

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall on
Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Parish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 30, 2015 be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Delegation and Petitions/Public Hearings

4.1 Ajax Knights Midgets AE White Hockey Team – International Silver Stick Tournament Winners

Mayor Parish offered remarks about the various achievements of the Ajax Knights Midget AE White Hockey Team. The players were invited onto the stage to accept a congratulatory plaque from the Town.

4.2 Regional Chair Annual Update

Roger Anderson, Regional Chair, addressed Ajax Council with respect to the accomplishments of Regional Council in 2014, and key priorities for 2015. Notable projects in 2014 included the Region's 40th Anniversary Celebrations, and the opening of dedicated rapid bus transit lanes and bike lanes along Highway 2, among others. Projects highlighted for 2015 included the restructuring of Durham Regional Council, road rationalization, and a potential study of the possibility to amalgamate fire services in the Region.

Members of Council posed several questions to the Regional Chair on the matters of Fair Representation on Regional Council, the Waterfront Festival, and proposals for Fire Amalgamation. Discussion centred primarily on the scope, process, and timing for a review of Regional Representation. Members of Ajax Council emphasized that the review must commence as soon as possible. Council members generally agreed that the key determinant of seat redistribution should be representation by population, and that a proper review ought to involve experts on these matters, such as reputable academics, who do not have a vested interest in the outcome, both points on which the Regional Chair did not agree.

Members of Council thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation.

5. Correspondence

Regional Councillor Collier inquired as to whether the Town had received correspondence related to the Regional proposal to study the potential for Fire Services Amalgamation. Staff noted that an item of correspondence on this matter had been received by the Town and was referred directly to Town Staff for a report which will be presented in late May, 2015.

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: P. Brown

That the report dated April 13, 2015 containing Items of Correspondence be adopted.
CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report

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

That the Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report dated April 7, 2015 be adopted.
CARRIED

6.2 General Government Committee Report

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

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

That the General Government Committee Report dated April 9, 2015, be adopted.
CARRIED

6.3 Advisory Committee Reports

None

6.4 Departmental Reports

6. 4. 1 Proposed Resolution RE: Restrictive Practices of Publishing Companies relative to the Sale of Electronic Content to Public Libraries

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

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax and the Ajax Public Library are committed to providing equitable access to information and services regardless of format and given that customer demand for electronic content is increasing; and

WHEREAS Ajax Public Library staff are working with vendors to find mutually beneficial solutions so that public library customers have access to the wide range of electronic content that they have available to them in physical media; and

WHEREAS the specialized market terms for libraries provided by some publishers for the purchase of electronic content restrict the Ajax Public Library's ability to purchase these materials for public use, resulting in an inequity of access to electronic content, significant constraints on the Ajax Public Library budget, and an undermining of the Ajax Public Library's ability to fulfill its role;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Ajax:

1. Request that the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport investigate publishers' restrictive practices in making downloadable electronic content available to public libraries, including the higher prices charged to public libraries; and

2. Request that staff bring the issues faced by libraries in obtaining access to electronic content to the attention of the Competition Bureau of Canada.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and to Mr. John Pecman, Commissioner of Competition for the Competition Bureau of Canada, and the Ottawa Public Library.

CARRIED

7. Regional Councillors' Reports

Regional Councillors Jordan & Collier updated Council on various Regional matters.

Moved by: J. Dies

Seconded by: P. Brown

That the Regional Councillor's Reports dated April 13, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

None

9. By-laws

Moved by: S. Collier

Seconded by: P. Brown

That By-law numbers 40-2015 to 44-2015 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion

None

11. Other Business

None

12. Question Period

None

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

Regional Councillor Collier announced an upcoming Ward 2 Community Meeting scheduled for April 28th. Regional Councillor Jordan issued a reminder about the Region's Battery Recycling Program.

14. Confirming By-Law

Moved by: C. Jordan

Seconded by: S. Collier

That By-law number 45-2015 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its regular meeting held on April 13, 2015 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

15. **Adjournment**

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

That the April 13, 2015 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned. (8:15 p.m.)

CARRIED



Mayor



D-Clerk