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Less than half the picture: It's about the formula



By Richard
Bercuson

A hockey organization I worked with in Ottawa created a formula to determine the number of house league teams in each of its three tiers. The formula had to be used by its member associations and the mother club was adamant this could not be tinkered with. Naturally, there was an annual autumn hue and cry about imbalances. Sorry, they said, the formula is the formula.

So, too, does Elections Canada redistribute ridings following

each 10-year census according to a formula which the Chief Electoral Officer must follow. Said Representation Formula can be found in subsection 51(1) of the 1867 Constitution Act.

Brooklin is conjoined with Pickering, bedfellows with nothing in common except Lake Ridge Road and Highway 7. Till now, Pickering had been linked with Uxbridge, a marriage created by a similar 2013 formula. The Pickering-Uxbridge MP was Liberal Jennifer O'Connell, a former Pickering councillor, who chose not to join the current fray after winning her seat three times.

The good news? Through the formula, Brooklin has been deemed an official entity by no less than the feds. You'd be hard-pressed to find another town where a piece has been lopped off and stapled to a neighbouring

(sort of) town to form a new riding. It's the ultimate sign of respect.

Might this fuel a secessionist movement to make us an actual municipality? The old Vipond Arena could become town hall and the budding sports complex home of Brooklin sports organizations. Police, fire, and other essential services are all easily shared. We already have a library and plenty of places to eat. And, hey, we also have a Longo's. Do we need anything else?

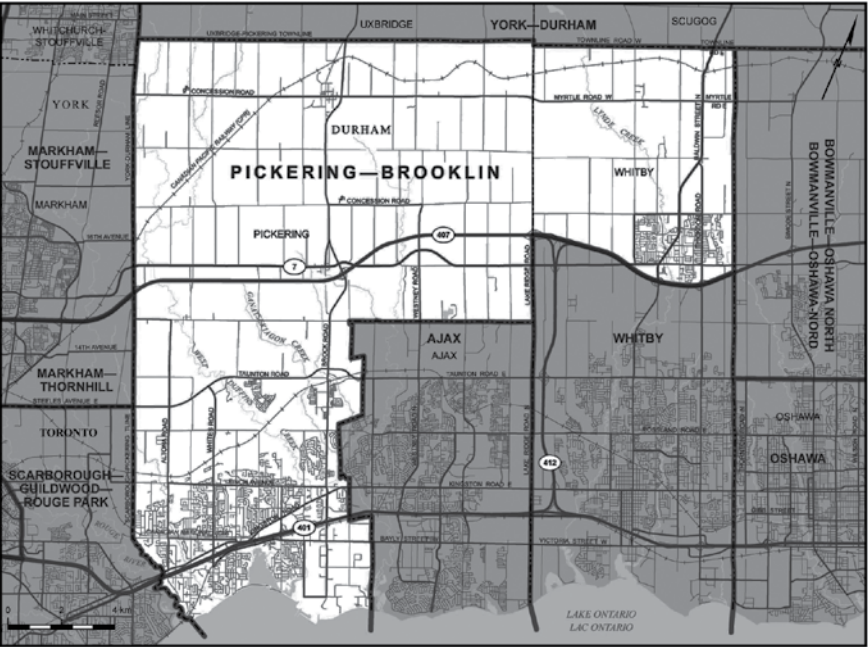
As to the election, we're left with an array of choices that says zero about what any of them know about Brooklin, let alone what they can offer us. Do they even realize we have our own print newspaper? Kindly scan this issue for proof. Perhaps the six candidates will enlighten us at the April 24 all candidates forum, which unfortunately will come after the four days of advance polling is completed. (To attend, see the box on this page)

The forum is being organized by the Pickering-based Fairport Beach Neighbourhood Association. Thanks for hosting, though the timing is late. Here, only the Whitby Chamber of Commerce attempted to host a similar forum, extending invitations as per Chamber of Commerce election protocols, to candidates from the three parties that hold House of Commons seats. However, only one of the three accepted. Hence, no Brooklin forum. What does that say about our candidates?

A key question left to Brooklin voters is this: With scant knowledge about the candidates who've done little to warm us to them (only one has a website which provides nothing on riding aims), do we vote based on the number of signs, or revert to the party leader we cotton to?

The next census is in May, 2026. Here's to the subsequent redistribution formula.

Federal Election Information



Election Day:
Monday, April 28, 2025

Advance Voting:
Friday, April 18, 2025
Saturday, April 19, 2025
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Monday, April 21, 2025

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Riding Information
Electoral district number:
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Population: 122,430

Number of electors on list:
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• Centrist Party of Canada
Lisa Robinson
• People's Party of Canada
Alicia Vianga
• Conservative Party of
Canada
Andrea Wood
• Green Party of Canada

Just Vote



By Rhonda
Mulcahy,
Deputy Mayor

I admit I'm no fan of the new Pickering-Brooklin riding. There are a lot of reasons why. However, here's one which residents may not be completely aware of. It has to do with the many issues we deal with at municipal and regional council which are the result of provincial or federal government initiatives or decisions.

While some may feel municipal politicians have the power to make changes, this is often not true. We do though have access to our local MP or MPP and the opportunity to advocate for our communities. When you elect a local or regional councillor, you are choosing someone who will be active in advocacy for broader issues that affect where you live in addition to dealing with local issues.

With the new riding, that advocacy will become awkward for the simple fact that our new MP must

consider not just Brooklin's needs (and Pickering's, of course) but also Whitby's. Will this new MP be able to deal effectively and cooperatively with, potentially, an MP of the opposition? If of the same party, who will be able to address issues that will cross Whitby's borders into Pickering's?

The federal funding for the new Whitby hospital and capital funding for growth infrastructure would be two issues that could fall into competing categories between Whitby/Brooklin and Pickering.

My goal and approach haven't changed. I plan to forge a relationship with whoever is the new MP in order to get the best service for our community, regardless of the party affiliation.

In order for Brooklin to be taken seriously, we need to show our numbers at the polls. While the riding redistribution suggests Brooklin is a viable entity, at least in the federal government's view, it's been tough to see how that has played out so far.

So, simply put, vote.

Pickering-Brooklin All Candidates Forum

Free Admission (limited capacity)
Doors Open at 6:30 pm
Thurs., Apr 24, 2025: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Dunbarton High School - East gymnasium
655 Sheppard Avenue Pickering, ON L1V 1G2



The vibrant spirit of Ram Navami echoed through the heart of Durham Region as ISKCON Durham hosted its first-ever Sri Ram Janm Utsav 2025 on Saturday, April 5, at Brooklin High School. The full-day celebration brought together hundreds of families, spiritual leaders, community partners, and dignitaries for a day of divine celebration, cultural richness, and unity.

This landmark festival marked the official launch of ISKCON Durham Centre and was organized with the valued support of VHP Canada, HMSEC Canada, ISKCON Toronto, Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce, and several community organizations across the region.

Brooklin Family Matters: *by Leanne Brown*

A Teen’s View of Economics



My daughter works part-time, three to five hours a week depending on her hockey schedule. While she loves the financial freedom from her paycheque, she’s noticed lately that it doesn’t pack the same punch it used to.

She hasn’t been spending much, a Starbucks once in a while. She’s been saving for a special trip, setting aside money each payday. Last week, she finally had enough funds to pay for it only to learn the cost had gone up. Her dad and I are proud of her discipline and felt that it should be recognized so we helped her with the small difference.

On her next pay, we went shopping with a list of spring clothes she wanted. But she was disappointed. “Everything costs so much more than before,” she said.

The tee shirts she loves had gone up about 30%. Unprepared for the cost increase, she chose to hold onto her money.

On the way home, we had a chat. She already knew why prices were increasing, but the shock

was more about how it was impacting her own buying power. She had thought it only impacted gas and groceries.

She asked about tariffs and why the US was imposing them on products from other countries. She had learned about free trade at school and wondered if it was still “a thing.”

She asked tough questions. “But the free trade thing is good, right? Why doesn’t the US want to be part of it anymore?”

Since I didn’t have the answers, I shifted the topic to how she could make changes in her spending habits. Buy fewer fashion items and fancy drinks, eat at home more, or pack a lunch for school.

“I think me and my friends are going to go to the Good Berry instead. They have the same stuff and are local. Plus it’s closer.”

I also pointed out Upshot Coffee and Station Gallery that we were at as other options.

“Oh right! Is that why we came here?” She asked with a sparkle in her eyes. I smiled; she approved of my choice.

“Those places are nicer, too,” she added. “You can talk without everyone listening.”



We next discussed Canadian fashion brands and she found a couple she loves. “The only thing is,” she noted, “their stuff is made in China, India and other places like that.”

“True. However, it’s a Canadian company that employs Canadians.”

“I like that idea. Can I still buy American things?”

“Of course you can. You can choose to spend your money where you wish.”

“Okay, cool. But I will try to buy Canadian first. Whichever costs less.”

That’s the reality of the current economic situation. As salaries aren’t likely to keep up with the

expected price surges, everyone will face tough choices.

We left the cafe and headed to the grocery store where she picked out a product flagged with a maple leaf.

“I like the other brand better, but let’s try this one,” she said comparing two cookie packages.

Later, In the car, she said, “I am still getting that hoodie” referring to an online American brand she’d been admiring for a month. She ordered it when she got home.

Economics, according to my teen, means that if she wants it enough, she’s getting it. As long as she thinks about the purchase before buying, that’s just fine.

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When and where:

- Saturday, April 26 from 8 a.m. to noon** (rain or shine)
- Ajax Operations Centre**, 800 Salem Road North, Ajax
Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon (rain or shine)
- Lakeview Park** (parking lot) Kluane Avenue, Oshawa
- Clarington Operations Depot 42**, 178 Darlington-Clarke Townline Road, Bowmanville (south of Highway 2)
- Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to noon** (rain or shine)
- Whitby Operations Centre**, 333 McKinney Drive, Whitby
- Uxbridge Arena & Recreation Centre** (parking lot), 291 Brock Street West, Uxbridge

- Scugog Community Recreation Centre** (parking lot), 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry
- Foster Hewitt Memorial Community Centre** (parking lot), 176 Main Street, Beaverton
- Saturday, May 31 from 8 a.m. to noon** (rain or shine)
- Don Beer Arena** (parking lot), 940 Dillingham Road, Pickering

Why: In appreciation of a continued community-wide commitment to the Region's seasonal Leaf and Yard Waste collection program, residents are invited to attend our complimentary compost giveaways.

Note: These are self-serve events. Residents must bring a shovel and containers to carry their compost. Quantities are first-come, first-served and limited to four reuseable containers of compost per vehicle.

Green bins and backyard composters will not be available for sale or exchange at these events. Purchase new green bins, kitchen containers or backyard composters, or exchange broken green bins and kitchen containers online with free home delivery. Visit durham.ca/NewBins for more information.

Residents are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item, to be donated to a local food bank (please check that boxes and



cans are not damaged, opened or expired). For more information, including tips for preparing to attend a compost event, please visit durham.ca/WasteEvents or download the **Durham Region Waste App**.

Recycle your batteries!

Don't let your old batteries go to waste! The Region of Durham is calling on residents to recycle their used household batteries by placing them on top of their closed Green Bin during collection days the week of April 28.



When: Spring battery collection occurs from April 28 to May 2 on Green Bin collection days.

week of April 28 only.

Where: Households across Durham Region who currently receive curbside collection services.

Why: Batteries are not garbage – up to 92 per cent of battery components are recyclable and recoverable. By taking part in the battery collection program, you can help prevent mercury, cadmium and other heavy metals from entering the environment. Since the first curbside battery collection in November 2012, Durham Region residents have diverted more than 462 tonnes (1,036,918 pounds) of household batteries from the waste stream.

Note: Batteries are no longer collected with the blue box program. The Region transitioned its Blue Box program to Circular Materials on July 1, 2024. Residents should place their used household batteries in a clear, sealable plastic bag. **Sealed bags should be placed on top of your closed Green Bin for collection during the**

Batteries should be stored in a cool, dry location, away from any flammable material, prior to recycling. During storage, battery terminals should not be in contact with conductive materials. The terminals on lithium, nine-volt, six-volt and button cell batteries should be covered with masking tape prior to storage and recycling. Have questions about battery collection or looking for more information about preparing batteries for recycling? Visit durham.ca/Battery.

If you miss your collection date, household batteries can be dropped off at one of the **Region's Waste Management Facilities** year-round, free of charge. For a list of locations, visit durham.ca/WMF. Or for your nearest retail drop-off location, visit RecycleYourBatteries.ca.

For more information, visit durham.ca/Battery, email waste@durham.ca, or call 311 (within Regional limits) or 905-668-7711 (toll-free at 1-800-372-1102).

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

Between May and September 2025, the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation will be conducting larviciding programs, under the authority of Durham Region's Medical Officer of Health, to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent the development of vectors of West Nile virus.

The pellet and/or briquette formulation of the larvicide methoprene (Altosid - Registration No. 21809 and No. 27694 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*), or the water-soluble pouch formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus sphaericus* (VectoLex WSP - Registration No. 28009 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*), will be placed into catch basins of storm drains in areas across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

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The granular formulation of the larvicide VectoBac 200G and/or the granular formulation of the larvicide *Bacillus sphaericus* (VectoLex CG - Registration No. 28008 under the *Pest Control Products Act, Canada*) might also be placed in sewage lagoons in areas across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

All larvicides will be applied by Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks licensed applicators or trained technicians.

For more information on the locations and dates of treatment on:

Regional and Municipal property - contact the Durham Region Health Department at 1-800-841-2729 or visit durham.ca/WestNile for additional information about West Nile virus

Ontario Ministry of Transportation property - contact Ontario Ministry of Transportation at 1-416-235-5462 (collect calls accepted) for additional information.





How Brooklin Became Brooklin

By Jennifer Hudgins



What began as a quiet settlement with little more than four log homes was once called the village of Winchester, named after its counterpart in Hampshire, England. The log homes were built in the late 1830s by the Campbell family, Amos Way, John McGee, and William Hepenstall.

In 1839, John Campbell, one of the Campbell sons, along with Daniel S. Way, a son of Amos, mapped out what would eventually become the village of Brooklin. The name change occurred because Brooklin wanted to establish a post office. But there was already a Winchester in Upper Canada (Ontario). As a result, a new name had to be found. So, on August



11, 1847, the name Brooklin was officially recognized.

Business hub

In Winchester's early days, the village's business hub was centered along what is now Queen Street. The arrival of the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay Railway just east of Queen Street (then Railroad Street) boosted regional trade and transportation. From 1845 to 1846, when the plank road was constructed between Port Whitby and Lake Scugog, it ran

to the west of Winchester. After 1850, the village's business district shifted to this new road, which came to be known as Baldwin Street, named after Robert Baldwin, the Premier of the Province of Canada in 1842. Gradually, Winchester became an important business centre for a thriving farming community, experiencing extraordinary growth. By 1846, the population had reached 300, and by 1853, it had grown to 650. Brooklin's location, fertile farmland, and growing milling industry also contributed to its early prosperity. As the population grew, so did the variety of local businesses. At different times, the village became home to mills, tanneries, an ashery, a soap and candle factory, a circulating library, general stores, taverns, and churches. The village was also home to a wide array of tradespeople including wagon makers, blacksmiths, shoemakers, photographers, tinsmiths, and cabinet makers.

Joins Whitby

On January 24, 1852, John

Campbell travelled to Quebec to petition for Brooklin to be selected as the County Town of Ontario. However, the honour went to Whitby, which was chosen for its strategic location. In 1968, Brooklin was amalgamated into the Town of Whitby.

Several key developments marked the village's growth. The mid-20th century saw the arrival of housing developments, beginning with the Meadowcrest subdivision in the late 1950s. By the 1990s, new housing sprang up east of the village between Queen and Thickson Roads, and further expansion to the southeast. By 2000, developments had reached Ashburn Road to the west, and in 2001, the Olde Winchester subdivision began to take shape east of Thickson Road.

Today, with a population estimated to be close to 25,000, the village has grown from its rural roots into a bustling community, blending its history with modern development.



Upcoming lane restrictions on Winchester Road

The Regional Municipality of Durham is advising residents of upcoming lane restrictions on Winchester Road (Regional Road 3) in the Town of Whitby. Where: Winchester Road, from Durham Street/Chelmsford Drive to east of Watford Street/Anderson Street, in Whitby.

When: The contractor began April 7, 2025, with completion by late summer 2025.

Unfavourable weather may impact the schedule.

Why: To safely rehabilitate and widen Winchester Road.

Note: Intermittent lane restrictions will be required on Winchester Road to facilitate the remaining construction. Traffic may be restricted to one westbound lane in spring. Further communications

specific to this project will be issued in advance of any additional traffic restrictions. More details will be provided at durham.ca/WinchesterRoad.

Businesses will remain open for the duration of construction. The Region recognizes there may be potential impacts during the work. Durham Region offers an overview of what businesses can expect during

construction, and some tips on how to minimize inconvenience on your business, at durham.ca/OpenForBusiness.

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Town Launches Final Phase of Engagement in the Official Plan Review

The Town is moving into the next and final phase of its five-year Official Plan Review which will help set policy direction for how Whitby should grow between now and 2051 – and wants to hear from you. Key land use policy topics to be discussed include planning for future employment uses, climate resiliency, transportation, parks, and more.

Get involved:

- Attend a Community Open House in-person or virtually on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Town Hall Council Chambers (575 Rossland Road East).
- Email written comments to the Official Plan Review Team at officialplanreview@whitby.ca

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Just Mow And Go

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