



VOTE JAMIES BLAIR

ON OCTOBER 17th-24th
CITY OF PICKERING COUNCILLOR WARD 1
REAL PLANS for REAL RESULTS

Responsible & Transparent Government

- Work with members of Pickering City Council to implement a lobbying registry and eliminate in-camera meetings and voting held behind closed doors except when required by the Municipal Act. This is the only way to bring accountability and transparency back to our Pickering City Council.
- Our communities must control development. Developers must not be allowed to control our communities. Halt OPA-38 (Kingston Road Corridor Intensification Plan) The numerous proposed high-rise buildings along Kingston Road will destroy local communities. While responsible development is required, it must balance the needs of all parties. The best interest and needs of our existing communities have clearly not been considered.
- Existing property owners and taxpayers must not be used or leveraged to support developers' or land speculators' investment portfolios. Developers must pay 100% of all taxes and charges associated with future builds in Pickering. Sitting on land for years and paying only a fraction of its taxable value can no longer continue.

Attracting industry, employment opportunities & decreasing the tax burden on homeowners

- Agriculture and agri-food production are one of the top economic drivers for the Durham Region. Focusing on saving Pickering's Grade 'A' Farmland will offer employment and food production-related jobs to our city's future economy for years to come. Ontario's agri-food sector contributes over \$35 billion in GDP to the province's economy and supports more than 781,000 jobs. It is time for Pickering Council to take the concept of sustainability seriously.
- Explore possible uses for the soon-to-be decommissioned Pickering Power plant with OPG, such as a Global training centre for decommissioning other CANDU nuclear reactors or a possible hydrogen fuel production facility.

Building Healthy & Safe Communities:

- Implement traffic calming solutions and additional road safety measures in our communities and around our schools to deter commuters from speeding and using our community streets as shortcuts to get to and from the 401.
- Pickering youth should not have to leave their communities to engage in sports and physical activities. Refurbish an under-utilized city playing field central to all residences in Ward 1 into a multi-purpose playing field able to accommodate the sports of cricket, rugby and soccer.
- Work with organizations such as The Mental Health Commission of Canada to provide workshops, certification and mental health service programs in real-time, when needed, such as Stepped Care 2.0 for Pickering youth and their families.
- Restrict further development and intensification on Pickering's waterfront and Frenchman's Bay. We must safeguard public access to this shared community resource.

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