are built faster in Clarington. This funding to our municipal partners demonstrates our government's commitment to build homes that families need and deserve."

- Todd McCarthy
Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham

"Our government is delivering results for Clarington. Working with Mayor Foster and council, we're building the homes our growing community needs and investing in the infrastructure that supports them. This over \$2.8 million investment through the Building Faster Fund recognizes Clarington's success in getting homes built faster and helps more families find a place to call home in Durham Region."

- David Piccini
Member of Provincial Parliament, Northumberland-Peterborough South

Pickering College Celebrates the Official Re-Opening of the Eric Veale Memorial

Arena:

Community gathers for first official hockey game between students, alumni



Pickering College welcomed generations of its community on Saturday, November 15, for the official re-opening of the Eric Veale Memorial Arena, an enduring cornerstone of school life and a cherished landmark in Newmarket's sporting history.
The celebration drew students, parents, alumni, past parents, donors, and friends who gathered to honour the arena's storied past and its bright future. The event's ceremonial puck drop was performed by Newmarket Deputy Mayor Tom Vegh, joined by three members of the Veale family, underscoring the deep legacy of long-time teacher and former acting Headmaster Eric Veale, for whom the arena is named. Following the ceremony, spirited cheers rose from the stands as alumni took to the ice against current students in the first official match on the newly renovated rink.
For more than fifty years, the Eric Veale Memorial Arena has been an anchor of belonging, mentorship and athletic excellence. Built in 1971 through the vision and dedication of alumni during Eric Veale's leadership, it soon earned its reputation as offering "the best ice in Newmarket" in the coldest arena.
The renewal project preserves this legacy while equipping the facility for decades ahead. The revitalized arena features updated systems and enhanced community access, ensuring students and athletes continue to grow, compete, and connect in a space built with purpose and pride. A newly added multi-purpose gym, complete with a rock-climbing wall, expands programming possibilities and strengthens opportunities for student wellness and recreation.
Pickering College extends heartfelt appreciation to the many supporters who made this re-opening possible. Together, they have helped shape a space that will continue to inspire young people, welcome alumni home and bring the broader community together.