

The Corporation of the Town of Ajax

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 5, 2013

In-Camera at 1:45 p.m.

Open Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

River Plate Room, Town Hall

65 Harwood Avenue South



Confirmed by: *[Signature]*

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R. Ashby, Chair
M. Crawford, Vice Chair

Open Meeting

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2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
3. **Adoption of In-Camera Minutes – November 21, 2013** (circulated separately)
 - *Any discussion will be held in the In-Camera Session*

In-Camera

4. **Authority to Hold a Closed Meeting and Related In-Camera Session**
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**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Rob Ford, CMA, AMCT
Director of Finance/Treasurer

PREPARED BY: Dianne Valentim, B.Comm, CGA
Senior Financial Analyst

SUBJECT: Completed Capital Accounts, October 31, 2013

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with the requirements of the Capital Fund By-law 110-2005, the following transfers to/from reserves/reserve funds be made from capital accounts closed as of July 31, 2013.

	Transfer To	Transfer From	Net
Capital Projects Reserve	(\$1,231,105.28)	16,953.52	(\$1,214,151.76)
Infrastructure Reserve (Slots)	(\$177,330.44)		(\$177,330.44)
Building Repair Reserve	(\$16,545.50)	6,576.20	(\$9,969.30)
Total	(\$1,424,981.22)	\$23,529.72	(\$1,401,451.50)

BACKGROUND:

Capital Fund By-Law 110-2005 requires a report to Council at least once a year. This is the third closing report for 2013 and indicates, on a project by project basis, the specific transfers and balances required for capital project accounts which have been completed or cancelled.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is a listing that shows the capital accounts closed as of October 31, 2013 and their balances. Balances are allocated as per By-Law 110-2005, generally in accordance with original funding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The balances of the capital accounts to be transferred to/from reserves are as follows:

Transfer to	(\$1,424,981.22)
Transfer from	<u>\$23,529.72</u>
Net	(\$1,401,451.50)

CONCLUSION:

The presentation of this report to Council complies with the requirements of By-law 110-2005.

Dianne Valentim, B. Comm, CGA
Senior Financial Analyst

Rob Ford, CMA, AMCT
Director of Finance/Treasurer

CLOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS AS OF October 31, 2013

ACCT	PROJECT NAME	Year Approved	Approved Budget	Additional / Unbudgeted Funding Approved (Note 1)	Expenditures	Project Balance	Note	Capital Projects	Building Repair Reserve	Infrastructure Reserve (Slots)
Legislative & Information Services										
943311	Wide Area Network Upgrade	2013	(10,000.00)	-	-	(10,000.00)	-	(10,000.00)	-	-
	TOTAL Legislative & Information Services		(10,000.00)	-	-	(10,000.00)		(10,000.00)	-	-
FIRE										
936611	Fire Station 2 - Parking Lot Repairs	2012	(20,000.00)	(19,137.72)	45,713.92	6,576.20			6,576.20	
944311	SCBA Cylinder Replacement	2013	(9,000.00)	-	6,807.74	(2,192.26)		(2,192.26)		
	TOTAL FIRE		(29,000.00)	(19,137.72)	52,521.66	4,383.94		(2,192.26)	6,576.20	-
OPERATIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES										
932511	Hermitage Park - Leash free Area	2012	(15,000.00)	-	10,578.06	(4,421.94)		(4,421.94)		
933311	Hermitage Park Baseball Retrofit	2012	(100,000.00)	(4,222.59)	95,145.60	(9,076.99)		(9,076.99)		
945411	Greenwood Washroom Roof Replacement	2013	(10,000.00)	-	3,052.80	(6,947.20)			(6,947.20)	
945511	Millers Creek Washroom Roof Replacement	2013	(10,000.00)	-	5,240.64	(4,759.36)			(4,759.36)	
	TOTAL OPERATIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		(135,000.00)	(4,222.59)	114,017.10	(25,205.49)		(13,498.93)	(11,706.56)	-
RECREATION & CULTURE - FACILITIES										
934811	ACC - Pool Bleachers Rail Floor	2012	(90,000.00)	-	85,161.06	(4,838.94)			(4,838.94)	
	TOTAL RECREATION & CULTURE - FACILITIES		(90,000.00)	-	85,161.06	(4,838.94)		-	(4,838.94)	-
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT										
914211	Carrthers Creek Watershed EA	2010	-	(396,830.00)	405,368.13	8,538.13		8,538.13		
931611	Top Asphalt - Ravenscroft Road	2013	(300,000.00)	(180,912.20)	303,581.76	(177,330.44)				(177,330.44)
939111	Lower Harwood Avenue Study	2012	(80,000.00)	(9,136.30)	97,551.69	8,415.39		8,415.39		
940111	81 Dowty Rd - Monitoring Well Replacement	2012	-	(93,480.79)	-	(93,480.79)		(93,480.79)		
940711	Emergency Repairs - Millers Trail	2012	-	(55,451.27)	52,517.97	(2,933.30)		(2,933.30)		
948411	Pat Bayly Square Construction	2013	(1,109,000.00)	-	-	(1,109,000.00)		(1,109,000.00)		
	TOTAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		(1,489,000.00)	(735,810.56)	859,019.55	(1,365,791.01)		(1,188,460.57)	-	(177,330.44)
	BALANCE TO BE TRANSFERRED / FUNDED		(1,753,000.00)	(759,170.87)	1,110,719.37	(1,401,451.50)		(1,214,151.76)	(9,969.30)	(177,330.44)

Note 1 All projects requiring additional funding have been reported to Council and/or CAO

**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Rob Ford, CMA, AMCT
Director of Finance/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Updated Purchasing By-Law and Capital Expenditure Control Policy

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: Jan. 24 GGC Report Revised Purchasing By-Law and Capital Expenditure Control Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the revised Purchasing By-Law be presented to Council for approval; and
2. That the revised Capital Expenditure Control Policy be approved.

BACKGROUND:

The Purchasing By-law and Capital Expenditure Control Policy were both significantly revised in January of this year, to reflect the Council approved changes to the authority levels for contract awards and the methods of bid solicitation.

The minor updates being made at this time are housekeeping in nature and are needed to fully align both documents with the actual processes that are now in place.

DISCUSSION:

The changes to the by-law and policy are summarized below:

Purchasing By-Law

- to match the corporate realignment of the documentation within the Quality System, added "Work Instructions" wherever an "Operating Procedure" is identified
- in section 11.1, clarified the requirements for reporting on Emergency Purchases

DISCUSSION: (cont'd)

Capital Expenditure Control Policy

- Section 4.4; amended to provide the Directors the authority to approve a contingency greater than 10%, on contracts up to \$25,000
- Section 11.1; clarified the requirements for reporting on Emergency Purchases

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

Staff will be informed of the changes when the revised policy and by-law are released on the corporate document management system.

CONCLUSION:

The updated Purchasing By-law and Capital Expenditure Control Policy reflect the processes that are currently in place.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ATT-1: Policy #127 Capital Expenditure Control Policy
- ATT-2: Purchasing By-Law

Rob Ford, CMA, AMCT
Director of Finance/Treasurer



SUBJECT: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CONTROL

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1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

1.1. The purpose of the Capital Expenditure Control Policy is to ensure that appropriate approvals are acquired and funding sources identified for:

- Capital expenditures exceeding the approved budget or approved spending limit, as awarded by Staff or Council
- Unbudgeted capital projects (including emergencies)
- A material change in the scope of a capital project

1.2 This policy is subject to the guidelines outlined in the Town of Ajax Purchasing By-law, and the following corporate purchasing operating procedures:

- COR-WI-201 - Emergency Purchases
- COR-WI-202 – Purchase of Goods and Services
- COR-WI-203 – Single/Sole Purchase (Greater than \$2,500)
- COR-WI-204 – Bid Document Administration
- COR-WI-205 – Request for Proposal (RFP) Administration
- Standardized Wording Template for Contract Awards & Follow-Up Reporting

2. SCOPE

2.1. The requirements of this policy apply to all capital project contract awards, including contract awards where the capital project is funded in full or in part by third parties.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

3.1. It is the responsibility of the Department Head to ensure that the financial status of capital projects is reviewed on an ongoing basis and to implement the requirements of this policy.

3.2. It is the responsibility of Council to award contracts for:

- All capital project contracts over \$250,000 (inclusive of taxes)
- All over budget and unbudgeted capital projects, regardless of their value
- Projects where there has been a material change in the scope

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4. CONTINGENCY

- 4.1 Where due to the type of capital project, there exists the potential for uncontrollable circumstances or events to occur, departments may recommend that a contingency amount be included in the project estimates to recognize the specific risks.
- 4.2 Contingency amounts shall be calculated as a percentage of the Contract Award, net of the HST rebate.
- 4.3 The contingency percentage ranges from 0% to a maximum of 10%.
- 4.4 In special or unusual circumstances, a contingency amount in excess of 10% may be used, subject to the following approval authorities:

Contract Value	Approval
\$0 - \$25,000	Department Head
Over \$25,000	Department Head and CAO

- 4.5 Use of contingency is subject to the following general rules:
 - a) Contingencies cannot be used to expand the scope of a project or to fund an item excluded at the time of the original contract award.
 - b) The contingency percentage shall not be lowered in order to keep a project within budget at the time the contract is awarded.
 - c) Contingency amounts must not be included in any bid document or awarded to a vendor.
 - d) Contingency amounts are not mandatory and their use is based on an evaluation of the risks associated with each capital project and contract.
 - e) Use of contingency must be tied to the specific risks of a project, not general reasons such as “potential unforeseen circumstances”, “quantities may vary”, etc.

5. ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1 To ensure the correct allocation of costs and budget management, all bid documents must be written in a format which corresponds to the individual projects listed in the capital budget.
- 5.2 Under no circumstances shall expenditures related to a capital project be charged to the operating budget.
- 5.3 A material change in scope to a capital project must be reviewed and approved by Management Committee before a report is presented to General Government Committee for approval. A material change in scope is defined as a change that significantly alters the outcome/end result of the project as originally approved by Council in the Capital Budget and/or at the time of contract award.

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6. OVER BUDGET & UNBUDGETED PROJECTS – Prior to Award

- 6.1 For unbudgeted projects (excluding emergency purchases) and where a project will be over budget, departments must take the following steps to mitigate the financial impact:
- Scale back the scope of the project to come within budget (applies to budgeted projects only), or
 - Cancel another current or prior year capital project from the same funding source that has not yet been started, or
 - Cancel the project, close the capital account and resubmit the project for the subsequent year's capital budget/long range capital forecast.
- 6.2 Under budget amounts from previously awarded capital projects and/or the operating budget are not eligible funding sources under this policy.
- 6.3 All over budget and unbudgeted recommendations must be reviewed and approved by Management Committee before a report is presented to General Government Committee for approval.

7. APPROVED SPENDING LIMIT EXCEEDS APPROVED BUDGET – Prior to Award

- 7.1 For the purpose of determining whether a project will exceed the approved budget, the Approved Spending Limit is defined as follows:

Contract Award, net of HST Rebate, plus Contingency

- 7.2 The report to General Government Committee must follow the Standardized Wording Template for Contract Awards & Follow-Up Reporting and clearly identify the following financial information regarding the over budget situation:
- Over budget amount
 - Reasons for the over budget situation
 - Source of funding for the over budget amount

8. EXPENDITURES EXCEED APPROVED SPENDING LIMIT – Subsequent to Award

Note: Only applies to awards over \$2,500

8.1 Spending Limit Exceeded by Less than \$75,000 – Staff Approval

- a) The following approvals and reporting are required:

Amount	Authority	Internal Report
\$0 - \$2,500	Project Manager	No
\$2,500 - \$25,000	Department Head	Yes
\$25,000 - \$75,000	CAO	Yes

- b) The original, signed report must be submitted to the Director of Finance/Treasurer.
- c) All contract awards that exceed the approved spending limit up to \$75,000, including the allocation of additional funding, will be reported to the General Government Committee through the closed capital accounts reports, which are required under the Capital Fund By-law.

8.2 Spending Limit Exceeded by Over \$75,000 – GGC Approval

- a) Preliminary Information Report – where practical, the report should be completed and presented to GGC prior to incurring the over expenditure, or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the over expenditure.
- b) Final Report – once the project is complete, a final detailed report must be presented to GGC.

- 8.3 All internal reports and the General Government Committee report shall follow the Standardized Wording Template for Contract Awards & Follow-Up Reporting

9. EMERGENCY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OVER \$10,000

9.1 Total Expenditures Less Than \$75,000

- a) The total expenditures, including the allocation of required funding, will be reported to the General Government Committee through the closed capital accounts reports, which are required under the Capital Fund By-law.
- b) Reporting requirements are outlined in COR-WI-201 Emergency Purchases.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER XXX-2013

Being a By-law to define the purchasing policies for the acquisition of Goods and/or Services by the Town of Ajax.

WHEREAS this By-law establishes the authority and sets out the methods by which the Town of Ajax will procure Goods and/or Services, subject to certain exceptions set out herein;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX HEREBY ENACTS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. SHORT TITLE

This By-law may be cited as the Purchasing By-law.

2. PURPOSES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1. The purpose, goals and objectives of this By-law and each of the methods of acquisition authorized are:

- 2.1.1. to encourage competition among suppliers;
- 2.1.2. to maximize savings for taxpayers;
- 2.1.3. to ensure service and product delivery, quality, efficiency and effectiveness;
- 2.1.4. to ensure fairness among bidders;
- 2.1.5. to ensure openness, accountability and transparency, while protecting the financial and operational best interests of the Town;
- 2.1.6. to have regard for the accessibility for persons with disabilities to the Goods/Services and Construction purchased by the Town.

2.2. This By-law shall be applied and administered having regard for the Town's "Capital Expenditure Control Policy" and any other financial control policies, as amended.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. "**Award**" means the selection of a Bidder/Proponent and their Goods/Services as accepted by the Town.
- 3.2. "**Bid**" means the Bidder's or Proponent's offer to sell the Goods/Services to the Town.
- 3.3. "**Bidder**" means, a person, supplier, vendor, contractor; developer or professional, who submits a Bid to the Town.
- 3.4. "**Bid Document**" means a Request for Tender, Request for Quotation, Request for Proposal or other documents that state, the Town's desire to buy or to consider buying and Bidders/Proponents offer to sell to the Town, the Goods/Services defined in the specifications.
- 3.5. "**Bid Irregularity**" means a deviation between the requirements of a Bid Document request and the information provided in the Bid response.
- 3.6. "**Contract**" means, a binding agreement between two or more parties that creates an obligation to provide a particular Good/Service.
- 3.7. "**Council**" means the Council of the Town.
- 3.8. "**Department**" means a department as established by the Town from time to time.
- 3.9. "**Department Head**" means the person chosen by the Town to be the head of a Department.
- 3.10. "**EOI**" means Expression of Information, a process whereby the Town uses a focused market research tool to determine Bidder interest in proposed procurement.
- 3.11. "**Formal Process**" means the request for Bid is issued in writing, on prescribed forms. Bidders/Proponents must submit their Bid, using these forms in a sealed package, by a predetermined time. Formal processes must follow the provisions detailed in the various procurement related QMS Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions.

- 3.12. **“Goods/Services”** means all goods and services, as set out in the Bid Document, which include all supplies, materials, equipment, general maintenance and services, construction and works contracts, leases, rentals, and repairs of equipment; consulting and professional services, including the services provided by architects, engineers, designers, real estate appraisers, management or financial consultants, brokers or lawyers and any other consulting or professional service rendered on behalf of the Town.
- 3.13. **“Informal Process”** means the request for Bid may or may not be published and received on prescribed forms, by a predetermined time. Depending on the purchase value, Bids may be received electronically, verbally or in written formats.
- 3.14. **“Major Irregularity”** means an irregularity in a Bid, such that a strict compliance component is missing, which is required at the time of Bid submission, affecting the price, quality, quantity or delivery and is material to the Award. If the irregularity is permitted, the Bidder/Proponent could gain an unfair advantage over competitors and therefore results in the automatic rejection of the Bid.
- 3.15. **“Minor Irregularity”** means an irregularity in a Bid, such that a Bid submission is substantially compliant, and the irregularity affects form rather than substance. The effect on the price, quality, quantity or delivery is not material to the Award. If the irregularity is permitted, the Bidder/Proponent would not gain an unfair advantage over competitors. The Bidder/Proponent will, if any, be allowed time to clarify/correct the submission, only with respect to the Minor Irregularity.
- 3.16. **“MFIPPA”** means Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- 3.17. **“Proposal”** means an offer from a Proponent to provide Goods/Services to the Town, acceptance of which may be subject to further negotiation. It is the response submitted to a RFP.
- 3.18. **“Proponent”** means a person, supplier, vendor, contractor; developer or professional submitting a Proposal.
- 3.19. **“Purchasing”** means the Purchasing Section of the Finance Department.
- 3.20. **“Purchasing Card (P-Card)”** means a type of credit card issued at the corporate level, by an authorized lending institute. The cards are issued in an individuals’ name, but the charges incurred are the liability of the Town.
- 3.21. **“QMS”** means the Town’s Quality Management System, which consists of Standard Operating Procedures and Work Instructions.
- 3.22. **“Quotation”** means an offer from a Bidder to provide Goods/Services to the Town or buy Goods/Services from the Town, at a specific rate or price. It is the response submitted to a RFQ, the acceptance of which will result in the formation of a binding Contract between the Town and the Bidder submitting the Quotation.
- 3.23. **“RFI”** means Request for Information, a process whereby the Town uses a general market research tool to determine what products and/or services are available; to scope out business requirements; and/or estimated project costs.
- 3.24. **“RFP”** means Request for Proposal, a process whereby the Town identifies a need, but the method by which it will be achieved is unknown at the outset. This process allows Proponents to propose solutions or methods to arrive at a desired result.
- 3.25. **“RFQ”** means Request for Quotation, a process whereby the Town, through a Formal or Informal Process, requests Bids for particular Goods/Services, which may or may not be required to be submitted on prescribed forms in sealed packages.
- 3.26. **“RFT”** means Request for Tender, a process whereby the Town, through a Formal Process, requests Bids for particular Goods/Services which must be submitted on prescribed forms in sealed packages.
- 3.27. **“RPQ”** means Request for Pre-Qualification, a process whereby the Town requests specific qualification criteria, which will then be used to identify and pre select Bidders, where the experience and qualifications of the Bidder must be clearly established and verified prior to the Bidder being allowed to submit a Bid. This process is typically used when selecting Architects and General Contractors for large building construction or renovations.
- 3.28. **“Single Sourcing”** means the procurement of Goods/Services from a particular Bidder/Proponent rather than through the solicitation of Bids from multiple Bidders/Proponents who can also provide the same/similar Goods/Services.

- 3.29. **“Sole Sourcing”** means the procurement of Goods/Services that are unique to a particular Bidder/Proponent and cannot be obtained from another source.
- 3.30. **“Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions”** means the procedures/instructions established by the Town to be followed in carrying out a given operation or a given situation.
- 3.31. **“Tender”** means, an offer from a Bidder to provide Goods/Services in response to a RFT, the acceptance of which will result in the formation of a binding Contract between the Town and the Bidder submitting the Tender.
- 3.32. **“Town”** means The Corporation of the Town of Ajax.

4. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Any person acquiring Goods/Services on behalf of the Town, shall do so in accordance with this By-law and the various procurement related QMS Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions.

- 4.1. Method of Solicitation -The method of solicitation may take the form of one of the following:
 - 4.1.1. Request for Quotation (RFQ)
 - 4.1.2. Request for Tender (RFT)
 - 4.1.3. Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - 4.1.4. Request for Pre-Qualification (RPQ)
 - 4.1.5. Request for Information (RFI)
 - 4.1.6. Expression of Interest (EOI)
 - 4.1.7. Non-Competitive Process
- 4.2. Where the factors of suitability, quality, service, and ability to deliver, are deemed to be equal, the Contract shall be awarded to the lowest, compliant Bidder or highest scoring, compliant Proponent, who meets the minimum specifications.
- 4.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-law, the Town shall have absolute discretion in awarding Contracts and retains the right to reject any or all Bids.
- 4.4. Purchases \$0 - \$2,500.00
 - 4.4.1. Competitive Bids are not required.
- 4.5. Purchases Over \$2,500.00
 - 4.5.1. The Bid solicitation process shall be conducted through Purchasing, unless the Goods/Services are exempted under Section 8, Exceptions/Exemptions from Competitive Process.
 - 4.5.2. The Department shall provide Purchasing with the relevant information required for the acquisition, such as; specifications, terms of reference, special provisions, plans, drawings, etc.
 - 4.5.3. The bid process method to be followed is based on the dollar value of the estimated contract value:

Contract Value	Bid Process
\$2,500.01 to \$75,000.00	Informal
Over \$75,000.00	Formal

- 4.6. Negotiations Following a Competitive Bid Process
 - 4.6.1. In the case of a RFT/RFQ, prior to the onset of any negotiations, the competitive Bid method of solicitation must be cancelled and:
 - 4.6.1.1. all Bidders that submitted a Bid for the solicitation, will be notified in writing that a contract with respect to the Bid Document [RFT/RFQ] will not be awarded;
 - 4.6.1.2. any Bid securities, including Bid Bonds and Agreements to Bond will be returned.

- 4.6.2. When using a competitive Bid process, purchases of Goods/Services may be acquired through negotiation under the following conditions:
- 4.6.2.1. where two or more identical Bids are received;
 - 4.6.2.2. where the lowest compliant Bid meeting specifications is excessive in total cost and/or substantially exceeds the estimated cost or budget;
 - 4.6.2.3. where all Bids received fail to meet specifications and/or terms and conditions and it is impractical to recall the request for Bid.

4.6.3. Where negotiations are undertaken with more than one Bidder/Proponent, all Bidders/Proponents shall be given full disclosure on all information relating to the negotiation, subject to the provisions of the MFIPPA.

4.7. In-House Bids

In-House Bids may be obtained for the procurement of Goods/Services in circumstances, where the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town (the "CAO") considers it beneficial and appropriate to do so.

4.8. Purchasing Cards

4.8.1. Purchases made by P-Cards are subject to the requirements of this By-law, various procurement related QMS Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions and other financial control policies.

4.9. Contract Award Approval Levels

4.9.1. In determining the appropriate authority level, the Contract purchase value shall be considered to include all applicable costs (e.g. freight, taxes) in the acquisition of the Goods/Services for the entire time period the Contract is being awarded to a particular Bidder/Proponent.

4.9.2. Authority is granted to the staff to award or enter into contracts that are within budget and are awarded to the lowest compliant Bidder or highest scoring compliant Proponent, as detailed in the following chart:

Contract Value	Approval Authority
\$0 to \$25,000.00	Department Head or Designate
\$25,000.01 to \$250,000.00	CAO and Director of Finance/Treasurer

4.9.3. The following contracts must be awarded by Council:

- Contracts over \$250,000.00
- All over budget and unbudgeted capital
- Recommended award that is not to the lowest Bidder or highest scoring Proponent meeting specifications

4.10. Council Recess Periods - Contract Award Over \$250,000.00

Unless otherwise authorized by Council, Council's recess periods are to cover the annual Summer break (July - August); Municipal Election period; and the annual Seasonal break (December/January). The following shall apply during the Council recess periods:

4.11.1 the CAO and Director of Finance/Treasurer, or their designates, are authorized to issue Awards and enter into Contracts, provided they are within budget;

4.11.2 the Mayor, CAO and Director of Finance/Treasurer, or their designates, are authorized to issue Awards and enter into Contracts if they exceed the budget or are unbudgeted;

4.11.3 a report will be prepared by the applicable Department Head, and presented to Council at its first meeting following the recess period, regarding all Contract Awards exceeding \$250,000.00 and awarded during the recess period.

5. NON-COMPETITIVE PROCESS (Single/Sole Source Purchases)

- 5.1. All Non-Competitive purchases of Goods/Services, greater than \$2,500.00 must be assessed by the Manager of Purchasing prior to any negotiations/discussions with a Vendor.
- 5.2. Purchasing, in consultation with Departments, shall obtain a written Bid, from the Bidder/Proponent, for any Non-Competitive purchase of Goods/Services, prior to the purchase of the Goods/Services. The Manager of Purchasing shall determine whether or not an informal process will be used, regardless of the Contract value.
- 5.3. A Non-Competitive Process shall only be used if one or more of the following conditions apply and a process of negotiation is undertaken to obtain the best value in the circumstances for the Town:
 - 5.3.1. the Goods/Services are only available from one source or one supplier by reason of:
 - Sole Source:
 - 5.3.1.1. a statutory or market based monopoly;
 - 5.3.1.2. scarcity of supply in the market;
 - 5.3.1.3. existence of exclusive rights (patents, copyright or license);
 - Single Source:
 - 5.3.1.4. need for compatibility with Goods/Services previously acquired and there are no reasonable alternatives, substitutes or accommodations;
 - 5.3.1.5. need to avoid violating warranties and guaranties where service/support is required;
 - 5.3.1.6. the extension of an existing Contract would prove more cost effective or beneficial;
 - 5.3.1.7. due to market conditions, required Goods/Services are in short supply;
 - 5.3.1.8. the required Goods/Services are to be supplied by a particular Bidder/Proponent having special knowledge, skill, expertise or experience, which cannot be provided by any other person; or
 - 5.3.1.9. the nature of the requirement is such that it would not be in the public interest to solicit competitive Bids, as in the case of security or confidential matters.
 - 5.3.2. an attempt to purchase the required Goods/Services has been made in good faith, using a competitive Bid method and has failed to identify a successful Bidder/Proponent;
 - 5.3.3. the required Goods/Services are to be supplied as a result of an emergency, which would not reasonably permit the use of other procurement procedure methods;
 - 5.3.4. where, at the discretion of the Department Head in consultation with the Manager of Purchasing, and where deemed necessary, the approval of the CAO, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town to negotiate with Bidders/Proponents.
- 5.4. Where a Non-Competitive Procurement Process is undertaken, full disclosure shall be given, on all information relating to the purchase, subject to the provisions of the MFIPPA.

6. UNSOLICITED BIDS

Unsolicited Bids received by the Town shall be reviewed by the Department Head and the Manager of Purchasing. Any procurement activity resulting from the receipt of an unsolicited Bid shall comply with the provisions of the Non-Competitive Process requirements of this By-law.

7. PROHIBITIONS

- 7.1. Except where a Bid is requested on a unit price basis, and subject to the provisions of the MFIPPA, no employee, or any appointed or elected official of the Town shall divulge the unit prices paid for by the Town for Goods/Services. However, the total price of a Contract, as well as the name of the successful Bidder/Proponent may be revealed to any interested party.
- 7.2. No Contract shall be awarded to any person or corporation who or which has a claim or has instituted a legal proceeding against the Town or against whom the Town has a claim or has instituted a legal proceeding with respect to any previous Contract.
- 7.3. No personal purchase of Goods/Services shall be made by the Town on behalf of a member of Council, a member of a local board or an employee of the Town, unless authorized by Council.
- 7.4. No employee or member of Council shall purchase or offer to purchase any Goods/Services on behalf of the Town except as may be provided for in this By-law.
- 7.5. No requirements for Goods/Services, including consulting or professional services, shall be divided to avoid the requirements of this By-law and the total project, annual requirement, or total Contract value shall be considered.

8. EXCEPTIONS/EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE PROCESS

Unless otherwise noted, Goods/Services as set out below may be procured without a competitive process. If the value exceeds \$250,000.00, the Contract must be awarded by Council.

- 8.1 Utilities (excluding purchases arranged through 3rd party agreements):
 - Electricity, Water & Sewer, Natural Gas, Television Services
- 8.2 Training and Education:
 - Membership Fees, Conferences, Seminars, Courses, Books, Magazines
- 8.3 Advertising:
 - Newspapers, Radio, Television, Magazines, Trade Journals, Internet
- 8.4 General Expenses:
 - Subscriptions, Transportation (Bus, Train, Airplane)
- 8.5 Public Relations:
 - Trade Show Registration and Booth Rentals, Event Sponsorship

9. LOCAL PREFERENCE

- 9.1. The following two legislative documents prohibit municipalities from adopting a Local Preference Policy:
 - 9.1.1. The Discriminatory Business Practices Act (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D12), as amended; and
 - 9.1.2. The Canadian Government's implementation of the Agreement of Internal Trade.
- 9.2. The primary objective of the purchasing process is to acquire Goods/Services at the lowest possible cost, consistent with the demands of suitability, quality, service, and delivery capabilities.
- 9.3. If in the determination of the Manager of Purchasing or designate, a competitive market exists, and two or more compliant Bids are received and are identical in price, and provided suitability, quality, service, and delivery are similar, then priority of acceptance may be made first for a local Bid, if any then, for a regional Bid, if any otherwise, the Manager of Purchasing or designate, will proceed to procure 'best and final offers' [BAFO] from the Bidders/Proponents involved in order to break the tie.

10. CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING

- 10.1. The Town shall participate with other government agencies or public authorities in co-operative purchasing of Goods/Services, where it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
- 10.2. The decision to participate in co-operative purchasing agreements will be made jointly by the Manager of Purchasing or designate and the responsible operating Department.
- 10.3. The policies of the government agencies or public authorities calling the co-operative Bid Document, as amended, are to be the accepted governing policy for that particular Bid Document.

11. EMERGENCY PURCHASES (greater than \$2,500.00)

- 11.1. Emergency purchases of Goods/Services may be approved by the Department Head and Manager of Purchasing and where applicable, the CAO or their designates when the immediate purchase is essential to prevent serious delays in the work of any department which might involve; danger to life; damage to property; costly downtime; or the provision of an essential service.
- 11.2. As soon as possible following the Emergency, the Department shall prepare the required reports identified in the Corporate Policies, Operating Procedures and Work Instructions.

12. ETHICS IN PURCHASING

The code of purchasing ethics, established by the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP) and the Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA), shall apply to all Finance Department, Purchasing Section staff involved in the procurement process.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT

All Town staff are governed by the Town's Code of Conduct Policy, AD 20.70, as amended. Council is governed by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.50, as amended and the Town's Council Member Code of Conduct, By-law No. 89-2004, as amended.

14. REVIEW OF BIDS & BID IRREGULARITIES

- 14.1. Bids received, are reviewed by staff, for compliance with the Bidding process and procedural rules as set out in the Bid Document. Bids are further evaluated to determine the following, all in accordance with the Bid Document:
 - 14.1.1. technical requirements have been met;
 - 14.1.2. minimum specifications have been met;
 - 14.1.3. minimum required qualifications have been met;
 - 14.1.4. minimum experiences have been met;
 - 14.1.5. accuracy of the Bid.
- 14.2. Bid irregularities found in a Bid, are categorized as a Major Irregularity or a Minor Irregularity, with respect to Bid compliance. A Major Irregularity found in the Bid will result in automatic rejection of the Bid. Where a Minor Irregularity is found in the Bid, the Town reserves the right to waive, correct, or have the Bidder/Proponent clarify the irregularity in order to serve the best interests of the Town.
- 14.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Appendix A [attached] and notwithstanding that Appendix A may be part of the bid document; where the Bid Document provides the Town with the right to waive any irregularities and/or omissions in a Bid, this shall give the Town the discretion to waive Bid Irregularities; and in the absence of such waiver, Appendix A shall govern the Town's response.
- 14.4. In exercising judgement, the Manager of Purchasing or designate, shall consider the advice of the Town Solicitor.

15. BIDDER/PROPONENT PERFORMANCE

- 15.1. The Department shall be responsible for monitoring the Contract performance of Bidders/Proponents and for documenting evidence of such performance in accordance with the various Vendor Performance related QMS Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions.
- 15.2. The Town may, in its sole discretion, reject a Bid from a Bidder/Proponent if:
 - 15.2.1. the Bidder/Proponent has not performed works for previous Contracts in compliance with the Contract Documents;
 - 15.2.2. the Bidder/Proponent has previously provided Goods/Services in an unsatisfactory manner;
 - 15.2.3. the Bidder/Proponent failed to satisfy an outstanding debt/obligation to the Town;
 - 15.2.4. there have been past bad dealings between the Town and the Bidder/Proponent;
 - 15.2.5. the Town determines that the Bidder/Proponent does not have sufficient experience in the supply of the Goods/Services; or
 - 15.2.6. the Town has concerns with the financial ability of the Bidder/Proponent to perform the Contract.
- 15.3. Rejection of a Bid, for any of the above noted situations, must be substantiated by written documentation related to Bidder/Proponent performance of a Contract where applicable.
- 15.4. Rejection of a Bid for performance shall be approved by the appropriate Department Head and the Manager of Purchasing.

16. REVIEW PROCESS

- 16.1. This By-law and the various procurement related QMS Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions will be reviewed and if necessary, revised on an annual basis.
- 16.2. While this will not preclude an earlier review, it does establish a time frame to ensure both the Purchasing By-law and the various procurement related QMS Standard Operating Procedures/Work Instructions are fully reviewed on a periodic basis, so that any necessary enhancements can be made.

By-law Number 8-2013 be repealed.

READ a first and second time this Ninth day of December, 2013.

READ a third time and passed this Ninth day of December, 2013.

Mayor

Clerk

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Brian Skinner
Chief Administrative Officer

Sharon Dunn
General Manager, HR Services

PREPARED BY: Jackie Lumsden
Compensation & Recruitment Manager

SUBJECT: **2014 Council Member Remuneration**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: By-Law 157-2012

RECOMMENDATION:

That the recommended 2014 Council Member Remuneration By-Law be approved.

BACKGROUND:

Based on the findings and recommendations of a citizen's committee, a new compensation structure for members of Council was approved in December 2007 and formally adopted by By-Law 1-2008. The report and by-law defined the following process for determining future changes to Council remuneration.

In November of each year commencing in 2008, HR Services would conduct a survey of salaries and other allowances provided to members of Council in the municipalities of Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington. The annual compensation survey will be the basis that would form the recommendation for Council for the subsequent calendar year.

DISCUSSION:

Salary and Travel Allowance

The analysis of the survey data completed by staff is outlined below:

ANNUAL SALARY

	Pickering	Whitby	Oshawa	Clarington	Average
Mayor	\$79,311	\$82,218 *	\$88,132	\$84,333	\$83,498
Council	\$33,047	\$36,875 *	\$37,521	\$33,733	\$35,294

*Town of Whitby calculate remuneration for elected officials at the end of the current year, based on confirmed rates in local Durham Lakeshore municipalities and adjusts retroactively to the start of the year.

Ajax	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Mayor	\$82,031	\$83,498	\$1,467	1.8%
Council	\$35,361	\$0	\$0	0%

While assembling salary comparisons for this 2014 report, it was discovered the Town received incorrect data from one of the comparators for the 2013 report. This resulted in staff proposing a higher annual salary to Council members than would otherwise have been recommended. The data received for this report has been confirmed, and as the current salary is at the average, this results in a 0% increase for Council members.

ANNUAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

	Pickering	Whitby	Oshawa	Clarington	Average
Mayor	\$15,000	\$13,500	Reimbursed at 0.52/km	\$12,033	\$13,511
Council	\$10,800	\$6,588	\$5,200	\$7,989	\$7,644

Ajax	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)
Mayor	\$12,000	\$13,511	\$1,511
Council	\$7,000	\$7,644	\$ 644

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The increased cost of the total compensation package for the 2014 budget year is \$6842, an increase of 2.7% over 2013.

CONCLUSION:

This recommended total salary and travel allowance package maintains fair and comparable remuneration for members of Ajax Council.

Jackie Lumsden – Compensation & Recruitment Manager

Sharon Dunn, General Manager, HR Services

Brian Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER xx-2013

A By-law to provide for the 2014 annual remuneration for the Mayor and Members of Council of the Town of Ajax.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, allows for the payment of remuneration and expenses to members of council and local boards, including the option to provide that one-third of the taxable remuneration and expenses be deemed as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties for income tax purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 283 (5) of *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, states in part that if a resolution of a municipality under subsection 255 (2) or (3) of the old Act is not revoked before January 1, 2003, the resolution shall be deemed to be a by-law of the municipality and one-third of the remuneration paid to the elected members of the council and its local boards is deemed as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as members of council or local board;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:

1. ANNUAL SALARY

An annual salary shall be paid to each member of the Council of the Town of Ajax, effective January 1, 2014:

Mayor	\$83,498.00 per annum
Regional Councillors	\$35,361.00 per annum
Ward Councillors	\$35,361.00 per annum

2. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

In addition to the sums identified in Section 1, each member of Council shall be provided a travel allowance, effective January 1, 2013:

Mayor	\$13,511.00 per annum
Regional Councillors	\$7,644.00 per annum
Ward Councillors	\$7,644.00 per annum

3. PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES

The Mayor and members of Council shall be paid from time to time for expenses incurred in the normal performance of their duties in accordance with Council approved policies.

4. ONE-THIRD OF REMUNERATION DEEMED AS EXPENSES

One-third of the remuneration paid to members of the Council and its Local Boards is deemed as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as members of the Council or Local Board.

5. INSURED BENEFITS

Active (Under Age 65)

Members of council shall be provided with a Flexible Benefits Plan (FBP), based on the following:

- a) An amount equal to 12.5% (employer contribution) of a member's annual salary may be spent on the FBP until the last day of the month in which they attain the age of 65;
- b) The cost of each selection (which includes minimum life and LTD coverage) made by the member will be deducted from their allocation. Any portion remaining will be paid to the member;
- c) Members of council may select FBP options totaling more than the value of the 12.5% employer contribution allocation to a maximum of a further 12.5% (council member contribution). Costs above the 12.5% employer contribution will be deducted from the annual salary.
- d) Newly elected members of council will be enrolled in the FBP at the beginning of January following the election and will re-enroll annually.

Active (Over Age 65)

Members of council remaining in office after the age of 65 will be eligible to receive Basic Health, Basic Dental benefits, reduced Life Insurance (if in place) and reduced Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance until the month in which they attain the age of 70. Long Term Disability benefits cease seventeen (17) weeks prior to the council members sixty-fifth (65) birthday, or when the employment relationship ends, whichever occurs first.

Active (Over Age 70)

Members of Council remaining in office after the age of 70 will receive an amount equal to 10.5% of their salary, which can be used to purchase their own benefit coverage. The adjusted employer contribution reflects the removal of the premium allocated for the Long Term Disability benefit.

The employer contribution ceases upon retirement of council service.

Retirement

A member of council retiring from office with a minimum of 15 years of continuous service will be eligible for Basic Health and Basic Dental benefits. This benefit will conclude in the last day of the month in which the member attains the age of 65.

Survivor

Survivor benefits (Basic Health and Basic Dental) benefits will be paid to an eligible spouse for 24 months after death of a member of council or until the spouse of the member reaches the age of 65, whichever occurs first.

6. REGISTERED RETIRED SAVINGS PLAN (RRSP)

Members of council may participate in a voluntary, co-shared RRSP as follows:

- a) Before the end of February of each year in which a member has made an eligible RRSP contribution, the Town will provide a matching RRSP contribution to a maximum of 8% of the member's annual salary for the previous year. The Town's contribution constitutes a taxable benefit.

7. SEVERANCE

- a) A member of council leaving office for any reason is entitled to a severance payment of one months' wage for every full year of continuous service at the time of leaving office, subject to a minimum four years of continuous service eligibility requirement and a maximum payment of 12 months wages.
- b) In the event of death of a member of council while holding office, the severance payment indicated in 7a) above will be paid to the member's estate.
- c) The payment method is optional at the discretion of each member at the time of leaving office.

8. CHANGES TO ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS – ANNUAL COMPARISON

- a) In November of each year commencing in 2008, HR Services staff shall conduct a survey of salaries and travel allowance provided to members of Council in the municipalities of Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington;
- b) The compensation survey will be the basis for review of the annual salary allowance to be paid for service as a member of the Council of the Town of Ajax for the subsequent calendar year; and,
- c) A report shall be presented to Council recommending any impending changes to Council member compensation based on the annual survey.

9. By-law 117-2011 is hereby repealed.

10. This By-law is deemed to come into force and take effect on January 1, 2014.

READ a first and second time this day
Ninth of December, 2013

READ a third time and passed this
Ninth day of December, 2013

Mayor

D-Clerk

**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director of Planning & Development Services

PREPARED BY: Greg Gibson, C.E.T.
Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: Assumption of Subdivisions
S-A-2002-04 Guinness Phase 5
18T-98014 Medallion Phase 1
S-A-2005-05 Kings Crescent

WARD(S): 2 and 4

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: S-A-2002-04, 18T-98014, S-A-2005-05

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the works and services within the following Plans of Subdivision be assumed by the Town:
 - a) (S-A-2002-04) – Guinness Subdivision Phase 5
Owner: Guinness Place Development Inc.
Agreement Date: February 22, 2008
Registered Plan: 40M-2370
Refer to Appendix “A”
 - b) (18T-98014) – Medallion Subdivision Phase 1 (except Block 201- SWM Pond)
Owner: Medallion Developments (Castlefields) Limited
Agreement Date: August 29, 2003
Registered Plan: 40M-2174
Refer to Appendix “B”
 - c) (S-A-2005-05)- Kings Crescent Subdivision
Owner: Becstir Developments Incorporated
Agreement Date: August 19, 2008
Registered Plan: 40M-2447
Refer to Appendix “C”

- (2) That the corresponding Assumption By-laws be prepared for an upcoming Council meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The construction of works and services within the plans of subdivision have been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the subdivision agreements and to the satisfaction of Planning and Development Department in conjunction with other internal commenting departments. In accordance with the conditions of the subdivision agreements, it is now appropriate that the Town assume, from the developer the responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the works and services within these plans.

The works and services include but are not limited to the roads, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, driveways, street lights, signs, storm sewers, parks, boulevard trees and the grading and sodding of lands outlined in the Residential Subdivision Agreements.

DISCUSSION:

All works and services to be assumed by the Town as outlined in the subdivision agreements for the above noted plans of subdivision have now been completed to the satisfaction of Planning and Development in conjunction with other internal commenting departments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial obligations to assume the works and services within the above noted Plans of Subdivision. However, upon assumption of the subdivisions maintenance of the works and services will be the responsibility of the Town.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

Since the registered plans of subdivision identified in this report have complied with the terms and conditions of their subdivision agreements, it is recommended that Council pass Assumption By-laws at an upcoming Council meeting to assume the works and services for registered plans, 40M-2370, 40M-2174 except Block 201, 40M-2447.

Greg Gibson, C.E.T. - Development Coordinator

Kevin Tryon, C.E.T. - Manager of Engineering, Development Services

Paul Allore, M.C.I.P., R.P.P. - Director of Planning & Development

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER xx-2013

A By-law to assume the works and services on Registered Plan 40M-2370 (S-A-2002-04).

(Guinness Place Subdivision Phase 5)

WHEREAS under the terms of the Subdivision Agreement dated February 22nd, 2008 between the Corporation of the Town of Ajax and Guinness Place Development Inc., and upon issuance of the Town's Final Acceptance certificate, the Town shall assume the works and services referred to in the said certificate;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:

1. That the Corporation of the Town of Ajax hereby assumes the works and services in Registered Plan 40M-2370.

READ a first and second time this Fifth day of December, 2013.

READ a third time and passed this Fifth day of December, 2013.

Mayor

D-Clerk

40M-2370 (S-A-2002-04)
Guinness Place Phase 5
Owner: Guinness Place Developments Inc.
Agreement Date: February 22, 2008



Assumption of Subdivisions
Appendix A



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Other Sources: Town of Ajax, 2013.

Wilsonary Circle

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Culmer Lane

Dollery Gate

Thackeray Drive

Towers Street

Mattick Lane

Warnford Circle

Blythway Gate

Mccarrick Street

Hodges Lane

Middlecote Drive

Farron Lane

Coyle Street

Dunwell Crescent

Hinchcliff Gate

Alford Lane

Pointe Lane

Kinghorn Gate

Howlett Crescent

Binney Lane

Warburton Drive

Decourcy Ireland Circle

Hanaway Drive

Williamson Drive E

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER xx-2013

A By-law to assume the works and services on Registered Plan 40M-2174 (18T-98014).

(Medallion Subdivision Phase 1-except Block 201 SWM Pond)

WHEREAS under the terms of the Subdivision Agreement dated August 29th, 2003 between the Corporation of the Town of Ajax and Medallion Developments (Castlefields) Limited, and upon issuance of the Town's Final Acceptance certificate, the Town shall assume the works and services referred to in the said certificate;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:

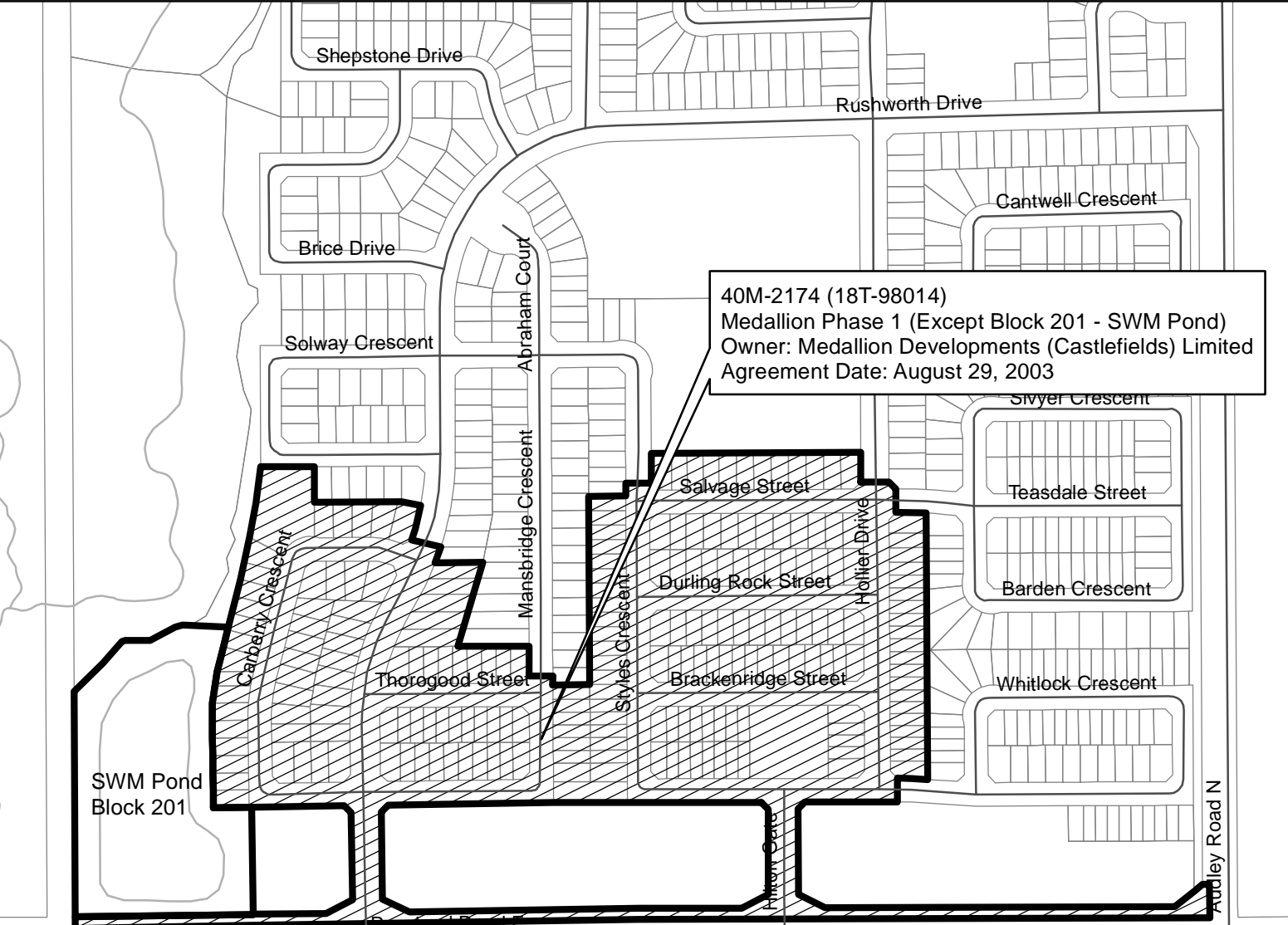
1. That the Corporation of the Town of Ajax hereby assumes the works and services in Registered Plan 40M-2174.

READ a first and second time this Fifth day of December, 2013.

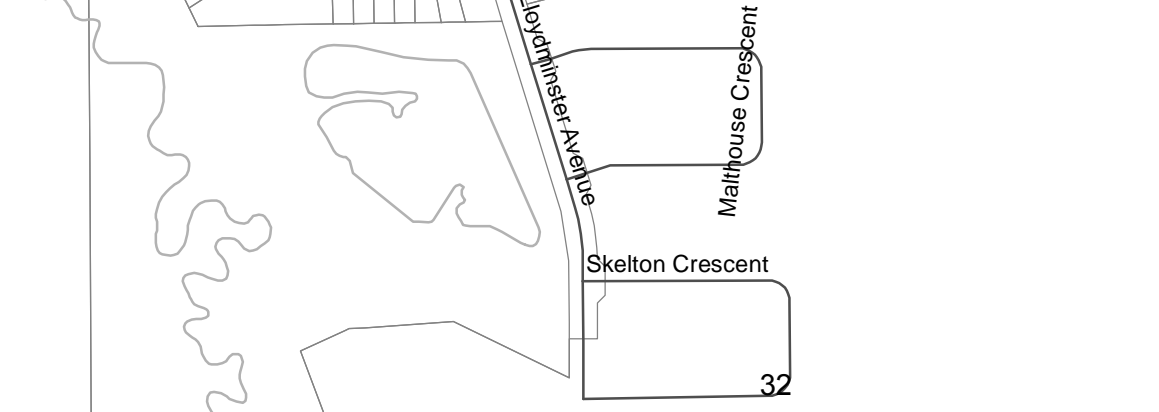
READ a third time and passed this Fifth day of December, 2013.


Mayor


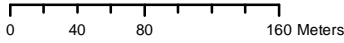
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40M-2174 (18T-98014)
 Medallion Phase 1 (Except Block 201 - SWM Pond)
 Owner: Medallion Developments (Castlefields) Limited
 Agreement Date: August 29, 2003




Assumption of Subdivisions
Appendix B

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER xx-2013

A By-law to assume the works and services on Registered Plan 40M-2447 (S-A-2005-05).

(Kings Crescent Subdivision)

WHEREAS under the terms of the Subdivision Agreement dated August 19th, 2008 between the Corporation of the Town of Ajax and Becstir Developments Incorporated, and upon issuance of the Town's Final Acceptance certificate, the Town shall assume the works and services referred to in the said certificate;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:

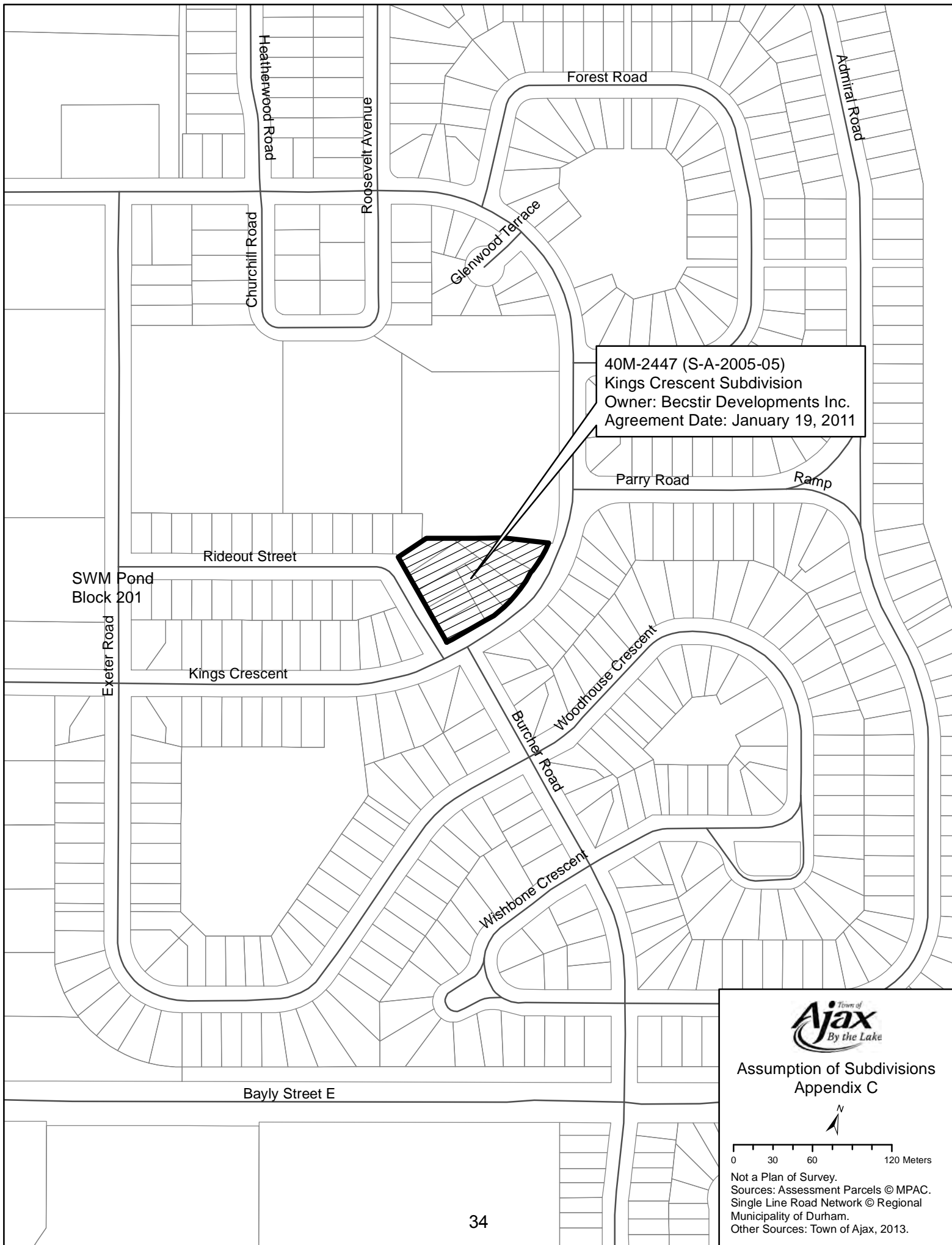
1. That the Corporation of the Town of Ajax hereby assumes the works and services in Registered Plan 40M-2447.

READ a first and second time this Fifth day of December, 2013.

READ a third time and passed this Fifth day of December, 2013.

Mayor

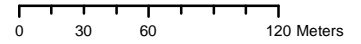
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40M-2447 (S-A-2005-05)
 Kings Crescent Subdivision
 Owner: Becstir Developments Inc.
 Agreement Date: January 19, 2011



Assumption of Subdivisions
 Appendix C



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TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development Services

PREPARED BY: Heather Doucette
Capital Projects Technologist

SUBJECT: **Final Expenditure Report - Kerrison Bridge and Road Construction**

WARD: 2

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: GGC Report - Contract Award – Carruthers Trail Construction, Kingston Road to Kerrison Drive, dated March 22, 2012
GGC Report - Award of Kerrison Drive Bridge and Road Construction, dated January 24, 2008
Capital Account No: 883711

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report on the net over-expenditure of \$120,509.79 (net of HST rebate) on the Capital Account No. 883711 - Kerrison Bridge and Road Construction, previously awarded to Geomorphic Solutions and Melfer Construction Inc., be received for information.
2. That Council approve funding of \$64,342.99 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 883711 from 2013 Development Charges.

BACKGROUND:

The 2008 Capital Budget included provision for the construction of the Kerrison Drive bridge over Carruthers Creek and the extension of Kerrison Drive from Salem Road to the east side of Carruthers Creek.

Under the Capital Expenditure Control Policy, staff are required to prepare a report to Council when project expenditures have exceeded the approved spending limit.

DISCUSSION:

During the course of the project additional work was required related to erosion control that has exceeded the budget for the project, as described below.

As a requirement under the permits obtained from the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the Town retained an environmental

consultant (Geomorphic Solutions) to monitor the creek for a period of two years after construction. In 2011, the consultant observed that the channel banks were eroding at an accelerated rate towards the west bridge abutment and recommended a bank stabilization/erosion control plan be implemented to mitigate the bank migration.

As a result, the Town retained Geomorphic Solutions to prepare a design and tender documents for the erosion control measures. Geomorphic Solutions was also retained to provide contract administration for the construction of the erosion control measures and to carry out fish rescue during the construction.

The TRCA regulations required that the construction of the erosion control measures be completed between July 1 and September 15.

In March 2012, Council awarded the construction of the Carruthers trail to Melfer Construction Inc. (Melfer) along Carruthers Creek from Kerrison Drive to Kingston Road. The trail construction included a section beneath the Kerrison Drive bridge in the same location as the required erosion control works. In order to avoid constructor issues related to having two contractors working within the same area at the same time and to reduce costs, the erosion control construction was awarded to Melfer by way of a change order under the trail project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Vendor	Actual Expenditures	Over Expenditure
Geomorphic Solutions (Erosion control design, tender and contract administration)	\$25,515.66	(\$25,515.66)
Melfer Construction Inc. (Erosion control construction)	\$94,994.13	(\$94,994.13)

Approved Funding – GGC Report January 24, 2008 \$3,082,046

Expenditures \$3,025,879.20

Available Funding \$56,166.80

Over-Expenditures

Geomorphic Solutions \$25,515.66

Melfer Construction Inc. \$94,994.13 \$120,509.79

Over Budget (\$64,342.99)

Additional funding not to exceed \$64,342.99 will be allocated from 2013 Development Charges.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

The original approved spending limit for the Kerrison Bridge and Road Construction has been exceeded and this report has been prepared in accordance with the Capital Expenditure Control Policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

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**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development Services

PREPARED BY: Geoff Romanowski, MCIP, RPP, CPT
Development Approvals Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Request for Council Support Resolution for a proposed Roof-Top Solar Photovoltaic at 180 Station Street**

WARD: 3

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: Community Action Plan, Strategic Objective:
Leader in Environmental Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Council Support Resolution be provided for the proposed roof-top solar photovoltaic project at 180 Station Street.

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) administers a Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program that provides successful applicants of renewable energy projects over 10 kW in size with a purchase agreement that will pay a guaranteed price for renewable energy production for 20 years. The FIT Rules 3.0 include a priority points system that will award a FIT application with 2 points for a Council Resolution in support of their proposed project. The more priority points an application has, the better its chance of being approved for a FIT contract. A Council Resolution is not required for the submission of an application; it only improves an application’s ranking in the review process.

On November 22, 2012, General Government Committee endorsed a process outlining the required information and fee to review requests for Council Support Resolutions for roof-top solar photovoltaic projects. Resolutions must be accompanied by an adopting by-law, and must be signed by a member(s) of Council, or other appropriate representative. Signing authority cannot be delegated to a municipal official.

2.0 DISCUSSION

On November 4, 2013, the OPA opened an application window for proponents of small FIT projects (>10 kW and <500kW) seeking a FIT contract. The application window closes on December 13, 2013. The OPA has only allotted 123.5 MW (123,500 kW) of capacity on the electricity grid for this application window. Staff received a request for a Council Resolution in support of a proposed roof-top solar photovoltaic project (See ATT-1: Figure 1):

Company	Proposed Project Location	Adjacent Land Uses (Zoning)	Proposed Project Info/Details
Abundant Solar Energy Inc.	180 Station St. (1st Storage)	North: CN Railway & 401 East: Prestige Employment South: Prestige & General Employment West: Prestige Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 kW • 880 panels • Roof-top installation • 2.0 metre setback from roof edge

Staff received all required technical information including air photography, project information, and drawings. The submission indicates that the proposal will generate 250 kW of power through 880 solar panels. All panels would be installed on the roof of the existing self-storage building and would be setback at a minimum of 2.0 metres (6 feet) from the roof edge (See ATT-2: Figure 2). Based on this information it has been determined that the proposed project would have low/no visual impact. **It is staff's recommendation that a Council Support Resolution be provided for the proposed roof-top solar photovoltaic project at 180 Station Street.**

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A \$300.00 fee was charged for the evaluation of this Report.

4.0 COMMUNICATION ISSUES

None.

5.0 CONCLUSION

In an effort to better prioritize renewable energy projects, the OPA has introduced a priority points system that will award an applicant 2 points for a Council Resolution supporting their project. The more priority points an application has, the higher it will be ranked in the OPA's review process. Priority points can only be used towards an application for a FIT contract and no other purpose.

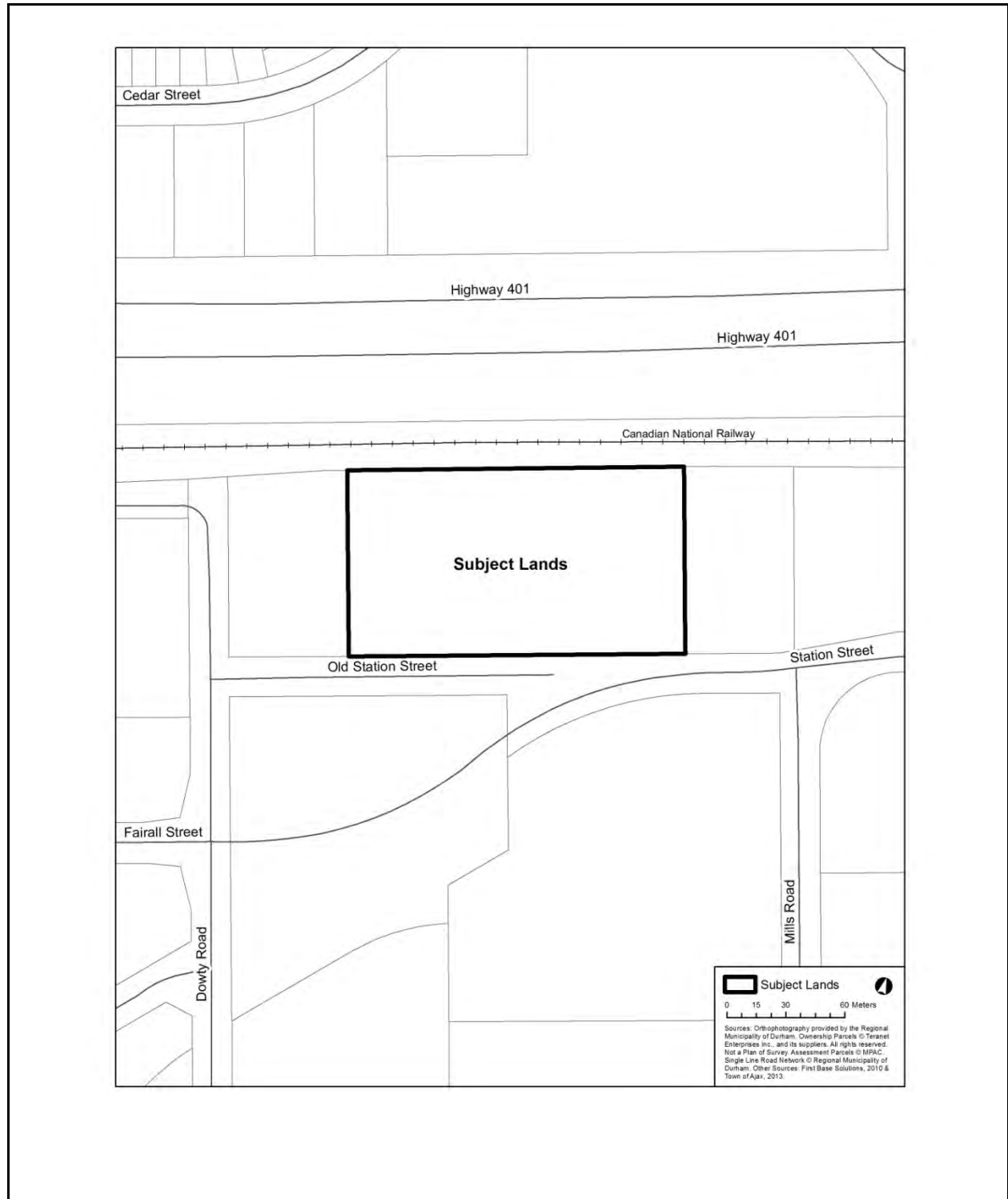
ATT-1: Figure 1 - Location Map (180 Station Street)

ATT-2: Figure 2 - Example of Roof-top Solar Install & Layout for 180 Station Street

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Application:
Request for Council Support
Resolution - 180 Station Street

Applicant:
Abundant Solar Energy Inc.

Date: December 5, 2013

Figure 1

Subject Lands

180 Station Street

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Example of the potential roof-top solar installation currently installed at 232 Fairall Street



180 Station Street Roof-top Layout (2.0 metre setback from roof edge)

Application:
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Figure 2
Example of Roof-top Solar Install
&
Layout for 180 Station Street

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION
Section 5.1(g)(i) – FIT Rules, Version 3.0

Date: December 9, 2013

WHEREAS Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0.

AND WHEREAS Abundant Solar Energy Inc. (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a roof-top solar photovoltaic project (the "Project") at 180 Station Street (the "Lands") in the Town of Ajax under the Province's FIT Program;

AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that Council of the Town of Ajax indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council of the Town of Ajax supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

FIT reference number: _____
(Note: Must be inserted by Applicant to complete Application)

Mayor

Deputy Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER **XX**-2013

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at the General Government Committee Meeting of December 5, 2013

WHEREAS, Section 5 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended provides that municipal powers shall be executed by By-law, unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and desirable that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED as a By-law of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax by the Council thereof as follows:

1. THAT the actions of Council at its General Government Committee Meeting on the 5th day of December, 2013 and in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other body is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-law.
2. THAT the Head of Council and proper officers of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain appropriate approvals where required, except where otherwise provided, and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax to all such documents.

READ a first and second time this 9th day of December, 2013.

READ a third time and finally passed this 9th day of December, 2013.

Mayor

D-Clerk



TOWN OF AJAX REPORT

REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning & Development Services

PREPARED BY: Sean McCullough, BES
Development Planner

SUBJECT: **2013 Committee of Adjustment Update**

WARD: All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report to General Government Committee entitled “2013 Committee of Adjustment Update” dated December 5, 2013, be received for information.

REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the decisions of the Committee of Adjustment with respect to Minor Variance applications. Decisions of the Committee of Adjustment can be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board within 20 days of the decision being rendered.

A summary of the decisions made by the Committee of Adjustment over 2013 is summarized in Table 1. To date, staff have processed 22 minor variance applications. The requests ranged from parking/drive aisle/loading space reductions, reductions to setbacks and lot requirements, increases to accessory building gross floor areas and heights, and requests for additional uses or expansions to legal non-conforming uses. These applications were supported by staff, and were subject to various conditions. In all cases, the Committee accepted staff's positive recommendations. None of the decisions were appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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Director, Planning & Development Services

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Table 1: Summary of 2013 Committee of Adjustment Decisions (January 2013 through to December 2013)

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
<p>A1/13 3e Capital Inc. 200 Achilles Road</p>	<p>To permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the area used for outdoor display and sale to provide a side yard of 3.0 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a side yard of 4.5 metres; • a Minimum Built Frontage of between 3 metres (minimum) and 27 metres (maximum) of the front lot line; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires the minimum built frontage between 3.0 metres (minimum) and 12.0 metres (maximum); • a Minimum Second Floor Area (GFA) of 425 m²; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a Minimum Second Floor Area of 600 m²; • a driveway aisle and a single row of visitor parking between an adjacent street and any part of the building facade within the build-within zone; whereas, a drive aisle or parking are not permitted in the Build-within Zone in the Zoning By-law; • a Minimum Gross Floor Area of 1,940 m²; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum GFA of 3,000 m²; and • a Minimum Building Height of 2 storeys and 9.5 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum building height of 3 storeys. 	<p>The purpose of the application was to facilitate the development of a high-end automotive dealership. The requested variance was supported given that the development proposal supports the Employment Area Urban Design Guidelines. The proposed building materials and landscaping features will provide for a prestigious development at the Highway 401/Salem Road interchange.</p>	<p>Approved with conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the applicant obtain approval of Site Plan Application SP20/12, or this decision shall become null and void; 2. That the applicant enter into a site plan agreement with the Town; 3. That the applicant obtain approval of Land Division Applications LD057/13 and LD058/13 from the Region of Durham Land Division Committee; and 4. That the minor variances only apply to the proposed lot for the Infiniti dealership following the approval of the above noted land division applications.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A2/13 Fairall Properties Ltd. 458 Fairall Street	To permit a non-commercial school; whereas, the Zoning By-law only permits a commercial school, and to permit a minimum of 187 parking spaces; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum of 207 parking spaces.	The non-commercial school would function similar to a commercial school, except would not operate for financial gain. A parking utilization study was completed to support the request to reduce the number of required parking spaces, and was acceptable to staff.	Approved with the condition: 1. That the non-commercial school only be permitted to operate from Unit #7 of the building.
A3/13 Catherine Ferry 2 Hiley Avenue	To permit the lot line and yard along Hiley Avenue to be the front lot line and front yard and re-designate the other yards accordingly and to recognize all setbacks affected by this re-designation of lot lines and yards (2.7 metre rear yard setback); whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback from the rear lot line of 7.5 metres.	Re-designating the lot line and yard along Hiley Avenue from an exterior side lot line and an exterior side yard to a front lot line and front yard, while also re-designating all other lot lines and yards, accordingly, was viewed as desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, as all of the yards on the subject property are currently functioning as proposed.	The Committee of Adjustment approved the application with no conditions.
A4/13 Abbie & Adrian Gebodh 35 Noble Drive	To permit a minimum setback for access of 0.6 metres to an existing door from the interior east side lot line; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 1.0 metre.	The side door currently opens inward and does not encroach into the side yard. The door was not a required entrance for an accessory apartment, and was being used as a secondary access to the dwelling and that would not negatively impact the neighbour.	Approved with the condition: 1. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the door, and that the door not be a required exit from the dwelling, or this decision shall become null and void.
A5/13 Roberto Barros de Camargo 2972 Ebony Street	To permit a minimum setback of 0.6 metres from the interior east side lot line; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 1.2 metres from an interior side lot line.	Reducing the interior side lot line setback from 1.2 metres to 0.6 metres, would not impact the function of the easterly side yard as there would be adequate width to still maintain access to the rear yard from this side of the property.	Approved with conditions: 1. That the Owner obtain approval of Site Plan Application SP5/13, or this decision shall become null and void; and 2. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the construction of the proposed dwelling, or this decision shall become null and void.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A6/13 Vibha and Naresh Mistry 4 Dolby Crescent	To permit a minimum setback of 7.1 metres from the rear lot line to a proposed sunroom addition; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 7.5 metres to a rear lot line. To permit a maximum lot coverage of 46%; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 45%.	The proposed reduction would not impact the function of the rear yard as there will be adequate room to maintain a suitable outdoor amenity area within the rear yard for the existing dwelling. The 1% increase in lot coverage did not represent an unreasonable imposition on the outdoor amenity area.	Approved with the condition: 1. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the proposed sunroom addition, or this decision shall become null and void.
A7/13 William Arthur Foster 47 Tudor Ave.	To permit a minimum setback of 0.2 metres from the rear lot line to the easterly existing accessory structure; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 0.6 metres from a rear lot line and to permit a minimum setback of 0.7 metres from the exterior side lot line to the easterly and westerly existing accessory structures; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 5.0 metres from an exterior side lot line to an accessory structure.	The accessory structures were in place since 2003 and were appropriately screened by a 1.8 metre (6 ft.) high privacy fence along the exterior side and rear lot lines. Appropriate traffic sightlines were maintained from the Tudor Avenue/ Elm Street intersection.	The Committee of Adjustment approved the application with no conditions.
A8/13 Battlefield Equipment Rentals 400 Clements Road West	To enlarge the legal non-conforming use of a Machinery and Equipment Sales and Rental Establishment.	The enlargement of the Machinery and Equipment Sales and Rental Establishment was permitted within the previous zoning by-law (By-law 35-77) and continued to operate without interruption. The proposed addition significantly reduced outdoor storage on the property and established a high-quality building presence that is in keeping with the intent of the Employment Area Urban Design Guidelines and the Prestige Employment designation.	Approved with conditions: 1. That the Owner obtain approval of Site Plan Amendment Application SPA3/13, or this decision shall become null and void; and 2. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the proposed building addition, or this decision shall become null and void.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A9/13 Brad Forder 211 Ravenscroft Road	To permit a maximum driveway width of 5.4 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum driveway width of 5.0 metres.	The 0.4 metre increase was requested in order to provide an additional legal off-street parking space to accommodate a future accessory apartment within the basement of the existing single detached dwelling. It was considered minor in nature and desirable for the appropriate development of the lands.	Approved with conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner shall obtain a building permit for the proposed accessory apartment, or this decision shall become null and void; 2. That the Owner shall obtain a driveway widening permit to increase the driveway width to 5.4 metres solely on the subject property, or this decision shall become null and void; and 3. That the Owner shall only be permitted to provide the widening on the north side of the driveway, or this decision shall become null and void.
A10/13 Stephane and Tehanie Cossettini 30 Hunwicks Crescent	To permit a minimum setback of 3.1 metres from the rear lot line to a proposed platform more than 1.2 metres in height above the finished ground level; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 4.0 metres from the rear lot line to platforms above 1.2 metres in height above the ground level.	The proposed platform would not infringe on the adjacent properties as there is a 30.0 metre wide segment of the Carruthers Creek valleylands to the rear of the property. The proposed platform would not be wider than the existing dwelling.	Approved with the condition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the proposed platform, or this decision shall become null and void.
A11/13 2017509 Ontario Limited 290 Old Harwood Avenue	To permit a minimum drive aisle width of 6.0 metres for two directions of traffic; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum drive aisle width of 7.0 metres and to permit a minimum interior side yard of 18.9 metres from the north lot line and a minimum front yard of 3.0 metres from the east lot line; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 20.0 metres from all lot lines.	Application should be deferred until a thorough review has been completed.	Application Deferred.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A12/13 James Kelly 14 Ontoro Boulevard	To permit a minimum setback of 0.4 metres from the west interior side lot line to two existing accessory structures (propane cylinders); whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 0.6 metres from an interior side lot line.	The propane cylinders will maintain a setback of 0.4 metres from the west interior side lot line, and would not impact drainage. Access to the rear yard would be provided by the east interior side yard.	The Committee of Adjustment approved the application with no conditions.
A13/13 Monarch Construction Limited 58 Bignell Crescent	To permit a minimum setback of 7.1 metres from the rear lot line to a proposed single detached dwelling; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 7.5 metres to a rear lot line.	Due to the irregular shape of the lot, the request is considered appropriate development of the lands; and maintains sufficient outdoor amenity space in the rear yard.	Approved with the condition: 1. That the Owner obtain a building permit from the Town of Ajax for the proposed single detached dwelling, or this decision shall become null and void.
A14/13 Patrick Panacci 2990 Ebony Street	To permit a minimum front yard setback of 6.0 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum front yard setback of 7.62 metres and to permit a maximum lot coverage of 38.5%; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum lot coverage of 33%.	The reduced front yard setback maintains a sufficient setback from the front lot line and does not adversely affect the streetscape. Sufficient landscaping would be provided in the front yard. The increase in lot coverage is not an imposition on the required outdoor amenity space, and the proposed dwelling will be of a size that is in keeping with the character of the existing neighbourhood.	Approved with conditions: 1. That the Owner submit a Pickering Beach Site Plan Application and receive Site Plan Approval from the Town of Ajax; or this decision shall become null and void; and 2. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the proposed single detached dwelling, or this decision shall become null and void.
A15/13 Whitetail Properties Inc. 257-299 Kingston Road East	To permit a minimum setback of 5.6 metres from all lot lines to all existing buildings (except the lot line along Kingston Road); whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 6.0 metres from all lot lines to existing buildings (except the lot line along Kingston Road) and to permit a maximum setback of 6.2 metres from the lot line along Kingston Road to all existing buildings located within 50 metres of Kingston Road; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum setback of 6.0 metres from the lot line along Kingston Road to all existing buildings.	The application recognized the location of the existing buildings on the property, which contributes positively to the streetscape. An appropriate landscape buffer with a 2.4 metre high privacy fence was provided along the rear lot line.	Approved with the condition: 1. That the developer examine to the satisfaction of the Town of Ajax the lighting impacts on the neighbouring property and mitigate the effects accordingly.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A16/13 Ioanna Bishay 46 Weston Crescent	To permit a maximum driveway width of 6.2 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum driveway width of 5.6 metres.	The increased driveway width of 0.6 metres would not dominate the streetscape, and is in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.	Approved with conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner/Applicant shall only be permitted to provide the widening on the east side of the driveway, or this decision shall become null and void; and 2. That the municipal boulevard be restored back to its original condition and that no permit be issued to cut the curb or alter the municipal boulevard, or this decision shall become null and void.
A17/13 Lifetime Fitness Southeast Corner of Salem Road South and Chambers Drive	To permit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum of 511 parking spaces; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires 590 parking spaces; • a minimum parking stall length of 5.7 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum parking stall length of 6.0 metres; • no loading spaces; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum of 3 loading spaces; • a minimum lot coverage of 15%; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum of 18% lot coverage; • a minimum built frontage of 37% along Salem Road South and a minimum built frontage of 21% along Beck Crescent; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires 55% along Salem Road and 34% along Beck Crescent; • a maximum front yard build-within zone of 15.5 metres from Salem Road South, 17.5 metres from Chambers Drive, and 81 metres from Beck Crescent; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum front yard build within zone of 12.0 metres; 	The variances support the Employment Areas Urban Design Guidelines. The proposed building materials and landscaping will provide for a prestigious development at Highway 401/Salem Road interchange.	Approved with conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the applicant obtain approval of Site Plan Application SP12/13, or this decision shall become null and void; 2. That the applicant enter into a site plan agreement with the Town, or this decision shall become null and void; and 3. That the requested variances shall apply only to the proposed building, with the exception of variances for minimum lot coverage and minimum built frontage, which shall apply to the entire property.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no step back to any portion of a building above 12.0 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires any portion of the building above 12.0 metres to be step back a minimum of 2.0 metres; a minimum transparency of 10% of the building facade along Chambers Drive and 21% of the building facade along Salem Road South; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum transparency of 25%; and a maximum accessory structure height of 5.1 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum accessory structure height of 4.5 metres. 		
A18/13 Islamic Society of Ajax 1501 Harwood Avenue North	<p>To extend the legal non-conforming use of a place of worship from an existing single detached dwelling on the property to a warehouse building located in the rear yard of the same property, and to permit a minimum parking stall length of 5.7 metres for all proposed parking spaces (including spaces for persons with disabilities); whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum parking stall length of 6.0 metres.</p>	<p>The place of worship was deemed to be legal non-conforming. Section 45(2)(a)(ii) of the <i>Planning Act</i> enables the Committee of Adjustment to consider the enlargement or extension of a building or structure or a use, if the use that was made of the building or structure on the day the by-law was passed. The reduced parking stall length would provide larger landscape buffers along the north and south lot lines that is desirable for the development of the lands.</p>	<p>Approved with conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner obtain final site plan approval of Site Plan Application SP13/13, or this decision shall become null and void; and 2. That the Owner obtain a building permit to convert the existing warehouse building to a place of worship occupancy, or this decision shall become null and void.

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A19/13 1441449 Ontario Inc. 29 Nott Drive	To permit a maximum garage width of 5.6 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum garage width of 3.3 metres, to permit a maximum driveway width of 5.6 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum driveway width of 5.0 metres, and to permit a maximum curb cut width of 5.0 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum curb cut width of 4.0 metres.	Based on the design of the dwelling and the size and type of the lot (corner lot), the garage and driveway would not be the dominant feature viewed from the street. The availability of the temporary on-street parking would not be negatively impacted as automobiles are not permitted to park within 10 metres of an adjacent intersection.	Approved with conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner obtain an apron widening and curb cut permit to widen the driveway to a maximum width of 5.6 metres and cut the curb to a maximum width of 5.0 metres, or this decision shall become null and void; 2. That the Owner relocated the proposed street tree to the satisfaction of the Town of Ajax, or this decision shall become null and void.
A20/13 1441449 Ontario Inc. 20 Nott Drive	To permit a maximum garage width of 5.6 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum garage width of 3.3 metres, to permit a maximum driveway width of 5.6 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum driveway width of 5.0 metres, and to permit a maximum curb cut width of 5.0 metres; whereas, the Zoning By-law permits a maximum curb cut width of 4.0 metres.	Based on the design of the dwelling and the size and type of the lot (corner lot), the garage and driveway would not be the dominant feature viewed from the street. The availability of the temporary on-street parking would not be negatively impacted as the driveways have been paired and there is no on-street parking space located to the north of the subject property.	Approved with the condition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner obtain an apron widening and curb cut permit to widen the driveway to a maximum width of 5.6 metres and cut the curb to a maximum width of 5.0 metres, or this decision shall become null and void.
A21/13 T & P Sivakumar 1 Dominy Drive	To permit a minimum setback of 4.0 metres from the exterior side lot line; whereas, the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 6.0 metres from an exterior side lot line.	The proposed dwelling would maintain the established streetscape and would provide a sufficient buffer from Magill Drive which is consistent with the surrounding neighbourhood. The existing boulevard located within the Magill Drive road allowance preserves vehicular traffic sightlines at the intersection of Magill Drive and Dominy Drive.	Approved with Conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Owner obtain a building permit for the construction of the proposed single detached dwelling, or this decision shall become null and void; and 2. That the Owner implement the noise attenuation measures contained within the body of this report, being the installation of an air conditioning unit and a 2.1 metre high acoustic fence, to the satisfaction of the Town of Ajax, through the issuance of a building permit, or this decision shall become null and void;

APPLICATION	RELIEF REQUESTED/ BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS	STAFF COMMENT	DECISION
A22/13 Waleed Ali 142 Elizabeth Street	To permit uncovered steps to encroach 0.43 metres into the required 1.2 metre north interior side yard setback; whereas, the Zoning By-law does not permit uncovered steps to encroach into a required interior side yard.	The existing uncovered steps are located in the north interior side yard and would maintain a setback of 0.77 metres from the north interior side lot line which would be sufficient, as the south interior side yard provides an unobstructed width of 1.5 metres to access the rear yard.	Approved with the condition: 1. That the Owner obtain building permits for the accessory apartment and uncovered steps, as identified on Figure 2, or this decision shall become null and void.

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore
Director of Planning and Development Services

PREPARED BY: Carol Coleman
Manager of Engineering, Capital Projects

SUBJECT: Report on Potential Funding for Pan Am/ Parapan Am Trails

WARD(S): 1

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report on Potential Funding for Pan Am/ Parapan Am Trails be received for information.
2. That a letter be sent to Pan Am Legacy Trails and Trans Canada Trail Ontario indicating that the Town cannot justify the expenditure to construct and maintain a temporary trail connection at this time. Further, the letter should recommend that consideration be given to redirecting the funds intended for Ajax to further the connection of the Trans Canada Trail north of Ajax to connect to the Region of Durham Greenbelt Cycling Route.

BACKGROUND:

On October 3, 2013, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne made an announcement at the Greenwood Conservation Area in Ajax regarding a trail-building initiative that is intended to connect the trails system in southern Ontario in time for Toronto's 2015 Pan Am/ Parapan Am Games.

The Province is planning to invest \$3.5 million in Pan Am/ Parapan Am trails, which they indicated would help to construct 250 kilometres of new trail to bridge gaps in the Trans Canada Trail in southern Ontario. This trail development is part of Ontario's Promotion, Celebration and Legacy Strategy for the Games.

Within the Town of Ajax the majority of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) is complete. However, there is a gap in the TCT within the Greenwood Conservation Area and then south to the existing trail connection at Rossland Road and Riverside Drive.

The TCT recently provided funding to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in the amount of approximately \$95,000 to assist in trail construction within the Greenwood Conservation Area lands. This trail building is to be completed by the summer of 2014.

A section of the missing linkage from Rossland Road to the intersection of Hurst Drive and Church Street is currently under construction (see below).



- Existing TCT Trail
- ■ ■ TCT Trail under construction

Since the announcement by the Premier, Town staff have met with staff of TCT to further discuss the possibility of completing the remainder of the missing link from Rossland Road to the Greenwood Conservation Area in time for the 2015 Pan Am games.

DISCUSSION:

In order to complete the TCT within Ajax, two links need to be added. The first is from the existing trail along the East Duffins Creek, along Riverside Drive to Rossland Road. The second is a connection from Hurst Drive at Church Street, along Church Street to the Greenwood Conservation Area. The current plan to complete these sections is to build 3.0 m, off road, asphalt trails along Riverside Drive and Church Street. However, these trails cannot be completed until the roads are reconstructed to an urban standard and additional land is acquired. Based on the current long range forecast the trail link along Riverside Drive and the Riverside Drive reconstruction will be completed in 2016. The section of trail along Church

Street from Rossland Road to Hurst Drive is expected to be constructed in 2017. The remaining section from Hurst Drive to Taunton Road is dependent on the timing of the adjacent developments and is anticipated to be constructed within the next 10 years. The section of the trail on Church Street from Taunton Road to the Greenwood Conservation Area is proposed to be along the road as the topography would make an off road trail difficult and there are very low volumes of traffic on this section of road.

Various options were reviewed and the only reasonable option to complete the link before the Pan Am Games in 2015 is to construct a temporary, 1.3 km long trail along Church Street. Based on the land restrictions the trail could not be more than 1.5 m wide and because it is temporary it would be surfaced with limestone screenings. Based on a preliminary review, the cost of this trail would be approximately \$160,000.



■ ■ ■ ■ Potential Temporary Trail Link

TCT staff have indicated that by combining the Pan Am/ Parapan Am trails funding with the Trans Canada Trail funding that they could potentially fund up to \$125,000 (78%) of this cost. However, a detailed proposal would need to be submitted by the Town and reviewed by TCT before this amount can be confirmed. Staff do not recommend that a temporary trail be constructed for the following reasons:

1. Even though the Town would only need to fund \$35,000 (22%) for the project, the trail is a throw away cost as the trail would likely be replaced within the next 10 years with a permanent asphalt trail. This is not a good use of funds and as well, this may create a negative perception from the public by having to construct the trail twice.

2. The Town would be required to fund the ongoing maintenance cost for this 1.3 km which is higher than the cost of maintaining an asphalt trail and winter maintenance would not be provided.
3. Church Street is currently a rural cross section with ditches on both sides. Hydro poles are present along the east side north of Hurst Drive, the poles then cross to the west side south of the cemetery. Due to the limited land owned by the Town, the trail would also need to cross the road south of the cemetery and there is no stop control at this location.
4. While this is an important trail link for the Trans Canada Trail, it is more important in 2014 and 2015 to concentrate on pedestrian and cyclist links that will provide active transportation routes to the Ajax Pan Am Ball Games Venue at the Audley Recreation Centre. Linkages that are not part of the TCT do not, however, qualify under for the Pan Am Trails funding source.

Staff do, however, recommend that the potential funding for these connections be redirected to further the connection of the Trans Canada Trail north of Ajax to connect to the Region of Durham Greenbelt Cycling Route. Specifically a solution is needed for the Trans Canada Trail to safely cross Highway 7 either beneath the highway at an existing bridge or along paved shoulders of Westney Road to the signalized intersection of Highway 7 and Westney Road. In addition, options should be explored to improve the route along unpaved roads such as Sideline 12.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Based on a preliminary review, the capital cost of a temporary trail would be approximately \$160,000. TCT have indicated that they may be able to fund up to \$125,000 and the remaining \$35,000 plus maintenance costs would be the responsibility of the Town of Ajax. However, the construction of a temporary trail is not recommended at this time.

The cost for the permanent trail has been included in the 2013 Development Charge Study and the Long Range Forecast.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that the missing links of the Trans Canada Trail be constructed when Riverside Drive and Church Street are reconstructed thus allowing for permanent asphalt trails to be constructed.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

Carol Coleman, P.Eng.
Manager of Engineering, Capital Projects

Paul Allore, MCIP, RPP
Planning and Development Services

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Meredith
Director of Operations & Environmental Services

PREPARED BY: Ray Ford
Building Maintenance Manager

SUBJECT: **Contract Award – ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: GGC – Pre Budget – ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade
2014 Capital Budget Long Range Capital Detail Sheet

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council award the contract for the ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade, to Cimco Refrigeration/ Division of Toromont Industries in the amount of \$295,749.25 (inclusive of all taxes).**
- 2. That Council approve funding of \$292,964.49 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 951711 from Building Maintenance Reserve**

BACKGROUND:

At their meeting held on October 28, 2013, Council passed the following resolution:

“That Council provide pre-budget approval for staff to proceed with the tender of 2014 - ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade, at an estimated cost of \$310,000.00.”

In the Pre-budget report it identified the need to upgrade the ACC refrigeration plant because the Pad 3 & 4 refrigeration plant in its current condition is running at the full extent of its capacity in order to provide cooling in the summer months at the Ajax Community Centre. The original system was designed to run one of the two rinks in the summer months and based on user group needs and requirements that support the opening of two ice rinks during the summer months, there is a need to complete this upgrade.

The consulting work for this project was awarded by Council in 2013 to AECOM Ltd. The Pre-budget approval to tender this project on Oct 28th 2013 was to ensure adequate time for tendering, ordering and delivery of equipment to meet the scheduled shutdown date of the rinks in 2014.

DISCUSSION:

Request for Tender (RFT) documents were issued to two prospective bidders with bids being received back from one of these, prior to the closing on November 19, 2013. Listed below is a summary of the bid received:

NAME OF BIDDER	TOTAL TENDER AMOUNT
CIMCO/Toromont	\$295,749.25

Contract commencement is December 10, 2013 with a completion date of June 30, 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Account No. 951711 – ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade

Approved Capital Budget		\$310,000.00
Contract (net of HST rebate)	\$266,331.36	
Contingency	<u>\$ 26,633.13</u>	
	\$292,964.49	<u>\$292,964.49</u>
Under Budget		<u>(\$17,035.51)</u>

The Contingency amount will be used for any unforeseen issues necessary to complete the upgrade during installation.

Additional funding, not to exceed \$292,964.49, will be allocated from the Building Maintenance Reserve.

The 2014 Long Range Capital Detail Sheet is attached for information.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

Staff from Recreation have met with the user groups of these pads and have scheduled a shutdown of the refrigeration plant to accommodate the upgrade from March 31st to June 9th 2014. During this shutdown the pads will be used for other sports activities to optimize their use during this time.

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that Cimco Refrigeration/ Division of Toromont Industries be awarded the contract for ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade, being the lowest bidder meeting minimum specifications.

Ray Ford,
Building Maintenance Manager

Dave Meredith,

Director of Operations & Environmental Service

**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Meredith
Director of Operations & Environmental Services

PREPARED BY: Ray Ford
Building Maintenance Manager

SUBJECT: Pre-budget Approval – 2014 ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: October 24, 2013

REFERENCE: NA

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide pre-budget approval for staff to proceed with the tender of 2014 - ACC Refrigeration Plant Upgrade, at an estimated cost of \$310,000.00.

BACKGROUND:

The Pad 3 & 4 refrigeration plant in its current condition is running at the full extent of its capacity in order to provide cooling in the summer months at the Ajax Community Centre. The original system was designed to run one of the two rinks in the summer months. Based on user group needs and requirements that support the opening of two ice rinks during the summer months, there is a need to upgrade the ACC refrigeration plant.

The consulting work for this project was awarded by Council in 2013 to AECOM Ltd. Staff have a set of detailed specifications and drawings ready for this project to be tendered pending Council's approval.

DISCUSSION:

It is desirable to have Council provide pre-budget approval for this project to ensure adequate time for tendering, ordering and delivery of equipment to meet the scheduled shutdown date of the rinks in 2014.

Staff from Recreation have met with the user groups of these pads and have scheduled a shutdown of the refrigeration plant to accommodate the upgrade from March 31st to June 9th 2014. During this shutdown the pads will be used for other sports activities to optimize their use during this time.

The consultant has stated that the lead time on the equipment is about 8 to 10 weeks. Staff propose the tender issuance and contract award for this project in November and December 2013 to ensure there is enough time to obtain the equipment for the shutdown.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

ACC Pad 3 & 4 Refrigeration Plant Upgrade:

Total estimated Cost for Replacement \$310,000.00

Funding for the plant upgrade will be allocated from Building Maintenance Reserve.

The 2014 Capital Budget Long Range Capital Detail Sheet for this project is attached to this report.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

NA

CONCLUSION:

Pre-budget approval from Council will provide authorization to staff to proceed with the tendering of this project. This pre-budget approval will ensure the timely delivery and installation of this equipment to ensure the ice rinks can manage the cooling load during the summer months and meet the needs of the user groups on these rinks.

Ray Ford,
Building Maintenance Manager

Dave Meredith,
Director of Operations & Environmental Service

TOWN OF AJAX
2014 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2015-2018 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET

Department	Recreation & Culture Services
Section	Recreation Facilities
Project Name	ACC - Pad 3 & 4 Refrigeration Plant Upgrade
Submitted By	Ray Ford, Building Maintenance Manager
Start Year	2014
Project Number	FAC030

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

The Pad 3 & 4 refrigeration plant in its current condition is running at the full extent of its capacity in order to provide cooling in the summer months at the Ajax Community Centre. The original system was designed to run one of the two rinks in the summer months. The purpose of this upgrade is to ensure the plant can manage the load on the system from two rinks efficiently during the summer months.

The scope of this project includes the following items:

- Addition of 18 cassettes for the existing plate chiller
- Replace all chiller gaskets
- Install new 30" x 7' high ammonia surge drum
- Install new induced draft evaporative condenser
- Remove existing condenser from rooftop
- Up-size of existing condenser pump
- Upgrade condenser fans motor and water pump
- Up-size of ammonia control valve
- Controls modifications
- Insulation of piping
- Controls wiring
- New water cooling system for arena compressor system
- Commissioning of equipment

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Total Expenditures	310,000					310,000
Building Maintenance Reserve	310,000					310,000
Total Funding	310,000					310,000

**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Meredith
Director of Operations & Environmental Services

PREPARED BY: Ray Ford
Building Maintenance Manager

SUBJECT: **Contract Award – MCC Aluminum Entrance Replacement**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: NA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council award the contract for MCC Aluminum Entrance Replacement, to Alpeza General Contracting in the amount of \$55,861.55 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council approve funding of \$15,335.55 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 947311 from the Building Repair Reserve.

BACKGROUND:

The main entrance doors at the McLean Community Centre are over 18 years old and are experiencing deterioration around the bottom of the doors causing numerous issues with their operation. Previous attempts to repair the doors have worked temporarily and now they require full replacement. It is recommended that these doors be replaced with new accessible aluminum doors and operators that will fit the aesthetics of the facility.

DISCUSSION:

Request for Quotation (RFQ) documents were issued to five prospective bidders, with bids being received back from two of these, prior to closing on November 8, 2013. Listed below is a summary of the bids received:

NAME OF BIDDER	TOTAL QUOTATION AMOUNT
Alpeza General Contracting	\$55,861.55
Fairview Glass and Mirror Ltd	\$61,924.00

This bid has exceeded the budget due to an increase in cost for aluminum plus a significant increase in cost for glass.

Contract commencement is December 10, 2013 with a completion date of January 15, 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Account No. 947311 – MCC Aluminum Entrance Door Replacement

Approved Capital Budget		\$40,000.00
Contract (net of HST rebate)	\$50,305.05	
Contingency	\$ 5,030.50	
	<u>\$55,335.55</u>	<u>\$55,335.55</u>
Over Budget		<u>(\$15,335.55)</u>

The Contingency amount will be used for any unforeseen issues with the structure once the existing frames are removed from the building.

Additional funding, not to exceed \$15,335.55, will be allocated from the Building Repair Reserve.

The Capital Detail Sheet is attached for information.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

NA

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that Alpeza General Contracting be awarded the contract for MCC Aluminum Entrance Replacement, being the lowest bidder meeting minimum specifications.

Ray Ford,
Building Maintenance Manager

Dave Meredith,
Director of Operations & Environmental Service

TOWN OF AJAX
2013 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2014-2017 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET

Department	Recreation & Culture Services
Section	Recreation Facilities
Project Name	MCC - Main Entrance Door Repl
Submitted By	Ray Ford, Building Maintenance Manager
Start Year	2013
Project Number	0947311

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

The main entrance doors at the McLean Community Centre are over 18 years old and are experiencing deterioration around the bottom of the doors causing numerous issues with their operation. Previous attempts to repair the doors have worked temporarily and now they require full replacement. It is recommended that these doors be replaced with new accessible aluminum doors that will fit the aesthetics of the facility.

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Total Expenditures	40,000					40,000
Building Repair Reserve	40,000					40,000
Total Funding	40,000					40,000

TOWN OF AJAX
2013 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2014-2017 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET

Department	Recreation & Culture Services
Section	Recreation Facilities
Project Name	MCC - Main Entrance Door Repl
Submitted By	Ray Ford, Building Maintenance Manager
Start Year	2013
Project Number	0947311

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

The main entrance doors at the McLean Community Centre are over 18 years old and are experiencing deterioration around the bottom of the doors causing numerous issues with their operation. Previous attempts to repair the doors have worked temporarily and now they require full replacement. It is recommended that these doors be replaced with new accessible aluminum doors that will fit the aesthetics of the facility.

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Total Expenditures	40,000					40,000
Building Repair Reserve	40,000					40,000
Total Funding	40,000					40,000

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Meredith
Director of Operations & Environmental Services

PREPARED BY: Ray Ford
Building Maintenance Manager

SUBJECT: **Contract Award – Village Arena Rubber Flooring Replacement**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: NA

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council award the contract for Village Arena Rubber Flooring Replacement, to Commercial Sustainable Flooring Inc. in the amount of \$32,205.00 (inclusive of all taxes).**
- 2. That Council approve funding of \$1,901.76 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 948211 from the Building Repair Reserve.**

BACKGROUND:

The rubber flooring in the main lobby and dressing room hallway area of the Village Arena expands and contracts due to the header trench running through that area with cold brine piping lines feeding the arena floor. This cold affects the flooring and causes it to buckle or leave gaps. This flooring is in need of replacement with new rubber interlocking tiles that float across the trench to stop the flooring from heaving.

DISCUSSION:

Request for Quotation (RFQ) documents were issued to ten prospective bidders, with bids being received back from six of these, prior to closing on November 25, 2013. Upon review of the six bids received, one of the bid submissions was found to be non-compliant and therefore cannot be considered in the award. During analysis of the compliant bids, a number of provisional items listed in the Bid Document were removed from the award, resulting in an Adjusted Total Quotation Amount. Listed below is a summary of the bids considered:

NAME OF BIDDER	TOTAL QUOTATION AMOUNT	ADJUSTED TOTAL QUOTATION AMOUNT
Commercial Sustainable Flooring Inc.	\$51,273.75	\$32,205.00
Cooksville Interiors (Miss) Ltd.	\$50,844.35	\$33,080.75
Floortrends Ltd.	\$54,358.65	\$33,939.55
FAS Flooring Ltd.	\$57,127.15	\$37,239.15
C.J. Duguid Flooring	\$70,133.45	\$43,338.89

This bid has exceeded the budget in order to maintain the 10% contingency needed to ensure there is budget to deal with any issues that could arise during the installation process.

Contract commencement is December 10, 2013 with a completion date of January 30, 2014.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Account No. 948211 – Village Arena Flooring Repair

Approved Capital Budget		\$30,000.00
Contract (net of HST rebate)	\$29,001.60	
Contingency	\$ 2,900.16	
	<u>\$31,901.76</u>	<u>\$31,901.76</u>
Over Budget		<u>(\$1,901.76)</u>

The Contingency amount will be used for any unforeseen issues with the flooring once the existing rubber tiles are removed from the building.

Additional funding, not to exceed \$1,901.76, will be allocated from the Building Repair Reserve.

The Capital Detail Sheet is attached for information.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

NA

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that Commercial Sustainable Flooring Inc. be awarded the contract for Village Arena Rubber Flooring Replacement, being the lowest bidder meeting minimum specifications.

Ray Ford,
Building Maintenance Manager

Dave Meredith,
Director of Operations & Environmental Service

TOWN OF AJAX
2013 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2014-2017 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET

Department	Recreation & Culture Services
Section	Recreation Facilities
Project Name	Village Arena-Flooring Repair
Submitted By	Ray Ford, Building Maintenance Manager
Start Year	2013
Project Number	0948211

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

The header trench that is under the floor in the lobby and dressing room area of the Village Arena expands and contracts due to the cold brine piping lines feeding the arena floor. This cold affects the flooring and causes it to buckle or leave gaps. This flooring is in need of replacement along with an expansion joint to stop the flooring from heaving. It is the recommendation of staff that this floor be replaced with new rubber floor tiles to match existing tiles in the lobby area.

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Total Expenditures	30,000					30,000
Building Repair Reserve	30,000					30,000
Total Funding	30,000					30,000

**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT**



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Meredith
Director, Operations & Environmental Services

PREPARED BY: Steve Brake
Manager of Operations

SUBJECT: **Contract Award - Municipal Parking Lot Snow Clearing**

WARD(S): All Wards

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: **RFS No. S13039**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council award the contract for Municipal Parking Lot Snow Clearing, to Melfer Construction Inc. in the estimated amount of \$90,400.00 (inclusive of all taxes), for a period of one year.**
- 2. That Council authorize Staff to renew the contract for an additional five, one year period[s], pending an analysis and satisfactory performance review at the anniversary date of the contract, in the estimated amount of \$484,558.59 (inclusive of all taxes).**

BACKGROUND:

The Town's Operations & Environmental Services Department is responsible for providing winter control services on the parking lots of Town owned facilities. These facilities include the Ajax Community Centre, McLean Community Centre, Ajax Plaza, Town Hall and Audley Recreation Centre.

Under minor winter conditions where only the salting of the parking lots is required Town staff are available to provide these services. During major winter storm events, however, where the ploughing of five centimeters of snow or more is necessary assistance from a contractor is required to ensure that the parking lots are treated in a timely manner.

The contract for the clearing of snow from the Ajax Community Centre, McLean Community Centre, Ajax Plaza, Town Hall and Audley Recreation Centre includes the provision of the necessary staff and equipment to plough and salt the parking lots for an estimated eight major winter storm events.

Service standards require that the contractor respond and commence work at each facility within 30 minutes of being called-out and to remain on-site until all work has been completed. The normal hours of service to clear each facility parking lot are noted as follows:

LOCATION	NORMAL SERVICE TIMES
Ajax Community Centre	11:00 PM to 5:00 AM
Ajax Plaza	1:00 AM to 7:00 AM
Ajax Town Hall	11:00 PM to 7:00 AM
McLean Community Centre	1:00 AM to 5:00 AM
Audley Recreation Centre	1:00 AM to 5:00 AM

The above hours of service have been established so that winter control operations do not conflict with peak parking requirements and/or specific facility operations. If winter operations are directed to occur at other periods of the day beyond the normal service times, the operation must be completed within a maximum of five hours following the time that the Contractor was contacted by the Town to commence snow clearing services.

DISCUSSION:

The current Purchasing By-Law allows for purchases through negotiations, under certain conditions, more specifically, “where, at the discretion of the Department Head, with the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the municipality to negotiate with vendors.”

Staff awarded the contract as a single source due to the previous contractor cancelling the contract with the Town of Ajax and the minimal time that was available to have a new contractor ready to provide the necessary service.

This report and single source recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funds for Municipal Parking Lot Snow Clearing are included in each departments operating budget.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

Consultations have occurred with the various departments that receive this contracted service. It is expected that the timelines and specifications that have been established within the contract will help to ensure that internal and external customer’s expectations are met.

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that Melfer Construction Inc. be awarded the contract for Municipal Parking Lot Snow Clearing, as a single source purchase.

Steve Brake - Manager of Operations & Environmental Services

Dave Meredith - Director, Operations & Environmental Services

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Martin de Rond
Director, Legislative and Information Services

PREPARED BY: Paul Edwards
Manager, Information Technology Services

SUBJECT: **Contract Award
Server Virtualization ~ Software, Maintenance, and Hardware**

WARD(S): n/a

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: **RFQ No. Q13088
Capital Account No. 937411 – IT Disaster Recovery Plan**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council award the contract for Section 1 Software and Maintenance to CDW Canada Inc. in the total amount of \$11,843.62 (inclusive of all taxes) and Section 2 Hardware to Zycom Technology Inc. in the total amount of \$8,960.90 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council approve funding of \$9,744.30 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 937411 from the Capital Projects Reserve.

BACKGROUND:

IT Services started the development of an IT Disaster Recovery Plan in 2013. The original budget for this project identified either a 2 core or 4 core server. After analysis of our environment an 8 core server was recommended. This increased the cost of the hardware and the software, since the software is licensed on a per core basis.

DISCUSSION:

Request for Quotation (RFQ) documents were issued to four prospective bidders with bids being received back from three of these, prior to the closing on November 18, 2013. Listed below is a summary of the bids received:

NAME OF BIDDER	TOTAL QUOTATION AMOUNT – SECTION 1	TOTAL QUOTATION AMOUNT – SECTION 2
CDW Canada Inc.	\$11,843.62	No bid
Zycom Technology Inc.	\$12,650.35	\$8,960.90
Goldpals Inc.	\$12,187.92	\$11,427.95

The contract commences December 15, 2013. Completion is expected by December 31, 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Account No. 937411 – IT Disaster Recovery Plan

Approved Capital Budget		\$75,000.00
Previous Awards/Expenditures		
Hardware Software	\$66,039.18	
		<u>\$66,039.18</u>
Available Budget		\$ 8,960.82
Current Award		
Contract (net of HST rebate)	\$18,735.12	
		<u>\$18,735.12</u>
Over Budget		<u>(\$ 9,774.30)</u>

Additional funding, not to exceed \$9,774.30, will be allocated from Capital Projects Reserve.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

NA

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommend that CDW Canada and Zycom Canada be awarded the contract for Server Virtualization ~ Software, Maintenance, and Hardware, being the lowest bidders meeting minimum specifications.

ATTACHMENT: 2012 Capital Budget Detail Sheet

P. Edwards, Manager, Information Technology Services

M. de Rond, Director, Legislative and Information Services

ATTACHMENT:

**TOWN OF AJAX
2012 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2013-2016 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET**

Department	Legislative & Information Services
Section	IT Services
Project Name	IT Disaster Recovery Plan
Submitted By	Paul Edwards, Manager of Information Technology Services
Start Year	2012
Project Number	0937411

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

This project will put in place an IT disaster recovery plan to minimize the impact of technology downtime to staff and residents. Currently, IT has in place several business continuity processes and procedures that provide staff and residents with an average system uptime of approximately 98%. The business continuity processes protect the Town's IT infrastructure and applications from minor events such as brief power outages, virus and malware threats, physical security breaches and server component failure.

However, major events such as fire, flood, extreme weather and industrial accidents, have the potential to disrupt access to systems and services for an extended length of time. The time required to recover one corporate application, using only backups as a disaster recovery plan would range from 15 to 40 business days, depending on the application. Recent interviews with departments have identified the need to have access to most major applications within 1 to 5 days of a major event, before it begins to seriously impact business processes.

In order to accommodate the recovery time of 1 to 5 days, IT will be required to have redundant hardware onsite and a method to replicate all information from our production servers to the redundant hardware. This project will include a mixture of hardware, software and data replication that will provide faster access to corporate applications following a major disruption event.

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Total Expenditures	75,000					75,000
Capital Projects Reserve	75,000					75,000
Total Funding	75,000					75,000

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Martin de Rond,
Director, Legislative and Information Services/Town Clerk

PREPARED BY: Lorraine Billings
Legislative Services Associate

SUBJECT: **Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation - Board Appointments**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: None

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the following nominations to the Ajax Municipal Housing Board be approved:**

Michael Richards	term expires May, 2014
Councillor R. Ashby, Mayor's Designate	term expires Nov, 2014
Councillor M. Crawford, Council Representative	term expires Nov, 2014
Oliver Forbes	term expires May, 2016
Jacqueline Baker	term expires May, 2016
Kristen Winter	term expires May, 2017
Cheryl E Bage	term expires May, 2017

2. **That all previous appointments be repealed.**

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation (AMHC) has by-laws which govern the "transaction of affairs" of the Corporation, including appointments to the seven member Board of Directors. Appointments for 6 director positions are made at each annual meeting of the Board in accordance with the rules and procedures set out in AMHC by-laws. One of the directors is to be a member of Council. The seventh member is the Mayor, or in this instance Councillor Ashby serving as the Mayor's designate, for a term that matches the term of Council.

The AMHC By-laws require that the election of a director must be "approved in advance" by resolution of the Council of the Town of Ajax. Individuals are essentially "nominated" by Council resolution and are formally elected to the Board by the Corporation itself at the annual meeting. The Board will determine the appointments to be made to the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

Att 1:- Letter of request for Ajax Council to approve appointments to the AMCH Board

Lorraine Billings, Legislative Services Associate

Martin de Rond, Director, Legislative and Information Services/Town Clerk



AJAX MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

November 20, 2013

Nicole Wellsbury

Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
Town of Ajax

Re: **Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation (AMHC) Board Appointments**

Dear Ms. Wellsbury,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for Ajax Council to approve the following persons for appointment to the AMHC Board:

Proposed Appointee

Term expiry

Councillor Renrick Ashby (Mayor's designate)	November 2014
Oliver Forbes	May 2016
Jacqueline Baker	May 2016
Michael Richards	May 2014
Councillor Marylin Crawford (Council rep)	November 2014
Cheryl E Bage	May 2017
Kristen Winter	May 2017

The above persons meet the eligibility requirements as per the AMHC's bylaws and have been approved by the AMHC Board of Directors.

Thanks,

Oliver Forbes
AMHC Board President

Cc: Board

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Rob Ford, CMA, AMCT
Director of Finance/Treasurer

SUBJECT: 2014 Budget Builder Survey Results

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: December 5, 2013

REFERENCE: 2011-2014 Community Action Plan Strategic Objective

- Excellence in Service Delivery and Governance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the 2014 Budget Builder Survey Results be received for information.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Town's on-going efforts to increase the engagement and involvement of the public in the budget process, a new on-line budget survey was developed. Launched on Monday October 28th and running for a four week period, residents were given the opportunity to provide their input into the 2014 budget.

Separated into the Capital and Operating budgets, the survey allowed residents to prioritize spending, by allocating how they would like to see their tax dollars spent in 2014. The survey provided three choices; keeping the funding at 2013 levels; increasing spending by 10%; or decreasing spending by 10%. There was also the option for people to explain their spending choices and to provide other comments and suggestions.

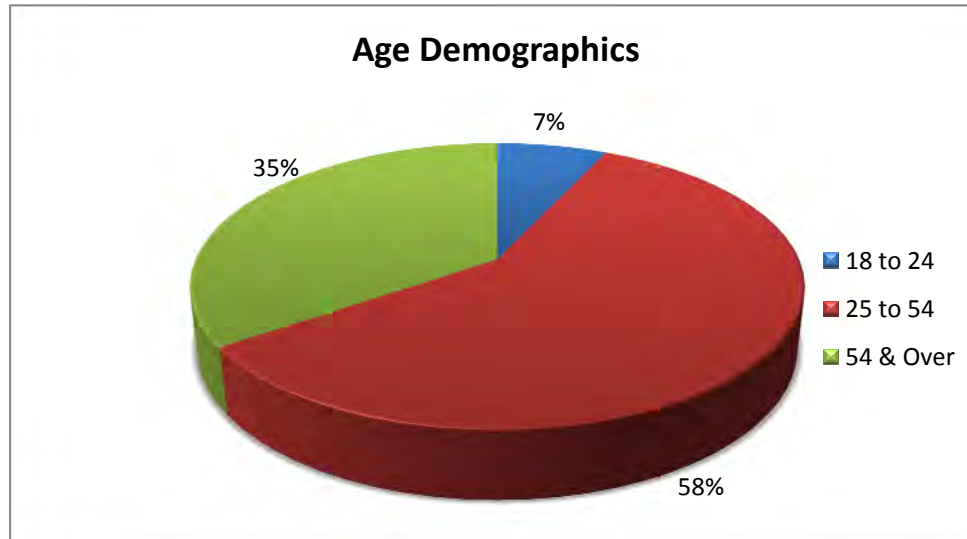
The input is being provided to Council in advance of the General Government Committee public budget meetings, which are scheduled for:

- a) Monday December 16, 2013 – 2014 Capital Budget/2015-2018 Long Range Capital Forecast and 2014 General Levy Reserve Allocations
- b) Monday February 3, 2013 – 2014 Operating Budget

In addition to the objective of soliciting residents' input, the survey also worked as a tool to educate the public on the budget. The survey complements the existing educational information already on the Town's website; Understanding the Budget Process and Slots Revenue Facts.

DISCUSSION:Total Responses

A total of 138 people completed the survey. The age demographics, which are an important factor in evaluating the success of this new approach, are detailed in the following chart.

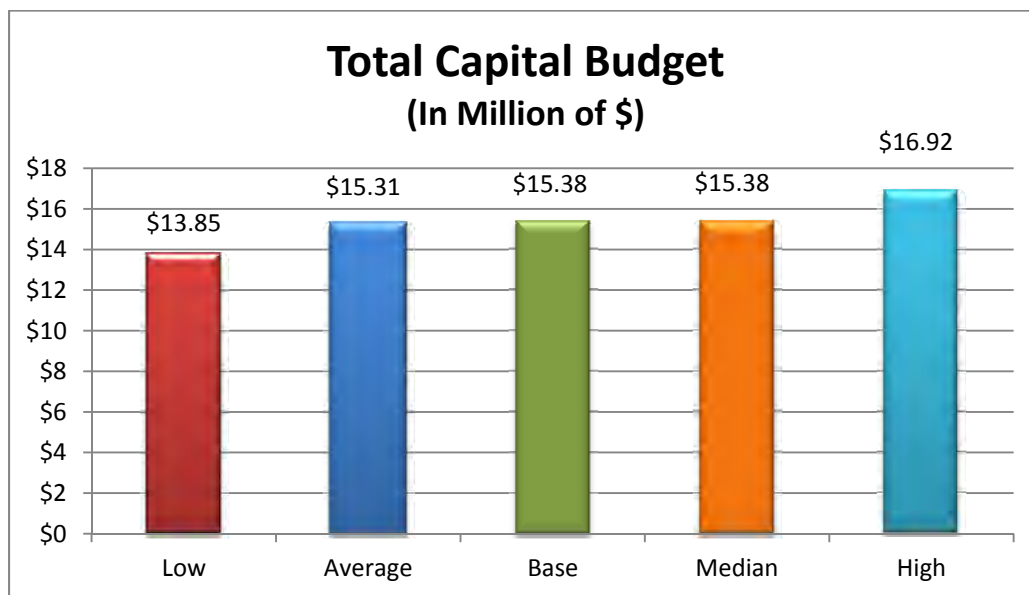
Capital Budget

The 2014 spending options provided in the survey were:

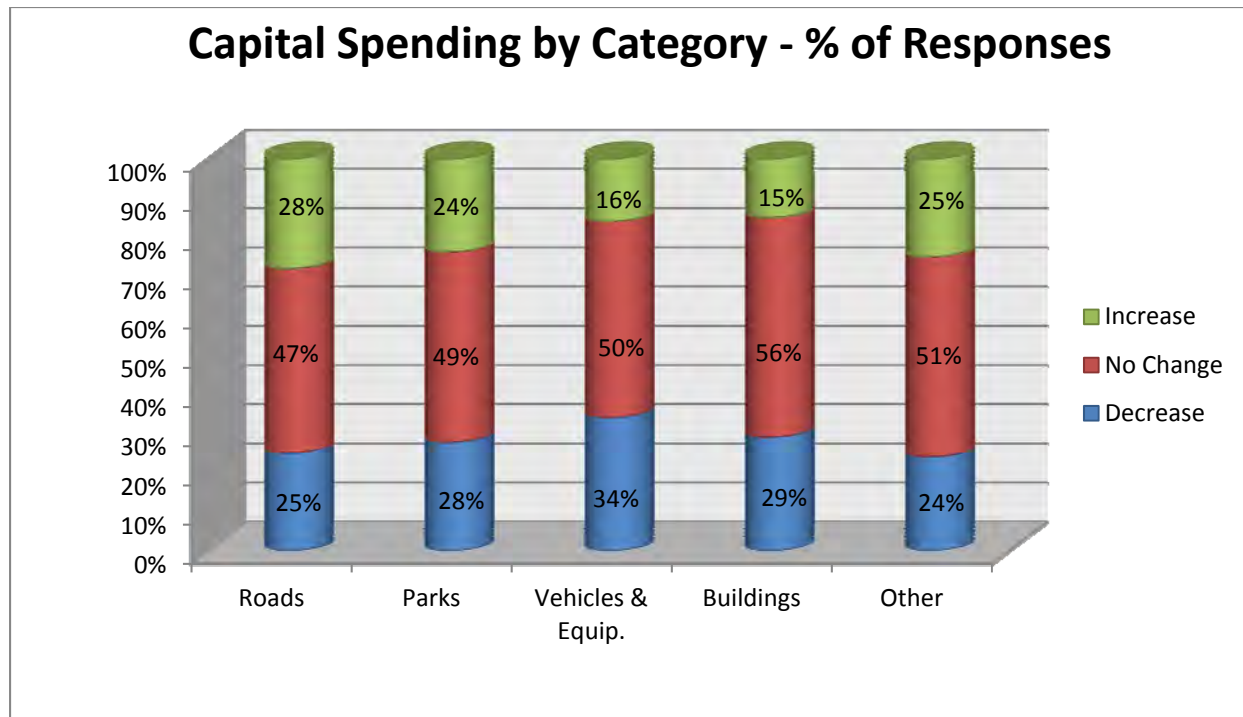
Category	10% Reduction	2013 Base	10% Increase
Roads (includes curbs, sidewalks, streetlights, etc.)	\$5.54M	\$6.15M	\$6.77M
Parks (includes sportsfields, trails, waterfront, forestry, etc.)	3.86M	4.29M	4.72M
Vehicles/Equipment; Software/Hardware	2.54M	2.82M	3.10M
Facilities & Buildings	1.35M	1.50M	1.65M
Other (includes Library, downtown improvements, etc.)	0.56M	0.62M	.68M
Total	\$13.85M	\$15.38M	\$16.92M

Capital Budget (cont'd)

As illustrated by the following charts, the survey produced a wide range of opinions on the level of capital spending. Notwithstanding the various opinions, the end result for all five capital categories, was that the recommended average 2014 capital spending ended up being very close or identical to the 2013 budget amount.

**Observations/Comments**

- residents are generally satisfied with the overall current level of capital spending; this is evidenced by both the Average and Median suggestions being close or equal to the 2013 budget base
- 46% of the respondents increased the total budget, 40% decreased it, while 14% froze capital spending at the current level
- freezing or reducing capital spending is not recommended for a number of reasons:
 - due to inflation, there would be a reduction in the number of projects completed
 - need to account for the parks, roads, streetlights, sidewalks, storm sewer systems, etc. assumed from developers
 - while the Town has built a number of new facilities, existing buildings are aging
 - delaying capital spending will ultimately cost more in the long run; e.g. road resurfacing vs. reconstruction



Observations/Comments

- one consistent theme is the suggestion to make No Change to capital spending, ranging from 47% to 56%, with an average of 51%
- the largest increase requested is in Roads, which aligns with the Financial Sustainability Plan; for 2014, the funding available for Roads has increased by \$444,000 (47%)
- the largest decrease is 34% to Vehicles/Equipment & Software/Hardware Replacement; some comments stated that the Town should delay replacements, which is already a long standing Town practice
- based on comments received, the 29% reduction for Buildings appears to result from the number of new facilities people have seen constructed recently; the spending required of course is for older facilities; newer buildings are under warranty and/or in an excellent state of repair

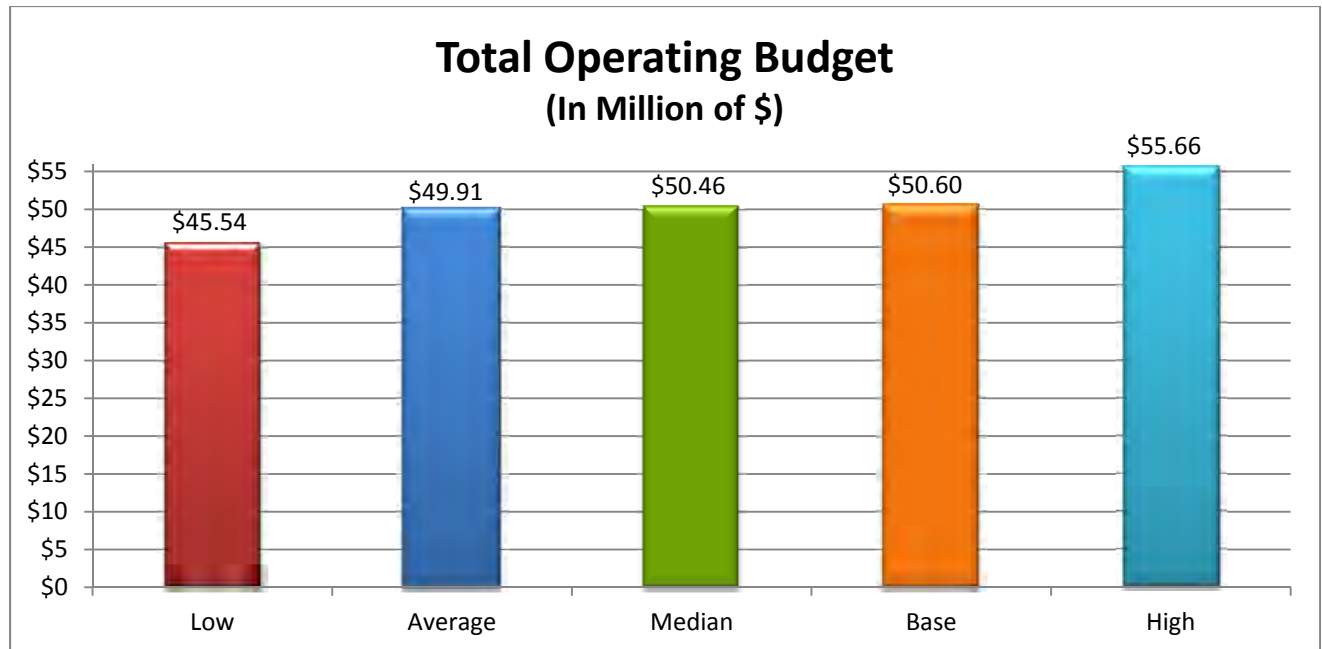
Operating Budget

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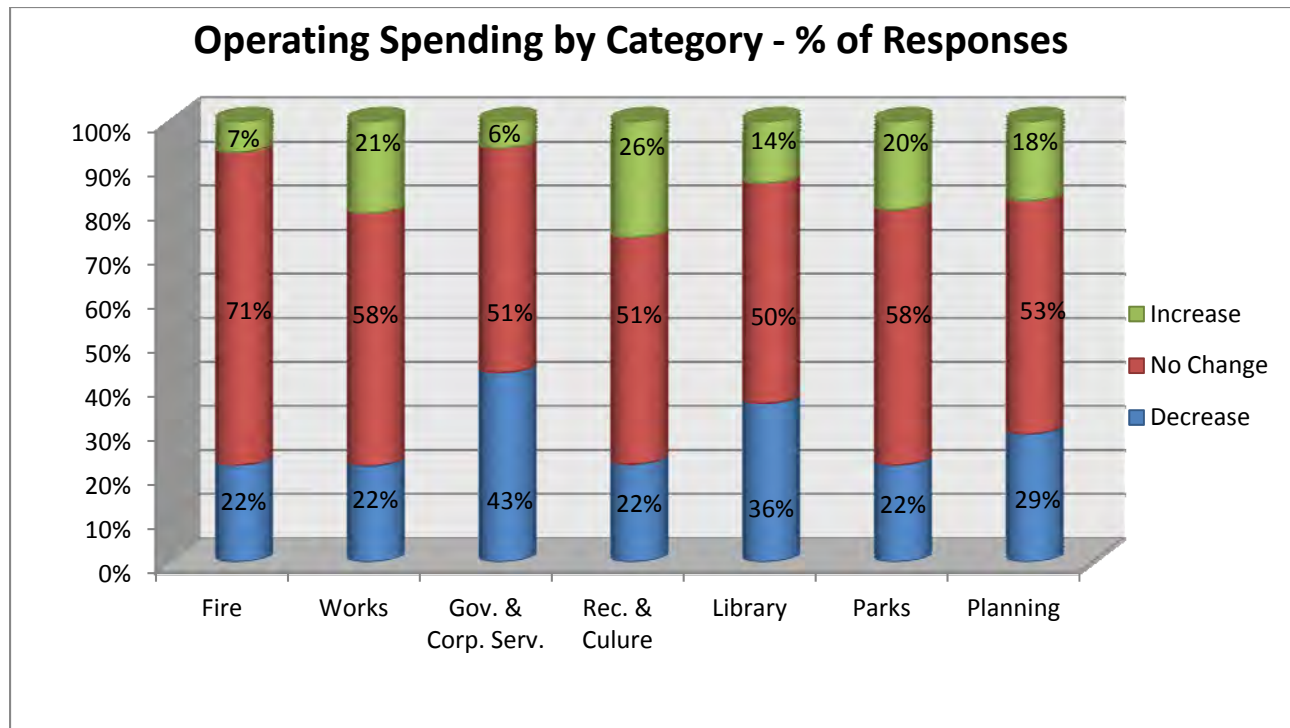
Category	10% Reduction	2013 Base	10% Increase
Fire & Emergency Services	\$13.68M	\$15.20M	\$16.72M
Works Maintenance	8.37M	9.30M	10.23M
Governance & Corporate Services	8.37M	9.30M	10.23M
Recreation & Culture	6.57M	7.30M	8.03M
Library	3.42M	3.80M	4.18M
Parks Maintenance	2.97M	3.30M	3.63M
Planning & Development	.216M	2.40M	2.64M
Total	\$45.54M	\$50.60M	\$55.66M

Operating Budget (cont'd)

The survey also provided a chart which allowed residents to determine the impact of their recommended changes on their property taxes. A \$500,000 change in the Operating Budget is equal to a 1% change in property taxes.

**Observations/Comments**

- it is interesting to note that while the Average is lower than the Base, the Median (often considered a more relevant mathematical measure), is in fact almost identical to the 2013 Base
- a reduced or unchanged operating budget presents a number of issues:
 - impact of inflationary increases in the cost of goods and services
 - salary and benefits, a large component of the operating budget, is governed by collective agreements, arbitration rulings and payroll taxes
 - reducing the budget would result in lower service levels or a loss of services
 - if the desire is to retain the services, then existing user fees would have to be increased, as well as new ones added



Observations/Comments

- consistent with the overall results, the individual categories are weighted towards No Change and Reductions
- of the seven service categories, only Recreation & Culture resulted in a suggested modest increase in spending of \$30,000; at 26%, it also had the largest number of people who suggested increasing the budget
- 43% recommended that the Governance and Corporate Services budget be reduced; the total result was a \$350,000 (3.76%) reduction; this is a budget category that is not always well understood for a number of reasons:
 - includes legislated requirements such as By-Law, Clerks, Finance
 - a continuing perception that the costs for Mayor & Council make up a large portion of the budget; in fact, they only represent 1.4% of the total budget
 - \$2.1M of the total \$9.30M budget is allocations to discretionary reserves
 - many of the corporate services expenditures (e.g. Information Technology), directly support day to day service delivery

Comments/Suggestions

All of the comments and suggestions submitted by the public are included in the report as Attachments 1 & 2. With the exception of editing or deleting language or comments considered by staff to be inappropriate or offensive, the information is presented as submitted.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

This report will be posted on the Town's website along with all of the existing budget and forecast information and report.

CONCLUSION:

The Town's first ever on-line Budget Builder Survey achieved the key objective of engaging residents in the budget process. The total of 138 submissions far exceeds the participation rate of previous initiatives, as well as the attendance at the public budget meetings.

Going forward, the survey will become a standard element of the annual budget process. Staff will build upon the success of this year's survey, with the goals of increasing the participation rate and enhancing the input received from residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATT-1: Suggestions/Comments - Operating Budget

ATT-2: Suggestions/Comments - Capital Budget

Rob Ford, CMA, AMCT
Director of Finance/Treasurer

ATT-1 Suggestion/Comments - Operating Budget

Fire & Emergency
HOLD the budget, but with LINE 9 Reversal Project, our emergency teams will need more training and equipment. Hope we never need it.
If firemen only work 7 days in a 28 day cycle---do we have too many firemen? How many fires does Ajax have per year?---this whole area should be scrutinized for cost cutting.
How many actual fires do we have in Ajax? Good to be prepared but let's not spend anymore.
With increased population, comes increased expenditures.
Assuming this category is a critical element to maintain service and quality to our community, keep current budget.
If spending can be kept at \$15.2M, without cutting any fire prevention programs, equipment, training etc., then that would be good. If needed though, spend a little higher.
Leave as is - I feel that we currently are spending the right amount in this area
Current budget. Work on process improvement. Efficiencies should go towards quicker and responsive communication practices.
Not too many fires.
The town is growing. More services will be needed.
Consider amalgamating
Reduce budget for public services
This is a no brainer, more buildings equals more firefighters

Works Maintenance
These items are safety related and need our attention.
Clean up the litter on City streets, First impression makes a difference in attracting new businesses and residents. Town needs to curb street littering by posting signage and through media campaign to raise awareness of maintaining a clean city,
For the taxes we pay, we should at least get our plows to drop a blade at each driveway to avoid shovelling the wall of snow left behind by them. Toronto has it, Mississauga has it and they all pay LOWER TAXES THEN US.
Many intersections are dark and need additional street lighting, or reorientation of existing lights, tree trimming around lights, etc.
Maintenance can be and should be prioritized to achieve budget balance towards a zero increase. For staff to assess impact and assign priorities. I have to do this in my household, same for you.
Current budget is fine.
Leave as is - I feel that we currently are spending the right amount in this area
Higher than current budget in the areas of road improvement and additional street lights
Tell people to get off their [deleted] and pick up (there own) garbage off the street. Why should just the city do that. Look both ways.
Again show us how our dollar is spent, but avoid duplication of services.
On Westney roadnear the benchesthere are garbage binsneeds garbage pick up on daily basislots of odour ..bad smell, rotten smell ...cannot sit on the benches
Reduce maintenance.

Works Maintenance - continued
We're fine.
Signal coordination should be improved upon to relieve congestion at peak periods. Perhaps ease up on the war against left turns which seem prevalent in Ajax.
Reduce the workforce here, to put up the santa banners on harwood avenue 3 trucks to do that What a waste of resources, even veridian most times has one truck that also dealing with electricity
Winter Control seems out of control. In the past weeks, I have seen liquid (salt?) applied on roads to control road icing. Applications on straightaways should be treated less, while hills and intersections are treated.
Bring in some Industrial Engineers to cut waste
As I said before the Bicycle Users should pay for the difference in cost.
There are significant opportunities for efficiencies to be identified an cost savings to be realized.
Stop spending money fixing sidewalks that don't need it. I have seen the Town staff come around and mark the sidewalks as if they have quota to fill, rather than marking ones that actually need repairs.
There is so much wastage of resources, we can do more with less
Ajax very slow plowing roads, compares to other municipalities in Durham
Because my street hardly gets cleared even after a major snow storm, compared to when i used to live in toronto.
The snow plowing has been neglected ever since they moved the operations yard to the North..
Snow removal in subdivision.

Governance & Corporate Services
Costs always escalate in these areas and the work must go on.
Let's get our debt down. While boasting about a tax freeze last year, I believe Ajax debt increased. Reason prices are so low in the USA is, people are not paying enough to supper the country, and debt is out of control.
Forego the reserve allocation. I would rather see effort put into changing the Development Charge "legislation". Who's legislation, federal, provincial...or municipal? Let's increase those fees annually by 2 - 3% instead.
keep same
Reserve allocations seems high. Review historical use of the reserve.
Cut your cloth, make do with what we have today
I would like to see salaries and/or benefits kept in check. \$1 M less is a bit much, but perhaps \$8.8M
Can we have stricter bylaw enforcement in summer, cars parked on sidewalks, open pit fires even though. It is not allowed, set up an annonymos toll free line
Current budget option chosen to reflect cost of these services.
Keep current budget.
Control growth within.
Tighten your belts and cut expenses like the rest of us. Find reductions in costs by being more effcient and vigelant to avoid unessary expeditures
Find areas to cut costs. Should be treated like a business.
Time to hold the line on expenses - We are not a huge city.

Governance & Corporate Services - continued
Take a risk in this area
Lower than current budget. Look for efficiencies and process improvement via reduced redundancy and less ineffective status and progress reports. Reduce number of meetings by 15%.
Fiscal prudence should be implemented - times are tough for all residences
Perhaps if the budget is increased, the by-law officers can stop harrassing residents with bogus parking tickets!
Ok as is
Open publication of corporate service expenses would be welcomed
Don't we already have a goo isso rating, not sure if that is the proper name
In the city overnight parking by law should be enforcedit would generate more revenues
Cuts need to be made to balance other increases and this is a good place.
Stop spending money on political events like the one you partnered with Environmental Defence.
Councillors do not need a raise in Expenses especially how much they have received lately . Put that money into fire services
Too much is wasted on this
This is admin and admin can always take a cut
Reduce services

Rec. & Culture
We have sufficient in these areas. We've done great additions in years past and from what I've seen we have few waiting lists for programs.
Need these so we can have a healthy lifestyle. Would like to see more bike racks at shopping malls. I have nothing to chain my bike to. This is not a town spend, so require a BY-LAW?
Review programs that are not well attended. I have been to a few where only a couple people show up.
See earlier comments regarding lack of Seniors facilities
fitness centre at the ARC; earlier swimming pool and fitness centre hours; greater diversity of leisure programs for all ages and demographics; more outdoor fitness gyms either along the waterfront trail and/or play grounds in various neighbourhoods
With today's growing obesity problems, recreation and culture will continue to become more important and vital to any town.
More career opportunities and basic cost of living increases for skilled part-time staff who have been with the Town of Ajax over 10 years. Fitness brings in a lot of money but is staffed by a majority of part-time staff.
I would like to see everything lower for a year and fully understand the impacts. Our existing recreation and culture infrastructure is fabulous.
To many already. Widen roads, Those are a priority, increase street-lights.
Will you ever build a salt water pool?
As per my comments in Part One re small gym locations.
I think there is an oppportunity for the town to shoulder less of the costs of these facilities and services.
More youth programs

Rec. & Culture - continued
Keep current.
Lots of choices....implemnet more user fees aligned with costs..don't make the many pay for the few who use these ammenities.
Higher than current budget. With Ajax community growing in size community the demand for more events to address the new cultures.
Fitness programs need to be increased especially for the youth ,young adults and seniors.
Go for a walk. Plenty to see.
Compared to Toronto, the children programs can be improved and provided at a more affordable rate for the parents.
our current programs are very diversifed for the current population.
Accommodate for population growth
Fitness ...seniors programs be initiated
lower this and increase memebership fees
Increase and promote physical activity! Increase programs at Community Centres, kids camps, events etc.
Please find a way to fix the size of the studio at ARC. It's too small, please consider replacing the wall between that room and the Community Room into a movable wall.
Builds community
In community centresprograms for senior citizens be initiated especially for health etc
Let's take a break from funnelling money into rec for 2014. Seems to be a never ending money pit.

Library
Demand is high in this area and the Library provides free information and entertainment to the public. It's a needed resource.
HOLD, I don't see much waste here.
I think that allotment is a little high. Most people have so many other ways at home to access information.
Nothing beats knowledge
We need more staff at the library to help raise the community!
I am not using any of these services, however I understand how they can be valuable.
Keep current
Ajax has a great library system and do great work. Perhaps more digital than physical (should assist in savings)
There's plenty of avaiability no need to increase..if you feel it is I repeat, align user fees to costs... don't make the many pay for the few
With today's information systems, even the lower budget is way too high.
Add more to the library budget. With so many new families, children, and more seniors, we need to additive additional resources.
Lower than current budget. Reduction of loan of books & magazines
I like what the city is doing with this, it brings with it a sense of community and i'd say keep it up
our current program are very diversifed for the current population.
Ok as is
Should be a priority for heavy investment and increased programming. Need more staff, open every Sunday, more to collection, and more space.
Need to encourage residents use electronic resources rather than traditional books.

Library - continued
Spending money on the library collection is always a good idea.
How the heck can it even cost that much and why?
The world is changing and most students have access to this information on their own.
Keep converting the libraries to digital. Would like to see more drop in programs for families on weekends.
You need to put more money to the library for more books and programs. As family outing, we enjoy spending time at the main branch!
Library is a dying institution in the internet age. Wind it down.
What's a Library?
reduce budget do not provide internet access at the library
People don't use books anymore
Parks Maintenance
I see no need to increase here.
Keep dog parks
need a pier out in the lake
maintain trails across Ajax;
Keep the park clean please!
1) More benches needed facing the play areas of parks. 2) Rotary Park could use more parking, especially on Canada Day.
again, as for other areas, this should be tightened-up and expenses prioritized. Not for me to say what should be increased or decreased in this mix. Town staff is more qualified to make these decisions.
Keep current.
Current budget - Status quo across all of the above
Think of kids kicking around a ball of tape. If they can do it, kids here can do it. Why aren't tree's being planted along the 401 where there's green space at interchanges. Nothing brightens someones day by seeing a big tree.
lower grass cutting on trails, waterfront, parks, greenwood etc.
more frequent maintenance of playgrounds to remediate graffiti, pick up litter (broken glass is a huge issue in and is a safety concern) and replacement / grooming of mulch on a more frequent basis.
our current program are very diversified for the current population.
Ok as is
reduce this services
Forestry and waterfront budget should be increased.
Did we go too far with the Audley Sports Plex? Not sure, it is a fantastic facility, but...
STOP putting cycling paths (that are unused for the majority of the year) on public roads.
With all the machinery this department is overstaffed, please use gps equipment to see how much time is spent
reduce duplication of projects.
Time for our priorities to be on people not extras.
Stop building new bicycle paths, except ones that travel beside roadways.

Planning & Development
With an un-cooperative Region, Ajax planning has it's hands full dealing with Regional BS.
Development and tourism is imporant...I like to see plans about Ajax in 2020, 2030, 2040, etc.
Need to start promoting Ajax to attract companies for more employment opportunities as well as promoting the waterfront for tourism
Again with increased population, more money will be needed in this portfolio.
Business development to allow citizens of Ajax to work locally.
Keep current budget. Planning is always a good thing and can help saving.
Keep current if needed.
Progressive views to Ajax in 100 years and the steps in between
These are one off projects and should be funded on a "as needed basis".
As we seem to be stuck with Regional government - time to combine all these services and not duplicate.
Higher than current budget - Increase in the economic development and tourism category
Building inspections and engineering should be increased - tourism should be decreased
The city can always benefit from tourism and economic development, so it'll be a good focus if the funds are available
We need more economic development in Ajax, not just planning of housing. We're a bedroom community, mostly low-paying big-box stores. We must invest in attracting companies here so that people can have quality employment here.
To late for planning around tourism. Should have allowed building of the resort/hotel complex at lakeridge and bayly long ago. Nothing to do as attraction for locals let alone visitors.
We need more employers that want to setup in our Town. This includes a boost to tourism which benefits all.
It would be good if the city could expand the number of small gyms to plazas throughout the city. For example, the small plaza at Harwood and Westney has had a vacancy beside the Royal Bank for over a year.
Tourism?? Seriously???
Tourism...are you kidding, what for goodness sake does this apply to a dormitory town with no tourist interest.
Stop spending any money trying to attract tourists to Ajax. Let the tourist attractions do it themselves.
Tourism expenditure for Ajax is a waste of money
There is need to bring businesses to Ajax, not Distribution Centers but office buildings . Go to Brampton and see what happens to the town of multiple Distribution Centers. Go to Mississauga and see all the office buildings with real salaries.
The city can always benefit from tourism and economic development, so it'll be a good focus if the funds are available

ATT 2 - Suggestions/Comments - Capital Budget

Roads

We do a great job of maintaining our roads, some belt tightening shouldn't hurt us too much this coming year.
Roads in Ajax are pretty good. Pot holes are annoying, but they also slow people down. Traffic in the GTA travels too fast at the best of times, and we all need to slow down. So, let a few more holes appear.
I wouldn't want to spend more nor would I want to see this budget decreased which may have a bigger impact in the long run and eventually cost more money if not maintained.
More attention to street lighting and traffic calming strips to get drivers to slow down.
dangerous it is there
Traffic signsall-way Stop Signsoverhead beacon red light flashing be installed for greater visibility
I would like to see the budget frozen at current levels. Further, only spend money on items that affect public safety.
Widening Roads that are single lane, and and street lights to areas that have no street lights as of this moment, like Taunton.
4 Lane major roads like Rossland, Westny.
More traffic calming or dead ends built into main streets into subdivisions, for example, Ravenscroft Road frequently has cars speeding at 60km/hr. It is dangerous for children. We had to move to quieter street because of this problem.
Maintain and keep investing in our infrastructure
Keep current budget if possible.
More money into resurfacing roads around the town. Some roads are just full of potholes and uneven surfaces (ie Monarch) which could lead to a claim for car damage or worse yet a cyclist incurring injuries from falling off his bike.
I think this is an area that can take a hit with no significant impact
Operations - Higher than current budget - Why? - Infrastructure should be a priority. Maintain now or pay higher in the form of taxes later
Would like to see more bike lanes and concrete platforms at bus stops in all neighbourhoods. Congestion on Westney road needs to be addressed somehow as well, especially during rush hours.
Minor reduction to increase maintenance on sport facilities
With our harsh winters, roads constantly need resurfacing , especially as they get older. With increased population, more traffic lights will
Save money. So what if the roads are a little rough. Slow down.
Wait for the 407 extension to be done before investing more money into #2, Lakeridge road, etc
Please take a look at Audley Road just south of Taunton - the railroad crossing is VERY rough and needs to be fixed. However, it is a VERY effective traffic calming device!
Instead of having new streets and development; make repairs to the current streets damaged over the years. Also, the town should repaint the bicycle trail on one side of the road and almost in the middle of the street.
Connect Williamson - Make Rossland two lanes
My concern in all categories is the cost of external consulting as opposed to utilizing in-house and public expertise. The overall cost savings by cutting down on the use of consultants would be significant and demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

ATT 2 - Suggestions/Comments - Capital Budget

Roads - continued

Perhaps give some thought to widening some of the main roads to help alleviate traffic. Suggestions would be Westney (north from the GO Station), Kingston Road, Harwood.
Some of the roads in the south end are in bad shape (ie Westney & Bayly too bumpy through intersection).
caught behind a bus
I would like it to remain at the current expenditure.
All roads leading to and from the 401 to have 2 lanes all the way up to Taunton. Rossland must have two lanes through Ajax, bus stops to have bus bays so that when they stop for passengers they do not block traffic.
Widen the westney and harwood roads to taunton, as there is a lot of traffic , im not sure why a small section of the harwood road is left not widened, the westney sroad is a main street to the highway entry this has to be widened.
Infrastructure, such as roads, need to be maintained.
Widen Rossland from Church to Whitby border to 4 lanes. Add left turn lane on southbound Church at Rossland to improve traffic flow at new set of lights. Add right turn lane northbound at Church and Rossland to improve traffic flow at new set of lights.
Money needs to be spent on infrastructure.
More Right hand turn lanes at the major intersections such as Westney/Bayley,Harwood/Bayley,Westney/Hwy 2.If you look during the Rush Hour these streets are congested. But if you had more right turn lanes it would eliminate some of the congestion...
Westney Road south of hwy 2 needs an additional lane. The constant backlog of traffic exiting 401 is an issue.
The roadways do need more repairs etc.but the difference in the amounts required should be charged to the Bicycle Users since they have a third of most of the roads in Ajax.
Please widen the roads of Westney which is a 401 entry and exit to the north, and the small stretch of harwood road as well.
Better traffic flow. Currently only Kingston and Bayly provide flow for east-west traffic.
Resurfacing Westney road as well as widening Westney road .
The left turn out of the Ajax GO parking lot needs to be improved. One lane is inadequate; two would be better. Lights should be re-timed
Pickering Beach Road roundabouts were a waste of money and a very bad idea. More confusion than ever at these locations. Roundabouts are fine if the road is designed for them, but trying to stuff one in a limited space.
Maybe you could save from this budget, instead of changing perfectly good street signs to ones with ships and bicycle. Police contractors on their poor restoration which results in add cost later to repair (Veridian in South Ajax).
I have seen work being done on sidewalks and roads that seem to be make work projects....money needs to be spent because it is in the budget whether or not the project is truly a priority.
It is not always necessary to have sidewalks on both sides of the road. Some resurfacing could be delayed to the next year, do patches and potholes as a stop gap.
Roads should be much better in Ajax--too many are lumpy and bumpy.
The roads are BAD! We all know that. Let's repaid Bayly the whole way across especially from monarch to church!
I noticed in new areas curbs are put in, then within a year they are taken out to put in street entrances or driveways. This should be taken into account when the curbs are put in?

ATT 2 - Suggestions/Comments - Capital Budget

Roads - continued

Too many stop lights and they should be like in the USA strung on a wire across the intersection rather than on separate posts think of the

Here are a couple of examples.

Unnecessary resurfacing of Rossland Road between Westney & Ravenscroft.

Unnecessary removal and redoing of sidewalk on Church Street between Delaney & Rossland.

Stop wasting expenses on resurfacing of road. increase street lights to avoid the possibility of being attacked in the park or in the wooded area. how about that.

Bicycles do not pay road tax so we should not be inconveniencing the tax paying vehicles to input bycle lanes. We have a number of accidents plus we are so near to having a number of such accidents on our roads due to the narrowness of them!

Many of our main roads in Ajax including Westney at Bayly intersection, sections of Bayly, Lake Driveway, parts of Harwood have deteriorated badly and need to be resurfaced. Many of the towns cycling trails are also in need of repair

Stop spending money on bicycle lanes, bicycle signage, bicycle signal lighting and traffic calming.

What I want to know is why are there now traffic lights at Church and Rossland? Have you seen the traffic jams this has caused?

Not sure where this money goes. last year snow storm - there were no snow plow out to clean the roads. people suffered for a whole week. was forced to call the city to come out and clean. where does the money go.

Parks

The community uses these areas heavily and forestry would be a big component for me.

We don't need to continually add more. Let's maintain what we have a selectively add more to new developments. Strong consideration should be given to having developers assist financially with this.

I believe Ajax has done a GREAT job in this area over the past years, and would divert some of these funds to Storm Water mgmt.

Ajax needs an improvement in terms of playground equipment, fields, waterfront and trails. I would love to see more money being spent on this so the city could enjoy it more.

I expect there will be some major work done for the Pan Am games so lets wait and see what is completed leading up to this event (and paid for by the provincial and federal government)...Ajax can address any additional needs in 2016.

many good facilities in Ajax now---all the above well done. search for possible savings for a short period

Would love to see a splash pad at the new playground behind the town houses (corner of Bayly and Salem). So much space there, lots of kids use the area, and there is just a tiny play structure.

However I have found that the waterfront/walkway need to be better policed. Too many issues between Harwood and Rotary park.

need a pier ! we are the only town without one should reach out into the lake a 1000 ft

Less bike lanes but more bike paths. More maintenance on sports fields (higher quality playing conditions, increased mowing of soccer,

I would like to see everything lower for a year and fully understand the impacts. Our parks are already outstanding; no need to raise the

Our population has increased and so too should our amenities where we can afford to accommodate for these increases.

I think Ajax is doing a great job with forestry. I don't know that it's necessary to have all these plaques and artwork.

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Parks - continued

- Would like to see more shade trees planted along the main streets (Harwood north of Kingston Road is a good example). This is what makes Ajax nicer looking than Whitby or Pickering. Also lots of park benches in playgrounds would be good.
- While it's important to have a good Parks system, this is an area that could be tightened-up while maintaining service level. Ajax is already well invested in this area.
- Leave as is - I feel that we currently are spending the right amount in this area
- Ajax has done a great job of investing in parkland but a period of sustaining rather than broadening is ok. Alternate from year to year, These equipment are in place and should have useful life expectancy for years.
- Trails and waterfront maintenance should be reduced - grass does not need to be cut as often as it was in the past summer.
- Keep youth engaged by improving services aimed at this group. Continue to make Ajax user friendly for recreation in public settings.
- More parks, we are an active town!
- maintain existing, no new parks unless in new subdivisions
- Some trees in parks are dead that need to be cut down and replanted.
- "Trails" are part of our transport system. We should treat them with more respect.
- Would like to see more trees being planted around the city because of all that has been torn down due to the 407 extension. Also upgraded playground equipment at the Denis O'Connor Park would be great.
- I feel like the town has an excellent infrastructure of parks/trails etc. I would like to see what this money goes towards as I think \$4.29M
- I think we have enough trails and trees etc.. it's beautiful, stop re-inventing the wheel. Leave it alone and spend \$\$\$\$elsewhere.
- less trails and sports field. there are enough sports complex and parks around to accommodate the pop.
- Lower budget if possible. Unlike roads, recreation is not crucial to residents going to work, earning a living to pay their taxes.
- We have enough sports fields and trails
- In many instances we have observed wastage in initiatives that could have been brainstormed in public forums.
- Stop spending any more money on bicycle trails until you start charging user fees for bicyclists. User fee equality should be the goal of the Town when using Town parks.
- In parksI find sprinkler is at full swing during raining periodwastage of water
- We don't need to spend more on this we have many already
- Forestry and trees are EXTREMELY important to our wildlife in ajax and need to be taken seriously for future generations. More money should be put toward sustaining nature and wildlife
- Reduce spending on trails and use the money for other priorities.
- We've done enough and have enough.

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Vehicle/Equipment

Snow plows and fire trucks would be my vote. If snow removal was readily available when heavy snow was forecasted. Last year was a good example of long wait times for streets to be cleaned.
All of these things wear out, need maintenance or need upgrading. Costs escalate quite quite quickly with these concerns.
Nothing wrong with letting vehicles go another year. I see a pretty good looking fleet out there on the road.
If it will provide better safety, security and emergency response, then it's money well invested.
Keep equipment for an extra year. Software and computers can be delayed for a year. Share the cars and pickup trucks with other fire trucks,cars, etc are in great shape--like new-should last years--trim here
Use the existing vehicles more effectively by reducing duplication
Suggest that any new snowplows be purchased with blade attachments to prevent creating windrows in driveways. This has been available in Toronto for many years. Older residents have great difficulty clearing these.
"Every" Town employee does not need a personal " Town Logo'd" vehicle. I see them as I travel through the community. Usually there is only one person in each vehicle..try car pooling and co-ordinating transportation to job sites more efficiently.
Only needs to maintain these. should be lower in costs.
Time to cut down on new fitness equipment. Add an extra year on the time that vehicles are renewed.
Leave as is - I feel that we currently are spending the right amount in this area
Higher than current budget - Address specifically software and hardware upgrades. Balance to mtce of others.
Go for a walk. Don't eat as much. Computers are fine and can last another year. Not too many houses burning down.
New fitness equipment should not be a priority
Stop spending money on brand new "green" vehicles. They are much more expensive and why do we have to spend so much money painting them with Town colours. Just paint a sign on the side, like any other business.
Reduce fitness equipment and computer software and hardware delay one more year
Sounds about right.
More snow plows!!!
We need more fire protection as our town is growing.
I think with good maintenance practices vehicles can last longer safely. It is always nice to have the latest and greatest however if the piece of equipment is taken care of there should be no problem. This is one area where I can see some savings.
Add more computer equipment.
Less town trucks. Less fire trucks. Less of every kind of truck.
Make due with what you have, buy what you need extra from the casino dollars.
You want to SLASH your IT budget and hardware costs? Get away from Windows! Free BSD Unix (or linux) and Open Office should be

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Facilities & Buildings

Without a list of the needs, I can not comment on an increase unless it was for real needs like fire stations, areanas and community centres. Admin offices are not a priority for me.
These areas need to be kept in good shape. I've been to cities/countries where they are not. It does not reflect well on the people or their leadership to have them in disrepair.
Generally, I see this as an area too often neglected in general in our society. Everyone wants NEW and that is where the money goes. We need to support what we have so it lasts longer.
Seems Fire Stations and Admin offices on Salem are relatively new. They are really in need of repair at this stage? - Really?
Major repairs should be done on a priority basis, can something be repaired in the following year?
All the facilities look fine to me. Memorial pool was recently done. Libraries all look good. New rec centre At Audley. What more can you
Make better use of what is available today
Keep the buildings in good repair. It will not cost less to do it in future.
Major repairs should be prioritized not to exceed current budget. Ajax's overall building inventory relatively new.
Where is the library in the north of Ajax?
Update ACC -HMS, Ajax room- lighting, sound system and add large screen for presentations and films.
Admin Office repairs should only be made if required - money should be spent more on fire stations and libraries
The facilities could use a facelift with improved services
We need to present a good face to the Ajax pop. at the same time attracting newcomers, both private and corporate.
A lot of our facilities are brand new, the rest are in pretty good state of repair.
The town should have an outdoor skating rink of there own.(Artificial Ice)
The buildings appear to be in a good state, we can increase the budget next year because I do recognise the importance of maintaining our buildings now so that major repairs won't be required later.
They're in good repair already. Admin new, newer fire hall and community centers are new/well kept.
Again if maintained and kept safe, there should be not reason why we cannot save in this area. Everyone always wants the best and latest however there are times when you need to make the current last longer as long as safety is not compromised.
Money spent on facilities for Senior Citizens, improvements to the St Andrews Centre,kitchen, meeting space, outdoor lawn bowling facility.
We have too many Rec Centres/Community Centres than most bigger cities. How about improving current rec centres with more activities and better trained staff, than building more parks, or swimming areas, etc.
We need to complete the proposed arena in the North End
Generally, I do not agree with a budget increase so I want us to look more closely at reducing all expenses so we can have a 0 tax increase
Operations center (whatever that is?) looks to me to be a little over the top --the parking lot is full of employees
Not in favour of taxpayer funded empires. should be easy to trim some off this budget
The populations is so small not sure why we would need to increase the budget. there were recent renovation to the local library which most indicated was a waste of funds considering it still looks the same. not sure what was renovated
No more building community centres or administrative offices, we have enough.

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The new rec centre audley has absolutly nothing no library no gym after all the millions spent these are basic things, with 6 or more staff there on saturdays , there could be cut backs in staffing strongly recommended

Again maintenance should require a lower budget.

All offices are fine the way they are. Arenas? Ugh... don't get me started on those things. They get less use every year.

Use the slots money for any increase in Major repairs instead of wasting the money on bicycle trails that only a small percentage of the

You basically have all new facilities, why would it increase.

We have spent too much on recreation facilities for a small city.

Other Capital

Storm water mgmt is more of an issue with Climate Change. Damage caused in Toronto due to that one summer storm cost the City millions. If they were proactive, the damage may have been less. I would suggest more the 0.680M is needed.

Storm water management is important - I would like to be assured that the infrastructure can handle 50% more than the worst storms we've

Current budget is fine, unless more is needed for storm water management.

Storm water management is essential but we have observed significant wastage in some initiatives and programs which would have

Storm water management is of great importance. Some Ajax residents have paid a high price for poor planning.

I only recommend the increase because storm water management is mentioned and I recall basements being flooded years ago, plus climate change has begun.

Unfortunately, storm water management has not been kept up so we need an increase here before there are even more major problems to repair down the road.

Minor reduction to increase maintenance on sport facilities

I agree downtown need a facelift and should rightly move forward with that to keep up with the time.

Spending money on downtown will probably not be cost effective as changes will be needed after the new construction is completed. Wait for the projects to be built, then plan for town investments. Storm water management is a high priority.

Widen Harwood, Clean up Ajax downtown.

The old mall along Harwood south of 401 should be re-developed. It is such an eye sore! Could we not offer the land to some condo developer that could also put in a park?

Downtown, especially across from town hall needs to be revitalized and upgraded.

I would like to see downtown improvements re Ajax Plaza decreased as I don't consider them necessary.

Higher than current budget to downtown improvements to attract business. Status quo for library collection & storm water mgmt

Downtown improvements should be made after 2016 once the downtown project is complete. Current budget should focus more on library collection and storm water management

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Improve traffic flow before improving downtown. Improving downtown should be a private investment.

It's a small amount to cut, but downtown improvements can be put off for a couple of years until the major redevelopment at the Ajax Plaza starts.

Downtown needs to be cleaned up. Right now, it just looks like an eyesore and something from the early 80s.

You never know what emergencies will occur.

Keep discretionary money available.

Invest in public internet infrastructure to put Ajax on the map as a forward thinking member of the digital economy. Check out Olds Alberta as an example. Happy to discuss ideas in this regard.

Spending on the library collection is always a good idea.

Libraries are very important and vital to the community. Also social development services for low income, people in need, disabled, etc...should be assisted with some matching funding

Downtown improvement...you have got to be kidding, as fast as new pavement is laid it is ripped up again, the old plaza (downtown?) is a

Stop spending money promoting downtown improvements.