



**TOWN OF AJAX  
REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND  
2016-2019 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST MEETING**

For consideration by the Council of the Town of Ajax on January 12, 2015

The General Government Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2015

Present:                   Councillor J. Dies, 2015 Budget Chair  
                                Regional Councillor S. Collier  
                                Regional Councillor C. Jordan  
                                Councillor M. Crawford  
                                Councillor R. Ashby  
                                Councillor P. Brown  
                                Mayor Parish

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**1.     Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)**

Chair Dies called the meeting to order.

**2.     Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**3.     Opening Comments**

Mr. B. Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, provided various comments with respect to the proposed 2015 Capital Budget / 2016-2019 Long Range Capital Forecast (LRCF). Mr. Skinner noted that nearly \$110 million in projects have been identified through a comprehensive review for completion from 2015 to 2019. The effort of staff and Council to advance approval of the capital budget enables the Town to achieve better pricing and earlier completion for many projects.

Mr. R. Ford, Director of Finance/Treasurer, delivered a presentation that reviewed the report included in the agenda. Key projects and components of the Financial Sustainability Plan that guide the development of the capital budget and LRCF were highlighted.

Chair Dies thanked staff and members of Council for their efforts in producing a comprehensive and well-organized capital spending plan. Chair Dies noted that the Town's transition into a mature and more densely populated urban area necessitated a greater focus on social infrastructure planning and services.

**4. Opening Public Comments/Questions**

Chair Dies explained that public comments would be invited both before and after the committee's deliberations on the comprehensive budget document. No public comments were presented at this time.

**5. Review of the 2015 Capital Budget and 2016 – 2019 Long Range Capital Forecast**

Chair Dies asked that the committee first give direction for the annual grant to RVHS.

Moved by: C. Jordan

That the 2015 grant to the Rouge Valley Health Services in the amount of \$125,000 be designated for the Ajax Complex Care North Patio improvements project.

CARRIED

Chair Dies then directed the committee through a section-by-section review of the over 250 individual capital project justifications included in the budget and LRCF report. Members posed questions, made comments and informally suggested modifications to many projects.

The following formal amendments were presented:

Moved by: S. Collier

That Project No. CCD001 "History of Ajax Building Mural" be deleted"

MOTION LOST

Recorded Vote

YES: S. Collier

NO: M. Crawford, C. Jordan, S. Parish, R. Ashby, P. Brown, J. Dies

Moved by: S. Collier

That Project No. CCD002 "ACC – Public Art Acquisition" be deleted.

MOTION LOST

Recorded Vote

YES: S. Collier, M. Crawford, P. Brown

NO: C. Jordan, S. Parish, R. Ashby, J. Dies

Moved by: M. Crawford

That Project No. DES007 "Ward 1 Splashpad, Horne Parkette", in the total amount of \$430,000 be added to the 2016 – 2019 LRCF.

CARRIED

**6. Closing Public Comments/Questions**

Chair Dies invited public submissions prior to the Committee's final consideration and approval of the complete capital budget and LRCF. No public submissions were made.

Chair Dies closed the public meeting.

**7. 2015 Capital Budget and 2016 – 2019 Long Range Capital Forecast Recommendation**

Moved by: S. Parish

1. That the 2015 Capital Budget and the 2016-2019 Long Range Capital Forecast be approved, as amended.
2. That the following 2015 General Levy Funded Reserve Allocations be approved:

Reserve	Amount
Building Maintenance	\$443,200
Development	200,000
Election	60,000
General Infrastructure Maintenance	830,200
Post Growth Capital	150,800
Roads Maintenance	1,163,100
Strategic Initiatives	387,000
Vehicle/Equipment Replacement	1,657,900
Total	\$4,892,200

CARRIED

**8. Adjournment (9:40 p.m.)**

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the January 12, 2015 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

*J. Dies, Chair*