

Council Motions Report

Notice of Motion involving Councillor Nancy Henry.

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MOTIONS

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Criminal Exploitation of Minors for Organized Crime

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Apr 20, 2026	Considered	Apr 20, 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>

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Ethical Investment and Human Rights Due Diligence in Public Pension Funds

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Apr 20, 2026	Considered	Apr 20, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Finance	Report no.	—
Completion target	Jun 15, 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>

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Council Chambers Restoration

Notice of Motion

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Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	—
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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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Affirming Freedom of Religious Expression and Supporting Residents Impacted by Bill 21

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Mar 23, 2026	Considered	Mar 23, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	Apr 3, 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>

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Lean Impact Report

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Feb 17, 2026	Considered	Feb 17, 2026
Moved by	Marilyn Crawford	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	May 11, 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>

Accessible On-Street Parking

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Jan 19, 2026	Considered	Jan 19, 2026
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Lisa Bower
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

Whereas, accessible parking permits and designated parking spaces support an inclusive society within the municipality that supports and accommodates the needs of per-sons with disabilities; and

Whereas, accessible parking ensures equitable access for individuals with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs or mobility devices, those who cannot walk without assistance, and those with certain respiratory, cardiac, or neurological conditions, enabling participation in everyday activities; and

Whereas, municipalities such as City of Oshawa (max 4 hours), City of Toronto (max 24 hours), and City of Hamilton (max 12 hours) permit extended on-street parking for vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking permit; and

Whereas, modern accessibility standards recognize that the needs of Accessible Parking Permit holders extend beyond proximity to a building entrance, and include the ability to safely load and unload mobility devices, enter and exit vehicles, and navigate their im-mediate environment without barriers; and

Whereas, many residents with disabilities face barriers within their own driveways, including steep grades, narrow widths, obstructive landscaping, or driveways that cannot accommodate accessible vans, side loading ramps, or larger mobility adapted vehicles, making on street parking a safer and more functional option for some permit holders;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking permit may park for up to six (6) hours in areas where a general on-street parking limit of three (3) hours applies, unless otherwise signed; and
2. That vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking permit shall continue to comply with all other Town parking by-laws and restrictions, including, but not limited to:
 - o No-stopping zones
 - o No-parking zones
 - o Paid Parking Programs
 - o No parking between 1 and 5 a.m. without an occasional-use parking permit
 - o No Parking over a sidewalk or boulevard
 - o No Parking within 15 metres of an intersection
 - o No Parking within 3 metres of a fire hydrant
 - o No Parking within 1.25 meters of a private driveway
 - o Parking restrictions in effect during a snow event

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

Council meeting: <https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2026-01-19-1300-Council-Meeting>

Motion #2816 · 6 of 22

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

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Oct 20, 2025	Considered	Oct 20, 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 communities 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 Fraser, 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>

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

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Sep 15, 2025	Considered	Sep 15, 2025
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Marilyn Crawford
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services	Report no.	—
Completion target	Nov 1, 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 · 8 of 22

Supporting Healthy Democracy Through the Elect Respect Campaign

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Sep 15, 2025	Considered	Sep 15, 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 · 9 of 22

Parking Relief for Overnight Medical Support

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Jun 23, 2025	Considered	Jun 23, 2025
Moved by	Rob Tyler-Morin	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	–
Completion target	Nov 10, 2025	Recorded vote	Yes
Forum	Council		

MOTION

Whereas access to adequate overnight parking is a concern for residents who require ongoing medical support during late or overnight hours; and

Whereas caregivers and medical professionals often provide essential care outside of standard hours, which may result in parking infractions that create unnecessary hardship; and

Whereas other municipalities, including the City of Ottawa – which offers a Health Care Parking Permit – have explored or implemented parking relief measures in support of medical needs; and

Whereas a structured and equitable approach to parking relief could support the health and well-being of residents without compromising enforcement or operational goals;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Bylaw Services staff be directed to prepare a report for the November 10, 2025 General Government Committee meeting, outlining:
 - a) The viability and practicality of implementing parking relief for overnight medical support and stays in excess of three (3) hours;
 - b) A financial analysis of potential impacts;
 - c) Policy options for Council's consideration.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #2705 · 10 of 22

Installation of All-Way Stop Signs

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Feb 18, 2025	Considered	Feb 18, 2025
Moved by	Rob Tyler-Morin	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services · Operations & Environmental Services	Report no.	—
Completion target	May 31, 2025	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS there is consistent evidence of unsafe driving behavior, including frequent speeding, failure to yield, and aggressive driving patterns at the two-way stop-controlled intersection at Fletcher Avenue and Hibbard Drive, creating an urgent need to upgrade the intersection to an All-Way-Stop to enhance safety for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers;

AND WHEREAS due to driveway apron parking, residents are noting sightline-related issues at the following five (5) two-way stop-controlled intersections:

- Kerrison Drive West and Fletcher Avenue;
- Williamson Drive West and Hazeldine Drive/Tozer Crescent;
- Hollier Drive and Cantwell Crescent;
- Wicks Drive and Horton Street/Knowles Street;
- Finley Avenue and Burden Crescent;

AND WHEREAS the installation of All-Way-Stops at the above intersections will alleviate ongoing visibility concerns, reduce risks associated with potential liability issues in the event of incidents/accidents, and lessen the burden on transportation and parking enforcement staff while not impacting resident parking on driveway aprons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning & Development Services and Operations & Environmental Services be directed to install All-Way-Stops at the following locations by end of May 2025:

- Fletcher Avenue and Hibbard Drive;
- Kerrison Drive West and Fletcher Avenue;
- Williamson Drive West and Hazeldine Drive/Tozer Crescent;
- Hollier Drive and Cantwell Crescent;

- Wicks Drive and Horton Street/Knowles Street;
- Finley Avenue and Burden Crescent; and

2. Costs associated with this unbudgeted capital project 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 #2594 · 11 of 22

Honouring Veterans with a Crosswalk Installation at Veteran's Point Gardens

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Feb 18, 2025	Considered	Feb 18, 2025
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Rob Tyler-Morin
Lead dept(s)	Operations & Environmental Services · Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	Sep 30, 2025	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has a proud military history, serving as the home of the largest shell filling plant in the British Commonwealth during World War II, was named in honour of the Royal Navy ship H.M.S. Ajax, and has celebrated veterans who served aboard the ship by naming local streets in their honour;

AND WHEREAS numerous communities throughout the province including Pickering, Bowmanville, Hamilton, Belleville, Petawawa, and Chatham, are introducing special crosswalks in recognition of our veterans;

AND WHEREAS installation of a crosswalk at Veteran's Point Garden would be an opportunity for the Town of Ajax to continue contributing to honouring veterans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Operations and Environmental Services, with support from Public and Strategic Affairs and Transportation Services, be directed to work in consultation with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322 to design and install a crosswalk at Veteran's Point by October 2025; and
2. \$20,000 for this unbudgeted capital project be approved and funded from the capital contingency reserve; and
3. A copy of this motion be sent to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #2595 · 12 of 22

Motion to Implement a Short-Term Rental Framework in Ajax

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Jan 20, 2025	Considered	Jan 20, 2025
Moved by	Shaun Collier	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	Planning & Development Services · Corporate Services · Public & Strategic Affairs	Report no.	—
Completion target	Sep 30, 2025	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS Canada is facing a housing crisis and a rise of short-term rental (STR) properties can have an impact on the availability of long-term rental housing options;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is a committed and recognized leading partner in Canada and Ontario's efforts to defeat the housing crisis;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has introduced the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund to ensure that STR operators are given clear rules which balance the needs of the broader community and the realities of the sharing economy;

AND WHEREAS Town of Ajax staff are undertaking a comprehensive review of the existing Ajax Zoning By-law 95-2003 in order to update zoning permissions and standards to align with the Ajax Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS on October 21, 2024, as part of the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review, Ajax Council directed staff to define a STR in the Final Zoning By-Law Amendment(s), that STRs be defined, and that staff update the definition of a Bed and Breakfast Establishment to make clear the separation in uses, with an overview of the changes brought forward for consideration at a future meeting of the Community Affairs and Planning Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning and Development permit short-term rentals in all urban residential zones, where appropriate, through the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review;
2. Corporate Services work with short-term rental platforms to receive data related to short-term rentals in Ajax, establish a condition that all short-term rental operators in Ajax are operating out of their principal residence, and coordinate with rental platforms in relation to issues of nuisance and enforcement;
3. Public and Strategic Affairs, with support from appropriate departments, be directed to:

- a. apply to the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund;
- b. launch an education campaign to highlight short-term rental best practices to operators; and
- c. provide an update to Council on the status of the implementation of short-term rental framework by the end of September 2025.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #2571 · 13 of 22

Temporary Expansion of the Occasional-Use Parking Permit System

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Oct 21, 2024	Considered	Oct 21, 2024
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Lisa Bower
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	CS-2024-17
Completion target	Jan 1, 2025	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS Ajax residents have expressed that their parking needs are changing and they would like more parking opportunities for visiting friends and family, and options when their driveways are inaccessible due to landscaping and home construction projects;

AND WHEREAS a Town-Wide Parking Master Plan to identify needs and solutions is scheduled to be initiated in 2026;

AND WHEREAS an interim solution, such as expansion of existing programs, could support residents' parking needs until the Master Plan is completed;

AND WHEREAS the Town offers a program, the Occasional-Use Parking Permit (OUPP) system, which allows residents to apply online for up to 17 OUPPs per year, per license plate (first 5 permits are free, and the following 12 are \$12 per permit plus tax), to park on residential streets for 24 hours, with some restrictions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

By-law staff be directed to temporarily increase the number of parking permits available through the Occasional-Use Parking Permit system to provide 10 free parking permits and 18 paid parking permits per year, per license plate, effective January 1, 2025, until the Parking Master Plan is completed.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #2495 · 14 of 22

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

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Oct 21, 2024	Considered	Oct 21, 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 · 15 of 22

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

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Sep 16, 2024	Considered	Sep 16, 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 · 16 of 22

Increasing the Number of Judges in Ontario and Canada

Notice of Motion

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

MOTION

WHEREAS judges are appointed exclusively by the Federal and Provincial governments;

AND WHEREAS R. v. Jordan, 2016 established the need for a new framework for applying s.11(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which states that “Any person charged with an offence has the right to be tried within a reasonable time”;

AND WHEREAS there currently exists a deficit of judges in the Province of Ontario and in the Region of Durham;

AND WHEREAS a deficit of judges denies the public access to justice and results in cases being thrown out without being tried, including tens of thousands of traffic cases in Durham Region alone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT The Town of Ajax calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to fulfil their responsibilities to appoint enough judges and justices of the peace to provide timely and complete access to justice;
2. AND THAT a copy of this motion be provided to The Prime Minister of Canada, The Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, The Attorney General of Ontario, Members of Provincial Parliament representing the Region of Durham, Members of Parliament representing the Region of Durham, The Region of Durham, Lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #2370 · 17 of 22

Town of Ajax Lobbyist Registry

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Nov 27, 2023	Considered	Nov 27, 2023
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Joanne Dies
Lead dept(s)	Corporate Services	Report no.	—
Completion target	Mar 1, 2024	Recorded vote	No
Forum	Council		

MOTION

WHEREAS Section 223.9 of the Municipal Act allows municipalities to establish a lobbyist registry and code of conduct which governs lobbying activities directed at members of Council, advisory boards, staff, and individuals hired or selected to represent Town interests;

AND WHEREAS lobbyist registries are an optional mechanism;

AND WHEREAS several Ontario municipalities, including the City of Toronto, the City of Pickering, and the Region of Niagara, have established a lobbyist registry framework;

NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED THAT:

Ajax Council directs Legislative Services staff to report to Council, or the appropriate standing committee, no later than the end of March 2024, on lobbyist registry framework options, impacts, and associated costs.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #2252 · 18 of 22

Recognizing the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Apr 17, 2023	Considered	Apr 17, 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 · 19 of 22

Establishing a Provincial Short Term Rental System

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Apr 17, 2023	Considered	Apr 17, 2023
Moved by	Sterling Lee	Seconded by	Nancy Henry
Lead dept(s)	—	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	No	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a housing crisis and more can be done to ensure that new and existing housing units serve their intended use, which is to provide stable affordable housing options to the people of this province;

AND WHEREAS short term rental (STR) properties are sometimes prone to nuisances impacting others' enjoyment of their properties, notably in Ajax, noise, waste, excessive parking needs, and violence;

AND WHEREAS in rural tourist destinations , locals have found themselves prices out of the housing market because landlords find it more profitable to list as an STR;

AND WHEREAS other provincial governments are stepping into the monitoring and enforcement of short term rentals, including Quebec, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland which require STRs to register, or attain a business licence or permit in order to list with popular short term rental companies like Airbnb, and Vrbo;

AND WHEREAS STR hosts are also required to register for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on what they earn;

AND WHEREAS requiring licencing for Ontario's STR market is a logical next step;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council requests that the Province of Ontario establish a short term rental licencing and enforcement system; and
2. This motion be circulated to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AJAX MPP Patrice Barnes, lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Big City Mayors.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

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

Motion #655 · 20 of 22

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

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Mar 27, 2023	Considered	Mar 27, 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 · 21 of 22

Joe Dickson Park

Notice of Motion

Adopted	Jan 23, 2023	Considered	Jan 23, 2023
Moved by	Nancy Henry	Seconded by	Sterling Lee
Lead dept(s)	Operations & Environmental Services	Report no.	—
Recorded vote	Yes	Forum	Council

MOTION

WHEREAS The Town of Ajax celebrates its history through street and public space naming practices, which identify and highlight legacies important to understanding the foundations of Ajax as a community;

AND WHEREAS Louis Joseph “Joe” Dickson was a committed public servant who began his political career as a Catholic school board trustee and was first elected to Ajax Council in 1983, serving as both a local and regional councillor until 2007;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Dickson went on to represent the riding of Ajax-Pickering in the Ontario legislature from 2007 until 2018;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Dickson was also a passionate businessperson and community advocate, sponsoring more than 1200 sports teams over 55 years;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Dickson passed away on April 6, 2022 at the age of 82, resulting in an outpouring of condolences and stories of remembrance from residents and community stakeholders who knew and respected him;

AND WHEREAS in Summer 2023, an unnamed neighbourhood park within the Mulberry Meadows Subdivision (Sundial Developments) will open at the north-west corner of Ainley Road and Turnerbury Avenue and has been designed as a significant recreation focal point for the local community and will include a junior/senior playground, gazebo, fenced leash-free area, basketball court, fitness equipment, paved walkways, pedestrian seating, and other public amenities;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to commemorate Mr. Dickson’s dedication and legacy of public service to the Town of Ajax.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff be directed to name the park at Ainley Road and Turnerbury Avenue the “Joe Dickson Park”; and
2. A copy of this motion be shared with the Dickson family.

AMENDED AT MEETING

No

LINKS

CAP / GGC: <https://events.ajax.ca/Meetings/Detail/2023-01-23-1900-Council-Meeting>

Motion #382 · 22 of 22