

**Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the
Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall on
Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

1. Piping in of Council

Mr. Robert Stewart, Piper, led Council-elect to their respective positions on the dais.

2. Declaration of Office

Martin de Rond, Town Clerk, opened the meeting by ringing the ceremonial bell and welcoming members of the audience to the inaugural meeting of Council for the 2014-2018 Term of Office. He thanked Mr. Robert Stewart and introduced the Chief Administrative Officer, the Department Heads, and the Deputy Clerk.

The Clerk provided introductory remarks on democracy and public service. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk issued the Declaration of Office to each of the Council members-elect who recited and signed the declaration.

3. Presentation of Chain of Office to Mayor

The Clerk and former Mayor William Parish presented the Chain of Office to Mayor Steve Parish. Mayor Parish offered remarks on the history of the Chain of Office in Ajax. The Clerk requested the Mayor Parish Chair the remainder of the meeting.

4. National Anthem

The Mayor introduced the Young Singers who performed the National Anthem.

5. Community Greeting

Cecil Ramnauth, Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir & Cultural Centre, offered greetings and well wishes on behalf of Ajax residents. Emphasis was placed on the Town's successes in making Ajax a great community to live, work, and raise a family. Examples were given of the Town's commitment to good governance, the celebration of diversity, and the provision of responsible customer service to residents. The importance of partnerships between local government and community groups was emphasized, as well as the need to govern on the basis of transparency, accountability, and trust. Mr. Ramnauth wished council success in the forthcoming term on behalf of the community.

6. Inaugural Address

Mayor Parish opened his inaugural address by offering thanks to all election candidates, citizens who participated in the election by volunteering with a candidate, voting or working at a poll, and to town staff for administering the election. He overviewed several issues of focus for the forthcoming term of Council including downtown revitalization, protection of the Ajax waterfront, fair representation at Regional Council, business development, and job creation. Summary comments focused on the maturing of Ajax beyond a bedroom suburb, and the associated challenges.

Mayor Parish invited each member of Council to make further comments. Members addressed the public with respect to the oncoming Term of Council and offered thanks to family, friends, and supporters of their respective election campaigns.

7. Correspondence

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

That the report dated December 1, 2014 containing Items of Correspondence be adopted.
CARRIED

8. Departmental Report

8.1 Various Nominations & Appointments

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

That all of the recommended appointments and nominations laid out in report 8.1, "Various Appointments & Nominations" be approved, *with the modification that Councillor Crawford be appointed as the sole appointee to the Pickering Village BIA Board of Management.*
CARRIED

8.2 2014-2018 Proposed Advisory Committee Structure

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

1. That the following Advisory Committees, be re-established for the 2014-2018 term:
 - Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Diversity and Community Engagement Advisory Committee
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - Heritage Advisory Committee
 - Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee
2. That the Active Transportation and Trails Advisory Committee be re-established as the Transportation Advisory Committee for the 2014-2018 term;
3. That the following quasi-judicial bodies, be re-established for the 2014-2018 term:
 - Committee of Adjustment
 - Property Standards Appeals Committee / Animal Services Appeals Committee
4. That the 2015 Committee Meeting Schedule (ATT-1) be approved
5. That the Terms of Reference for the committees (ATT-2-9) named above be approved.
6. That staff undertake the recruitment actions necessary to give effect to these recommendations.

CARRIED

8.3 2014/2015 Meeting Schedule and Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments

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

That the 2014/2015 Meeting Schedule and Committee Chair and Vice-Chair appointments be approved.

CARRIED

9. By-laws

Moved by: P. Brown
Seconded by S. Collier

That By-law numbers 86-2014 to 95-2014 be read a first, second and third time and passed.
CARRIED

Mayor Parish recognized the Town's newly appointed Fire Chief, David Sheen.

10. Confirming By-Law

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

That By-law number 96-2014 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its inaugural meeting held on December 1, 2014 be read a first, second and third time and passed.


CARRIED

11. Adjournment


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

That the December 1, 2014 inaugural meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned. (8:00 p.m.)

CARRIED



Mayor



D-Clerk