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Town of Ajax Use of CCTV Cameras

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 19, 2026	Considered	Apr 19, 2026
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Lisa Bower
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	Jun 21, 2026	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas the Town of Ajax uses closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at select municipal locations to support public safety, help prevent and investigate acts of vandalism and theft, and safeguard municipal assets; and,
Whereas the Town has established governance procedures and guidelines to oversee use, operation, and management of CCTV cameras; and,
Whereas the Town also has Code Blue Emergency Phone Units in the Ajax Town Hall parking lot and at Rotary Park near the Pavilion, which connects users with the Town's 24/7 alarm monitoring company; and,
Whereas clear communication about how, where, and why surveillance technologies are used, use of the Emergency Phone Units, and information on the policy guiding their use benefits everyone.
Therefore, be it resolved:
That Ajax Council directs Public and Strategic Affairs to prepare a report on the Town's Video Surveillance System policy, including access to footage, video monitoring and retention, signage, and camera locations that the Town and Durham Regional Police Services partnered on, as well as the Town's use of Code Blue Emergency Phone Units to be presented at the June 22, 2026, Council Meeting.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-04-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2884 · 1 of 39

Criminal Exploitation of Minors for Organized Crime

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 19, 2026	Considered	Apr 19, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas organized theft, vehicle tracking, and related criminal activities are increasing across Ontario communities, placing residents, businesses, and vulnerable youth at heightened risk; and,

Whereas police services and community advocates have identified a troubling pattern of adults recruiting, coercing, or manipulating minors into participating in OT (“out of town”) activities, including tracking, surveillance, transportation of stolen goods, and organized retail theft; and,

Whereas this pattern is directly connected to the broader crisis highlighted in Missing Black Boys, where vulnerable youth, particularly Black youth, are targeted, isolated, exploited, and placed in situations of significant danger; and,

Whereas Bill C-14 strengthens bail and sentencing provisions for violent and organized offences, including motor vehicle theft and extortion, but does not address the criminal exploitation of minors for organized property crime, nor does it create specific offences or aggravating factors for adults who involve youth in such activities; and,

Whereas youth who are exploited by adults for OT tracking or organized theft may become key witnesses in criminal proceedings, and these minors face significant risks of retaliation, stigma, and public exposure if required to testify without enhanced privacy protections; and,

Whereas current federal legislation does not explicitly guarantee closed court testimony, automatic publication bans, or YCJA equivalent privacy protections for minors who are witnesses, rather than offenders, in cases involving organized property crime or criminal exploitation; and,

Whereas municipalities have a responsibility to advocate for community safety, youth protection, and upstream prevention, particularly where legislative gaps place vulnerable young people at risk.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Ajax call on the Government of Canada to:

a) Amend the Criminal Code to create a specific offence for adults who recruit, coerce, exploit, or use minors in organized theft, tracking, surveillance, or related criminal activities.

b) Establish aggravating sentencing factors for any adult convicted of an offence involving the criminal exploitation of a minor in organized property crime.

c) Expand reverse onus bail provisions to include adults charged with offences involving the recruitment or exploitation of minors for organized theft or tracking.

d) Strengthen federal legislation to ensure that minors who are exploited by adults and required to testify in criminal proceedings have access to:

- Closed court testimony
- Automatic publication bans, and

- Enhanced privacy protections equivalent to those provided under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

2. That the Town of Ajax call on the Province of Ontario to:

a) Increase funding and resources for police services to investigate organized theft, youth recruitment, and criminal exploitation.

b) Expand youth prevention, diversion, and early intervention programs in partnership with school boards, community agencies, and culturally specific organizations.

c) Improve data collection, inter agency coordination, and community based supports to better identify and prevent youth recruitment into organized crime.

3. That this motion be circulated to all Durham Region municipalities, Durham Regional Police Services Board, Local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Durham Region Council.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-04-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2887 · 2 of 39

Ethical Investment and Human Rights Due Diligence in Public Pension Funds

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 19, 2026	Considered	Apr 19, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Finance	Report no.	—
Completion target	Jun 14, 2026	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas a recent investigation by environmental advocacy group Stand.earth found the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), eight other public pensions, and all of Canada's major banks have invested in companies that provide services to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through multimillion-dollar contracts; and,

Whereas ICE operations have been widely criticized for human rights violations, including the detention of children and the disproportionate targeting of Black, Indigenous, Latino/a, and racialized communities; and,

Whereas Ajax is home to many families with cross-border ties, migrant histories, and communities directly affected by U.S. immigration enforcement practices, making the investment decisions of Canadian banks and pension funds a matter of local interest; and,

Whereas municipalities have a role in advocating for ethical governance and transparency in the investment of public funds.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council call on the federal government to establish ethical investment guidelines for federally regulated pension plans, for companies such as the following although this not an exhaustive list:

a. Companies associated ICE;

b. Companies that deal with sale of arms to other countries and are in active;

c. Companies that emit large amounts of carbon in the environment;

d. Companies that participate child labour practices; and

e. Companies that endorse the unregulated use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

2. That Ajax Council request the Province of Ontario to undertake a review of the Pension Benefits Act, Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act and relevant legislation to ensure an alignment with ethical investment frameworks and modern expectations of public accountability; and

3. Finance staff be directed to report back on the Town’s procurement and responsible investment practices by June 2026; and

4. That a copy of this motion be circulated to the Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Federal Minister of Finance, Jennifer McKelvie, MP for Ajax, local MPs across the Region of Durham, the Hon. Peter Bethlanfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, and Durham Regional Council.

AMENDED AT MEETING

Yes

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-04-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2888 · 3 of 39

Council Chambers Restoration

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 19, 2026	Considered	Apr 19, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	—
Completion target	Jun 29, 2026	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas on September 8, 2025, Council received for information a report responding to a strategic plan action item, to explore a possible Council Chambers Retrofit (CS 2025 14), which outlined features of the modernization and design and the total estimated project cost of $264,900 should Council choose to proceed; and,
Whereas on March 18, 2026, an unexpected cold weather-related maintenance issue caused damage to the Council Chambers, forced the closure of the Chambers for the foreseeable future and the move to virtual council and committee meetings; and,
Whereas the Town has procedures and delegated authorities in place to ensure business continuity during Council Recess Periods; and,
Whereas information regarding the scope of the current restoration work, the use of insurance proceeds, and the status of any potential enhancements is important for public transparency and financial oversight; and,
Whereas it is understood that once the Council Chambers is reopened, hybrid meetings (in-person and virtual) will continue, consistent with long standing practice and subject to the Town's normal procedural rules.
Therefore, be it resolved:
1. That Council direct Corporate Services, with support from relevant departments, to provide a report at the earliest available meeting dependent on the availability of information, outlining:
a. The current state of the Council Chambers, including a report on the full extent of damage to fixtures and technology, as well as records, and Town artifacts, including whether digital back-ups exist;
b. The process and anticipated timeline to return to the normal process of fully hybrid meetings, including an in-person component, ensuring full public access;
c. An update on the insurance claim;
d. The restoration plan including any proposed opportunities to modernize and enhance the chambers;
e. Anticipated additional costs beyond what is covered by insurance, the impact to the 2026 Capital Budget, proposed funding sources, reprioritization or deferral of other capital projects (if any), and how delegated authority including the Municipal Act Restricted Periods ("Lame Duck") may be utilized for this contract award.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-04-20-1300-Council-Meeting

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Advancing the Durham Meadoway

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 19, 2026	Considered	Apr 19, 2026
Moved by	Joanne Dies	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas, the Durham Meadoway Project is a proposal to implement a regional active transportation corridor and linear park extending from the City of Oshawa through to Rouge National Urban Park at the Pickering–Toronto boundary, including; and

Whereas, in Ajax, the Meadoway as proposed would run adjacent to Taunton Road from the eastern border with Whitby to Westney Road, at which point it would follow the hydro corridor southwest through Paulynn Park including a portion along the Trans Canada Trail, to the Pickering border; and

Whereas, Regional Council endorsed the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study in June 2024, and Region of Durham staff are proceeding with preliminary design work to advance the multi-use path and identify locations for gateways, amenities, and other features along the route; and

Whereas, the cost-share arrangement outlined in the Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to complete the preliminary design was determined by Regional Council and is proportionally allocated based on new infrastructure requirements within each municipality; and

Whereas, the Town of Ajax's financial contribution toward the preliminary design work is $119,292, reflecting the extent of existing and future multi use paths within the project area; and

Whereas, any future detailed design and capital works or trail planning arising from the preliminary design study would be subject to Council approval through the Town's Capital Budget process.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council direct staff to participate in the Durham Meadoway Preliminary Design Study in accordance with the Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and
2. That the Town of Ajax's financial contribution of $119,292 to Durham Region be funded from Development Charges and Development Reserve and costs be allocated to relevant capital projects.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-04-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2891 · 5 of 39

Funding Certainty for Organizations Supporting the Black Community

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 19, 2026	Considered	Apr 19, 2026
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Sterling Lee
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas Durham Family and Cultural Centre (DFCC) is an Ajax-based charitable organization that provides a space for members of the Black community, and other racialized and diverse groups to engage in culturally focused programs such as counselling, parenting, education, mentorship, and child and youth development; and,

Whereas the Town of Ajax is a highly diverse community, with approximately 65% of residents identifying as part of racialized or diverse groups, emphasizing the importance of culturally responsive services and support which are critical to the well-being and stability of Black and racialized families and serve as a source of meaningful employment within the local community; and,

Whereas according to a letter received by DFCC from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, while the Government of Ontario has reaffirmed its support for the Black Youth Action Plan through an allocation of $16.6 million in the 2026-27 provincial budget, the province would not commit to ongoing or equivalent funding for previously funded organizations; and,

Whereas the letter further stated that an update was expected to be provided to the affected agencies and organizations by early summer 2026; and Whereas, DFCC has stated that without the funding guarantee, they will be forced to immediately lay off 80% of their staff and reassess the programs they offer, which support 50 families and over 500 community members across Durham each year; and,

Whereas organizations province-wide that support Black youth may be facing similar challenges as a result of funding uncertainty and such instability disproportionately impacts Black youth and their families.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council calls on the Province of Ontario to immediately commit to ongoing or equivalent funding for Durham Family and Cultural Centre (DFCC) for the 2026 budget year, in support of crucial programming for Black youth and families in Ajax and Durham Region; and

2. That Ajax Council further calls on the Province of Ontario to urgently provide clarity to DFCC and other organizations funded through the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and provide better certainty to inform their fiscal planning; and

3. That a copy of this motion be circulated to the Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Dr. Parm Bhatthal, Assistant Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax; John Henry, Durham Regional Chair; all lower tier Durham Region municipalities; and Debbie Miles-Senior, Executive Director of Durham Family and Cultural Centre.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-04-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2892 · 6 of 39

Affirming Freedom of Religious Expression and Supporting Residents Impacted by Bill 21

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Mar 22, 2026	Considered	Mar 22, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	Apr 2, 2026	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas the Town of Ajax is committed to upholding the rights, dignity, and safety of all residents, and to fostering a community where every individual feels a sense of belonging; and,

Whereas municipal advocacy is appropriate when provincial or national issues directly affect residents' sense of safety, belonging, or equality; and,

Whereas members of equity-deserving communities in Ajax, including Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, and other faith groups, have expressed fear, distress, and uncertainty regarding the broader implications of Quebec's Bill 21 (An Act Respecting the Laicity of the State); and

Whereas when an equity-deserving group expresses fear or distress arising from national or provincial legislation, this becomes a local issue that municipal councils have a responsibility to acknowledge; and

Whereas Bill 21 restricts individuals who wear religious symbols or attire, including hijabs, turbans, kippahs, crucifixes, and other expressions of faith, from holding certain public sector positions, with disproportionate impacts reported among Muslim women who wear the hijab; and

Whereas the symbolic impact of Bill 21 is being felt across Canada, including within Ajax, where residents have shared concerns about the precedent it sets for gender equality, religious freedom, and human rights; and

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees freedom of conscience, religion, and expression, and municipalities across Canada have passed motions affirming these rights and condemning discrimination based on religious attire or symbols; and

Whereas Durham Regional Council, in January 2022, supported the national legal challenge to Bill 21, recognizing the harm it causes to residents who wear religious attire and the fear it creates within marginalized communities; and

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Town of Ajax affirms its support for the right of all women and all residents to express their religion freely through clothing, jewellery, or other forms of personal expression without discrimination; and

That the Town of Ajax expresses concern regarding the discriminatory impacts of Bill 21 on women and on freedom of religion and expression; and

That Council stands in solidarity with residents who feel fear or distress as a result of Bill 21 and reaffirms Ajax's commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming community for all; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Region of Durham, all Durham municipalities, and the province of Quebec; and
That this motion be shared publicly to reassure residents of Ajax that their rights and freedoms are supported and protected by their local government.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-03-23-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2860 · 7 of 39

Lean Impact Report

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Feb 16, 2026	Considered	Feb 16, 2026
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	May 10, 2026	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas, the Town of Ajax is committed to consistently seeking opportunities to improve service delivery and strengthen operational efficiency; and

Whereas, Lean methodologies are widely recognized across public and private sectors as effective, evidence based tools for reducing waste, improving workflow, and optimizing value and efficiency; and

Whereas, on October 23, 2023, Council approved transitioning the Town's Quality Management Program to a Lean-based model, adopting a structured and data driven approach to process improvement aimed at increasing efficiency, improving staff experience through staff empowerment and supporting long term organizational sustainability; and

Whereas, since 2023, approximately 120 staff across the corporation have completed Lean training, equipping them with practical tools to streamline processes, identify inefficiencies, and implement measurable improvements that benefit both internal operations and the community; and

Whereas, staff have already begun realizing value from Lean implementation, as reflected in early operational efficiencies identified and incorporated into the 2026 Budget, reinforcing the return on the Town's investment in Lean training; and

Whereas, it is essential that residents understand the value of investing in staff development, including how Lean practices contribute to better services, reduced waste and improving efficiencies.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That Ajax Council directs Public and Strategic Affairs staff to prepare a comprehensive Lean Impact Report summarizing the outcomes of Lean initiatives undertaken to date and recommending ways the Town can continue to leverage Lean practices to support continuous improvement, and long-term organizational efficiency, to be presented at the May 11, 2026, General Government Committee Meeting.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-02-17-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2833 · 8 of 39

Advocating for Expansion of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Program

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Oct 19, 2025	Considered	Oct 19, 2025
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas, the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario is set to expire on March 31, 2026; and

Whereas, CWELCC has significantly improved affordability and access to licensed child care for families in Ajax and across Ontario with fees currently capped at $22 per day and a goal of $10 per day by 2026; and

Whereas, in Ajax alone there are 55 child care centers enrolled in the CWELCC system, for a combined total of 3,506 child care spaces for children aged zero up to 6 years; and

Whereas, Minister of Education Paul Calandra has informed parents that additional federal funding is needed for the CWELCC agreement to meet its goal, and both levels of government are currently negotiating its renewal beyond 2026; and

Whereas, a renewed and increased federal government commitment to the CWELCC program is required to deliver on the promise of $10 per day child care beyond March 31, 2026. The provincial government has reaffirmed its dedication to maintaining its share of funding, ensuring that affordable, high-quality child care remains accessible to families across the province; and

Whereas, without adequate funding, Ontario families could see fees rise above $22/day starting April 1, 2026, and continue to rise thereafter; and

Whereas, simply maintaining the CWELCC program at its current level is insufficient. For instance, the child care system in Durham Region can presently accommodate approximately 35% of the eligible population, leaving many families on waitlists for as long as three years to secure a child care space. With our population expected to grow significantly in the coming years, expanding the program is essential to meet increasing demand and ensure all families have access to affordable, high-quality child care; and

Whereas, the current CWELCC funding model, while transformative, requires long-term federal and provincial commitments to ensure its sustainability and to support the creation of additional not-for-profit child care spaces in underserved areas;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council formally advocate to the Governments of Canada and Ontario and Regional Municipality of Durham for the renewal and expansion of the CWELCC agreement beyond March 31, 2026, with a focus on:

- Long-term, stable, and adequate funding commitments;
- Increased investment in early childhood educator recruitment, retention, and compensation;

- Prioritization of child care space creation in high-growth and underserved com-munities such as Westney Heights in Ajax;
- Ensuring a minimum of 70% of new spaces are in not-for-profit or public child care settings; and

2. That a copy of this motion be sent to Patty Hajdu, federal Minister of Jobs and Families, Anna Gainey, federal Secretary of State (Children and Youth), Sean Fra-ser, Federal Minister of justice, Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Paul Calandra, provincial Minister of Education, Jennifer McKelvie, MP for Ajax, Rob Cerjanec MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Regional Municipality of Durham Chair, and all lower tier Durham Region municipal councils.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-10-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2756 · 9 of 39

Temporary Removal of Harwood Avenue North from Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Rotation

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Sep 14, 2025	Considered	Sep 14, 2025
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services	Report no.	—
Completion target	Oct 31, 2025	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas, the speed limit along Harwood Avenue North, between Rossland Road and Williamson Drive, has been temporarily reduced to 40 km/h to accommodate ongoing construction projects in the area (Grandview Headquarters and Schlegel Villages);
Whereas, this same section of roadway is currently included in the Town's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) rotation;
Whereas, the temporary speed limit and ongoing construction may compromise effectiveness of ASE operations;
Whereas, in June 2025, report CS-2025-12 delegated authority to staff to undertake the following activities, among others:

- Expand the current Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS) to include ASE offences (Phase III), with a targeted commencement date in Q3 2025;
- Approve future ASE camera installation locations within designated Community Safety Zones (CSZs), including the addition, relocation, and adjustment of cameras, as well as the approval of their operational hours and enforcement thresholds;

Therefore be it resolved:
1. That Ajax Council directs the temporary removal of Harwood Avenue North from the ASE rotation until construction in the area is deemed complete and the roadway and impacted intersection are fully operational.
2. That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of restoring the speed limit on the subject section of Harwood Avenue North to 50 km/h, and provide an update to the public.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-09-15-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2736 · 10 of 39

Supporting Healthy Democracy Through the Elect Respect Campaign

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Sep 14, 2025	Considered	Sep 14, 2025
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas, Democracy is healthy when everyone can participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

Whereas, we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

Whereas, Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments, facing threats and harassment; and

Whereas, social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement, which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds, from running for office; and

Whereas, better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive, and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and

Whereas, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

Whereas, in 2024, female elected representatives from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) to speak out against harassment in politics and uphold high standards of conduct, launching the Elect Respect campaign to promote healthy democracy and safe, inclusive work environments by encouraging respectful discourse, condemning abuse, and empowering diverse participation in public office; and

Whereas, on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

2. That Ajax Council encourages elected officials, organizations, and community members to support the Elect

Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and
3. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities, and the Ontario Big City Mayors.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-09-15-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2737 · 11 of 39

Aligning Tenant Compensation with Provincial Affordable Housing Rates

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Jun 22, 2025	Considered	Jun 22, 2025
Moved by	Lisa Bower	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act (ORTA) mandates compensation for tenants when a landlord terminates a tenancy for purposes such as demolition, conversion to non-residential use, or substantial repairs or renovations; and,

Whereas under the current provisions:

Demolition or Conversion: Landlords must compensate tenants with an amount equal to one month's rent if the residential complex contains fewer than five units, or three months' rent if it contains five or more units; or offer the tenant another rental unit acceptable to the tenant.

Tribunals Ontario: Substantial Repairs or Renovations: Similar compensation requirements apply if the landlord intends to carry out repairs or renovations that require vacant possession of the rental unit; and,

Whereas these compensation amounts are based on the tenant's current rent, which may not reflect the affordability standards set by the Province's Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin (Province's Bulletin); and,

Whereas the planned Red Bricks redevelopment in Ajax illustrates how the current ORTA policy on tenant compensation can fall short of the Province's Bulletin, leaving tenants unable to secure comparable housing in cases of redevelopment, for example;

Province's Bulletin (2024)	Red Bricks	% Below AMR
1-Bedroom AMR	$1,456	$1,020~	–30%
2-Bedroom AMR	$1,809	$1,130~	–37.5%

*AMR = Average Market Rate

Whereas aligning tenant compensation, at a minimum, with the Province's affordability standards would ensure that tenants with a rental rate lower than a comparable unit identified in the Province's Bulletin receives fair compensation that more accurately reflects the current housing market and their ability to secure alternative accommodations;

Therefore It Be Resolved:

1. That Ajax Council requests that the Province amends the Ontario Residential Tenancies Act to require that the compensation provided to tenants upon termination for purposes such as demolition, conversion, or substantial repairs or renovations, at a minimum, be based on the Province's Bulletin, when a tenant's current rent is lower than the rental rate identified in the Province's Bulletin; and

2. That Public and Strategic Affairs engage with tenant advocacy groups, housing organizations, and other stakeholders to build support for this initiative and to ensure that the voices of affected tenants are heard in the

policymaking process; and

3. That a copy of this motion be sent to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Ajax MPP Rob Cerjanec, Ajax MP Jennifer McKelvie, Durham Regional Chair John Henry, lower tier Durham Region municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors, and the Landlord and Tenant Board.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-06-23-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2702 · 12 of 39

Development of an Ajax Food Guide

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Feb 17, 2025	Considered	Feb 17, 2025
Moved by	Sterling Lee	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	Jun 29, 2025	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS Ajax is proudly home to more than 250 restaurants, bakeries, breweries, cafes and other food and beverage providers;

AND WHEREAS the culinary offerings in Ajax are as diverse as our residents with influences from around the world;

AND WHEREAS the development of an Ajax Food Guide would help residents and visitors access the local food and beverage scene and discover new and exciting cuisines;

AND WHEREAS an Ajax Food Guide would further promote the retention and expansion of food and beverage businesses in Ajax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Public and Strategic Affairs be directed to:

1. Develop and distribute the 2025 Ajax Food Guide on ajax.ca, with limited hard copies to be available; and

2. Coordinate the design of the Ajax Food Guide with Communications and Engagement staff; and

3. Plan and host an event to launch the Guide and celebrate the Ajax restaurant community; and

4. Unbudgeted funds up to $10,000, be approved and funded from the capital contingency reserve.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-02-18-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2592 · 13 of 39

Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Feb 17, 2025	Considered	Feb 17, 2025
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes the significant contributions of Durham College (DC) to our local economy and community through its diverse range of programs and skilled graduates;

AND WHEREAS the recent changes to the International Student Program (ISP) by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) have negatively impacted post-secondary institutions in Ontario, including Durham College, by reducing international student study permits and limiting eligibility for Post-Graduation Work Permits (PGWP) to programs in fields of study identified as having national labour market shortages, irrespective of local labour market needs;

AND WHEREAS the Blue Ribbon Panel report commissioned by the provincial government highlighted the need for long-term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector, noting that Ontario's colleges are funded at 44% of the national average, with tuition revenue first cut by 10% in 2019 and then frozen for the past six years;

AND WHEREAS the financial sustainability challenges faced by Ontario's post-secondary institutions have been exacerbated by significant wage and cost inflation, as well as the growing reliance on international enrolment;

AND WHEREAS DC has compiled a short list 34 programs not currently PGWP eligible to the IRCC list of fields of study (ATTACHMENT #1) which provide skilled graduates who are vital to growing our local economy, and in some cases, the College relies on international student enrolment in these programs to create financially viable cohorts for domestic students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Ajax Council calls on the federal government to add the 34 programs listed in ATTACHMENT #1 and offered at DC to the IRCC list of fields of study; and

2. Ajax Council calls on the provincial government to enact the recommendation in the Blue Ribbon Panel report to provide long term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector; and

3. A copy of this resolution be sent to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Minister Marc Miller, the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Regional Municipality of Durham Chair John Henry, and all lower tier Durham Region municipal Councils.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-02-18-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2593 · 14 of 39

Response to 25% Tariff Threat from United States

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Feb 17, 2025	Considered	Feb 17, 2025
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Rob Tyler-Morin
Lead dept(s)	Finance	Report no.	—
Completion target	Mar 23, 2025	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has more than 75 businesses that export primarily to the United States, representing over 4000 employees locally;

AND WHEREAS United States President Donald Trump has committed to imposing a blanket 25% tariff on Canadian goods, which pose a serious threat to the entire Canadian economy;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax's combined 2025 Capital and Operating Budget represents a purchasing power of over $50 million;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario are subject to obligations under international trade agreements, and federal legislation, such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) and the Competition Act, which mandate certain procurement practices and ensure non-discriminatory access to procurement opportunities by foreign businesses in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Business Supports & Engagement team has taken steps, including a resource hub on the Town's website and direct outreach to businesses, to ensure the Town is a vocal supporter of Team Canada by working closely with Invest Durham, Invest Ontario, and Invest in Canada to provide timely information and localized support for Ajax businesses in response to tariff threats and a potential trade war;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council fully endorse the actions and sentiments of Team Canada to protect Canadian consumers, support Canadian businesses, and mitigate the impact of a potential trade war; and

2. The Manager of Procurement be directed to investigate how the Town can prefer non-American companies when purchasing goods and services, particularly when valued less than $100,000 and, if deemed possible, present Council with a revised Procurement By-law for approval at the March 24, 2025, Meeting of Council; and

3. That the Town send a letter to the Minister of International Trade Diversification requesting amendments to the federal Competition Act to remove any barrier for municipalities preferring Canadian companies; and

4. That a copy of this motion be sent to:

a. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
b. Premier Doug Ford
c. Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
d. Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade Diversification
e. Hon. Vic Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
f. Hon. Mark Holland, MP for Ajax
g. Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax
h. Durham Regional Chair John Henry
i. Alli Leetham, Executive Director of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-02-18-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2596 · 15 of 39

Meeting Education Needs in New Density Projects

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Jan 19, 2025	Considered	Jan 19, 2025
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Joanne Dies
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS as urban municipalities in Ontario approve more high-rise developments, the educational needs of children living in these developments requires consideration.

AND WHEREAS Ajax has a fixed urban boundary and many of the new development proposals being received by the Town are for multi-story, high density projects.

AND WHEREAS projects proposed by developers in Ajax over the past year may see as many as 3,727 dwelling units on a single site.

AND WHEREAS primary and secondary schools could be included in the podiums of high-rise buildings, providing easy access to children within the development and in the surrounding built-up area.

AND WHEREAS it is important that consideration for a new school in the podium of a tower be contemplated in the early stages of design and approval.

AND WHEREAS through the Provincial Planning Statement, the Province encourages planning authorities in collaboration with school boards to encourage innovative approaches in the design of schools and childcare facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council calls on the provincial government to require developers to work closely with local school boards in the early stages of developments with high density to assess education needs and where applicable, include schools in the design of the podium;
2. Ajax Council calls on local school boards, including the Durham District School Board, Durham Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde and MonAvenir Conseil Scolaire Catholique, work with the municipalities and developers to consider innovative approaches to education; and
3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Education, MPP for Ajax Patrice Barns, and the Ontario Big City Mayors.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-01-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2572 · 16 of 39

Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Jan 19, 2025	Considered	Jan 19, 2025
Moved by	Rob Tyler-Morin	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the LTT and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing LTT and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

AND WHEREAS on November 27, 2024, Durham Regional Council passed a resolution requesting the Federal and Provincial governments redistribute a portion of the LTT and GST to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council calls on the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities and remind the province that it has been asked by AMO and municipalities to develop a new and comprehensive funding arrangement with municipalities, including the housing

affordability taskforce recommendations;
2. Ajax Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the Goods and Services Tax collected on property sales to municipalities;
3. Redistribution of the LTT and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2025-01-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2573 · 17 of 39

Requesting the Permanent Removal of Tolls on the Provincially Owned Portion of Highway 407

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Oct 20, 2024	Considered	Oct 20, 2024
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	CS-2024-17
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Highway 407 from Brock Road in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the province;

AND WHEREAS the province passed legislation, Bill 162, the Get It Done Act, 2024, to ban new tolls from provincially owned highways;

AND WHEREAS Highway 413, a timesaving highway running through York, Peel & Halton Regions, is being built at a projected cost of $10-billion and is included in the legislation to ban new tolls

AND WHEREAS the provincially owned portion of Highway 407, which is almost exclusively in Durham Region, is excluded from this legislation and is the only tolled provincially owned highway in Ontario, resulting in unfair economic impacts to Durham Region residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has previously removed tolls on Highways 412 and 418 located within Durham, demonstrating the willingness to removing existing unfair tolls on provincially owned highways and should therefore include the provincial 407 as part of the proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS the removal of tolls on the provincial Highway 407 would reduce the cost of living for Durham Region residents and drive economic growth, while ensuring fair and equitable treatment across all provincial 400-series highways;

AND WHEREAS the Councils of Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering and Durham Region have passed motions requesting that the province remove tolls on the provincially owned portion of Highway 407;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ajax Council hereby requests that the Province of Ontario remove tolls from the provincially owned portion of Highway 407; and

A copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, all local Durham MPPs, and all Durham local area municipalities.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-10-21-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2496 · 18 of 39

Clean Electricity Regulation

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Sep 15, 2024	Considered	Sep 15, 2024
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Sterling Lee
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS emissions from Ontario's electricity grid have nearly quadrupled since 2017 and are forecasted to double again by 2030, according to The Atmospheric Fund’s June 2024 Edition of the Ontario Electricity Emissions Factors and Guidelines;

AND WHEREAS on September 16, 2019, Ajax Council passed a motion declaring a climate emergency;

AND WHEREAS on April 19, 2021, Ajax Council passed a motion establishing corporate greenhouse gas emission reduction targets;

AND WHEREAS it will be difficult for the Town of Ajax to achieve our reduction target if Ontario’s electricity grid becomes more carbon intensive;

AND WHEREAS Durham Region has branded itself as the ‘Clean Energy Capital of Canada,’ leveraging this clean electricity advantage to attract new jobs to the Region;

AND WHEREAS expanded use of gas-fired power plants threaten this competitive advantage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council oppose any new power generation proposal involving increased burning of fossil fuels, including natural gas; and

2. Ajax Council request the Province to immediately invest in programs to deliver energy efficiency, local non-emitting generation, and demand management and conservation to meet the capacity and energy needs that would have been fulfilled by expanding electricity production utilizing fossil fuels; and

3. Ajax Council request that the Government of Canada enact the strongest possible Clean Electricity Regulations (CER) to assist in decarbonization by:

a. Opposing the extension of the End of Prescribed Life (EoPL) provisions beyond 20 years for facilities which

produce electricity through the burning of fossil fuels;

b. Opposing the use of offsets to permit units to exceed their annual emissions limits;

c. Maintaining the performance standard of 30 tonnes of emissions per gigawatt hour of electricity produced; and

4. A copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Independent Electricity System Operator and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-09-16-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2466 · 19 of 39

Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native (‘Exotic’) Wild Animals

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Sep 15, 2024	Considered	Sep 15, 2024
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity;

AND WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province;

AND WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection’s campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Ajax Council calls on the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos to guarantee the fair and consistent

application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

2. This resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, Region of Durham MPPs, all Durham Region municipalities, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEOA.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-09-16-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2467 · 20 of 39

Update to Public Conduct Policy to Address Hate Speech

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Jun 23, 2024	Considered	Jun 23, 2024
Moved by	Sterling Lee	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	—
Completion target	Oct 31, 2024	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Ajax adopted the following Diversity and Inclusion Statement in 2022:

“At the Town, diversity is our strength. We have the fastest growing diverse population and value the many contributions of our community. We are committed to respect, inclusion, diversity, equity and have zero tolerance for all acts of discrimination and hate. We strive to continually lead with these values and beliefs that enable our community to develop their potential, bring their full self to work and engage in a place of understanding, learning and inclusivity”;

AND WHEREAS on June 6, 2024, the opposition announced in the Ontario Legislature their intention to reintroduce the anti-hate bill dubbed the Our London Family Health Act, which dropped from the order paper when the 2022 provincial election was called;

AND WHEREAS on September 27, 2023, the Region of Waterloo adopted amendments to their Code of Use By-Law to prohibit harassing/discriminatory behaviour on Regional premises;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council adopted the Public Conduct Policy on December 20, 2019, to help ensure all Town facilities remain safe, respectful, and harassment-free environments for all users to enjoy;

AND WHEREAS in recognition of a rising number of acts of hate and to foster a sense of safety and belonging, it is appropriate to strengthen Town policies to make very clear that hate has no place here;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The redline changes to the Public Conduct Policy, as provided in Attachment 1, be adopted;
2. Corporate Services staff be authorized to amend this policy as required with delegated authority for approval given to the senior management team;
3. Corporate Services staff be authorized to make minor amendments to related corporate policies and appendices to ensure consistency with the new policy.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-06-24-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2420 · 21 of 39

Mental Health and Suicide Awareness through Operation White Heart

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	May 20, 2024	Considered	May 20, 2024
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Lisa Bower
Lead dept(s)	Recreation & Culture · Operations & Environmental Services · Finance	Report no.	—
Completion target	Oct 30, 2024	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS Operation White Heart is an awareness project focused on promoting conversations about mental health and suicide, utilizing basic landscaping supplies like mulch and white stones to create a white heart;

AND WHEREAS more than 500 hearts have been installed across Saint John, New Brunswick and the surrounding area since Gary Brown founded Operation White Heart in 2021, including a 16-foot heart at the Giant Steps Wellness Park;

AND WHEREAS according to the Canadian Mental Health Association, 1 in 5 people in Canada will personally experience a mental health problem or illness;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax can show support of individuals who are experiencing a mental health problem or illness and those who have lost loved ones to mental illness by implementing an Operation White Heart public art installation in the Town;

AND WHEREAS individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in Durham Region can call 9-1-1 if they require emergency services, or call and text 9-8-8 to access bilingual, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate mental health and suicide prevention support;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Recreation and Culture staff, with support from Operations and Environmental Services, design and install a 12-foot white heart and associated signage at Rotary Park by October 31, 2024;
2. Unbudgeted funds up to $2,500 be provided using the 2024 Recreation and Culture Operating Budget, as per the Operating Budget Management Policy;
3. Communications and Engagement staff promote the installation on the Town's social channels and invite residents to implement Project White Heart on their own properties; and
4. A copy of this motion be shared with all lower tier Durham Region Municipalities.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-05-21-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2391 · 22 of 39

Calling on the Province to Recognize Ajax's Progress on Housing and Honour its $4-Million Commitment

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	May 20, 2024	Considered	May 20, 2024
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS the provincial government announced the Building Faster Fund (BFF) in August 2023 to provide up to $1.2 billion over three years to help qualifying municipalities pay for critical housing and community-enabling infrastructure to accommodate growth;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax was issued a target of 1,247 housing unit starts in the 2023 BFF Program Year, and 17,000 new housing units by 2031;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council has taken bold steps to encourage the development of new homes, from the introduction of five unanswered Minister's Zoning Order and Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator applications, to new policy direction to allow four residential units as of right and increasing allowable building heights along transit corridors;

AND WHEREAS according to staff report PDS-2024-10, Ajax Housing Pledge 2023 Progress Report, Ajax had 1,121 Housing Starts in 2023;

AND WHEREAS this accounts for 90% of the Town's 2023 target and would qualify Ajax to receive approximately $4-million under the BFF;

AND WHEREAS on February 14, 2024, the Town received a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), Paul Calandra, stating that, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) data, the Town had only reached 64% of its target and therefore had not qualified to receive funds;

AND WHEREAS despite outreach from the Town to identify missing data, the CMHC will not revise past data and MMAH will not intervene;

AND WHEREAS several municipalities across the province have identified similar challenges, resulting in promises at both the federal and provincial level to modernize the way housing data is collected;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council ask the federal and provincial governments to engage the Town of Ajax, Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to identify opportunities to improve the accuracy of housing starts data;
2. Ajax Council ask the provincial government to work with municipalities and CMHC to revisit data from the 2023 BFF Program Year and make good on payments to the Town of Ajax and other municipalities resulting from faulty data; and
3. A copy of this motion be shared with the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, all lower tier Durham Region municipalities, AMO, and OBCM.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-05-21-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2392 · 23 of 39

Renewed Call to Recognize and Combat the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Apr 14, 2024	Considered	Apr 14, 2024
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Lisa Bower
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;

AND WHEREAS in 2019, of the 107,810 people who reported Intimate Partner Violence to police, 79% were women;

AND WHEREAS on March 14th, 2018, Krassimira Pejcinovski and her children, 15-year-old Roy and 13-year-old Venellia, were murdered by Krassimira's boyfriend in an act of Intimate Partner Violence;

AND WHEREAS on March 30th, 2024, Jennifer Polak of Ajax was allegedly murdered by her boyfriend in an act of Intimate Partner Violence;

AND WHEREAS between 2014 and 2019, despite accounting for about 5% of all women in Canada, Indigenous women accounted for 21% of all women murdered by an intimate partner;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax passed a motion on April 17th, 2023, calling on the Ontario Government and Region of Durham to declare an Intimate Partner Violence epidemic, per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and

AND WHEREAS the Legislature of the Province of Ontario is currently considering Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024 which, if enacted, would recognize Intimate Partner Violence as an epidemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Town of Ajax renew its call to the Province of Ontario to recognize Intimate Partner Violence as an epidemic through the passage of Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024;

AND THAT Town of Ajax staff be directed to facilitate a roundtable discussion with subject matter experts and local service providers for survivors of IPV to provide guidance on actions the Town can take to combat Intimate Partner Violence in Ajax;

AND THAT this motion be distributed to Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, the Region of Durham and Durham municipalities, Renfrew County, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Luke's Place Herizon House and Violence Prevention Coordinating Council of Durham (VPCC).

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-04-15-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2369 · 24 of 39

Call for a Second National Action Summit on Islamophobia

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Feb 19, 2024	Considered	Feb 19, 2024
Moved by	Sterling Lee	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS on July 22, 2021, the Government of Canada held a virtual National Summit on Islamophobia;

AND WHEREAS the summit provided a national platform for Muslim communities to identify concrete ways to combat Islamophobia across the country;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the summit, the government made several commitments to combat Islamophobia and vowed to continue to stand with and support Muslim communities, fight against all forms of discrimination, and work to create a safer and more inclusive Canada for all;

AND WHEREAS on January 26, 2023, the Government of Canada appointment Amira Elghawaby the Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia to serve as a champion to support and enhance the federal government's efforts in the fight against Islamophobia, systemic racism, racial discrimination and religious intolerance;

AND WHEREAS Canada's Muslim community continues to experience acts of vandalism and anti-Muslim hate;

AND WHEREAS a second national summit to combat Islamophobia would provide a valuable forum to reflect on the steps that have been taken to date and develop new strategies to combat Islamophobia;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council request the Government of Canada to direct the Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia to convene a second National Summit on Islamophobia; and
2. Council call upon the Government of Canada to ensure the necessary funding and resources are in place to support a second national summit; and,
3. That a copy of this motion be sent to the leaders of all parties represented in the Parliament of Canada, and the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-02-20-1300-Council-Meeting

Motion #2324 · 25 of 39

Promoting Stable and Sustainable Municipal Finances

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Jan 28, 2024	Considered	Jan 28, 2024
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS municipal expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly $4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth requires significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are tackling complex health and social challenges – including homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS ratepayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – are ill-positioned to fund the supports required by those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province is in the best fiscal position to invest in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

2. A copy of this motion be sent to Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, Durham Regional Council, all lower tier Durham municipalities, AMO, and Ontario Big City Mayors.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2024-01-29-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #2298 · 26 of 39

Committing to More Housing-Advancing Initiatives

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Nov 26, 2023	Considered	Nov 26, 2023
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has applied for approximately $43.5 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to invest in community-related infrastructure, programs, and studies that support housing through the submission of seven key initiatives previously presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS the HAF grant program represents an opportunity for the Town to refine the policies, procedures and processes to encourage development to increase Ajax's housing supply;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council is using every tool available to address the housing crisis, including introducing 4 units as of right zoning permissions, requesting Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator orders to advance 4,100 housing units, utilizing the Strong Mayor tool to advance two 60 story towers in the Major Transit Station Area (MTSA), and various of staff improvements and policy updates;

AND WHEREAS in consultation with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), which is managing the HAF fund, further housing-advancing initiatives have been identified as beneficial to the success of the Town's application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning and Development staff be directed to undertake the following actions:
- Introduce reduced parking rates Town-wide, particularly in the MTSA and related to ADUs, based on peak demand and including reduced rates where developments provide items such as carpool spaces and shower facilities for active transportation users, both of which reduce parking demand; and
- Identify and increase height restrictions in the MTSA, also known as the Go Transit Station Mixed Use Area, which is identified as one of the Town's intensification areas and is intended to introduce a mix of uses that take of advantage of transit accessibility in the vicinity of the Ajax GO Station and support the surrounding employment lands; and
- As part of the secondary plan for the Uptown Regional Centre, along the Durham-Scarborough BRT corridor, explore increasing heights and density permissions; and
- As part of the surplus public land inventory initiative, foster partnership with the Region's new Affordable Housing Development and Renewal Department to identify and advance affordable housing projects in the Town;

and

• As part of the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) initiative, update the ADU Building Permit Package, including simple design examples prepared by a qualified individual(s), and work with Communication staff to socialize the updated information to encourage the building of ADUs by residents; and

2. Utilize HAF funds to establish a contract Affordable and Supportive Housing Development Liaison position to:

• Provide application guidance, policy development and partnership facilitation between the Town, the Region, non-profit community housing providers and for-profit developers to deliver purpose-built rental housing, special needs housing, community housing and housing projects with affordable units in Ajax; and

• Explore the feasibility of grant or incentive programs using HAF funding to further encourage and increase the building of special needs housing, community housing and housing projects with affordable units in Ajax to exceed Ontario's 5% target.

3. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Durham Regional Chair, and Durham Regional Council.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-11-27-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #2255 · 27 of 39

Property Tax Relief Program for Seniors and Persons with a Disability

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Oct 22, 2023	Considered	Oct 22, 2023
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Rob Tyler-Morin
Lead dept(s)	Finance	Report no.	—
Completion target	Mar 31, 2024	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS all property taxes in Ontario are calculated by multiplying the assessed value of the property by the property tax rate established by the municipality;

AND WHEREAS low-income seniors and persons with disabilities who are trying to age in place are facing undue pressure to meet their annual property tax payments, due to the higher cost of living resulting from increasing interest rates and higher inflation;

AND WHEREAS Section 365 of the Municipal Act permits a local council to pass a by-law “to provide for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes levied for municipal and school purposes”;

AND WHEREAS subsections (3) and (4) of Section 365 of the Municipal Act allow the cost of the amount of the taxes cancelled, reduced or refunded to be shared with the school boards in the same proportion that the municipalities and school boards share in those revenues, with the amount of the upper-tier municipality’s share to be the responsibility of the lower-tier if the upper-tier has not passed a similar by-law;

AND WHEREAS several Durham Region municipalities, including Brock, Scugog, Whitby, Oshawa, and Pickering offer eligible low-income senior and disabled taxpayers an annual property tax grant, ranging from $350 (Brock) to $535 (Pickering), with eligibility requirements generally as follows:

1. Applicant and/or spouse are at least 65 years of age and receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS); or
2. Applicant and/or spouse are a person with a disability and receive support under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); and,
3. Applicant and/or spouse are the registered homeowner on title and occupy the property as a principal residence; and,
4. Applicant and/or spouse have been continually assessed as the owner and resident of the residential property for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding the date of the application.

AND WHEREAS in 2022, Pickering reported 254 applications, Oshawa reported 330 applications, and Whitby

reported 225 applications;

AND WHEREAS all municipalities within Durham Region offer low-income seniors tax deferral, through a Regional by-law, which is limited to an assessment related tax increase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council directs Finance Department staff to report back to Council or the appropriate standing committee by Spring 2024, with information regarding the implementation of an application-based tax grant for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities in the amount of $535, including eligibility criteria, associated cost projections and resource implications.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-10-23-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #2233 · 28 of 39

Taking Action on Housing Supply and Affordability through Policy Changes

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Unrecorded

Adopted	Oct 22, 2023	Considered	Oct 22, 2023
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS between 2011 and 2021, Ajax experienced a population increase of 15.6% per cent to 126,666;

AND WHEREAS in February 2023, Ajax Council endorsed the Ontario government's Municipal Housing Pledge targeting 17,000 new housing units in Ajax by 2031;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has a fixed urban boundary and higher density housing is necessary to create new and affordable housing units and to diversify the housing stock in Ajax;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has applied for $43.5 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to invest in community-related infrastructure, programs, and studies that support housing;

AND WHEREAS the HAF grant program represents an opportunity for the Town to refine the policies, procedures and processes to encourage development in an effort to increase the supply of housing consistent with the Housing Pledge;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax now currently permits "as-of-right" zoning permissions for up to 3 residential units in accordance with Bill 23;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax would like to further promote environmental sustainability with more efficient land use and provide more affordable housing options for families by reducing barriers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning and Development staff be directed to carry out the necessary work to implement "as-of-right" zoning permissions for up to four (4) residential units on a property wherever zoning permits detached, semi-detached or street townhouse dwellings.
2. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Durham Regional Chair, and Durham Regional Council.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-10-23-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #2234 · 29 of 39

Request for Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (CIHA) Orders for Four Priority Housing Developments in Ajax

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Jun 18, 2023	Considered	Jun 18, 2023
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services · Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS the Ontario government has recognized that there is a housing crisis and has established a goal to have 1.5 million homes built in the next 10 years, and has additionally set a specific target of 17000 new homes for the Town of Ajax by 2031;

AND WHEREAS on January 23, 2023, Ajax Council adopted a motion entitled “Accelerating Development of Thousands of New Housing Units” requesting the Province to advance up to 4100 urgently needed housing units through five proposed developments in Ajax:

a) CNR-07 - 8.8 hectares located at the southeast corner of Salem Road North and Kerrison Drive East,
b) CNR-15 - 2.99 hectares located at 1401 Harwood Avenue North,
c) CNR-19 - 3.8 hectares located at 250 Rossland Road East,
d) CNR-20 - 0.69 hectares located at 650 Beck Crescent, and
e) CNR-33 - 1.11 hectares located at 1541 Harwood Avenue North;

AND WHEREAS the five properties have been subject to review and consideration by Ajax Council, extensive public consultation through the Region of Durham’s Municipal Comprehensive Review process, and have been designated “community area” within the adopted Regional Official Plan, submitted to the province in May 2023 for approval;

AND WHEREAS the five properties are located within the existing Ajax urban area boundary and are not located within the Greenbelt Plan Area;

AND WHEREAS CNR-15 (1401 Harwood Avenue North), to permit a residential development with approximately 134 townhouse dwelling units with a minimum height of 3 stories, is currently being assessed through the Municipal Zoning Order process as a land donation is in process to an adjacent property to help accommodate the new Grandview Children’s Centre headquarters;

AND WHEREAS Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 provides for a new municipal tool, the Community

Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator (“CIHA”), which offers an accelerated consultation, review and approval process to help deliver priority developments, including developments with new affordable housing units.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Ajax Council supports the use of the CIHA tool to accelerate the following four priority developments, per the conditions set forth:

CNR-07 – SE Corner Salem Rd S and Kerrison Dr E

- This request is to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 2873 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 40000 m2 of non-residential gross floor area within multiple buildings up to a maximum height of 25 storeys;
- The applicant be required to provide a minimum of 150 affordable purpose-built rental units (~5% of units) for a period of 25 years;

CNR-19 – 250 Rossland Rd E

- This request is to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 800 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 9300 m2 of non-residential gross floor area within buildings up to a maximum height of 25 storeys;
- The applicant be required to provide a minimum 5% (~40 units) of units for affordable housing for a period of 25 years;

CNR-20 – 650 Beck Cres

- This request is to permit a mixed-use development with approximately 200 apartment dwelling units and a minimum of 5400 m2 of non-residential gross floor area within one building with a maximum height of 25 storeys;
- The applicant be required to provide a minimum 5% (~10 units) of units for affordable housing for a period of 25 years;

CNR-33 – 1541 Harwood Ave N

- This request is to permit an apartment building with 198 dwelling units within a building with a maximum height of 10 storeys;
- The applicant be required to provide a minimum 5% (~10 units) of units for affordable housing for a period of 25 years; and

2. Corporate Communications post this resolution on the Town’s engagement platform (IMO) for a period of 15 days and Clerks circulate this resolution to the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First Nation; and

3. Planning staff prepare and submit a package containing all materia

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-06-19-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #393 · 30 of 39

Support for the EmPATH Program

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Jun 18, 2023	Considered	Jun 18, 2023
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Sterling Lee
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences is seeking funding to pursue planning and associated construction of the Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing Unit (EmPATH) model;

AND WHEREAS in EmPATH units, unlike a traditional Emergency Department, patients are provided with immediate psychological assessment followed by immediate psychiatric and pharmacological treatment within a safe and non-threatening environment;

AND WHEREAS mental health, addictions and homelessness are increasing issues in Durham Region, as noted in Durham Region Social Services Committee Report #2023-SS-10, which highlights that each year Lakeridge Health is seeing more than 100,000 mental health visits for adults, more than 12,000 visits for children and youth, and more than 14,000 visits to its emergency departments related to mental health and substance use;

AND WHEREAS the benefits of the EmPATH model include reduced pressure and costs for Emergency Departments, police, and EMS, and better patient and family experience due to the specialized environment, mental health care expertise, and accelerated assessment, according to the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences Master Plan;

AND WHEREAS on March 1, 2023, Durham Regional Council endorsed the request to the Province of Ontario from Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, for approval to provide Psychiatric Emergency Services and construct an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing Unit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ajax Council direct Mayor Shaun Collier to send a formal letter to Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, copying the Hon. Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, The Honourable Ajax MP Mark Holland, Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, Whitby MPP Lorne Coe, Regional Chair John Henry, all Durham area municipalities, DRPS, MPP Todd McCarthy, and MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy to advise them of Council and the Town's Support for the EmPATH model.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-06-19-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #1100 · 31 of 39

Supporting Bill 41, Protection from Coerced Debts Incurred in Relation to Human Trafficking Act, 2023

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Jun 18, 2023	Considered	Jun 18, 2023
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Lisa Bower
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Private Members' Bill 41, Protection from Coerced Debts Incurred in relation to Human Trafficking Act, 2023, was received for first reading on November 16, 2022;

AND WHEREAS Bill 41 seeks to protect the victims of human trafficking from coerced debts by compelling financial institutions and collection agencies to forgive coerced debts accrued by victims;

AND WHEREAS in the case of a dispute between a creditor and a debtor as to whether a debt is a coerced debt, Bill 41 would allow either party the opportunity to apply to a Tribunal for a determination;

AND WHEREAS Second Reading of Bill 41 carried on February 23, 2023, and it was ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy;

AND WHEREAS Bill 41 is well aligned with priorities identified under Ajax Council's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan to provide services and resources to vulnerable and underrepresented communities and increase a sense of safety and security for the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Ajax Council endorse Bill 41, Protection from Coerced Debts Incurred in relation to Human Trafficking Act, 2023; and
- A copy of this non-partisan motion be shared with the co-sponsors of Bill 41, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Spadina-Fort York MPP Chris Glover, and Ottawa-Vanier MPP Lucille Collard, and with Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, DRPS, and all Durham area municipalities.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-06-19-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #1101 · 32 of 39

Consumption and Treatment Sites

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Jun 18, 2023	Considered	Jun 18, 2023
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS on June 7, 2023, the Ajax Public Library Board sent a letter to the Region of Durham, Re: Support for Consumption and Treatment Sites (CTS) in the Town of Ajax;

AND WHEREAS Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report #2023-INFO-47, dated June 2, 2023, indicates municipal council support is a requirement of the CTS application process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council does not support the presence of Consumption and Treatment Sites in the Town of Ajax; and
2. This motion be shared with Durham Regional Chair John Henry, the Regional Clerk Alexander Harras, and MPP Patrice Barnes.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-06-19-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #1102 · 33 of 39

Recognizing the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 16, 2023	Considered	Apr 16, 2023
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;

AND WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner;

AND WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015 delivered 86 recommendations;

AND WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham (VPCC), which represents 35 local agencies including Luke's Place, Herizon House, and the Durham Rape Crisis Centre, reported a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers on behalf of member Victim Services of Durham Region, with IPV victim support up 32% over four years and sexual violence victim support up 277% over four years;

AND WHEREAS the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and Lanark County have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ontario Government declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
2. The Region of Durham declare an IPV epidemic and integrate IPV into the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, as per recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
3. This motion be distributed to the Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, the Region of Durham and Durham municipalities, Renfrew County, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-04-17-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #653 · 34 of 39

A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Apr 16, 2023	Considered	Apr 16, 2023
Moved by	Lisa Bower	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Built for Zero Report Card, a monthly snapshot of homelessness in Durham Region, identifies at least 286 people were experiencing homelessness in January 2023, including 43 in Ajax;

AND WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the under investment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

AND WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service, and health solutions from government;

AND WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve and while municipalities are doing their part, they do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge;

AND WHEREAS Ajax is addressing the homelessness issue by providing space to the Region for a temporary emergency shelter, as well as through the Homelessness Task Force, programs and services at the Ajax Library, the Ajax Locker Program, and various partnerships, all in addition to the hundreds of thousands of dollars contributed to homelessness issues through the Ajax Mayor's Gala;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is calling for leadership and urgent action from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- Ajax Council supports AMOs request that the Provincial Government urgently:

a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis.
b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and

c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

• A copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the MPP for Ajax; the Regional Chair for Durham; and to AMO.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-04-17-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #654 · 35 of 39

Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Mar 26, 2023	Considered	Mar 26, 2023
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS currently the most severe penalty that can be imposed on an elected official is suspension and loss of pay for 90 days, even in cases of workplace harassment or abuse;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no process to remove an elected official from office, even in cases of confirmed workplace harassment or abuse;

AND WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require all elected officials to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit a municipality to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking re-election in any resulting by-election;

AND WHEREAS at least 27 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5, including Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Barrie, Orillia, and Richmond Hill;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Ajax Council express its support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act; and

- A copy of this motion be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Regional Council and Durham Region municipalities.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-03-27-1900-Council-Meeting

Motion #667 · 36 of 39

Harmonizing Regional Councillor Remuneration

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Dec 11, 2022	Considered	Dec 11, 2022
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Sterling Lee
Lead dept(s)	Finance	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Ajax regional councillors are paid for their local duties by the Town of Ajax and for their Regional Council duties by the Regional Municipality of Durham;

AND WHEREAS by receiving separate payments, regional councillors may be subject to higher taxation deductions on both Canadian Pension Plan and Employment Insurance contributions, which are subject to maximum annual contribution ceilings;

AND WHEREAS By-law Number 42-2022 of the Regional Municipality of Durham gives municipalities the opportunity to enter into a joint services agreement with the Region for the harmonization of councillors' remuneration and benefits. Under the agreement, the Region reimburses the municipality for the cost of providing remuneration and benefits on a quarterly basis;

AND WHEREAS Whitby, Clarington, and Uxbridge currently participate in payment harmonization with the Region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax staff implement all measures necessary to administer the harmonization of the Regional Remuneration in accordance with By-law Number 42-2022 of the Regional Municipality of Durham.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2022-12-12-1430-Council-Meeting-Immediately-following-the-GGC-meet

Motion #115 · 37 of 39

Council Participation in OMERS Pension Plan

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Dec 11, 2022	Considered	Dec 11, 2022
Moved by	Sterling Lee	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Office of the CAO	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) is a defined benefit pension plan and provides a guaranteed stream of income in retirement;

AND WHEREAS the OMERS Plan pension can grow into an important financial asset and play a key role in financial and retirement security;

AND WHEREAS both the employee and employer contribute equal amounts to the OMERS plan, increasing the total contribution being invested;

AND WHEREAS the Council Members of Whitby, Clarington and Uxbridge participate in the OMERS program and the Region of Durham provides the option to do so for Members of Regional Council;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax currently contributes 10% of a Council Member's base salary to a personal Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) as a pension compensation benefit;

AND WHEREAS if members of Council were enrolled in the OMERS plan, the Town would contribute 9% of earnings up to the Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings (YMPE) earnings limit and 14.6% of earnings over the YMPE limit, with Members being required to match the Town's contributions;

AND WHEREAS existing council members can individually choose to join OMERS at the effective date of enrolment and members who decline can join OMERS at any point in the future provided they continue to be eligible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Manager of HR Services be directed to contact OMERS indicating Council's intent to participate in the OMERS Plan and obtain the necessary information and documentation to commence the process;
2. Staff be directed to provide the option to replace Council's Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) benefit with participation in the OMERS Plan; and
3. The Town continue to provide, for those members who opt out of the OMERS Plan, the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) 10% benefit to members of Council and that the Mayor receive 9% of earnings up to the YMPE

earnings limit and 14.6% of earnings over the YMPE limit.

AMENDED AT MEETING

Yes

LINKS

CAP / GGC: https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2022-12-12-1430-Council-Meeting-Immediately-following-the-GGC-meet

Motion #1192 · 38 of 39

Tilling of the Lower Duffins Creek Wetland

Notice of Motion · Outcome: Carried

Adopted	Nov 28, 2022	Considered	Nov 28, 2022
Moved by	Joanne Dies	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Special Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Ajax Council passed a motion on November 9, 2020, opposing the development of the provincially significant Lower Duffins Creek Wetland, and worked closely with environmental groups, First Nations stakeholders, and community members to successfully halt plans to pave over the 57 acres of wetland for a massive warehouse development;

AND WHEREAS the Narwhal reported on November 4, 2022, that approximately 90% of the Lower Duffins Creek Wetland in the Bayly Street and Squires Beach Road area of Pickering, had been cleared and tilled;

AND WHEREAS the issue is under investigation by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as the activity is in contravention to Ontario regulation 166/06 under the Conservation Authorities Act, which states no person may change or interfere in any way with a wetland without the permission of a conservation authority;

AND WHEREAS Kelly LaRocca, Chief of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN), released a statement on November 21, 2022 expressing the shock of the MSIFN at the “reckless and unnecessary destruction” and calling for the “protection of this significant part of our ecosystem”;

AND WHEREAS revisions to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System have been proposed under Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 which would result in a tilled site no longer being considered a wetland;

AND WHEREAS Ajax has serious concerns regarding any devaluing of protections for Ontario’s wetlands, and has been a proponent of local wetlands, as exemplified by the Kerrison Road Wetland Restoration Project, which has expanded marsh and swamp wetland habitat, decommissioned old farm ponds and associated infrastructure, restored and stabilized existing stream bank erosion, and managed invasive species;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council strongly opposes the blatant and purposeful damage of any wetland;
2. Ajax Council joins Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation in its shock regarding the destruction of the Lower Duffins Creek Wetland;
3. Ajax Council opposes proposed revisions to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System which changes the

classification of a wetland after tillage; and

4. A copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Patrice Barnes, MPP Ajax, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and MPP Pickering, John Henry, Durham Region Chair, Kevin Ashe, Pickering Mayor, and John MacKenzie, CEO at Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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