



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax Held Virtually Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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Present:	Mayor	-	S. Collier
	Regional Councillors	-	M. Crawford
		-	S. Lee
		-	J. Dies
	Councillors	-	R. Tyler Morin
		-	N. Henry
Regrets:	Councillor	-	L. Bower

1. Call to Order & Acknowledgement of Traditional Treaty Lands

Mayor Collier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and acknowledged traditional treaty lands.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. Departmental Reports

3.1. PSA-2026-11: Development Charge Reduction Program

Council Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. Mayor Collier, Christie McLardie, Director of Public & Strategic Affairs, Julie Mephram, Acting Director of Finance/Treasurer, and Geoff Romanowski, Director of Planning & Development Services, responded to questions from Council Members.

Main Motion

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: S. Lee

1. That the Director of Public and Strategic Affairs and Acting Director of Finance and Treasurer be authorized to submit an application to the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build - Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) for five priority projects and to negotiate participation in the program; and
2. That, subject to the satisfactory negotiation of a Transfer Payment Agreement, Council direct that residential development charges be reduced by up to 50% for a period of three years, effective March 30, 2026 to March 30, 2029; and
3. That the Director of Public and Strategic Affairs and Acting Director of Finance and Treasurer be authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents required to participate in the program; and
4. That this report be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Jennifer McKelvie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Member of Parliament for Ajax; and Rob Cerjanec, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ajax.

Amendment

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: S. Lee

That the motion be amended by removing clause #2 and adding the following:

2. That Council direct that residential development charges be reduced by up to 50% for a period of three years, effective March 30, 2026 to March 30, 2029; and
3. That the draft Transfer Payment Agreement be brought forward to Council for final approval prior to the Town formally entering into the agreement.

In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Main Motion as Amended

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Seconded by: S. Lee

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In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4. Notice of Motion

4.1. Temporary Renaming of Pat Bayly Square for FIFA World Cup Celebrations

Mayor Collier and Regional Councillor Lee introduced the motion and reviewed its contents.

Moved by: S. Collier
Seconded by: S. Lee

Whereas the Town of Ajax congratulates all teams participating in the 2026 FIFA World Cup and recognizes the global excitement, unity, and celebration that this

tournament brings to communities around the world; and,

Whereas many local fans will be gathering to cheer on their favourite teams during this international event, creating an opportunity for everyone to come together under the love of sport; and,

Whereas the Town of Ajax is hosting upcoming Fan Zone Watch Parties on June 18 and June 24 at Pat Bayly Square, presented by Medallion Corporation, as part of local FIFA World Cup celebrations; and,

Whereas Derek Cornelius, a member of Canada's Men's National Team, was born and raised in Ajax, attended local schools, and began his youth soccer journey with Ajax Soccer Club, reflecting the strong foundation that local sport and community support can provide; and,

Whereas the Town of Ajax is immensely proud to see one of its own rise from the pitches of Ajax to soccer's grandest stage, inspiring young athletes across the community and bringing tremendous pride to residents as he represents Canada at the FIFA World Cup; and,

Whereas Medallion Corporation has approached the Town with a desire to further celebrate community pride and enhance the public celebration through placemaking and commemorative activation tied to these events.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. Ajax Council approve the temporary renaming of Pat Bayly Square to Derek Cornelius Square, effective immediately, until the conclusion of the 2026 FIFA World Cup; and
2. A temporary public art installation recognizing Derek Cornelius and his connection to Ajax be unveiled at the June 18, 2026, Ajax Fan Zone Watch Party hosted in Derek Cornelius Square; and
3. The Business Engagement team, in coordination with Communications and Engagement staff, be directed to promote community awareness of this tribute; and
4. A copy of this motion be sent to Jennifer McKelvie, Member of Parliament for Ajax; Rob Cerjanec, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ajax; Durham Region Council; Medallion Corporation; and Ajax Soccer Club.

In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies

Opposed: None

CARRIED

5. Confirming By-law

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin
Seconded by: M. Crawford

That By-law 56-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its special meeting held on June 16, 2026, be approved.

In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies

Opposed: None

CARRIED

6. Adjournment (11:07 a.m.)

Moved by: N. Henry
Seconded by: S. Lee

That the June 16, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned.

In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin,
Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Mayor and CEO

Clerk