



Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting Held in the Council Chambers, Ajax Town Hall and Electronically at 1:00 p.m. on March 9, 2026

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

1. Call to Order & Acknowledgement of Traditional Treaty Lands

Chair Henry 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

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the General Government Committee held on February 9, 2026 be adopted.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

Committee Members separated items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 and 4.11 for discussion.

4.1. PSA-2026-02: Business Engagement & Support Strategy: Year 1 Biannual Update

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. Meina Lutfi, Business Engagement Advisor, Kassandra Brownridge, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, and Julie Mepham, Acting Director of Finance/Treasurer, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: J. Dies

That Council receive this report for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4.2. PSA-2026-03: Strategic Plan Year 3 Update

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. Christie McLardie, Director of Public & Strategic Affairs, Geoff Romanowski, Director of Planning & Development Services, Dave Meredith, Director of Operations & Environmental Services, Aaron BurrIDGE, Fire Chief, and Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin

That the 2022–2026 Strategic Plan (Action26) Update be received for information.

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

Opposed: Councillor Henry

CARRIED

4.3. FIN-2026-03: 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses

Committee Members had no questions for staff.

Moved by: L. Bower

That the 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council Appointees be received for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4.4. FIN-2026-02: Tax Section Status Report

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. J. Mephram and J. Grossi, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the Tax Section Status Report be received for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

Committee recessed at 2:05 p.m.

Committee resumed at 2:11 p.m.

4.5. PDS-2026-05: 2025 Year End Building Permit Activity and 2026 Projection Report

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. G. Romanowski responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: J. Dies

That the report entitled “2025 Year End Building Permit Activity and 2026 Projection Report”, be received for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

With the consent of Members present, item 7 was advanced in the order business.

7. Authority to Hold a Closed Session and Related In-Camera Meeting

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin

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

- To discuss the security of the property of the municipality or local board [Sec. 239(2)(a), Municipal Act, 2001, as amended];
- To discuss advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose [Sec. 239(2)(f), Municipal Act, 2001, as amended]; and
- To discuss litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board [Sec. 239(2)(e), Municipal Act, 2001, as amended].

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

7.1. Security Strategy Update

7.2. Lease Agreement Update

7.3. Ajax Plaza Update

Open Meeting (3:50 p.m.)

4. Consent Agenda

4.6. PDS-2026-06: Update on Provincial Road Safety Initiatives Fund (RSIF)

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. Councillor Henry, G. Romanowski, C. McLardie, and Dhaval Pandya, Manager of Transportation Planning, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: L. Bower

1. That Council authorize staff to create a new capital project called “Traffic Calming Measures - ASE Replacement”, to install traffic calming measures at previously designated Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) camera sites, be created.
2. That the funding provided to the Town of Ajax through the Provincial Road Safety Initiative Fund (RSIF) in the amount of \$369,261 be allocated to the new capital project.
3. That Council authorize staff to adjust the number of traffic calming locations as necessary to ensure that project costs remain within the Town’s RSIF funding allocation.

4. That Report PDS-2026-06 be forwarded to Durham Region Police Service, Durham District School Board, Durham Catholic District School Board, Durham Region Paramedic Services, Durham Region Transit, and Durham Student Transportation Service.

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

Opposed: None

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4.7. PDS-2026-07: Church Street North Road Closure

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. G. Romanowski responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: M. Crawford

That Council approve the temporary two-stage road closure of Church Street North between Taunton Road West and Rossland Road West from June 1, 2026 to September 15, 2026, arranged through the Road Occupancy and Road Closure By-law #48-2025, to allow construction for the extension of the sanitary sewer and watermain in support of the proposed subdivision (S-A-2021-01) at 1641 Church Street North.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4.8. PDS-2026-08: Contract Award – Wetland Tree Planting Projects

Committee Members had no questions for staff.

Moved by: J. Dies

That Council award the contract for the Kerrison Wetland Infill Tree Planting Project, Audley Wetland Infill Tree Planting Project, and Annandale Wetland Tree Planting Project to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in the amount of \$878,283.58 (inclusive of all taxes).

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4.9. CS-2026-10: 2026 Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. J. Grossi responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin

1. That the by-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2026-2030 Council term (ATT-1) be presented to Council for approval on March 23, 2026; and,
2. That the Municipal Clerk be directed to participate in the recruitment of Compliance Audit Committee members through the Joint Compliance Audit Committee with the Regional Municipality of Durham, City of Oshawa, City of Pickering, the Town of Whitby, and the Durham District School Board.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4.10. CS-2026-11: Customer Service Strategy Update

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. J. Grossi responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: L. Bower

That the Customer Service Strategy Update be received for information.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

4.11. CS-2026-12: Follow-up to Council Motion re: Liquor Service Policies

Committee Members asked questions related to the contents of the report. Nicole Cooper, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: L. Bower

1. That staff be authorized to proceed with an Expression of Interest process to explore potential alcohol sales pilot projects for the 2026 summer season at Paradise Park and the Audley Sportsplex Pinwheel; and,
2. That staff be authorized to take the necessary actions to implement such pilot projects pending receipt of suitable proposals.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED

5. Discussion

None.

6. Presentations

None.

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

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the March 9, 2026 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

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

Opposed: None

CARRIED