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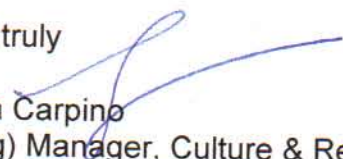
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I am pleased to announce that the City of Pickering has been awarded **Gold Youth Friendly Community Builder** status from Play Works!, the Ontario Partnership for Active Youth. The Play Works Organization acknowledges distinct communities that go above and beyond to ensure their youth (ages 13 - 19) have continuous access to a diversity of 'play'. "Play" meaning everything from sports, recreation, drama, dance, music, the arts, volunteerism, leadership development, service leadership and/or civic engagement.

As you know, municipal staff worked for many months in 2010 preparing Pickering's most recent Youth Friendly Community Application. At this time, I am pleased to announce the outcome but more importantly to extend sincere thanks to you and your organization for participating in that process and contributing to the application. With your help, staff were able to prepare an application that reflected the entire community and the wonderful services offered to Pickering's youth – our most precious resource.

The City of Pickering's recognition as **Gold Youth Friendly Community Builder** status from Play Works! is one in which we can all enjoy and take pride. Thanks once again for your ongoing support.

Yours truly


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