

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town
of Ajax Held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall on
Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present:	Mayor	- S. Parish
	Regional Councillor	- S. Collier
	Councillors	- C. Jordan
		- M. Crawford
		- R. Ashby
		- J. Dies
		- P. Brown
		- M. Crawford

1. Call to Order

Mayor Parish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor noted that Item 4.3a, "Ajax Mayor's Cricket Festival", had been added to the evening's agenda.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: P. Brown
Seconded by: S. Collier

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 28, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Delegation and Petitions/Public Hearings

4.1 Proclamation – Aboriginal Day and National Multicultural Day

Roland Rutland, Baha'i Community of Ajax, provided background information on Aboriginal Day (June 21, 2012) and National Multicultural Day (June 27, 2012), and the opportunity that they present to celebrate our heritage and diverse cultures. On behalf of Council, Mayor Parish officially proclaimed June 21st, 2012 as Aboriginal Day and June 27th, 2012 as National Multicultural Day, and presented Mr. Rutland with two proclamation certificates.

4.2 Presentation – "How to Improve the Environment" Essay Contest Winner

Alan Birks, Chairperson of the Ajax Environment Affairs Committee, provided an overview of the activities of the committee over the past year, and highlighted some upcoming initiatives. Mr. Birks introduced Samantha Periera, winner of the Committee's "How to Improve the Environment" essay contest. Ms. Periera read her essay aloud and accepted the first place prize of \$500.

4.3 Presentation - “Toronto’s Best High School Dance Crew” Competition Participants

Robbie Prochilo, Community Recreation Coordinator – Youth and Adults, introduced the D2E Dance Crew, a local group that recently participated in the “Toronto’s Best High School Dance Crew” competition, with great success. Joegar, a member of the Crew, recognized the other members and spoke about how the group formed, where they have practiced and performed, and what expression through dance means to them. He thanked the Town for providing space for the crew to practice and for inviting the crew to perform at various town events. On behalf of Council, Mayor Parish presented the group with a congratulatory certificate.

4.3a Presentation – Ajax Mayor’s Cricket Festival

Venky Jeyaraman, Co-Founder and Director of Corporate Canada Cricket Club, provided information on the upcoming Mayor’s Cricket Festival taking place on Saturday July 28th at the Ajax Cricket Club, located at the Ajax Community Centre, and invited members of Council to attend. The intent of the festival is to promote cricket among the South Asian community, and to encourage an active lifestyle. Mr. Jeyaraman spoke about the growing interest in Cricket among Canadians, and thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support of the sport in Ajax.

4.4 Presentation – Welcome Wagon Ajax – ‘Community of the Year’ Award

Deborah MacKinnon-Lesk, Welcome Wagon Representative, presented a special recognition award to Town Council, recognizing Ajax as “Outstanding Community of the Year” for 2011. In order for a Town to be eligible for the award, the local Welcome Wagon must run multiple programs, have high professional standards in its offerings, have excellent participation by the local business community, and have strong civic involvement and a close relationship with the Mayor’s Office. Mayor Parish accepted the award and on behalf of Council, thanked Ms. MacKinnon-Lesk and her team for their work in Ajax.

4.5 Presentation – Ajax Library Board Activities Update

Jennifer Brown, Library Board Chairperson, overviewed the activities of the current Library Board, highlighting some of its major successes this term including the DIL Online Exhibit and several Teen Advisory Council events which were well attended by both residents, and members of Council. The Board has introduced a number of new processes for self-monitoring, designed to keep the Board moving toward its goals and mission. The Board’s focuses in its current term are advocacy, and the role that the library can play as an information portal, an educational hub, and a place to foster social and community connections. Ms. Brown recognized the Friends of the Library for two generous donations recently made, and thanked members of Council for their support, and for their attendance at library events which has served to raise the profile of those events significantly. It was noted that libraries have a ‘new face’ and a larger role in the 21st century, which includes offering e-reading tools, employment resources, and equitable access for all to various types of electronic resources; the Ajax Library is successfully working to meet these new demands.

4.6 Presentation – 2012 Road, Trail and Park Construction Status Report

Carol Coleman, Manager of Engineering, Capital Projects, overviewed various road, trail and park construction projects in the Town. Recent and upcoming construction projects of note include the Fairall Street reconstruction and realignment, the reconstruction of Audley Road, the widening of Bayly Street from Shoal Point Road to Halls Road, and a number of projects dealing with resurfacing, top-asphalt, traffic light installations, park construction and renovation, and trail construction. Ms. Coleman also overviewed a number of upcoming MTO projects affecting Ajax including the widening of Highway 7, the widening of Highway 401, and the 407 extension.

Members of the committee asked questions with respect to the presentation, many related to timelines for the highlighted construction projects. Staff clarified how improvements to Harwood Avenue will be handled with the road being transferred from Regional ownership to local ownership – one segment, north of Highway 401, will have resurfacing and sidewalk improvements in July 2012, prior to the transfer of the road; however, there are other parts of Harwood that have been identified, and will require improvements within 5-10 years at the Town's cost. Recreation and Culture staff confirmed that there will be available space for informal seating near the skateboard park at the Audley Recreation Centre, however there will not be any formal seating such as bleachers.

4.7 “Bomb Girls” Statue Fundraising Campaign Update

Rosalind Menary, Fundraising Committee Member, explained the goals and objectives of The Ajax Bomb Girls Legacy Campaign. A slideshow was used to highlight the history of Ajax and the DIL Plant, and the contribution of the 7,000 women who worked there. Ms. Menary provided a tour of the campaign's new website, and explained how members of the public can donate to the campaign, or become involved in the committee's fundraising activities. Ms. Menary and Councillor Jordan commented on the diverse membership of the fundraising committee, which includes residents of North Ajax, South Ajax, Pickering, Whitby, Newcastle, and a history student from York University who has assisted by conducting research interviews with women who worked at the DIL plant. Ms. Menary and Councillor Jordan invited members of the community to attend “Shell-a-Bration – a 1940s Theme Dinner / Dance”, a fundraiser for the campaign taking place on September 28th at Deer Creek Golf Course.

5. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence are attached for Council's information:

- i Town of Ajax: Proclamations Issued by the Mayor's Office
- ii City of Oshawa: Proposed By-law to Change the Method of Selecting the Regional Chair
- iii Town of Whitby: Direct Election of the Regional Chair
- iv John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs: Right to Safe and Clean Drinking Water

Moved by: C. Jordan

Seconded by: P. Brown

That the Items of Correspondence contained in the June 11, 2012 Council agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report

Moved by: C. Jordan
Seconded by: R. Ashby

That the Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report dated June 7, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 General Government Committee Report

Mayor Parish noted that this report had been circulated separately from the agenda.

Moved by: P. Brown
Seconded by: C. Jordan

That the General Government Committee Report dated June 7, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.3 Advisory Committee Reports

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: S. Collier

That the Advisory Committee minutes from April 2012 as attached to the meeting agenda be received for information, and that all substantive recommendations be referred to staff for review.

CARRIED

6.4 Departmental Reports

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: P. Brown

That the Departmental Reports dated June 11, 2012, be adopted.

CARRIED

6.5 Ajax Public Library Board Report

None

7. Regional Councillors' Reports

Regional Councillors Collier and Jordan summarized their reports verbally, and responded to questions from members of Council. Discussion took place surrounding the Regional Energy from Waste Project, specifically, the lack of clarity on the predicted operating costs of the facility, and whether it will receive sufficient waste to operate at capacity.

Moved by: R. Ashby
Seconded by: J. Dies

That the Regional Councillors' Reports dated June 11, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

None

9. By-laws

Moved by: P. Brown
Seconded by: C. Jordan

That By-law numbers 80-2012 to 93-2012 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved by: R. Ashby
Seconded by: M. Crawford

That By-law numbers 80-2012 to 93-2012 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion

None

11. Other Business

11.1 FCM Conference Report

Regional Councillor Jordan, Councillor Ashby and Councillor Brown delivered a presentation related to their recent attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Saskatoon. The presentation highlighted several innovative projects and new facilities in Saskatoon. Councillor Jordan introduced a resolution recently endorsed by FCM related to Bill C-38 amendments to the Fisheries Act. It is felt that there has not been sufficient effort to obtain stakeholder input from municipalities on the environmental protection components of the Bill, and that those sections should be removed from Bill C-38 and be properly reviewed and debated by the relevant standing committees.

Moved by: C. Jordan
Seconded by: P. Brown

That the rules of procedure be suspended to allow a motion to endorse the FCM resolution regarding Bill C-38.

CARRIED

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: C. Jordan

That the FCM resolution regarding Bill C-38 be endorsed;
And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, M.P. Chris Alexander, the Prime Minister of Canada, leaders of the Opposition Parties, and all municipalities in Durham Region.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

YES: Councillor Jordan, Councillor Ashby, Councillor Brown, Regional Councillor Collier, Councillor Crawford, Councillor Dies, Mayor Parish

NO: None

12. Question Period

None

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

Regional Councillor Collier commented on the Jam Festival which took place from June 8-10, 2012, noting that it was very well-attended and enjoyed by many. He thanked the festival's many sponsors.

Councillor Brown, Councillor Crawford, and Regional Councillor Jordan reminded those in attendance of several upcoming events including the Home Week Parade, Pancake Breakfast, and several community barbecues.

14. Confirming By-Law

Moved by: C. Jordan
Seconded by: P. Brown

That By-law number 94-2012 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 May 28, 2012 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved by: C. Jordan
Seconded by: M. Crawford

That By-law number 94-2012 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

Moved by: C. Jordan
Seconded by: S. Collier

That the June 11, 2012 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned.
(8:50 p.m.)

CARRIED

Mayor Parish

D-Clerk