The Corporation of the Town of Ajax **COUNCIL** 



Monday June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Town Hall 65 Harwood Avenue South

#### PRESENTATIONS

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- 1. Delegation and Presentations / Public Hearings
  - 4.1 **Caribbean Week June 20 to 27, 2016** ~ Mary Galvan, Executive Director of the Caribbean Organization of Ontario
  - 4.3 **Ontario Autism Program** ~ John Higo, Chapter President, Autism Ontario Durham Region
  - 4.4 **Durham Region Transit Route Changes** ~ Vincent Patterson, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
  - 4.5 2016 Property Assessment Update

     Michael Porporo, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
  - 4.7 **Road Trail and Park Construction Update** ~ Carol Coleman, Manager of Engineering – Capital Projects
  - 4.8 Upcoming Town of Ajax Arts, Culture & Heritage Events
    - ~ Robert Gruber, Manager, Community & Cultural Development
    - ~ Robbie Prochilo, Community Development Coordinator
    - ~ Michael Sawchuck, Senior Planner

#### MONDAY JUNE 20

Ajax Caribbean Week Proclamation 6pm Sharp Location: Ajax, Council Chambers 65 Harwood Ave,S. Ajax

A night of unity and strength Special VIP RECEPTION: Food and Beverages 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Reception Location will be revealed upon arrival at Council Chambers



#### FRIDAY JUNE 24

**Riddim Fit Morning** with Keisha Facey 10am - Ilam

Dance Fitness to the latest greatness in soca, dancehall, old school & R&B music

Location: Riddim Fit Wellness Centre 845 Westney Road South Unit 7 Ajax

Groove with Sanaaj Mirrie 7pm - 8pm

Dance Movement from the African Diaspora

Location: Rhythm Makers Dance Studio 3 Harwood Ave., S. Unit 9, Ajax

#### **First Fridays**

6.30pm - 11pm Hosted by Warren Salmon Celebrating 22nd Anniversary Celebration in Durham Location: Mystical Lounge 282 Monarch Ave., Ajax



#### **TUESDAY JUNE 21**

Caribbean Town Hall 7pm - 10pm Inviting the entire community for a night of networking

and conversation

Meet and greet with Jerrold Johnson Chief Representative of JNBS and Paula Fennell Regional Manager of JN Money Transfer

Music by Suppa Natty and DJ Wayne Hosted by Donna Savage and Micca Vanvield Free Givaways

Location: Mystical Lounge 282 Monarch Ave., Ajax

#### SATURDAY JUNE 25

**JN Money Transfer Durham Caribbean Festival** 11am - 9pm The largest Caribbean Festival in Durham Location: Ajax Downs 50 Alexander's Crossings Alax Money Transfer



#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

GETAWAY Caribbean Night at OLG 7pm - 11pm

Caribbean Menu, Free Giveaways & Live entertainment

Featuring Award Winning Soca and Reggae Band Destiny Band

Location: GETAWAY RESTAURANT at OLG SLOTS 50 Alexander's Crossings Ajax

#### SUNDAY JUNE 26

G98.7 fm Caribbean Derby 11am - 6pm

Featuring Caribbean Brunch, Live Entertainment, Caribbean Themed Horse Races, Giveaways & much more Location: Aiax Downs50 Alexander's Crossings Aiax





#### **Caribbean Week Specials** 20% OFF any meal at the

Grace) following locations with this ad.

- American Hyrtles Kitchen: 37 Station Street, Ajan
  - Red Shapper Cafe: 71 Station Street, Ajak
- Municip Island Mix Restaurant & Lounge, 1050 Brock Rd., Pickening
- Rum Diaries: 368 Bayly St. W. Ajax
- Mustical Lounge: 282 Monarch Ave, Avex
- Valid: Monday June 20th Friday June 24th

#### THURSDAY JUNE 23

Build a Mass Workshop 4:30pm - 6:00pm Hosted by Kerry Ann Wright



Location: Rum Diaries, 368 Bayly St. W. Ajax Rum Diaries CARIBBEAN MELODIES

7pm - Ilpm Premier Video Release and Live Performances by Ammove Hosted by Mellow Dee



A night of live entertainment and

Caribbean vibez Caribbean xpressions Ilpm - 2am Hosted by Sheezy & Suppa Natty

Dance the night away the Caribbean way Location; Rum Diaries, 368 Bayly St. W, Ajax

#### MONDAY JUNE 27

SKD Anniversary Celebrations Durham Caribbean Day Ilam - 8pm

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Today we celebrate children and families FREE Hotdogs for children Live Entertainment, Caribbean Food, Jumpy Castles, Fun Activities for the entire family

Location: SKD Billingual Child Care 8-1801 Harwood Ave North Ajax



TO ALL EVENTS EXCEPT FIRST FRIDAY WITH YOUR DURHAM CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL TICKETS To purchase tickets, please visit www.durhamcaribbeanfestival.com





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# ONTARIO AUTISM PROGRAM

Understanding the impact

# TIMELINE

- January 27, 2016 Clinical Expert Committee Report released by MCYS
- February 25, 2016 Ontario Budget announces \$333 Million investment in Autism Services
- March 29, 2016 MCYS announces new Ontario Autism Program
- March 30, 2016 parents and advocate groups rally to oppose changes
- April 10, 2016 ONTABA releases report against program
- April 12, 2016 Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth releases statement against program

# OVERVIEW

- Highlights of the new program include:
- Reducing wait times so children can access services sooner
- Transitioning to the new integrated autism program by:
- Focusing Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) services to children in the appropriate developmental window: ages two to four
- Gradually transitioning children five years and older currently receiving IBI to more clinically appropriate Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) services
- Providing families with children five years and older on the IBI waitlist with \$8,000 in one-time funding to immediately purchase community services or supports based on their children's specific needs as they transition off the IBI waitlist
- Increasing the duration and intensity of ABA services over four years, starting in 2017, so that services are more flexible and based on children's individual needs.

- "Reducing wait times so children can access services sooner"
  - If your child is 5 years old and on the IBI waitlist your child will be removed
  - You will receive on time funding of \$8000
  - In 2018, your child will be eligible for the Ontario Autism Program

Some children have been waiting up to 4 years for life changing therapy. They are now removed from the waitlist



- "Focusing Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) services to children in the appropriate developmental window: ages two to four"
  - This is in essence a good thing. We have advocated for early intervention for years.
  - The Clinical Expert Committee recommended that services begin before age 5, and be 12-24 months in length.
  - If your child is on the waitlist and will turn 5 between now and March 2018 they will remain on the waitlist until a space becomes available...or they turn 5 and will be removed from the waitlist.
  - In 2018, your child will be eligible for the Ontario Autism Program

- "Gradually transitioning children five years and older currently receiving IBI to more clinically appropriate Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) services"
  - If you are 5 and currently receiving IBI, you will continue until your next assessment (6months). You will be transitioned to ABA as spaces become available
  - In 2018, your child will be eligible for the Ontario Autism Program

- "Providing families with children five years and older on the IBI waitlist with \$8,000 in one-time funding to immediately purchase community services or supports based on their children's specific needs as they transition off the IBI waitlist"
  - ABA services cost at a minimum \$40/hr. \$8000 equates to 10 weeks at the recommended 20hrs per week...or at the claimed 36 weeks, only less than 4.5 hours per week
  - It is inadequate, especially for the two year gap in service windows

# **Families** are already mortgaging their homes to pay for therapy. It will only get worse

- "Increasing the duration and intensity of ABA services over four years, starting in 2017, so that services are more flexible and based on children's individual needs."
  - Starting in 2017...but kids are being removed now.
  - Ontario Autism Program eligibility doesn't begin until 2018
  - It will start at 20 hours per week, and increase each year over 4 years to 36 hours per week.

# MISGUIDED, MISINFORMED, MISCARRIAGE

- The Expert panel recommendations do say, the ideal window for intervention is between the ages of 2 to 4. We have failed an entire generation of children who sat on waitlists through this critical age. Or families have gone to the point of bankruptcy or beyond, to fund it themselves.
- The Expert panel does not say that there is no benefit beyond age 5. In fact it says intervention should start before the 5th birthday, and carry on for 12-24 months.
- The average age for a diagnosis is 4 years

# MISGUIDED, MISINFORMED, MISCARRIAGE

- The Program goal is to improve supports for children while they are in school.
  - The Expert Panel recommended that the MCYS and Ministry of Education work together to provide increased supports.
  - No evidence of this exists
  - The DDSB SEG amount has been reduced by the MoE by \$1.6 million
  - The DDSB is funded at a rate lower than many other regions.
  - Prevalence rate of Autism in DDSB is 1/44

### MISGUIDED, MISINFORMED, MISCARRIAGE

- Children are being discharged when they show improvement.
  - The expert panel recommends the opposite, that service is continued based on ongoing significant gains



# SUMMARY

- Durham wait times have typically been longer than average, almost double.
- Families that have been subjected to unjust wait times, are now being doubly penalized by being removed from the service. It is unconscionable.
- \$8000 is not nearly enough to bridge the gap in service created by the plan. It is inadequate and devastating.
- The service gap between schools and community has not been addressed and will continue to grow with decreasing special needs budgets, particularly in Durham.
- An entire generation of the most vulnerable of the needy is being sacrificed.

# SUMMARY

- When an increase of \$333 million is announced and;
  - The beneficiaries (families of ASD children) are outraged
  - The beneficiaries launch a class action lawsuit
  - The Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth says "This low bar cannot be the Ontario we aspire to."
  - When the professionals (ONTABA) proposed to deliver the service, were not consulted in its development, and are concerned it violates their Ethical Compliance Code
  - When community stakeholders, advocates and service providers call it "devastating", "unjust", "unconscionable"

# Perhaps it's time to consider change?





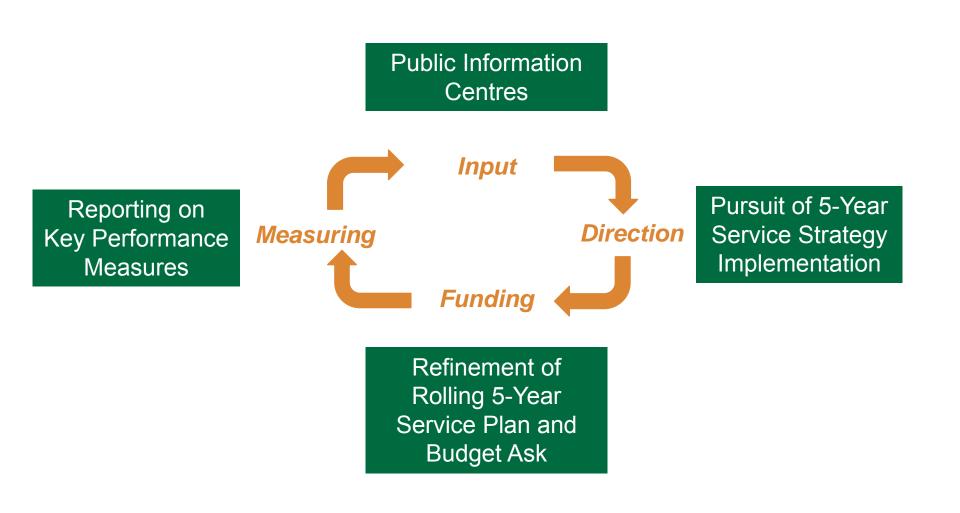




### Town of Ajax Council Meeting June 20, 2016











#### **Outreach – Feedback on the Proposed New Network**

Location	Date	Time
Pickering Recreation Complex	October 15, 2015	15:30 - 18:00
Ajax Public Library Main Branch	October 16, 2015	17:00 – 19:00





### Customer Engagement

#### **Outreach – Introducing the New Network**

Location	Date	Time
Ajax Station	March 8, 2016	15:00 - 18:00
Pickering Town Centre	March 10, 2016	18:00 – 20:00
Pickering Town Centre	March 12, 2016	11:00 - 13:00
Ajax Public Library Main Branch	March 15, 2016	17:00 – 19:00





### Customer Engagement

#### **Outreach – Introducing the New Network – Map Handout**

#### **Ajax Station**

Date	Time
April 18, 2016	15:00 – 16:30
April 19, 2016	16:00 - 18:00







### Customer Engagement

#### **Outreach – Introducing the New Network**

#### **Ajax Station**

Date	Time
June 13, 2016	08:00 - 10:30
June 14, 2016	15:30 - 18:00
June 16, 2016	16:30 - 19:00
June 24 <i>,</i> 2016	15:30 - 18:00
June 27, 2016	06:00 – 08:30
June 28, 2016	15:30 - 18:00







### Where to Find Service Updates

### durhamregiontransit.com



### Customer Service Centre 1-866-247-0055

@durham\_transit



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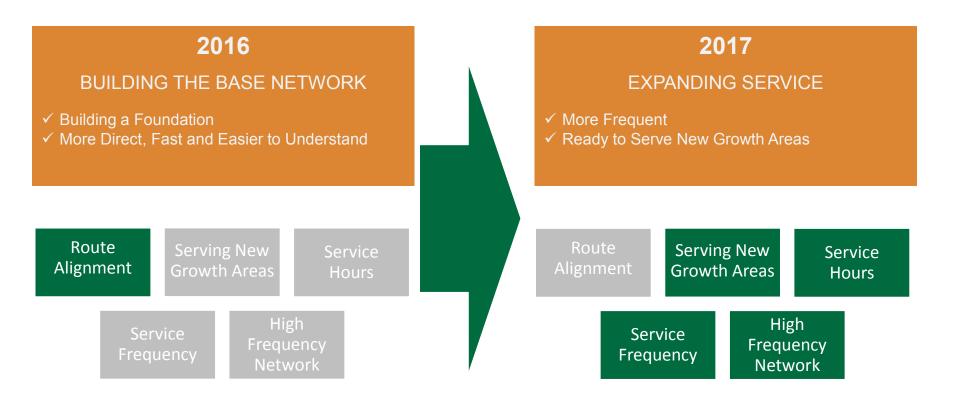
- Passenger Alerts
  - Posted at the front of the bus behind the driver
- Subscribe to Alerts
  - Enter at
     www.durhamregiontransit.com





### FIVE-YEAR SERVICE STRATEGY

#### **The Five-Year Service Strategy**





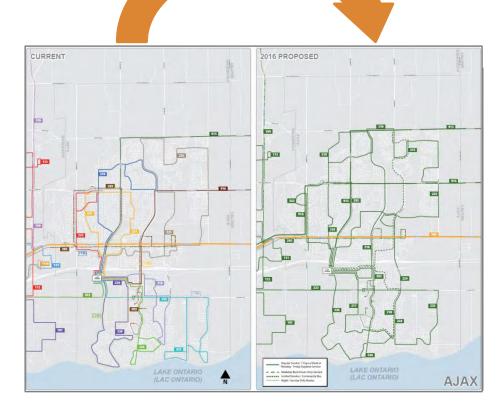


#### Network features – Ajax



 Two-way service on all Ajax routes

- Same route operates 7 days a week during all service periods
- Removes one-way loops
- Allows for more direct and quicker trips

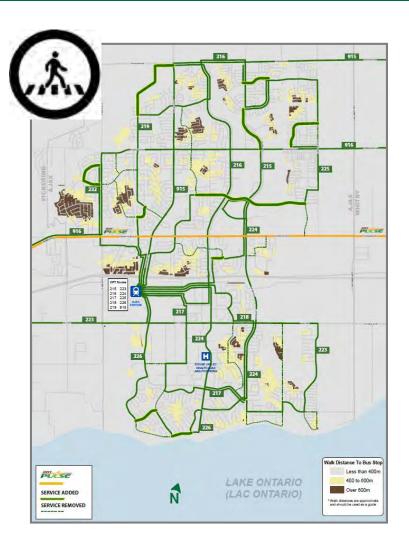






#### Area Coverage

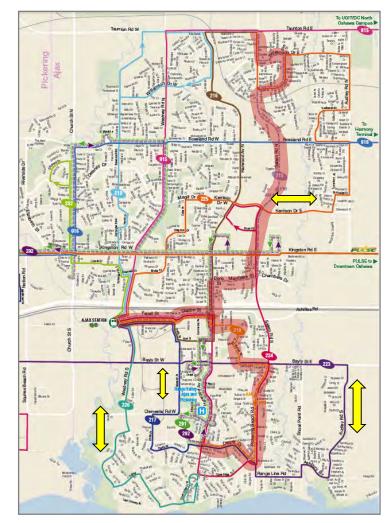
 95% of dwellings are within 600 metres of a bus stop







#### **The New Network**



Make Life Easy 06.20.16

- ✓ Faster trips to and from Ajax Station
- ✓ Faster intra-Ajax trips





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- ✓ Future service to new growth area between Church Street and Brock Road
  - Planned for 2017, upon completion of road work





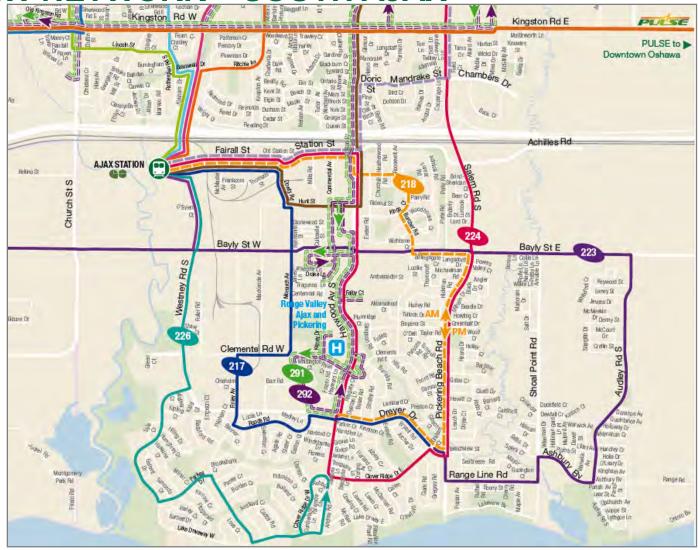
#### THE NEW NETWORK – NORTH AJAX







#### THE NEW NETWORK – SOUTH AJAX







#### **THE NEW NETWORK – SEPTEMBER 2016**

- Seasonal Service Reductions End
  - Full PULSE schedule
  - Full Route 915 Taunton schedule
  - Additional trips reinstated (select routes)
    - School
    - Capacity Requirements
- Route Adjustment
  - Route 219
    - Route branch via Seggar Ave
      - Weekday Morning and Afternoon Peak Periods
    - Improved connection to PULSE
      - From Rotherglen Rd N, to Kingston Road, and Westney Road.





## THE NEW NETWORK – FEEDBACK

## Letter to the editor:

"I read, with absolute delight, in the [...] Ajax News Advertiser, of changes [...] to south Ajax bus routes effective June 27. That prompted me to go online to the DRT website and look at the new bus schedules, which delighted me further! Not only do these new bus routes cross Hwy. 2, making it far easier to connect to the Pulse bus, but the routes are two-way, eliminating that 'tour of Ajax' that the loop buses gave us, and by keeping the rush-hour bus loop routes, GO transit commuters still get the same great service. Well done, DRT, you've now made it easier to live, work and play all within Ajax -- and within Durham Region for that matter. [...] Now that's what I call customer focused."















MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

# Delivering the 2016 Assessment Update

Town of Ajax

June 20,2016

## **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAXES**





**The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation** determines Current Value Assessments and classifications for all properties in Ontario.

**The Provincial Government** passes legislation, sets assessment policies and determines education tax rates. The Province also operates an independent assessment appeal tribunal – the Assessment Review Board (ARB).

**Municipalities** determine revenue requirements, set municipal tax rates and collect property taxes to pay for your municipal services.













Parks & leisure facilities

Police and fire protection

Roads, sidewalks, public transit

Waste management

#### **ONTARIO'S ASSESSMENT CYCLE**

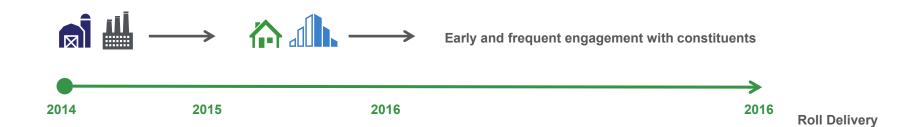


#### **2016 ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

#### 2012 ASSESSMENT UPDATE



**2016 ASSESSMENT UPDATE** 



## **ZONE 3: DATA COLLECTION & PREPARATION**

Sales reviews

**Building permits** 

Site variable update project

Farm forestry exemptions reviews

**Requests for Reconsideration** 

**Severances and Consolidations** 

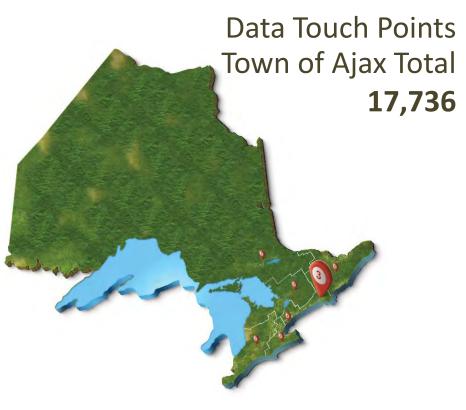
Data integrity checks MPAC initiated reviews

**Process controls** 

Tax and Vacancy Applications

**Municipal Requests** 

Appeals Property Owner Enquiries



#### **TRANSPARENCY AND SHARED UNDERSTANDING**

#### Level 1 - Methodology Guides

Comprehensive guides that explain assessment methodology.

#### Level 2 – Market Valuation Reports

Comprehensive reports that explain how assessment methodology was applied at the sector level to value properties for the 2016 Assessment Update

> Level 3 – Property Specific Valuation Information Detailed information that is available through secure-access only

#### **BENEFITS OF ADVANCED DISCLOSURE**

#### Benefits for municipalities:

✓ Improved roll predictability and stability

✓ Improved risk analysis

#### ✓ No surprises

✓ Opportunity to provide feedback

#### **Benefits for property taxpayers:**

✓ Increased satisfaction and confidence

✓ Easy access to property information

✓ No surprises

✓ Opportunity to provide feedback



Residential property owners will receive their Property Assessment Notices starting **June 20, 2016** 



Farm Property Assessment Notices will be mailed October 11



Multi-Residential and Business Notices will be mailed October 18

#### THE NEW ASSESSMENTS WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2017 – 2020

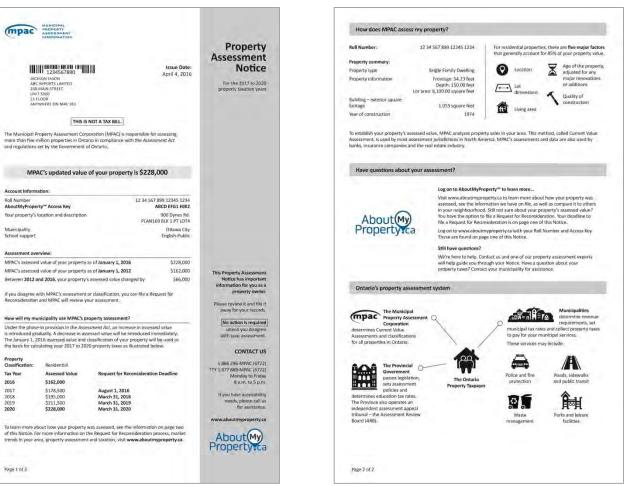
# 2016 ASSESSMENT UPDATE The Residential Experience



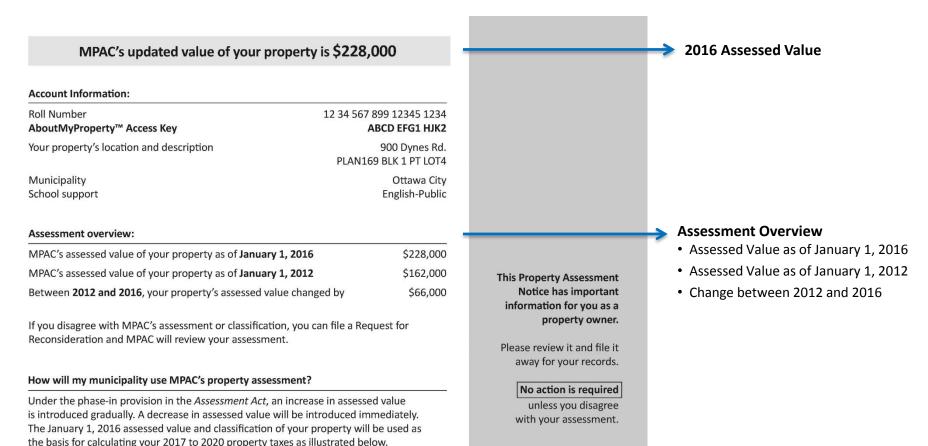
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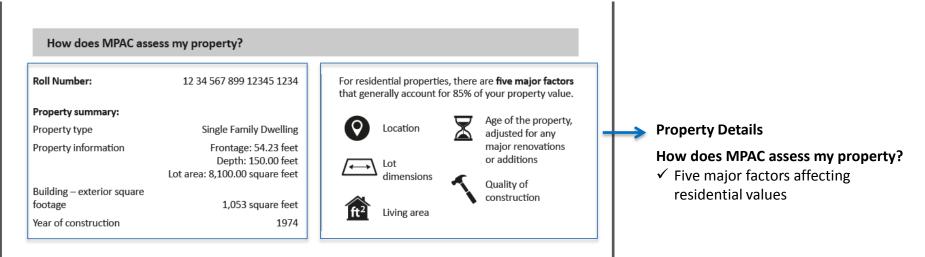




Property Classification:	Residential	
Tax Year	Assessed Value	Request for Reconsideration Deadline
2016	\$162,000	
2017	\$178,500	August 1, 2016
2018	\$195,000	March 31, 2018
2019	\$211,500	March 31, 2019
2020	\$228,000	March 31, 2020

To learn more about how your property was assessed, see the information on page two of this Notice. For more information on the Request for Reconsideration process, market trends in your area, property assessment and taxation, visit **www.aboutmyproperty.ca**.





To establish your property's assessed value, MPAC analyzes property sales in your area. This method, called Current Value Assessment, is used by most assessment jurisdictions in North America. MPAC's assessments and data are also used by banks, insurance companies and the real estate industry.

#### Have questions about your assessment?



#### Log on to AboutMyProperty™ to learn more...

Visit www.aboutmyproperty.ca to learn more about how your property was assessed, see the information we have on file, as well as compare it to others in your neighbourhood. Still not sure about your property's assessed value? You have the option to file a Request for Reconsideration. Your deadline to file a Request for Reconsideration is on page one of this Notice.

Log on to www.aboutmyproperty.ca with your Roll Number and Access Key. These are found on page one of this Notice.

#### Still have questions?

We're here to help. Contact us and one of our property assessment experts will help guide you through your Notice. Have a question about your property taxes? Contact your municipality for assistance.

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The Ontario

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municipal tax rates and collect property taxes to pay for your municipal services.

These services may include:



Police and fire

protection

Waste

management



Roads, sidewalks and public transit



Parks and leisure facilities Description of Ontario's property assessment system

#### **CHANGES TO FILING A REVIEW (BILL 144)**



Residential property owners have **120 days** from the **Issue Date** of **June 20, 2016 on** their Property Assessment Notice to file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR)

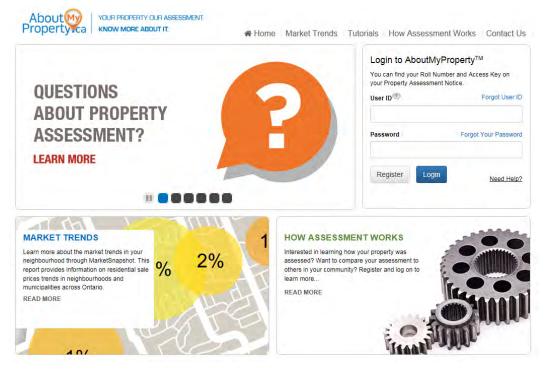
- The RfR deadline for Region of Durham is October 18, 2016
  - The Issue Date and RfR deadline are included on the Notice
- The early delivery of Assessment Notices and a 120-day RfR deadline will allow RfRs to be processed before Assessment Rolls are sent to municipalities greater stability and accuracy

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT MY ASSESSMENT?



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

## ABOUTMYPROPERTY.CA



Through **AboutMyProperty**™ property owners can:

- Access information on how their property was assessed
- ✓ Compare their assessment to others in their community
- Learn more about property values through Market Trends (available before login)

Login information is included on every Notice mailed.

### **RESOLVING ASSESSMENT CONCERNS**

- **STEP 1: Ask yourself**: "could I have sold my property for the assessed value on January 1, 2016?"
- STEP 2: Visit aboutmyproperty.ca to review the information MPAC has on file for your property.
- **STEP 3: Contact MPAC**
- STEP 4: File a Request for Reconsideration
- **STEP 5:** File an **appeal** with the Assessment Review Board





#### CONTACT MPAC

We are here to help. Contact MPAC with any questions you may have regarding your property assessment.

CALL our Customer Contact Centre 1 866 296-MPAC (6722) 1 877-889-MPAC (6722) TTY

**ONLINE** at mpac.ca

**VISIT** a local field office

WRITE to P.O. Box 9808, Toronto ON M1S 5T9

**FAX** 1 866 297 6703

If you have accessibility needs, please let us know how we can best accommodate you

## MUNICIPAL AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

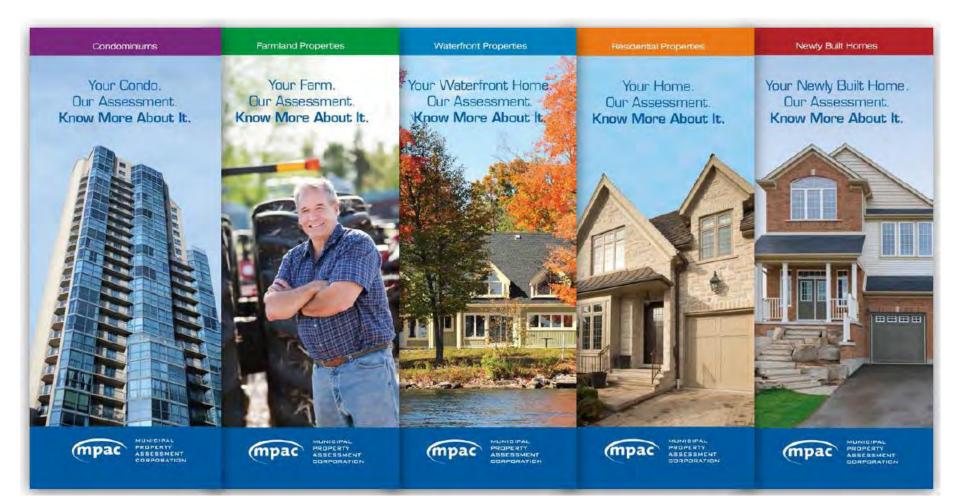


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## MUNICIPAL CONNECT™

- Redesigned Municipal Connect<sup>™</sup> launching April 4
  - Increased transparency
  - Improved stability and predictability in the municipal tax base
  - Modern and flexible way to access assessment information
- Access to 2016 base year values (2017-2020 tax years)
  - Support municipal understanding of assessed values
  - Early consultation/discussion for greater roll stability
  - Insight into assessment at risk





## **MUNICIPAL TOOLKIT**

To support municipalities in their communication efforts regarding the 2016 province-wide Assessment Update, MPAC has prepared a fully customizable toolkit that includes:

- Contact information for Municipal and Stakeholder Relations representatives
- Key Messages and Frequently Asked Questions
- Information regarding changes to Property Assessment Notices and Notice Mailing Dates
- Changes regarding Requests for Reconsideration
- Written Material for Print or Web
- Social Media Materials
- Highlights on AboutMyProperty and Municipal Connect
- Links/references to other resources including:
  - MPAC's full suite of brochures (links to mpac.ca)
  - Videos (will be housed on MPAC's YouTube Channel)
  - Buckslip for insertion in municipal tax bills (editable)

## PRELIMINARY MARKET TRENDS



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

#### **NEW FOR 2016 – MARKET TRENDS**

- Maps showing residential assessment change and typical residential values across Ontario municipalities
- Located in the Market Trends area on aboutmyproperty.ca
- Finalizing the maps for the first few extracts now and plan to roll them out over the next few weeks
- Through aboutmyproperty.ca and proactive media relations



Your Property. Our Assessment. Know More About It.



#### Learn more about the market trends in your neighbourhood through MarketSnapshot.

This report provides information on residential sale prices trends in neighbourhoods and municipalities across Ontario.



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PLACE

Enter the name of a neighbourhood or municipality

GO

#### Barrie, Ontario

#### Property values up 4.5% in Barrie

Residential property owners in Barrie will see an average assessment increase of approximately 4.5% in 2017. The assessed value of a typical residential home in Barrie is \$375,000.

#### Condominium values have up 2.2% in Barrie

The assessed value of a typical condominium in Barrie is \$375,000.

#### Waterfront properties are very popular.

Assessed value of a typical residence on water in Barrie is \$400,000.

#### [Municipality to add specific fact that is unique to the municipality]

A list of topics that could cover off the province (407 construction, other economic considerations, recreational properties, greenbelt, etc)

HOW TO READ THIS MAP

### ASSESSMENT CHANGES 2016 TO 2017

#### Town of Ajax

	UPPER TIER MUNICIPALITY	MUNICIPALITY
Overall Residential	8.1%	8.1%
Single Family Residential	8.2%	8.2%
Condominium	5.9%	5.7%
Waterfront	3%	2.2%

Preliminary median percentage change in assessed value from 2016 to 2017

## TYPICAL ASSESSED VALUES

#### Town of Ajax

	Change in value since 2012	2016 CVA
Single Family Residential	+ \$125,000	\$511,000
Condominium	+ \$51,000	\$262,000
Waterfront	+ \$53,500	\$892,000

The change in assessed value between base valuation years (2012 to 2016)

#### 2016 – Assessment Update – Important Dates

- MCP Availability July 2016
- 2016 CVA Regular Notice for Residential -Mail Date Monday June 20,2016 -RfR deadline October 18,2016
- 2016 CVA Regular Notice for , Farm/Managed Forest/CL -Mail Date Monday Oct. 11,2016 -RfR deadline Thursday Feb 8,2017
- > 2016 CVA Regular Notice for Business Properties
  - Mail Date Monday October 18, 2016
  - RfR deadline Friday February 15,2017
- > 2016 CVA Amended Notice All properties
  - Mail Date Wednesday Nov 28,2016
  - RfR deadline Tuesday March 28, 2017

# QUESTIONS?



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION



# Road, Sidewalk, Trail and Park Construction Update

Town of Ajax Council Presentation June 20, 2016





## 2016 Construction in Ajax

#### Roads:

- Ministry of Transportation
- Region of Durham, and
- Town of Ajax (\$11.6 million) Other:
- 1.4 km of new sidewalks
- 2.6 km of new trail
- 6.4 km of new bike lanes/ shared lanes
- 4 new parks, 3 retrofit parks











# **Road Construction**



#### Highway 407 and 412





#### Highway 407 and 412



Opened today - Brock Road to Harmony Road and Highway 412 (West Durham Link ) By 2017 – Harmony Road to Taunton Road/ East Durham Link By 2020 – East Durham Link (Highway 418) to Highway 35/115 www.highway407east.com



# **Rossland Road**







# Brock Road (Pickering)

- Widen Brock Road from 2 to 5 lanes, south of Rossland Road to CPR tracks
- Reconstruct and widen Rossland Road
- Intersection to reopen in July 2016
- Construction complete end of 2017





## **Rossland Road Phase 1**



- Realign to remove offset at Church Street
- New bridge over East Duffins Creek
- Reconstruct intersection at Church Street
- New watermains
- Completed August
   2015



## **Rossland Road Phase 2**





- Reconstruct/ widen from Southcott Road to new alignment
- New bridge at Urfe Creek
- New watermains
- New LED street lights
- Sidewalk on north side
- Multi-use trail on south side
- On-road bike lanes
- Watermain underway
- Road closure starting in July
- Completed late 2017



## **Riverside Drive**

- Deferred to Spring 2017
- Full depth road reconstruction
- On-road bike lanes
- 1.8 m concrete sidewalk on west side
- Bridge rehabilitation





## Westney Road

- Widening from Delaney/ Magill to Rossland
- Started in 2015
- Completion
   November 2016
- New LED street lights
- Multi-use trail on west side





## Kingston Road/ Westney Road

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes on Kingston Road
- Widening of Westney Road at intersection
- New street lights
- Construction in Summer 2016





#### Harwood Avenue Cycling Facilities and Parking Improvements

- Based on 2013 Lower Harwood Study
- Westney Road to McRae Road

   converting one lane to
   buffered on road bike lane
- McRae Road to Lake Driveway

   converting one lane to on road parking and adding cycle tracks in boulevard adjacent to sidewalk
- Raised intersection at Clements Road
- To start in July and be completed in Fall 2016





### **Range Road**

- Relocating hydro poles in Fall 2016
- Road reconstruction in 2017
- Two lane paved road with a rural cross section





## **Bayly Street**

- Road resurfacing east of Harwood Avenue to Porte Road
- Construction underway
- To be completed July 7, 2016



#### Town of By the Lake

#### **Bayly Street and Harwood Avenue**



- Full reconstruction with a concrete surface
- Partial watermain replacement
- Reduction to one lane in each direction east and west bound
- Full closures required on Harwood Avenue during some stages
- To start in July
- Completion in September



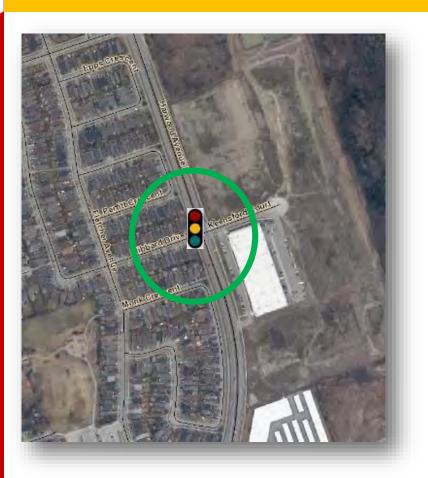
## **Bayly Street and Westney Road**

- New east bound, right turn lane at Westney
- Replacing sidewalk on southwest corner with multi-use trail
- Rehabilitation of John Mills Bridge (over East Duffins Creek)
- Construction in Fall 2016



#### By the Lake

#### Harwood Avenue at Hibbard Drive/ Keensford Court



- New traffic signals
- New turning lanes
- Construction to start in July and be completed in Fall 2016



# Salem Road/ Mandrake Street

- New south bound right turn lane from Salem Road to Mandrake Street
- Construction to start in July
- Completion by Fall 2016





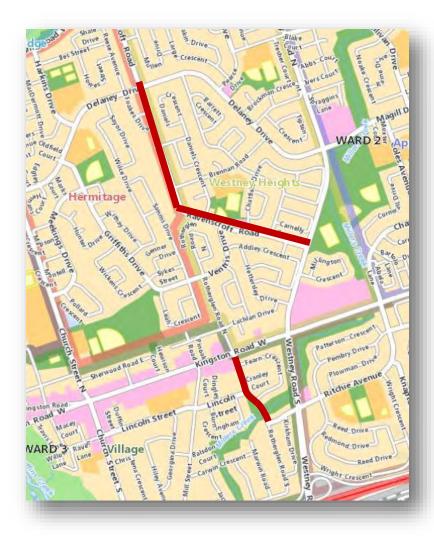
## **Road Resurfacing**



- Lake Driveway
- Clover Ridge Drive East
- Foord Road
- Clements Road
- Green Court



## **Road Resurfacing**



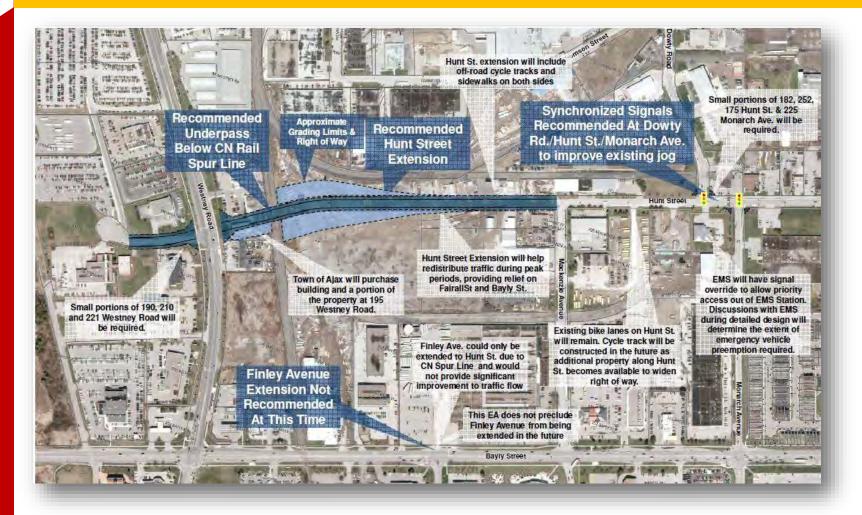
- Rotherglen Road
- Ravenscroft Road



# Environmental Assessments



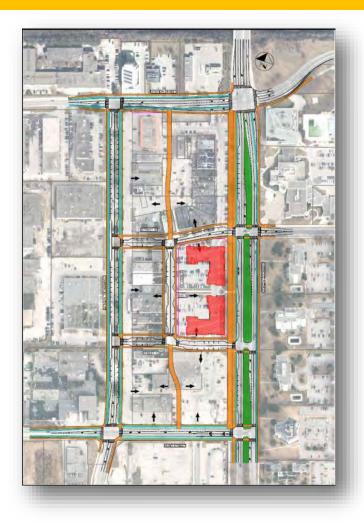
## Hunt and Finley Improvements







#### Ajax Downtown Road Network



- Environmental Study Report to be completed in August and filed for 30 day review period
- Preliminary design underway



### Lakeview Blvd. Improvements

• PIC #1 – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Alternative designs
- Evaluation criteria
- PIC #2 October 2016
  - Recommended design
- Finalize study in January 2017





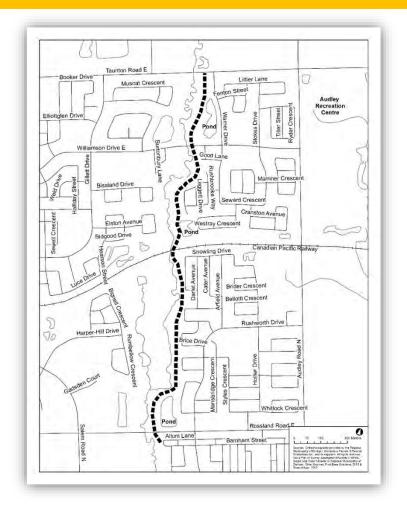
# Sidewalks, Trails and Bicycle Lanes





#### Carruthers Trail – Rossland to Taunton

- New 3 m wide asphalt trail ~ 2.1 km
- Taunton Road to Rossland Road
- Includes covered, cantilevered bridge under railway
- Completed June 7<sup>th</sup>





#### Carruthers Trail – Rossland to Taunton



## **Finley Avenue Sidewalk**

- Bayly Street to Westney Road
- To start in August
- Completed in Fall 2016





#### **Rotary Park Trail Improvements**



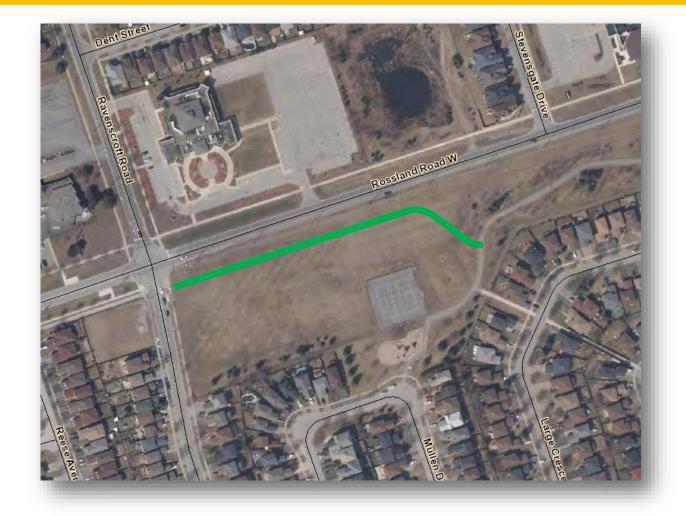


# **Rotary Park Trail Connection**



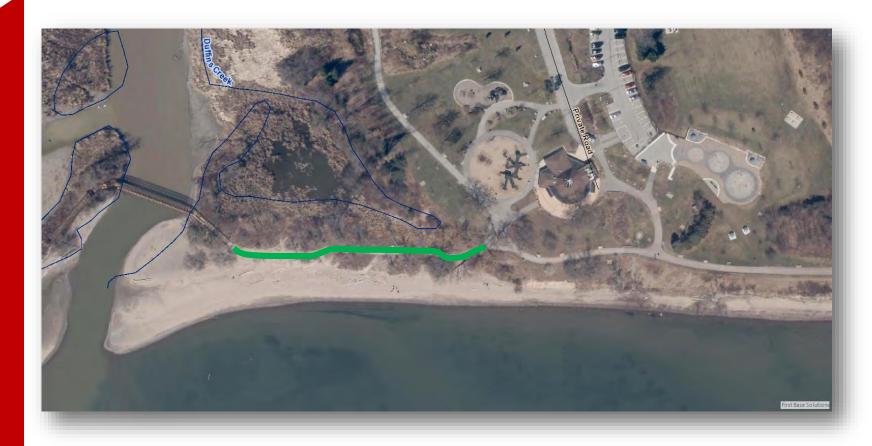
# Mullen Park Trail (Rossland)





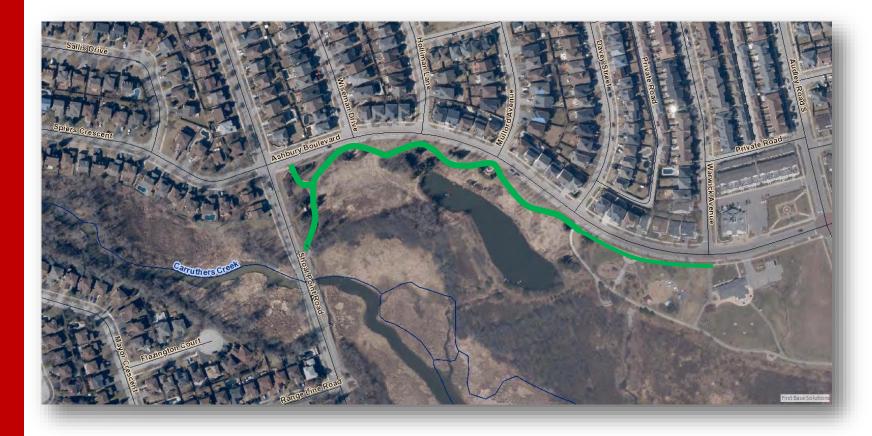


#### Waterfront Trail Improvements



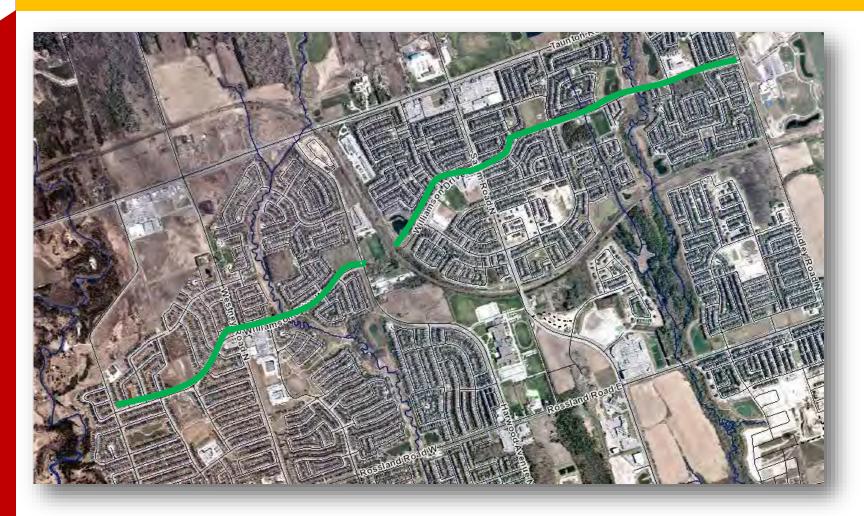


#### Waterfront Trail Reconstruction





### Williamson Drive Bicycle Lanes





#### **Bicycle Lanes**

- Fishlock Street Old Harwood Avenue to Harwood Avenue
- Finley Avenue Bayly Street to Westney Road
- Commerical Avenue/ Kitney Drive – Hunt Street to Clements Road (sharrows)
- Chambers Drive Beck Crescent to Cul-de-Sac (sharrows)
- Construction for Summer/ Fall 2016





## **Parks**





# Menkes Imagination – Gillett Neighbourhood Park

- 2.6 ha
- Senior and junior playgrounds
- Junior soccer field
- Basketball half court
- Paved walkway
- Paved parking lot
- Seating areas
- Landscaping
- To be completed by July 2016





# Pat Bayly Square



- New urban square at Harwood and Bayly
- Unique elements reflecting the history of Ajax
- Future location of public gatherings
- Includes reflective pool/ skating rink
- Location of statue to commemorate women of DIL



# Pat Bayly Square



- Construction started May 2016
- To be completed in September 2018

# Luvian Parkette



- 0.2 ha Parkette
- Junior playground
- Site furniture
- Paved pathways
- Landscaping
- Preservation of mature trees
- Construction to start in June 2016



# **Beechridge Parkette**

- 0.29 ha Parkette
- Playground
- Seating areas
- Pathways
- Pedestrian lighting
- Western trail head terminus of Carruthers Trail link
- Construction to start in July

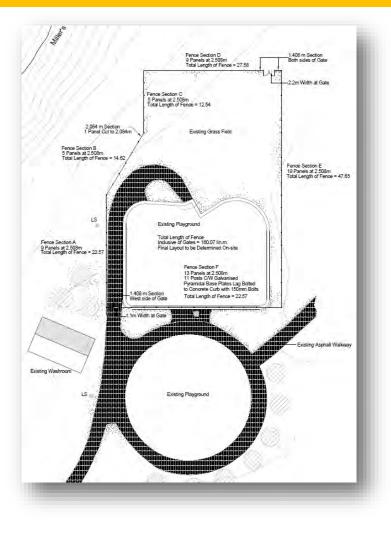




### Millers Community Park - Retrofit

- Safe place to play
- 160m of decorative metal fence and 2 gates
- Future phases in 2017 and 2018







# Lakeside School Park - Retrofit

- Replacement of junior and senior playgrounds
- New site furniture
- New tree planting
- To be constructed in Summer 2016





# Forest Ridge Park - Retrofit



- Fence repairs
- Resurfacing and line painting of tennis court
- Resurfacing trails near baseball backstop
- Revitalization of landscape plaza
- Replacement of site furniture
- Summer 2016





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# 2016 Arts, Cultural & Heritage Events



### AJAX SPIRIT WALK: LAKEFRONT Adventure





Celebrating 5 years of Arts, Culture & Heritage in Ajax Saturday July 9, 2016 • 7 p.m. 78 Church St. S., Ajax • \$30 (HST included)

Cocktail Reception and Dessert Intermission included.



Incredible Illusionist Ray Chance



Musical Performance by Envirodrum

Plus, don't miss a sneak peek of what's to come for the 2016-2017 season!



#### AJAX SPIRIT WALK: LAKEFRONT ADVENTURE

#### Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 8 p.m. Rotary Park Pavilion (177 Lake Driveway W.)



#### Area began with a Peak

This is the latest in a series of Liv-History articles by members of the Local Architectural Conservation isory Committee. By PAM PRYJMA Aya LACAC VJAX-PICKERING - Pickering 's settler, William Peak, and his wife garet arrived in Pickering Townin about 1703. Wildlife histories in a

rgaret arrived in Pickering Townp in about 1793. Wildlife thrived in dense forest, and Duffins Creek filled with salmon; in fact only a hfork was required to spear a meal.

#### **Friend of Indians**

The Peaks settled at the mouth of fins Creek, directly across the ek from where Rotary Park is rently located. William constructed welling, presumably made of logs, cleared land to grow crops. He built one of the earliest known



Simcoe House, built near the mouth of Duffins Creek in 1911, drew vacationers

mouth of Duffins Creek, and name Simcoe House.

He died the following year and resort and the original Peak hor stead were sold, leaving over 1 years of family ownership.

Simcoe House prospered, draw vacationers from all over Ontario Quebec. The Great Depression sera devastating blow and it fell into o repair. The resort was destroyed fire in the 1950s and is survived o by charred hydro poles and fruit tre

#### Home to generation

A family burial ground located the shore of Duffins Creek serves a reminder of our first settler Willi Peak, and the generations of Pe Greenlaws who were born, lived died on Sincoe Point. A complete record of burials



### **Doors Open Ontario**

- In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust established Doors Open Ontario
- A province-wide celebration of community heritage, to create access, awareness and excitement about our unique buildings and places





## History of Doors Open Ajax

- 2010 inaugural year
- Hosted every other year
- Held to coincide with Canada's Culture Days a province wide event to explore, discover and participate in arts and culture.
- Since 2010 over 8,500 visitors have taken part in Doors Open Ajax
- Feedback from our events continues to be extremely positive with residents looking forward to the next Doors Open Ajax event



### Doors Open Ajax 2016

- Saturday, October 1, 2016
- 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Free to the public
- 11 sites + a Walking Tour
- Participate in the Canada 150 Mural Mosaic Project



### Ajax Fire Headquarters

#### 900 Salem Road North

- Trucks on display
- Children activities
- Old fire pumper
- Fire safety house



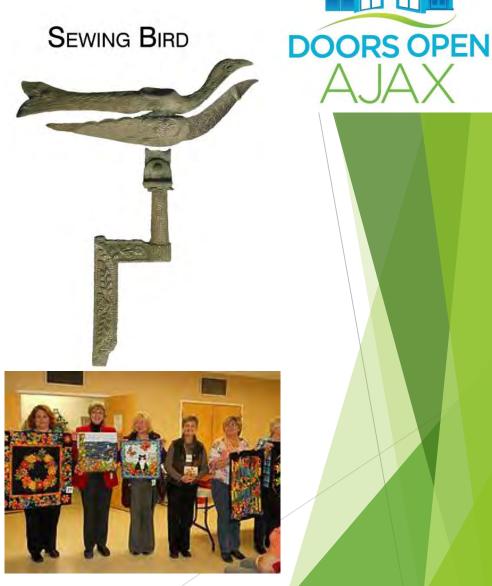




Ajax Kinsmen Heritage Centre 120 Roberson Dr.

- TRCA artifacts on display
- Quilt displays
   Village Seniors Club
   Twisted Stitchers



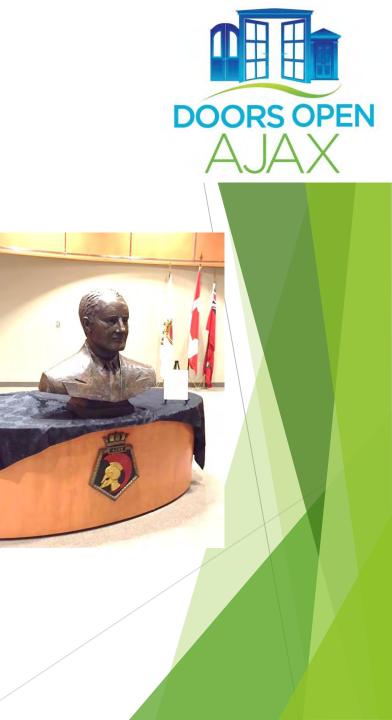


Town Hall

#### 65 Harwood Ave S

- Archive displays featuring Defence Industries Limited (DIL) memorabilia
- Bust of Pat Bayly, Ajax's first Mayor
- Watch old video footage of life at DIL in the Council Chambers.



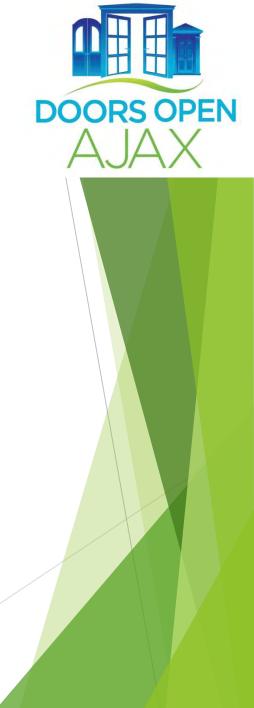


### Defence Industries Limited (DIL) Walking Tour - 65 Harwood Ave S

- Tours begin at 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm starting at Town Hall
- Take a step back in time to relive the early 1940s and life at the munitions plant known as DIL
- Highlights will include the Manager's and Supervisor's houses on Churchill & Roosevelt, Pat Bayly's house, and the many buildings that formed DIL







#### **Doric Masonic Lodge** 457 Kingston Rd W

- Built in 1867
- Tours highlighting architecture & history of building
- Food & Beverages for sale







#### **Friends Cemetery** 15 Mill St.

- Self guided tour
- Ajax's oldest cemetery
- Designated Heritage Site







#### Health Movement Pilates

592 Kingston Rd W

- Fanny Letourneau Roussel Olympic medals on display
- Meet future Olympic athletes











### Lishman Residence

#### 709 Westney Rd N

- Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act
- Built 1845
- Metal Sculptures on display
- Art for sale





#### St. Nedela Macedonian Orthodox Church A 485 Bayly St W

- Self guided tours throughout the day
- Macedonian food and crafts for sale





#### The Royal Canadian Legion 111 Hunt St.

- Photos and display of old uniforms and war medals
- Street name information
- Cadet demos (knot tying)





#### The William Hartrick House

22 Linton Ave

- Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1982
- Self guided tour
- Pickering Museum Village providing children's crafts, wool shearing, carding & spinning and dyeing

demos





#### Village Community Centre 22 Sherwood Rd W

- Ajax Creative Arts 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Community Project Mural
- Art Demos & display







### **Communication Plan**

- News Releases and Advertisements including a full page spread the week prior to the event
- Brochures & Posters
- Sign Boards & Banner Bugs
- Social Media

#### Website

http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Eve nts/Ajax.aspx









