



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax Held Virtually Monday, April 20, 2026

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

1. Call to Order & Acknowledgement of Traditional Treaty Lands

Mayor Collier called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and acknowledged traditional treaty lands.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

3.1. Regular Meeting – March 23, 2026

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 23, 2026 be adopted.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4. Question Period

Mayor Collier invited questions on agenda items from those present.

Douglas Glass, Ajax resident, asked questions related to Item 10.7 'Council Chambers Restoration'. Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, responded to questions from the delegate.

5. Delegations, Presentations, and Public Meetings

5.1. Delegation: Item 7.2 General Government Committee Report, April 13, 2026 (Report FIN-2026-08 and Report OES-2026-02)

Douglas Glass, Ajax resident, delivered a delegation related to Item 7.2 'General Government Committee Report, April 13, 2026' (Report FIN-2026-08). Julie Mephram, Acting Director of Finance/Treasurer, responded to questions from the delegate.

Douglas Glass, Ajax resident, delivered a delegation related to Item 7.2 ‘General Government Committee Report, April 13, 2026’ (Report OES-2026-02). Council Members and J. Mephram, responded to questions and concerns from the delegate.

5.2. **Public Meeting: Official Plan Amendment Application OPA26-A4
Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z6/26
21 and 23 Harwood Avenue South and 100-103 Heron Street
Pursuant to section 284.3 of the Municipal Act, 2001**

Mayor Collier summarized the fundamental elements of the proposed by-laws.

Council Members asked questions related to the proposed development applications. Chris Kakouros, Petrina Developments Inc., owner/applicant, Mayor Collier, and Geoff Romanowski, Director of Planning & Development Services, responded to questions from Council Members.

Mayor Collier declared the meeting to be a public meeting and invited comments and questions from the public.

There being no questions or comments from the public, Mayor Collier closed the public meeting.

6. Correspondence

6.1. **Ryan ULC – Motion to Reassess: Unfreeze Ontario - The Cost of Inaction**

Council Members asked questions related to the correspondence. J. Mephram responded to questions from Council Members.

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

That the correspondence from Ryan ULC regarding “Motion to Reassess: Unfreeze Ontario - The Cost of Inaction” be endorsed.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Items 6.2 and 6.3

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: J. Dies

That Item 6.2 (‘Durham District School Board - Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process’) and Item 6.3 (‘Durham District School Board - Request for Review of the Potential Impacts of Removing English Public School Trustees’) be received for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

7. Standing Committee Reports

7.1. **Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report, April 7, 2026**

None.

7.2. General Government Committee Report, April 13, 2026

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

That the recommendations from the General Government Committee Meeting of April 13, 2025 be adopted.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

8. Departmental Reports

8.1. PDS-2026-10: Update to Traffic By-law 45-2020, Schedules 1, 10 and 22
Deferred from the April 13, 2026 General Government Committee Meeting

Council Members asked questions related to the proposed amendments. G. Romanowski responded to questions from Council Members.

Main Motion

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: J. Dies

1. That Council approve the proposed update to Traffic By-law 45-2020, as identified in Attachment 1, to incorporate the following changes to Schedule 1 of the By-law:
 - No Parking (Anytime) on the north side of Clements Road West between Monarch Avenue and 155 m east;
 - No Parking (Anytime) on north-east side of Lake Driveway West between 30 m south of Hawkins Crescent (North Leg) and the south property line of 182 Lake Driveway West;
 - No Parking (Anytime) on the east side of Kearney Drive between north property line of 93 Kearney Drive and north property line of 85 Kearney Drive
2. That Council approve the proposed update to Traffic By-law 45-2020, as identified in Attachment 1, to incorporate the following changes to Schedule 10 of the By-law:
 - 40 km/hr speed limit on Hurst Drive between 165 m north of Stannardville Drive to 160 m south of Harrisview Street;
 - 40 km/hr speed limit on Stannardville Drive between Rossland Road to 108 m east of Hurst Drive
3. That Council approve the proposed update to Traffic By-law 45-2020, as identified in Attachment 1, to incorporate the following changes to Schedule 22 of the By-law:
 - Community Safety Zone on Hurst Drive between 165 m north of Stannardville Drive to 160m south of Harrisview Street;
 - Community Safety Zone on Stannardville Drive between Rossland Road to 108 m east of Hurst Drive
4. That a By-law to amend Traffic By-law 45-2020 be brought forward for consideration of the Council.

5. That Report PDS-2026-10 be forwarded to the Durham Regional Police Service, Durham District School Board and Durham Student Transportation Service.

Amendment

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

That recommendation #2 be amended to read:

2. That Council approve the proposed update to Traffic By-law 45-2020, as identified in Attachment 1, to incorporate the following changes to Schedule 10 of the By-law:
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In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies, Councillor Bower

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Amendment

Moved By: L. Bower
Seconded By: J. Dies

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

6. That staff be directed to reduce the speed limit from the default 50km/h to 40km/h on Ashbury Boulevard/Range Road between Audley Road South and Lake Ridge Road.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Amendment

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

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

7. That staff be directed to install No Parking Signs on Coomer Crescent between north property line of 7 Coomer Crescent and east property line of 21 Coomer Crescent.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Main Motion as Amended

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Seconded by: J. Dies

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

9. Regional Councillors' Reports

Regional Councillor Members provided updates from the Region related to the Durham Region Transit 2026 Fare Strategy and the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) Board 10-year capital plan.

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: J. Dies

That the Regional Councillors' Reports of April 20, 2026 be received for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

10. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

10.1. Town of Ajax Use of CCTV Cameras

Regional Councillor Crawford and Councillor Bower introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. Council Members asked questions related to the motion. Christie McLardie, Director of Public & Strategic Affairs, responded to questions from Council Members.

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: L. Bower

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.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

With the consent of Members present, item 14 was advanced in the order business.

14. Closed Session

Moved by: S. Lee
Seconded by: L. Bower

That Council convene to a Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended:

- To discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board [Sec. 239(2)(c), Municipal Act, 2001, as amended]; and
- To discuss a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization [Sec. 239(2)(i), Municipal Act, 2001, as amended].

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

14.1. Partnership for Affordable Housing with Ashley Manor Housing Corporation

14.2. Canadian Baseball League Partnership Opportunity

Council recessed at 2:25 p.m.

Council resumed at 2:30 p.m.

Open Meeting (3:27 p.m.)

10. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

10.2. Supporting Tourism for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Councillor Bower introduced the motion and reviewed its contents.

Moved by: L. Bower
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 City of Mississauga recently advocated to the provincial government to permit extended alcohol service for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council request the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to designate the 2026 FIFA World Cup, taking place from June 11 to July 19, 2026, as an event of national significance; and
2. That Ajax Council request the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to permit licensed bars and restaurants across Ontario to extend the hours of alcohol service to 3 a.m. for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, to coincide with late-night match broadcasts and to support local businesses while allowing fans to watch matches together; and
3. That a copy of this motion be circulated to the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

10.3. Review of Town Soccer Resources

Regional Councillor Lee introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. D. Meredith responded to questions on the motion from Council Members.

Moved by: S. Lee
Seconded by: L. Bower

Whereas the Town of Ajax values active living, recreation, and sport as key contributors to community health and quality of life for residents of all ages; and,

Whereas the Town offers a variety of soccer-related opportunities and assets for residents, including both grass and artificial turf fields, as well as portable soccer net frames available for both community and organization use; and,

Whereas residents and groups may apply for permits to use the Town's artificial turf fields, located at the Ajax Community Centre, known as Monarch Field and Centennial Field, which provide consistent playing conditions and resilience to weather compared to natural grass surfaces, making them a valuable recreational asset; and,

Whereas residents have expressed interest in greater clarity around the Town's approach to soccer netting, turf field access, and potential opportunities for informal or drop in use of artificial turf fields when not otherwise booked.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That Ajax Council directs Operations and Environmental Services staff to prepare a report by June 2026, outlining the Town of Ajax's current position on the installation of soccer netting on municipal soccer fields, an overview of the Town's turf field booking and permitting process, as well as a high-level scan of how other comparable municipalities manage access to artificial turf fields, and feasibility, risks, and operational implications allowing public use of artificial turf fields during unbooked periods.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

10.4. Criminal Exploitation of Minors for Organized Crime

Councillor Henry and Regional Councillor Crawford introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. Kassandra Brownridge reviewed ongoing stakeholder efforts and actions related to the motion.

Moved by: N. Henry
Seconded by: M. Crawford

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.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

10.5. Ethical Investment and Human Rights Due Diligence in Public Pension Funds

Councillor Henry introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. Councillor Henry responded to questions on the motion from Council Members.

Main Motion

Moved by: N. Henry
Seconded by: M. Crawford

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; and
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.

Amendment

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

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

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).

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Main Motion as Amended

Moved by: N. Henry
Seconded by: M. Crawford

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

10.6. Request for Operational Funding for Supportive and Transitional Housing Projects

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

Whereas the Government of Canada has launched the Build Canada Homes (BCH) initiative to support the creation of new deeply affordable, supportive, and transitional housing through federal capital investments; and,

Whereas the Town of Ajax is partnering with the Region of Durham to advance a 50 unit supportive housing development at the northeast corner of Harwood Avenue South and Achilles Road, a Regionally led project that is dependent on federal capital funding through Build Canada Homes; and,

Whereas the Harwood and Achilles supportive housing project is designed to deliver long term, permanent housing with wrap around supports for individuals with complex needs, and its success is contingent on secure, ongoing operational funding to sustain services for residents; and,

Whereas operational funding for rent supplements and wrap around supports, including health, mental health, social, and employment services, fall within areas of provincial responsibility; and,

Whereas BCH requires applicants to address whether operational finances have been secured at the application stage and a provincial commitment is needed to unlock federal capital for the benefit of communities urgently seeking housing solutions.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council formally call on the Province of Ontario to commit the operational funding required to unlock federal capital for supportive and transitional housing projects through the Build Canada Homes program; and
2. That Ajax Council specifically urge the Province of Ontario to provide the operational funding necessary to support the 50 unit supportive housing development at Harwood Avenue South and Achilles Road in Ajax, being led by the Region of Durham; and

3. That a copy of this motion be circulated to Jennifer McKelvie, MP for Ajax, the Hon. Rob Flack, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Region of Durham, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, the Region of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

10.7. Council Chambers Restoration

Councillor Henry and Regional Councillor Crawford introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. C. McLardie, Regional Councillor Crawford, and Councillor Henry, responded to questions on the motion from Council Members.

Moved by: N. Henry
Seconded by: M. Crawford

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.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Motion to Suspend the Rules of Procedure

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: M. Crawford

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow a motion regarding Advancing the Durham Meadowway, without notice.

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

Opposed: None

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10.8. Advancing the Durham Meadowway

Regional Councillor Dies and Regional Councillor Crawford introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. K. Brownridge and J. Mephram, responded to questions on the motion from Council Members.

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: M. Crawford

Whereas, the Durham Meadowway 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 Meadowway 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 Meadowway 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.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Motion to Suspend the Rules of Procedure

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

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow a motion regarding Funding Certainty for Organizations Supporting the Black Community, without notice.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED
on 2/3rds

10.9. Funding Certainty for Organizations Supporting the Black Community

Regional Councillor Crawford introduced the motion and reviewed its contents.

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

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.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

11. By-laws

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

That By-laws 40-2026 and 41-2026 be approved.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

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

That By-laws 42-2026 and 43-2026 be approved.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED
on 1/3rd

12. Notice of Motion

Councillor Lee provided notice of future motions related to 1) 911 Access Fees; and 2) Non-resident Recreation Membership Fees.

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

Council Members highlighted upcoming community events and matters of community interest.

14. Closed Session

Ratify Actions Taken in Closed Session

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

That all directions approved during the Closed Session be ratified.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

15. Confirming By-law

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: J. Dies

That By-law 44-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its regular meeting held on April 20, 2026, be approved.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

16. Adjournment (4:31 p.m.)

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

That the April 20, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned.

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

Opposed: Regional Councillor Lee

CARRIED

Mayor and CEO

Clerk