

The Corporation of the Town of Ajax

COUNCIL

Thursday March 8, 2012

Immediately following the General Government Committee Meeting

River Plate Room, Town Hall

65 Harwood Avenue South



Confirmed by: _____

AGENDA

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the
Town of Ajax Held in the River Plate Room of the Town Hall on
Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.**

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Parish called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m..

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Adoption of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 13, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Delegation and Petitions/Public Hearings

None

5. Correspondence

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

- i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario: Ministry of the Environment's Direction to Waste Diversion Ontario
- ii) Town of Halton Hills: Provincial Regulations Regarding Commercial Fill Operations

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: J. Dies

That the Items of Correspondence contained in the February 23, 2012 Council agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report

None

6.2 General Government Committee Report

Moved by: S. Collier

Seconded by: P. Brown

That the recommendations and resolutions approved at the General Government Committee meeting held February 23, 2012 be adopted as resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

6.3 Advisory Committee Reports

None

6.4 Departmental Reports

None

6.5 Ajax Public Library Board Report

None

7. Regional Councillors' Reports

None

8. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

None

9. By-laws

Moved by: S. Collier

Seconded by: C. Jordan

That By-law numbers 45-2012 and 46-2012 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved by: J. Dies.

Seconded by: M. Crawford

That By-law numbers 45-2012 and 46-2012 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion

None

11. Other Business

None

12. Question Period

None

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

None

14. Confirming By-Law

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

That By-law number 47-2012 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its special meeting held on February 23, 2012 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

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

That By-law number 47-2012 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

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

That the February 23, 2012 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned. (4:35 p.m.)

CARRIED

Mayor

D-Clerk

The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

Resolution of the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie
February 27, 2012

RE: MAINTAINING THE RURAL ECONOMY IN ONTARIO BY MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE LIVE HORSE RACING INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS the Fort Erie Race Track has been in operation for over 115 years;

WHEREAS the Fort Erie Race Track, Fort Erie's largest tourism attraction, employs over 300 local residents directly and more than 600 horse people;

WHEREAS the Fort Erie Race Track contributes in excess of \$24 million in direct annual expenditures to the Fort Erie economy²;

WHEREAS the Fort Erie Race Track provides \$345,000² in property taxes to the Town of Fort Erie;

WHEREAS the Town of Fort Erie wishes to continue its ongoing moral and financial support of the Fort Erie Race Track as a critical component of the local economy and as one of the community's largest employers;

WHEREAS the Fort Erie Race Track is an integral component of Ontario's horse racing industry which employs approximately 60,000¹ across the Province of Ontario and is a most important economic driver of jobs in rural Ontario;

WHEREAS all three levels of government realize substantial revenues from the horse racing and breeding industry expenditures, this revenue having increased by 27%¹ in the last decade, as follows:

Federal Revenue	\$382.7 million ¹
Provincial Revenue	\$261 million (exclusive of slot machine profits) ¹
Local government	\$138 million (paid to host municipalities where slots are located) ¹

WHEREAS a total of \$1.5 billion in wages and salaries in Ontario are sustained annually by the total expenditures of the Ontario horse racing and breeding industry (50% higher than the \$1 billion in 2000)¹;

...cont'd.

WHEREAS the horse racing and breeding industry is the second largest sub-sector of the agricultural economy, exceeding the contributions of wheat, egg, poultry and hogs in 2010¹;

WHEREAS direct and indirect investment stimulates local economies with demand for products and services in rural Ontario provided by veterinarians, blacksmiths, hay and grain suppliers, transport workers and harness and saddle makers¹, as well as the thousands of jobs directly in horse racing and race track operations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie that it hereby petitions the Province of Ontario to maintain its support and commitment to the horse racing industry in Ontario in order to preserve and enhance this historic industry, and further

THAT the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, notify the Town of Fort Erie and its sister communities of the Province's intentions in this regard within a reasonable period of time, and further

THAT this resolution be circulated to Fort Erie's "sister" communities in Ontario who are also home to horse racing facilities or are home to economic sectors related to the horse racing industry, and

AND THAT Fort Erie's "sister" communities be encouraged to enact similar resolutions to express their support for Ontario's horse racing and breeding industries in writing to the Premier of Ontario to preserve and enhance the live racing industry in Ontario.

¹ The Economic Impacts of Horse Racing and Breeding in Ontario, 2012 by Econometric Research Limited, November 2011.

² Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, 2011.



MEMO

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Diana Gorassi
DEPARTMENT: Legislative and Information Services - Legislative Services
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
DATE: March 8, 2012

The following Proclamations have been issued during the month of February - March 2012.

Organization	Dates
Environmental Defence "Greenbelt Day"	Feb. 28, 2012
Mayor, Town of Ajax "Earth Hour " 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm	March 31, 2012
*Canadian Red Cross "Red Cross Month"	March 2012
Canadian Cancer Society "Fight Back Month"	April 2012
*Durham Region Labour Council "National Day of Mourning"	April 28, 2012
Epilepsy Durham Region "Epilepsy Awareness Month"	March 2012

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TOWN OF AJAX

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

President: February 6, 2012

Richard Silver, ABR

Mayor Steve Parish
Town of Ajax
65 Harwood Avenue South
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Past President:

William E. (Bill) Johnston, M.A., LL.B.

Dear Mayor Parish:

Directors:

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Larry Cerqua, REI

John (Jerry) England

Paul Etherington

Heather A. Fuller

Karen Gerrard

Lydia Ingles, ABR, GREEN

Rosalind Menary

Shelley Porritt

Larry Purchase

Joseph C.W. Shum

Dianne Usher

On behalf of the Members of the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB), I would like to share the views of Greater Toronto REALTORS® regarding the Town of Ajax's current budget deliberations.

As you may know, TREB is an association of over 33,000 REALTORS®, from across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), working in the residential, commercial, and industrial markets. Every day, REALTORS® work to help the public realize the dream of home ownership; they help businesses to succeed; they contribute to economic growth; and, perhaps, most importantly, they help our communities to prosper. In short, REALTORS® care deeply about the livability and competitiveness of the GTA.

In this regard, no decisions are more important than those made by Ajax Council during the process to set the Town's annual budget. Municipalities provide important services that help to create the quality of life that attracts residents and the competitiveness that allows businesses to succeed.

REALTORS® know first hand that quality regional and municipal services influence the home buying decisions of the public and the location decisions of businesses. For example, it is not uncommon for homebuyers to base their decisions on proximity to good libraries, community centres, or recreation programs. With regard to businesses, efficient municipal infrastructure, such as roads that allow for on-time delivery of goods and services, are critical. With this in mind, we urge the Town of Ajax and all municipalities to continue delivering efficient and effective municipal services.

Chief Executive
Officer

Don Richardson



Nevertheless, for the vast majority of the home buying public and business community, affordability is still the number one consideration. No matter how much a home buyer may like a particular community, it is not an option if they cannot afford to live there. Similarly, operating costs are a key consideration of any location for a business. This is notable because municipal costs, including property taxes, development charges, water rates, and other user fees, are some of the biggest home ownership and business operating expenses. In this regard, the results of a recent poll conducted for TREB by Ipsos Reid reveal some interesting perspectives. When homeowners across the GTA were asked what factors most influence their decision to purchase a home, the following results were received:

- 75% indicated access to public transit;
- 63% indicated property taxes; and,
- 58% indicated quality of roads and traffic flow.

With this in mind, we recognize that important municipal services must be funded fairly, but we urge the Town of Ajax to ensure that these services are being delivered in the most efficient ways possible so that municipally-related home ownership costs can be minimized. In this regard, it is encouraging to note that, according to our recent poll, approximately 70% of residents in the Ajax area believe that their tax dollars are being spent efficiently on municipal programs and services. We look forward to your ongoing commitment to provide excellent value to your constituents.

I hope you find our views helpful.

Sincerely,



Richard Silver
President

c.c. Town of Ajax Council
Christine Marquis, President, Durham Region Association of REALTORS®



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TOWN OF AJAX

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February 27, 2012

Mr. Silver, President
Toronto Real Estate Board
1400 Don Mills Road
Toronto, ON M3B 3N1

Dear Mr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter encouraging the Town of Ajax to ensure municipal services continue to be delivered efficiently during the Town's budget deliberations.

At the February 6th, Council Meeting, Ajax Council approved the Town's 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets, and the 2013 - 2016 Long Range Capital Forecast Budget. The budget results in a modest 2.75 per cent property tax rate increase.

At every point of the process the state of the economy and the impact it has on our taxpayers was at the forefront of our decision making. The 2012 budget focuses on maintaining the Town's core services, managing assets and infrastructure, and providing for growth. This is very much a stay the course budget – fair and responsible during these challenging economic times.

Through this budget, Council also established tax rate increase targets for the next two years to minimize the financial impact on residents and ensure tax rates remain reasonable. Over the last two Council terms, Ajax led the Region with the lowest tax increases. I am confident that Ajax's increases will continue to be among the lowest moving forward.

Preparing the Town's budget is always about making choices, setting priorities and evaluating how those choices affect the bottom line. The Town of Ajax is committed to being a place that we are proud to call home and welcomes others as a place to live. The 2012 budget continues to advance our goals and ensures we meet our objectives.

Sincerely,

Steve Parish,
Mayor,
Town of Ajax



MINUTES
Heritage Advisory Committee
December 7, 2011
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.9

Committee Members: Councillor Joanne Dies
Keith Bachmeier
Beverly Briggs
Antonella Inglesi-Grossi
Denise Koh-McLeod
Brian Lampole
Malcolm MacTaggart
Natasha Pierre

Staff: Christy Chrus, Senior Planner
Brenda Kriz, Manager of Records & FOI
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Justin McLeod

Guest: Katherine McCulloch, Interested Resident

1. Call to Order

Chair MacTaggart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Chrus introduced Ms. Katherine McCulloch as a guest and a resident interested in learning more about the Committee.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: K. Bachmeier
Seconded by: B. Lampole

That the Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on November 2, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 "Think & Drive" Safe Driving Campaign

Ms. Marilou Murray, Manger of Strategy, Communications and Policy, presented information relative to the Durham Region “Think & Drive” safe driving campaign. The campaign is coordinated through partnership with the Durham Region Health Department, Durham Regional Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police and Durham Region Emergency Management Service.

The campaign was identified as a road safety campaign to increase awareness of three driving behaviours: speeding, distracted driving and impaired driving. Ms. Murray reviewed key messaging for the campaign as well as opportunities for drivers to become more aware of their driving behaviours. Members were encouraged to participate in the online Durham Road Safety Challenge and to take the “Leave the Phone Alone” distracted driving pledge.

Ms. Murray provided statistics relative to motor vehicle accidents and distracted driving. It was noted that Durham Region has one of the highest rates of emergency room visits and hospitalizations due to motor vehicle accidents in the GTA. Reinforcing safe driving behaviours was identified as a priority within the Town’s Community Safety Strategy.

A two-phased Town of Ajax communications initiative promoting safe driving education and awareness was discussed. Phase 1 will focus on encouraging drivers to change their behaviour through completion of the online safety quiz and the distracted driving pledge and will include promotion of the community Road Watch program, where residents can report aggressive/dangerous drivers to Durham Regional Police. Phase 2 will focus on road and bicycle safety, as well as trail and pedestrian etiquette. Phase 2 is anticipated to launch in the spring of 2012. Ms. Murray identified the target audience for the campaign as Ajax residents, local drivers, young drivers and Town staff. She reviewed outreach initiatives and campaign success indicators.

Members posed several questions regarding aggressive drivers and the Road Watch program.

4.2 Heritage Site Evaluation Sheets

Ms. Chrus led discussion relative to the Heritage Site Evaluation sheets used to evaluate properties for Part IV (individual) designation. It was noted that various municipalities are including consideration for architectural styles from the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s. Members proposed that the evaluation of a property’s age be granted a more considerable weight in the overall score and that additional time eras be included for consideration.

Ms. Chrus agreed to prepare an updated draft of the document to be discussed at the January 4, 2012 Meeting.

4.3 Heritage Registry

Ms. Chrus reviewed the Ontario Regulation 9/06, *Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*. She discussed the differences between a heritage inventory and a heritage registry, noting that a formal registry would allow for extended time to review demolition applications submitted for any property included on the registry.

With the Committee's interest in creating a registry, Ms. Chrus proposed reviewing properties within the Heritage Photographic Inventory against Ontario Regulation (OR) 9/06 as a start to the registry process. She discussed the opportunity to do so at each meeting or through the establishment of a subcommittee.

Members proposed updating the Heritage Site Evaluation Sheet to include the criteria of OR 9/06. Questions were posed relative to the appeal process for a property owner who may not want their property listed on a registry. Ms. Chrus clarified that properties included on a registry do not have to be designated. Members also inquired about the time line for creation of a registry. It was noted that a registry could be added to periodically. It was suggested that areas within Ajax zoned for future development also be reviewed during the creation of a registry to consider properties that may have cultural heritage value. For the January 4, 2012 Meeting, Members were asked to review the Photographic Inventory in preparation for review of properties in consideration of OR 9/06 at the January 4, 2012 meeting.

4.4 Veterans Biography Project

Ms. Kriz noted that due to several monthly requests for information on the origin of Ajax street names, a street name biography project is underway. The project will compile biographic information for all of the streets named after someone. Ms. Kriz noted that currently 20 veterans' biographies have been completed for the 900 current street names in Town. To assist with the process, she has contacted the River Plate Association, HMS Ajax Association and Exeter Association. Upon completion of the project, a reference binder will be created, with a copy to be placed in the Town libraries and local schools. Information will also be shared on the OurOntario website. The Committee commended staff on the development of the project and noted its value to the community.

4.5 Old Post Inn Site Visit

Ms. Chrus and Ms. Kriz presented a slide show of images taken on a site visit to Old Post Inn, 365 Kingston Road East. The property was built circa 1815 and was originally used as one of many coach houses along Highway #2. Ms. Chrus and Ms. Kriz reviewed original floor plans for the property and discussed details relative to the porch, brickwork, arched hallways, pass-through windows, fireplaces, cook oven kitchen, dining room cabinet and heavy timber construction.

Plans for the interior restoration of the site were reviewed. It was noted that the tenant intends to use the facility as a daycare. The site was noted to be participating in Doors Open 2012.

4.6 "Bomb Girls" Canadian Drama

Ms. Kriz provided details of a forthcoming TV series about a World War II ammunition plant, called "Bomb Girls". She noted that she had been contacted by the show's production company to provide them with reel to reel footage from the DIL plant. It was noted that Shaw Media will be developing an interactive website for the show and that the Town will be developing communications initiatives to promote the show. Ms. Moore played a promotional video for the show, which premieres January 4, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. on Global.

With consent of all Members present, Item 5 Work Plan, Item, 6 Correspondence, Item 7 Update from Council and Item 8 New Business were brought forward.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

Ms. Chrus noted that the reference plan for the designation of the Memorial Park Gates has almost been completed.

5.2 Doors Open 2012

Ms. Koh-McLeod provided an update from the November Doors Open subcommittee meeting. At the meeting, Members reviewed the Pickering Village walking tour dialogue and discussed additional sites to add to the tour. The tour will focus on the eastern area of the Village. Ms. Chrus noted that 12 sites have confirmed participation in the Doors Open event and the application has been submitted to Ontario Heritage Trust.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Canadian Portrait Academy Current Press Release: Supreme Court Justice Unveils Important Portrait Sculpture

6.2 2012 Meeting Dates

With the consent of all Members present, the items of correspondence identified at the December 7, 2011 Meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee were received for information.

7. Update from Council

None

8. New Business

None

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.7 Video/Audio Media Transfer

Ms. Kriz played a series of video clips recently digitally reformatted from the Town's archival material. Her presentation included video of a Victory Bond promotional clip created by the Wrigley Gum Company, a McLean-Hunter Home Town Series segment on the University of

Toronto years in Ajax, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's promotional video for Ajax, as well as original 1939 footage aboard the HMS Ajax.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: K. Bachmeier
Seconded by: N. Pierre

That the December 7, 2011 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee be adjourned (8:20 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee
December 8, 2011
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.9

Committee Members:	Geoff Carpentier Russ Dolan Andrea Duncanson Wayne Hingston Wilfred Pierre Tanya Roberts Valerie Silveira
Staff:	Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Tim Murphy, Project Supervisor Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator
Guests:	Mary Williams, Staff Stewardship Liaison, TRCA
Regrets:	Councillor Joanne Dies, Phil Jocz, Karen McDonald, Monique Micallef, Kim Sellers

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Dolan called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: V. Silveira
Seconded by: T. Roberts

That the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on November 3, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Discussion Items

4.1 "Think & Drive" Safe Driving Campaign

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Members identified difficulties with changing driver behavior. The Committee raised questions relative to the other municipality’s participation in promotion of the campaign as well as to tracking of statistical changes. Members inquired whether doubling driving fines in Community Safety Zones would also apply to distracted driving fines.

4.2 2011 Provincial EAC Symposium Summary

Ms. Duncanson and Mr. Hingston provided details of their attendance at the 2011 Provincial EAC Symposium. The event was noted to be well attended, by approximately 150 people. The agenda provided the opportunity to learn about the priorities and mandates of other environmental advisory committees and several excellent guest speakers participated.

Ms. Duncanson discussed the opportunity for the Committee to post information on the provincial environmental advisory committee’s site, www.eacs.ca. Ms. Chala suggested including a Committee photo. In order to ensure that information is kept up to date and current to the Town’s advisory committee web pages, Ms. Chala and Ms. Moore agreed to manage the content of the site in consultation with the Committee.

4.3 Public Square – Bayly Street and Harwood Avenue Conceptual Plan

Mr. Murphy provided a brief overview of the conceptual plan for the development at the southwest corner of Bayly Street and Harwood Avenue. He noted that the development will include mixed residential property, a public square, reflecting pool and civic stage. The site will incorporate many trees and will be developed over three to four phases. Mr. Murphy noted that the Town is requesting that the design of the property relate to the Town’s history

and that it include cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. The site will also incorporate elements of bird-friendly design and will mitigate light pollution and the urban heat island effect.

Members inquired whether the facility will be LEED certified. Mr. Murphy noted that the development will incorporate several LEED components. It was suggested that the site include an arboretum with trees dedicated to each school in Ajax, as a means of community stewardship and education. It is anticipated that construction will break ground for phase one within the next year.

4.4 Migratory Bird Regulations and Species at Risk – Required Action

Mr. Murphy noted that he and Councillor Dies had met with Planning & Development staff to discuss the Committee's concerns with land clearing. He identified the need to highlight the requirements of the Migratory Bird Convention Act, and requested Co-Chair. Carpentier and Ms. McDonald's assistance in creating a summary document that could be shared with the appropriate Planning & Development staff.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

This Item was not discussed.

5.2 Operations & Environmental Services Update

Ms. Chala thanked Members for contributing ideas for Ajax Green Living Days initiatives. She provided details of several ongoing and forthcoming projects for the Operations & Environmental Services department including development of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), redevelopment of the Town's website and waste audits at Town facilities. Ms. Chala noted that she would be bringing more information forward in the new year regarding the ICSP, and will be requesting a representative from the Committee to participate in the project's Citizen Advisory Group.

5.3 DEAC Update

This Item was not discussed.

5.4 Brock Lands Master Plan Public Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Hingston provided a summary of the October and November Brock Lands Master Plan Public Advisory Committee Meetings. He reviewed a summary document on the Brock Lands site circulated to Members and discussed details of the site. It was noted that most of the restoration will be focused in the north site, with infill in the south. Mr. Hingston noted that cycling facilities had been raised as a discussion point. Members inquired whether the infill meets the Ministry of Environment's Table A Regulations. Mr. Hingston advised he would forward the inquiry to the TRCA staff for response. Members also requested that participation in liaison committees be added as an item on the work plan.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Update form Council

None

8. New Business

8.1 Future Discussion Items

Chair Dolan expressed interest in a discussion on road salt usage in Ajax. Ms. Chala noted that she will plan to bring updated information relative to the Town's Salt Management Plan to the January 5, 2012 Meeting. Members also discussed the banning of shark fins in various municipalities throughout the province.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: V. Silveira
Seconded by: A. Duncanson

That the December 8, 2011 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:55 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
December 14, 2011
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.9

Committee Members: Councillor Marilyn Crawford
Nicole Barrett, Co-Chair
Jessica Black
Jennifer Brown
Jeremy de Mel
Carol Dixon
Shirley Merith
Kristie Pratt
Baldish Toor

Staff: Robert Gruber, Manager - Community & Cultural Development
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator
Marilou Murray, Manager of Strategy, Communications & Policy

Regrets: Gilbert Estridge, Jeremy Barchman

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: S. Merith
Seconded by: J. Black

That the Minutes of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee held on November 9, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Discussion Items

4.1 "Think & Drive" Safe Driving Campaign

Ms. Marilou Murray, Manger of Strategy, Communications and Policy, presented information relative to the Durham Region "Think & Drive" safe driving campaign. The campaign is coordinated through partnership with the Durham Region Health Department, Durham

Regional Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police and Durham Region Emergency Management Service.

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Ms. Murray provided statistics relative to motor vehicle accidents and distracted driving. It was noted that Durham Region has one of the highest rates of emergency room visits and hospitalizations due to motor vehicle accidents in the GTA. Ms. Brown noted that Ajax is one of the top cities in Ontario with the highest automobile insurance rates. Reinforcing safe driving behaviours was identified as a priority within the Town's Community Safety Strategy.

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Ms. Murray noted that Ajax respondents comprised 75% of total quiz responses received by the Region of Durham. Members shared positive feedback on the campaign's social media component. The Committee inquired whether potential partnership with local driving schools had been considered. Members posed questions relative to the statistics presentation, speed boards and proposed that the campaign include testimonials moving forward.

4.2 Sport Filed Allocation Policy

With consent of all Members present, this Item was deferred until the January 11, 2012 Committee Meeting.

4.3 Canoe & Kayak Rental Program

Mr. Gruber provided a brief update on the provision of canoe and kayak rentals at the waterfront. It was noted that a third party will be contracted to administer rentals at the mouth of Duffin Creek at Rotary Park. It is proposed that rentals will be provided seven days per week between May and September. Mr. Gruber noted that Toronto Region Conservation Authority and Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority had participated in the review of the rental location in consideration of any environmental impact.

Members posed questions relative to foreseen upgrades to the boat launch as well as insurance administration.

4.4 St. Francis Centre 2012 Proposed Programming

Mr. Gruber reviewed several programs and events hosted at the St. Francis Centre since its opening in the summer of 2011. He noted that the facility is regularly used by four community groups: Eastside Harmony, City Gates Church, Young Singers and Ajax Community Theatre.

Approximately \$55,500 in donations was noted to have been received through sponsorship donations, naming agreements and the Best Seat in the House Campaign. Mr. Gruber discussed proposed programming for the 2012 season, which was noted to include performances from The Second City, Sing-a-long Grease, a Frank Sinatra Tribute as well as a dinner theatre performance by Durham Improv. A multicultural holiday performance and classic film screenings were also reviewed. Social media marketing and communications initiatives were discussed.

Members posed questions relative to theatre subscriptions and memberships, performance schedules and ticket pricing. Interest in online ticket reservation and/or purchasing opportunities was identified. Mr. Gruber noted that staff are looking into an online ticketing reservation process through the Town's new website. He noted the challenge in determining programming for the theatre appropriate to the general interest of the community. Similar theatre facilities such as the Oshawa Little Theatre were noted to host an annual public open house to solicit feedback from the community on the types of programs they are interested in attending at the theatre. The Committee expressed support for a similar meeting to be held prior to the Fall 2012 season, to assist with determining the St. Francis Centre programming.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

This Item was not discussed.

5.2 Recreation & Culture Departmental Update

Mr. Gruber reported information relative to the Town's New Year's Eve event to be held at the Ajax Community Centre. He noted that the event will include entertainment, skating and light refreshments, and will conclude with a balloon drop. Tickets may be purchased at the Ajax and McLean Community Centre.

Ms. Pratt inquired whether volunteers are needed for the event and expressed interest in participating. Mr. Gruber agreed to forward interest to Ms. Lisa Warth, Festivals and Events Coordinator.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Update from Council

Councillor Crawford Discussed the Pickering Village Tree Lighting Ceremony event, which incorporated the opening of several local businesses. She noted that the Pickering Village BIA is working towards bringing a Farmers' Market to the Village. Council's approval of bike lane sharrows on Delaney Drive. Members were encouraged to review the latest edition of the Town's publication, "Ajax Today".

Councillor Crawford discussed the Town's Building Strong Neighbourhoods initiative and provided details of the latest Brock Lands Master Plan Public Advisory Committee meeting.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

Moved by: K. Pratt

Seconded by: J. Black

That the December 14, 2011 meeting of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:50 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Youth Engagement Advisory Committee
December 14th, 2011
Large Board Room, Ajax Community Centre
Meeting No. 10

Committee Members:

C. Borthwick
E. Harrison
K. Rollan
W. Munir
S. Santhakumaran
M. Michalski

Regrets:

B. Sinnott
K. Jadoo
D. Danaf
S. Pereira
V. Forster
R. Sinnott
T. Grant
P. Selvakumar
S. James

1. Call to Order

Chair K. Rollan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: M. Michalski
Seconded by: S. Santhakumaran

That the regular Minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee held on November 9, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 Think & Drive" Safe Driving Campaign

R. Prochilo made a presentation on the Durham Region Safe Driving Campaign (an awareness campaign running from September to December). The message being promoted spoke to safe driving and ensuring drivers are not texting on their cell phones, putting on makeup while driving, or getting behind the wheel while angry. The message is being introduced to high school students and to older adults. Booths being set up in all Ajax high schools during lunch periods and in community centres. Posters have been placed in community centres, Town Hall, libraries, youth spaces and schools. An online survey link is also available through the Town of Ajax web page.

4.2 Volunteer Awards

A number of volunteer awards have been made available from December to February. Those looking to submit a form are to do so before deadline dates. Volunteer awards include: Volunteer Service Awards and Ontario Medal for young Volunteers (offered through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration) and the Terry James award.

4.3 Youth Week

Brainstorming for this event was deferred to next meeting. Members will work with November brainstorming.

4.4. Youth Spaces Events

Discussion focused on one or two events to promote YEAC and youth week (including a communications campaign leading up to May) along with one or two events after youth week to keep momentum of committee. A Valentine's Day event will also be held. The event to run prior to Valentine's Day and will include a movie and candy-grams, as well as roses for sale. Discussion will be continued at the January 11, 2012 Meeting. R. Prochilo to complete poster and check room availability.

4.5 2012 Work Plan

This item was deferred to the January 11, 2012 Meeting.

5. Update from Council

None

6. New Business

None

7. Adjournment

Moved by: E. Harrison
Seconded by: C. Borthwick

That the December 14, 2011 meeting of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:45 p.m.)

CARRIED



MINUTES
Heritage Advisory Committee
January 4, 2012
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.1

Committee Members: Councillor Joanne Dies
Keith Bachmeier
Beverly Briggs
Antonella Inglesi-Grossi
Brian Lampole
Malcolm MacTaggart, Co-Chair
Katherine McCulloch
Natasha Pierre
Victoria Shaw

Staff: Christy Chrus, Senior Planner
Brenda Kriz, Manager of Records & FOI
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator
Michelle McCarthy, Planner

Guest: Fanny Letourneau, Property Owner of 592 Kingston Road West
Jason Roussel, Property Owner of 592 Kingston Road West
John Randolph, Client of 592 Kingston Road West
Larry Rosen, Ajax Public Library Digital Information Assistant
Donna Bright, Chief Librarian and Executive Officer
Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Regrets: Denise Koh-McLeod, Justin McLeod

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair MacTaggart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Shaw and Ms. McCulloch were welcomed as new Members and introductions were made.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: B. Lampole
Seconded by: A. Inglesi-Grossi

That the Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on December 7, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 592 Kingston Road West: Review of Proposed Alterations

Mr. Jason Roussel and Ms. Fanny Letourneau, property owners of 592 Kingston Road West, represented by Mr. John Randolph, client, presented information relative to the current condition of the property, as well as proposed alterations to bring the property as close to its original appearance. The designated property is a solid brick structure, covered with aluminum siding and shutters. It has a 3-bay front and a hipped roof and is noted in the designation under the Ontario Heritage Act for its original 6/6 square headed pane windows, original hand drawn glass and front door transom.

Mr. Randolph noted details of the proposed alterations to include replacement of the existing white siding with red siding to return the building to its original redbrick colour. He presented images illustrating significant deterioration to the window casings. It was noted that the property owners have made several cost inquiries with regard to potential restoration materials, specifically for the siding and front façade windows. The owners expressed intent to maintain the original glass, however upon further consultation were advised that removal of the glass during the alteration process may result in damage.

Mr. Roussel circulated sample materials proposed for the resurfacing of the building's exterior as well as for the eaves trough. It was noted that due to the property's close proximity to Kingston Road, the darker, higher quality material may be better suited to withstand environmental impact (weather, exhaust, etc.). He explained the financial cost variances of replacing the windows with various materials including wood, plastic and vinyl.

Members raised several questions relative to the materials proposed for alterations to the exterior and inquiries were made as to the possibility of maintaining the original brick once the current siding is removed. Mr. Roussel identified concern for maintaining exposed brick, as it may hinder the insulation of the property.

The Committee expressed concern for the impact of window alteration on the original glass. Members discussed whether the windows should be replaced with wood, in keeping with the original appearance, or with vinyl, which may provide a cost-effective sustainable solution.

Co-Chair MacTaggart invited Mr. Roussel, Ms. Letourneau and Mr. Randolph to attend a forthcoming meeting to present additional research and more details relative to their alteration plan and continue discussion with the Committee.

4.2 Defence Industries Limited Plant Video

Mr. Larry Rosen, Ajax Public Library Digital Information Assistant/Courier-Page, introduced a multimedia project under development relative to Ajax during the war years. The project includes creation of an hour-long online video and five photo essays that incorporate images, audio and video clips from the Ajax Archives. The media represents various themes including life inside and outside the Defence Industries Limited (D.I.L.) plant, the people of D.I.L., the naming of Ajax and stories from the Commando. Mr. Rosen presented a brief sample of the video material showcasing the birth of a Town.

Members commended Mr. Rosen on the development of a project that showcases the multimedia resources of the Ajax Archives in a context for the public to appreciate and learn from. The Committee inquired about the timeline for the project's completion. Mr. Rosen noted that the project is targeted for launch in March 2012.

Mr. Rosen provided details of a forthcoming D.I.L. public scanning day on January 25 to be held at the Ajax Public Library. The event will provide the opportunity for members of the public to contribute material to the Town's digital historical archive collection on the OurOntario website. Members inquired how the opportunity has been communicated to the community. He noted that the event has been shared with the local seniors' centres, the Legion, Rotary Club, as well as local media outlets.

4.3 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ms. Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, provided an introduction to the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) initiative. She defined sustainability as ensuring there will be "enough, for all, forever". Ms. Chala reviewed the three pillars of sustainability for the Town's plan: environment, society & culture, and economy. Development of the ICSP was identified as a process that will create a vision, goals and progress tracking to be implemented in all areas of the Town and community.

Ms. Chala noted that the process will be led by a consultant, but will be community driven. She reviewed the benefits of developing a municipal ICSP and discussed several core community outreach and engagement initiatives that will assist with the Plan's development. She identified the establishment of a broad community stakeholder steering committee for the project that will be charged with creating a vision for the Plan and will provide input relative to its development. Ms. Chala requested a representative from the Committee to be appointed to the ICSP steering committee. Participation in the steering committee will require attendance at six meetings over the course of the year.

Members inquired whether ICSPs in neighboring municipalities are being developed in consultation with one another. Ms. Chala noted that the Region is currently undertaking a similar initiative and that environmental coordinators throughout the municipality are in contact with each other regularly. Members raised questions relative to the details of the steering committee meeting dates and times.

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: K. Bachmeier

That Malcolm MacTaggart be appointed as a representative of the Heritage Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee.

CARRIED

4.4 Site Plan Application SP18/11 – Medallion Developments (Bayly Square) Limited Bayly / Harwood - Phase 1

Ms. Chrus presented information relative to the site plan application for development at the south west corner of Bayly Street and Harwood Avenue. The proposed development was

noted to be adjacent to 21 Bayly Street, St. Bernadette's Church, a property identified on the Wish List. The development process will include a sun/shade report, which will identify any potential impact to the church's stained glass windows. Construction of the 23-storey building is not foreseen to present any impact on the church.

Ms. Chrus and Councillor Dies reviewed details of the site plan and phased construction timeline. It was noted that the site will incorporate a public square, transit loop, several trees, underground parking amenities, as well as a skating rink, public washrooms and two rental/residential/retail buildings.

No comments/objections from the Committee were noted on the proposal as presented.

4.5 Ontario Heritage Week 2012: February 20th to 26th 2012

Ms. Chrus reminded the Committee of Ontario Heritage Week 2012 to be recognized February 20-26 2012. Members and staff discussed ideas for a heritage display at Town Hall. Members proposed an additional display at the library branches. Publication of the display in the News Advertiser Community Pages was proposed. It was suggested that the display incorporate samples of Mr. Rosen's digital media presentations, or provide details of the forthcoming launch.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

This Item was not discussed.

5.2 Doors Open 2012

Ms. Chrus noted that the Town has officially registered with Ontario Heritage Trust to participate in Doors Open and the 12 participating sites have been confirmed. Ms. Moore agreed to circulate the site listing which includes a write-up and photograph, to the Committee via email. The site listing will be included in the Doors Open Ontario Guide.

5.3 Heritage Registrar Evaluation (Ontario Reg. 9/06)

For the purposes of creating a Heritage Registrar, the Committee discussed classification of several heritage inventory properties and evaluated their eligibility using the criteria provided in Ontario Regulation 9/06, *Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest*. Members expressed interest in continuing to review a list of properties at each Committee Meeting.

5.3.1 457 Kingston Road West

With consent of all Members present, 457 Kingston Road West, Quaker Meeting House, was identified to meet the following criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 s. 1 (2):

1. The property has a design value or physical value because it, i) is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method;
2. The property has historical value or associative value because it, i) has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community, ii) yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture;
3. The property has contextual value because it, i) is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area, ii) is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, and iii) is a landmark.

5.3.2 100 Old Kingston Road

With consent of all Members present, 100 Old Kingston Road was identified to meet the following criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 s. 1 (2):

1. The property has a design value or physical value because it, i) is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method, ii) displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit;
2. The property has historical value or associative value because it, i) has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community;
3. The property has contextual value because it, i) is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area, ii) is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, and iii) is a landmark.

5.3.3 744 Kingston Road East

With consent of all Members present, 744 Kingston Road East, the Stonehaven cottage, was identified to meet the following criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 s. 1 (2):

1. The property has a design value or physical value because it, i) is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method;
2. The property has historical value or associative value because it, i) has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community, ii) yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture;
3. The property has contextual value because it, i) is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area, and ii) is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

6. Correspondence

6.1 2012 Committee Mixer & Effective Chair/Member Workshop

6.2 “Bomb Girls” Production Notes

With the consent of all Members present, the items of correspondence identified at the January 4, 2012 Meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee were received for information.

7. Update from Council

None

8. New Business

8.1 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards

Ms. Moore distributed nomination packages for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards. She noted the March 2, 2012 deadline for nominations. Forms will be distributed to volunteer-based community groups, service clubs, and Town advisory committees and will also be available at various Town facilities. It was noted that Advisory Committee Members, staff and Council are not eligible to submit nominations. Members were encouraged to promote the program within the community. She advised that the Recreation & Culture Department has requested the participation of at least two committee members to sit on the jury committee which will review the nomination packages and select the award recipients for each category. Co-Chair MacTaggart, Ms. Shaw and Mr. Bachmeier volunteered to assist and Ms. Moore agreed to forward their contact information.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: K. Bachmeier
Seconded by: V. Shaw

That the January 4, 2012 meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee be adjourned (8:00 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee
January 5, 2012
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.1

Committee Members: Councillor Joanne Dies
Geoff Carpentier, Co-Chair
Russ Dolan, Co-Chair
Wayne Hingston
Karen McDonald
Monique Micallef
Wilfred Pierre
Kim Sellers
Valerie Silveira

Staff: Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Guests: Mary Williams, Staff Stewardship Liaison, TRCA

Regrets: Andrea Duncanson, Tanya Roberts, Phil Jocz, Tim Murphy,
Maryam Nassar

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Carpentier called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: V. Silveira
Seconded by: M. Micallef

That the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on December 8, 2011, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ms. Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, provided an introduction to the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) initiative. She defined sustainability as ensuring there will be "enough, for all, forever". Ms. Chala reviewed the three pillars of sustainability for the Town's plan: environment, society & culture, and economy. Development of the ICSP was identified as a process that will create a vision, goals and progress tracking to be implemented in all areas of the Town and community.

Ms. Chala noted that the process will be led by a consultant, but will be community driven. She reviewed the benefits of developing a municipal ICSP and discussed several core community outreach and engagement initiatives that will assist with the Plan's development. She identified the establishment of a broad community stakeholder steering committee for the project that will be charged with creating a vision for the Plan and will provide input relative to its development. Ms. Chala requested a representative from the Committee to be appointed to the ICSP steering committee. Participation in the steering committee will require attendance at six meetings over the course of the year.

Members inquired how the public consultation will be managed. Ms. Chala advised that the steering committee will comprise the majority of public consultation, but additional community outreach activities as well as public meetings will be incorporated. Members raised questions relative to the details of the steering committee meeting dates and times.

Moved by: K. McDonald
Seconded by: W. Hingston

That Kim Sellers be appointed as a representative of the Environmental Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee; and

That Valerie Silveira be appointed as an alternate representative of the Environmental Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee.

CARRIED

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

Co-Chair Carpentier led a detailed review of the work plan, Members present expressed interest in updates on several initiatives including the Urban Forest Management Plan, Shoreline Improvement Strategy, Greenwood Management Plan, and waste management.

Councillor Dies provided an update on the first year of the Ajax Community Garden project. She noted that the Town is currently awaiting approval of Official Plan Amendment 38, which will allow for creation of a community garden on any land except that which is environmentally protected.

Members requested that an item relative to the Town's Salt Management Plan be added to the Work Plan. The Committee's interest in presentations on the Salt Management Plan and Regional Waste Management Plan was noted.

Ms. Chala agreed to coordinate with staff from the appropriate departments to develop a tentative presentation schedule for the Work Plan.

5.2 Operation & Environmental Services Update

Ms. Chala provided details of the forthcoming launch of the Town's new website on January 12, 2012. She discussed development of an internal staff "green team" that will assist with championing corporate environmental initiatives. She noted that the second phase of facility waste audits had been completed and that the results will be shared with the Committee once with report is complete.

Ms. McDonald expressed concern for mixed messaging corresponding with implementation of corporate environmental initiatives, specifically with the use of drive-thrus by Town staff in municipal vehicles.

Moved by: K. McDonald
Seconded by: M. Micallef

That a Town of Ajax policy be developed to restrict Town staff from using a drive-thru when in a municipal vehicle.

CARRIED

5.3 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) Update

None

5.4 Brock Lands Master Plan Public Advisory Committee Update

It was noted that the Committee is working on development of a newsletter related to the Master Plan.

6. Correspondence

6.1 2012 Committee Mixer & Effective Chair/Member Workshop

6.2 November 24, 2011 General Government Committee Report: *Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plan Outfall Environmental Assessment – Stakeholder Advisory Committee*

With the consent of all Members present, the items of correspondence identified at the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee were received for information.

7. Update from Council

None

8. New Business

8.1 Staff Liaison Reassignment

Ms. Chala informed the Committee that effective January 2012, Mr. Murphy had been reassigned to the Active Transportation and Trails Advisory Committee. On behalf of the Committee, Co-Chair Carpentier requested that a thank-you be forwarded to Mr. Murphy acknowledging his dedicated contribution to the Committee. Members expressed interest in having a second staff liaison appointed to the Committee and discussed the value of a liaison appointment from Planning & Development Services.

Moved by: W. Hingston
Seconded by: V. Silveira

That a second staff liaison, preferably from Planning & Development Services, be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee as a Committee staff liaison.

CARRIED

8.2 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards

Ms. Moore distributed nomination packages for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards. She noted the March 2, 2012 deadline for nominations. Forms will be distributed to volunteer-based community groups, service clubs, and Town advisory committees and will also be available at various Town facilities. It was noted that Advisory Committee Members, staff and Council are not eligible to submit nominations. Members were encouraged to promote the program within the community, especially the Good Neighbour Award. She advised that the Recreation & Culture Department has requested the participation of at least two committee members to sit on the jury committee which will review the nomination packages and select the award recipients for each category. Mr. Hingston and Ms. McDonald volunteered to assist and Ms. Moore agreed to forward their contact information.

8.3 Home Depot Water Conservation Workshop

Ms. Sellers provided details of a free water conservation workshop to be held at the Ajax Home Depot on Saturday January 14, 2012. Additional details were noted to be available online at www.homedepot.ca.

8.4 Shark Fin Ban

Mr. Dolan and Ms. Silveira inquired whether Council had received a delegation relative to the ban of shark fins. Councillor Dies noted that no such delegation has come before Council. She noted that there is no municipal authority to ban a product that is allowed by the Federal Government.

8.5 Update on Scugog Public Advisory Committee on Waste Water Environmental Assessment

Co-Chair Carpentier provided a brief update relative to the committee and noted that the Municipality of Scugog has undertaken a detailed review of treatment options and has ruled

out all but three options – (1) expansion of the current system, (2) building a new plant and (3) status quo. They have determined that it is less expensive to expand the existing waste management plant as opposed to building a new one. He noted that he would provide future updates to the Committee.

8.6 Discussion on Energy Conservation and Consumption

Co-Chair Dolan led discussion relative energy conservation and expressed concerns with the rising costs of utilities being attributed to conservation efforts, as it may foster an apathetic attitude towards personal environmental stewardship initiatives.

Councillor Dies provided a summary of a recent delegation to council by Robyn Hamlyn, an elementary school student from Kingston, ON who is contacting municipalities across Ontario to encourage their support for the Blue Communities Project, a joint initiative launched by the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Council of Canadians to promote water as a public resource and a human right in communities across Canada. The Committee requested that Ms. Moore send out information on Blue Communities.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: K. McDonald
Seconded by: K. Sellers

That the January 5, 2012 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:30 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
January 11, 2012
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.1

Committee Members: Councillor Marilyn Crawford
Jeremy Barchman, Co-Chair
Nicole Barrett, Co-Chair
Jessica Black
Jennifer Brown
Shirley Merith
Kristie Pratt

Staff: Robert Gruber, Manager - Community & Cultural Development
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator
Debbie Nickerson, Manager of Administration, Recreation & Culture
Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Regrets: Gilbert Estridge, Jeremy de Mel, Carol Dixon, Baldish Toor

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

With consent of all Members present, the Meeting proceeded without quorum.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

With consent of all Members present, this Item 4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and Item 4.2 Sport Field Allocation Policy were brought forward.

4. Presentations/Discussion Items

4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ms. Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, provided an introduction to the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) initiative. She defined sustainability as ensuring there will be "enough, for all, forever". Ms. Chala reviewed the three pillars of sustainability for the Town's plan: environment, society & culture, and economy. Development of the ICSP was identified as a process that will create a vision, goals and progress tracking to be implemented in all areas of the Town and community.

Quorum was met at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Chala noted that the process will be led by a consultant, but will be community driven. She reviewed the benefits of developing a municipal ICSP and discussed several core community outreach and engagement initiatives that will assist with the Plan's development. She identified the establishment of a broad community stakeholder steering committee for the project that will be charged with creating a vision for the Plan and will provide input relative to its development. Ms. Chala requested a representative from the Committee to be appointed to the ICSP steering committee. Participation in the steering committee will require attendance at six meetings over the course of the year.

Members raised questions relative to the details of the steering committee meeting dates and times. Mr. Gruber encouraged Ms. Chala to contact Ms. Sharlene Melnike, Community Development Coordinator, to assist with contacting local community groups for participation in the steering committee. Ms. Brown suggested that Ms. Chala connect with the Ajax in Bloom Committee to discuss inclusion of a sustainability/native plant focus in the award criteria.

Moved by: S. Merith
Seconded by: K. Pratt

That Jessica Black be appointed as a representative of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee; and

That Jeremy Barchman be appointed as an alternate representative of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee.

CARRIED

4.2 Sport Field Allocation Policy

Ms. Debbie Nickerson, Manager of Administration, Recreation & Culture, reviewed recent changes to the Sport field allocation policy. The policy was created in 2003 with minor amendments made in 2008. It was noted that additional amendments are required in response to current trends and operational requirements.

Ms. Nickerson provided a high-level summary of changes to the document, noting it had been reformatted and language had been simplified. Allocation procedures have been clarified to assist users in understanding how field time is assigned. Ms. Nickerson noted that the "diversity lens" had been applied to the policy and that language had been added relative to emerging sports groups and new trends occurring within current sports that can sometimes result in supply and demand conflicts. Changes to the policy now grant the Town the ability to allocate historical field time where reasonable in response to communities of interest. Ms. Nickerson noted that the policy is intended to foster a collaborative negotiation. It was noted that the policy will be presented to the General Government Committee for approval on January 19, 2012.

Members inquired how new and emerging sports groups know what is required of their application for field allocation. Ms. Nickerson noted that groups often consult with governing

sports bodies, other sports groups or town staff before preparing their application proposal. Members inquired if such policies exist for the pools and gymnasiums. Ms. Nickerson noted that only such policy currently exists for sport field and ice allocation. She noted that the revised Ice Allocation Policy will be coming before the Committee in the new year.

With consent of all Members present, Item 3, Approval of the Minutes was brought forward

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: K. Pratt
Seconded by: M. Crawford

That the Minutes of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee held on December 14, 2011, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4.3 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards

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5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

This Item was not discussed.

5.2 Recreation & Culture Departmental Update

Mr. Gruber reported information relative to the Town's New Year's Eve event that was held at the Ajax Community Centre. He noted that the event was well attended. Ms. Pratt proposed that simple face painting designs be used for the face painting station to eliminate wait times.

Mr. Gruber circulated event flyers for Winterfest and provided details of a Valentine's themed event to be facilitated by the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee. He reminded Members that tickets are still available for the Second City iLove performance at the St. Francis Centre and provided an update on the online ticket sales process and customer feedback. As a result of the Town's new website launch, Mr. Gruber advised Members that staff email addresses have changed to the domain @ajax.ca.

Ms. Brown inquired about details of the Chinese New Year Celebration event taking place at the Ajax Community Centre on January 22, 2012.

6. Correspondence

6.1 2012 Committee Mixer & Effective Chair/Member Workshop

With consent of all Members present, the item of correspondence identified at the January 11, 2012 Meeting of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee was received for information.

7. Update from Council

Councillor Crawford provided a summary of the Pickering Village tree-lighting event. She updated Members on the Brock Lands Master Plan Public Advisory Committee, noting that the Durham Mountain Biking Association has inquired whether future use of the land will allow for cycling. Mr. Gruber proposed connecting the Durham Radio Control Car Club with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority to determine if land may be available for future use by the Club.

Councillor Crawford provided details of her Community Open House Meeting to be held at Vimy Ridge School on the evening of January 25, 2012. She also provided an update on the proposed coordination of the farmer's market in Pickering Village.

8. New Business

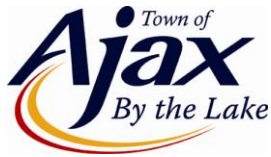
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9. Adjournment

Moved by: J. Barchman
Seconded by: J. Black

That the January 11, 2012 meeting of the Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:30 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Youth Engagement Advisory Committee
January 11, 2012
Meeting Room 1, McLean Community Centre
Meeting No. 11

Committee Members: B. Sinnott
 K. Jadoo
 S. Pereira
 V. Forster
 P. Selvakumar
 S. James
 E. Harrison
 K. Rollan

Regrets: C. Borthwick
 M. Michalski
 S. Santhakumaran
 W. Munir
 T. Grant
 R. Sinnott
 D. Danaf

1. Call to Order

Chair B. Sinnott called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: E. Harrison
Seconded by: P. Selvakumar

That the regular Minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee held on December 14, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, presented information relative to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. The presentation covered what is the ICSP and what role the committee members will play.

Moved by: V. Forster
Seconded by: B. Sinnott

That S. James and E. Harrison be appointed to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee, as representatives from the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4.2 Volunteer Recognition Awards

Nominations for the 2012 Volunteer Recognition Awards are being accepted. All applications are due March 2, 2012. Applications can be found on-line, in our community centres, Town Hall and Libraries. Two members of this committee have been selected and will sit on the selection committee for these awards (P. Selvakumar & K. Rollan).

4.3 February Event

Valentines event finalized with flyer changes and event details. Flyer to be posted in high schools, community centres, youth spaces and on the new ajaxyouth.ca web page. All members to be in attendance that night and will play a role in running the event. Event date Friday February 10, 2012 held at the St. Francis Centre. Members have been asked to promote in their high schools and through social media.

4.4 Youth Week

Youth Week 2012 agenda has been finalized with committee members taking a lead on each project. Each project will include a steering committee who will work out the logistics of their event. R. Prochilo to work on flyer creation and bring back to the group for changes. All events and flyer to be finalized March 31, 2012 for allow for a month-long promotion.

Final agenda will include:

1. Cooking Workshop – B. Sinnott
2. Movie & Banquet – K.Rollan
3. Spa – P. Selvakumar, S. Pereira & V. Forster
4. Soccer Event – E. Harrison

4.5 2012 Work Plan

New items for the 2012 work plan were discussed. Some items brought over from 2011. R. Prochilo to work on putting the work plan document together and present at the February 8, 2012 meeting.

6. Update from Council

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Moved by: S. James
Seconded by: K. Judo

That the January 11, 2012 meeting of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee be adjourned. (8 p.m.)

CARRIED



MINUTES
Accessibility Advisory Committee
January 18, 2012
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No.1

Committee Members: Councillor Brown
Sepelene Deonarine
Dawn Gabriel
Camille Gooden
Vincent Plouffe, Chair
Kathreen Smith
Jibran Vahidy

Guests: Leigh Reynolds, senior Citizen Services Specialist, Citizen Services Branch – York/Durham Region, Service Canada
Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Staff: Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Yvonne Andrews, Marion Dunning, Michel St-Arneault

1. Call to Order

Chair Plouffe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

With consent of all Members present, the Meeting proceeded without quorum.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

With consent of all members present, Item 4.1 Federal Government Programs for Persons with Disabilities, was brought forward.

4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 Federal Government Programs for persons with Disabilities

Ms. Leigh Reynolds, Senior Citizen Services Specialist, Citizen Services Branch York/Durham Region, Service Canada, provided an introduction of the programs and services for persons with disabilities provided by Service Canada. Support programs were noted in a variety of areas including transportation, employment and income support. Ms. Reynolds highlighted two government employment funding programs for youth and adults with disabilities that subsidize wages for participants. Application criteria and guidelines were reviewed. The Youth Employment Strategy program was noted to include provision of

accessible assistive devices, such as software and laptops that participants can retain after the program's conclusion.

Ms. Gooden and Ms. Gabriel entered the Meeting. Quorum was met. (6:10 p.m.)

Ms. Reynolds discussed federal funding and grants opportunities for persons with disabilities through partnerships with the Ontario March of Dimes. Details were provided relative to the Registered Disability Savings Plan.

Ms. Reynolds discussed the establishment of a team of Citizen Service Specialists, which will provide mobile transaction clinics by bringing Service Canada staff onsite to assist individuals in the community. She circulated an information package relative to the programs discussed and provided additional contact information for the Service Canada Grants Call Centre.

Members inquired whether Service Canada is working with the Community Development Council Durham. Ms. Reynolds noted that Service Canada works closely with the Durham Welcome Centres and will be looking to set up mobile transaction clinics on location in the centres within Durham Region.

With consent of all members present, Item 3. Approval of the Minutes, was brought forward.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

4.2 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ms. Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, provided an introduction to the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) initiative. She defined sustainability as ensuring there will be "enough, for all, forever". Ms. Chala reviewed the three pillars of sustainability for the Town's plan: environment, society & culture, and economy. Development of the ICSP was identified as a process that will create a vision, goals and progress tracking to be implemented in all areas of the Town and community.

Ms. Chala noted that the process will be led by a consultant, but will be community driven. She reviewed the benefits of developing a municipal ICSP and discussed several core community outreach and engagement initiatives that will assist with the Plan's development. She identified the establishment of a broad community stakeholder steering committee for the project that will be charged with creating a vision for the Plan and will provide input relative to its development. Ms. Chala requested a representative from the Committee to be appointed to the ICSP steering committee. Participation in the steering committee will require attendance at six meetings over the course of the year.

Members raised questions relative to the details of the steering committee meeting dates and times.

Moved by: P. Brown
Seconded by: D. Gabriel

That Sepelene Deonarine be appointed as a representative of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee.

Members identified the value of appointing an alternate representative to the ICSP steering committee. *The recommendation was amended by the inclusion of the wording noted in **bold**.*

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

That Sepelene Deonarine be appointed as a representative of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee; **and**

That Kathreen Smith be appointed as an alternate representative of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee.

CARRIED

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

Ms. Moore provided an overview of the draft 2012 Committee Work Plan, noting several forthcoming initiatives such as the Annual Accessibility Plan, and review of the development at Bayly Street and Harwood Avenue. She encouraged members to forward items of interest for inclusion on the 2012 Work Plan. Members expressed interest in a list of building projects for 2012 and inquired about presentations from the Welcome Centre and the accessible employment practices of local employers.

Moved by: S. Deonarine
Seconded by: J. Vahidy

That the Draft 2012 Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

6.1 2012 Committee Mixer and Effective Chair/Member Workshop

6.2 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards

Ms. Moore distributed nomination packages for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards. She noted the March 2, 2012 deadline for nominations. Forms will be distributed to volunteer-based community groups, service clubs, and Town advisory committees and will also be available at various Town facilities. It was noted that Advisory Committee Members, staff and Council are not eligible to submit nominations. Members were encouraged to promote the program within the community, especially the Good Neighbour Award. She advised that the Recreation & Culture Department has requested the participation of at least two committee members to sit on the jury committee which will review the nomination packages and select the award recipients for each category. Members interested in participating were asked to contact Ms. Moore.

Members inquired why they were ineligible from nominating an individual and expressed interest in nominating Mr. Angus. Ms. Moore proposed that the Committee consider nominating Mr. Angus for the annual DREN Employability Award.

With the consent of all Members present the items of correspondence identified on the January 18, 2012 agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee were received for information.

7. Update from Council

None

8. New Business

8.1 Member Resignation

Chair Plouffe informed the Committee of Mr. Angus's resignation. Ms. Moore noted that a letter of thanks and acknowledgement had been forwarded to Mr. Angus on behalf of the Mayor and Council. Should Mr. Angus return to Ajax, he has expressed interest in re-applying to the Committee.

8.2 Community Centre Access Concerns

On behalf of Mr. Angus, Chair Plouffe inquired whether a follow-up response had been received regarding concerns presented relative to the weight of change room doors at the Town's community centres. Ms. Moore advised that Facilities and Operations staff were looking into acquiring a tool to measure the weight of the doors and agreed to follow-up with staff and report back to the Committee.

8.3 Contact List

Members requested an updated version of the Committee contact list. Ms. Moore agreed to provide the list electronically as well as in hard copy format at the February 15, 2012 Meeting.

8.4 Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings

Ms. Moore provided details of the quarterly Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings held at the Region of Durham Headquarters. Chair Plouffe noted that he would be unable to attend, as meetings are held during the day. Vice-Chair Smith noted interest in attending. The opportunity for other interested Members to attend was noted. Ms. Moore advised that she would make efforts to attend and report back to the Committee and agreed to provide the meeting details to Members.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Deonarine
Seconded by: K. Smith

That the January 18, 2012 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:20 p.m.).

CARRIED



MINUTES
Diversity and Community Engagement
Advisory Committee
January 25, 2012
Boulevard Room, Town Hall
Meeting No. 1

Committee Members:	Regional Councillor Colleen Jordan Sobia Ahmad Denise Burnett Deborah Thompson Roxanne Horwitz
Staff:	David Forget, Manager of Quality Service & Special Projects Sharlene Melnike, Community Development Co-ordinator Sarah Moore, Committee Co-ordinator
Guests:	Shengli Feng, Executive Vice President, Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Regrets:	Councillor Renrick Ashby, Javed Akbar, Tara Syed, Jennifer Hirlehey, Mohamed Karatella, Moody Samuel Farag, Glenda Jones, Natasha Prasad

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

With consent of all Members present the meeting proceeded without quorum. Item 4. Presentation/Discussion Items was brought forward.

4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre

Mr. Shengli Feng, Executive Vice-President of the Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre (DCCC), presented a thorough overview of its programs and services provided to Chinese Canadians and the general public. The DCCC is a registered not-for-profit organization and is a family, education and intercultural oriented community organization devoting its efforts to serve Chinese Canadians and the Durham Region.

Mr. Feng identified the organization's three-year growth plan and discussed interest in establishing staff and facility capability. The DCCC is also looking to establish a comprehensive school for non-Chinese participants and will seek charitable status. He reviewed information relative to Chinese community settlement and shared population statistics for Durham Region and the GTA. It was noted that Chinese population in Toronto, Richmond Hill and Markham is significantly higher than in Durham Region communities.

Several factors were reviewed attributing to the attraction for Chinese communities to settle in Toronto, Richmond Hill and Markham, which included strong real estate markets, business and tourism growth, greater employment opportunities and high academic EQAO testing results. Mr. Feng identified that the Chinese community values Ajax's business growth opportunities, transportation system, sustainable population growth, diverse community, excellent heritage preservation, ecological environment, and lower housing costs.

The DCCC acts as a community and cultural ambassador, promoting awareness and inclusion in Ajax and the Region of Durham through its programs and events. The need for facility support, funding and endorsement was identified. Mr. Feng presented a slide show of images from various DCCC community events including participation in the Town's Canada Day celebration, Chinese New Year's Celebration event, a Chinese flag-raising event in the City of Pickering and partnership events with University of Toronto Institute of Technology and Durham College.

Ms. Melnike commended Mr. Feng and the DCCC for their efforts in establishing their organization and the creation of its many community programs and partnerships over the past six months.

4.2 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ms. Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, provided an introduction to the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) initiative. She defined sustainability as ensuring there will be "enough, for all, forever". Ms. Chala reviewed the three pillars of sustainability for the Town's plan: environment, society & culture, and economy. Development of the ICSP was identified as a process that will create a vision, goals and progress tracking to be implemented in all areas of the Town and community.

Ms. Chala noted that the process will be led by a consultant, but will be community driven. She reviewed the benefits of developing a municipal ICSP and discussed several core community outreach and engagement initiatives that will assist with the Plan's development. She identified the establishment of a broad community stakeholder steering committee for the project that will be charged with creating a vision for the Plan and will provide input relative to its development. Ms. Chala requested a representative from the Committee to be appointed to the ICSP steering committee. Participation in the steering committee will require attendance at six meetings over the course of the year.

Members raised questions relative to the details of the steering committee meeting dates and times. Ms. Chala noted that the meetings are anticipated to take place in the evening, for approximately two hours and that dates will rotate. Ms. Ahmad and Ms. Horwitz volunteered to represent the Committee. With the absence of quorum, Ms. Moore agreed to circulate Ms. Chala's presentation to those absent and solicit additional volunteers.

With consent of all Members present, Item 3. Approval of Minutes, was brought forward.

3. Approval of Minutes

With consent of all Members present, the Minutes of the November 23, 2011 Diversity and Community Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting were approved.

4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.3 Final DRAFT Committee Membership Diversity Survey

Ms. Moore, Committee Coordinator, presented a draft Committee Diversity Survey for review and comment. She noted that the survey had been drafted by the Staff Diversity & Community Engagement Plan Implementation Committee in response to strategic directive CE40 of the Plan; to “work to ensure that all advisory/steering committees and volunteers reflect the community they serve”. The intent of the survey is to provide statistical data relative to the composition of the Town’s volunteer committees.

Ms. Moore noted that several diversity survey formats had been researched and elements had been included from Statistics Canada’s Ethnic Diversity Survey and a Multiculturalism and Inclusivity Survey. The survey is anonymous and completion is voluntary.

Members expressed concern with the intrusiveness of a question relative to sexual orientation and questioned the legality of the survey’s content. Staff noted that sexual orientation is identified as an element of diversity within the Plan. It was noted that all questions include the option not to provide an answer. Regional Councillor Jordan proposed that a more detailed introduction relative to the survey’s sensitive content, context within the Plan, and use of results be included.

Members expressed concern with confidentiality of surveys completed online relative to the potential for IP addresses to be determined and participants to be identified. The purpose and validity of the survey was challenged. Members inquired how results would be used if it was identified that the committee membership was not representative of the community. Staff noted that measurable results would assist with identifying areas for improving communication of committee recruitment opportunities.

Members questioned whether a survey of volunteers is necessary, or the appropriate method for collecting such information, as the results received may not be a true representation. The importance of valuing differences and recognizing dimensions of diversity in place of identifying differences in categories was noted.

Ms. Moore solicited feedback on alternative methods to establish a baseline of committee composition. She indicated that she would take the Committee’s comments back to the staff Diversity & Community Engagement Plan Implementation Committee for further discussion and would report back to the Committee at a forthcoming meeting.

4.4 Discussion/Presentation Topics

Ms. Melnike expressed concern for low meeting attendance when external presenters are schedule to attend Committee Meetings. She proposed a cut off time for Members to RSVP their attendance either way to Ms. Moore, so that a presenter could be rescheduled in the event of low attendance.

The list of proposed discussion/presentation topics was acknowledged. Regional Councillor Jordan provided detail of an additional presenter for consideration relative to community engagement.

Members discussed the DCCC presentation and what they learned about Chinese culture. Ms. Melnike noted that Mr. Feng's presentation was an excellent opportunity for Members to recognize differences in cultural perspective, language and interpretation.

4.5 Black History Month Proclamation & Event Update

Ms. Melnike acknowledged Co-Chair Thompson and Ms. Burnett for their preparation of a Black History Month Proclamation delegation. Co-Chair Thompson was recognized for her excellent presentation to Council. She provided details of several forthcoming community events in celebration of Black History Month, including an entertainment event at J. Clarke Richardson on February 11, a "diaspora collective", as well as a movie screening of "The Help" at the Ajax Public Library.

5. Work Plan

5.1 Work Plan

This item was not discussed.

6. Correspondence

6.1 2012 Committee Mixer & Effective Chair/Membership Workshop

6.2 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards

In the interest of time, Ms. Moore agreed to send additional details on both items of correspondence to the Committee via email.

7. Update from Council

Regional Councillor Jordan discussed the process to establish election of the Regional Chair, noting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs had recently signed a regulation supporting the election. Members raised various questions relative to regional and municipal responsibilities and services. Council's recent approval of the revised Art in Public Spaces Policy was noted.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

With consent of all Members present the January 25, 2012 Meeting of the Diversity & Community Engagement Advisory Committee was adjourned. (9:00 p.m.)



MINUTES
Active Transportation & Trails Advisory Committee
January 26, 2012
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No. 1

Committee Members: Regional Councillor Shaun Collier
Richard Cooke
Katheryne Jackson
Mandy Johnson
Reg Lawrance, Co-Chair
Kim Lendvay, Co-Chair
Diane Moore
Edward Russell

Guests: Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Rob Halko, GIS Analyst

Staff: Catherine Bridgeman, Capital Projects Manager
Ranjit Gill, Senior Transportation Planner
Sarah Moore, Committee Co-ordinator

Regrets: Ute Sack, Stu Logan, Michael Jakubcak

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Lawrance called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

With consent of all members present, the Meeting proceeded without quorum.

1.1 Staff Liaison Introductions

Ms. Catherine Bridgeman, Capital Projects Manager and Mr. Rob Halko, GIS Analyst were welcomed to the Committee. Brief introductions were made.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

With consent of all Members present, Item 3, Approval of Minutes, was deferred until quorum was met.

4. Presentations/Discussion Items

4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ms. Tracey Chala, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, provided an introduction to the Town's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) initiative. She defined sustainability as ensuring there will be "enough, for all, forever". Ms. Chala reviewed the three pillars of sustainability for the Town's plan: environment, society & culture, and economy. Development of the ICSP was identified as a process that will create a vision, goals and progress tracking to be implemented in all areas of the Town and community.

Ms. Johnson, Ms. Moore and Regional Councillor Collier entered the Meeting. Quorum was met at 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Chala noted that the process will be led by a consultant, but will be community driven. She reviewed the benefits of developing a municipal ICSP and discussed several core community outreach and engagement initiatives that will assist with the Plan's development. She identified the establishment of a broad community stakeholder steering committee for the project that will be charged with creating a vision for the Plan and will provide input relative to its development. Ms. Chala requested a representative from the Committee to be appointed to the ICSP steering committee. Participation in the steering committee will require attendance at six meetings over the course of the year.

Members raised questions relative to the details of the steering committee meeting dates and times. Ms. Chala noted that the meetings are anticipated to take place in the evening, for approximately two hours and that dates will rotate.

Moved by: R. Cooke
Seconded by: S. Collier

That Ed Russell, Mandy Johnson and Katheryne Jackson be appointed as representatives of the Active Transportation and Trails Advisory Committee to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan steering committee.

CARRIED

With consent of all Members present, Item 3. Approval of the Minutes was brought forward.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: S. Collier
Seconded by: K. Lendvay

That the Minutes of the Active Transportation and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 24, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

4.2 Winterfest 2012

On behalf of Ms. Lisa Warth, Festivals & Events Coordinator, Ms. Moore provided an overview of the 2012 Winterfest. The event will be held Sunday February 5, 2012 at the

McLean Community Centre. The Committee's interest in manning an information table was discussed. It was determined that at least 4 Member volunteers would be required to share responsibility throughout the event's duration. Mr. Cooke and Co-Chair Lawrance volunteered to participate. It was suggested that absent Members be contacted to solicit interest in participating. Co-Chair Lawrance agreed to contact Members and provide Ms. Moore with confirmation no later than Monday January 30, so that Ms. Warth could be informed whether the Committee will be participating. Ms. Moore provided an update on development of a Committee banner and noted that draft designs would be circulated to Members for review once available.

4.3 Brock Lands Master Plan Public Advisory Committee Update

Co-Chair Lawrance provided a brief update relative to the development of a written report outlining the restoration plan for the Brock Lands. He noted that the site includes significant cultural and natural heritage. A Nature-based recreation program was identified for the site.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

This Item was deferred until after Item 6. Correspondence was discussed.

5.2 DTCC Update

Mr. Cooke noted that there had not been a meeting of the Durham Trail Coordinating Committee since the last Committee Meeting.

6. Correspondence

6.1 2012 Committee Mixer & Effective Chair/Membership Workshop

6.2 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards

Ms. Moore distributed nomination packages for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards. She noted the March 2, 2012 deadline for nominations. Forms will be distributed to volunteer-based community groups, service clubs, and Town advisory committees and will also be available at various Town facilities. It was noted that Advisory Committee Members, staff and Council are not eligible to submit nominations. Members were encouraged to promote the program within the community. She advised that the Recreation & Culture Department has requested the participation of at least two committee members to sit on the jury committee which will review the nomination packages and select the award recipients for each category.

6.3 January 19, 2012 Report to General Government Committee: Request for Metrolinx/Bikelinx Funding for Sheltered, Safe and Secure Bicycle Parking within the Town of Ajax

Members discussed the criteria for determining acceptable locations for cycling facilities in Ajax. Mr. Gill and Regional Councillor Collier provided details of the Region's process for

determining allocation of limited Metrolinx/Bikeline funding amongst those municipalities that have submitted requests.

6.4 Regional Report 2011-J-45 Re: Regional Cycling Plan Review ATT-4: Proposed Work Plan

Correspondence Items 6.2 – 6.4 Regional Report 2011-J-45 Re: Regional Cycling Plan Review, from the November 24, 2011 Meeting agenda were addressed.

Mr. Gill provided details of the Region's process for approving a revised cycling plan. The Region is currently reviewing comments received, routes and funding and will prepare a revised draft of the Regional Cycling Plan for Regional Council's review in March 2012. The revised draft will be circulated to municipalities and stakeholders for final comment prior to Regional Council's adoption in June 2012.

Members discussed the importance of strengthening connectivity of routes with neighbouring municipalities and the progress of expansion of Bayly Street and Lakeridge Road.

With consent of all Members present the Items of Correspondence identified on the November 24, 2011 and January 26, 2012 Meeting agenda were received for information.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

The Committee inquired whether a section of the weekly News Advertiser Community Pages could be allocated for an active transportation & trails corner. Members proposed highlighting information relative to the monthly trail hike schedule and active transportation awareness tips. Members expressed interest in including a discussion item relative to brainstorming active transportation web content for the Town's website on a forthcoming Meeting Agenda. The Committee was encouraged to review and bring forward examples of active transportation websites. Members indicated they maintain a supply of photographic images that could be included on the website.

Members proposed brainstorming key active transportation & trails messages to be included in communications materials for the Town's community events and News Advertiser Community Pages. Suggestions included promotion of valet bike parking at Community Events such as Canada Day.

7. Update from Council

Regional Councillor Collier noted that he will be attending the Regional budget meeting next week and that he intends to provide Members with an update of all approved active transportation and trails initiatives at a forthcoming meeting. The Town's budget meeting on February 6, 2012 was noted. Mr. Gill and Ms. Bridgeman agreed to provide an update on approved active transportation and trails initiatives at a forthcoming meeting.

8. New Business

8.1 Active Transportation Events

Mr. Cooke provided details of a welcome Cyclist Workshop on January 30, 2012 for tourism business owners and operators to be held at the Regional Municipality of Durham Region.

8.2 Monthly Trail Hike Schedule

Mr. Cooke informed Members that he is in the process of drafting a 2012 monthly trail hike schedule and will present the draft schedule to the Committee at a forthcoming Meeting. He indicated that attendance had declined compared to 2010 participation and inquired if any Member was interested in coordinating a monthly cycling schedule.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: R. Cooke
Seconded by: S. Collier

That the January 26, 2012 meeting of the Active Transportation and Trails Advisory Committee be adjourned (7:50 p.m.).

CARRIED

Regional Councillor Report

Submitted by: Colleen Jordan, Regional Councillor Wards 3 & 4

Date: March 8, 2012

Regional Council, Feb. 15, 2012 – Budget Approval

Regional Council approved the 2012 Business Plans and budget in the amount of \$1.015 billion which is about a 1.95% increase on the Regional portion of the property tax bill, equating to about \$45.00 on an average home assessed at \$319,000. There will be variations within municipalities due to differing rates for transit and waste. The budget includes expansion and improvements to Regional roads and public transit. The last two phases of the Ajax/Pickering route enhancements were included in the transit budget. Budget allocations were approved to allow for additional plastic waste diversion. A focus on job creation by enhancing the economic development budget was also included in this year's budget.

Works – Feb. 22, 2012

A presentation by Craig Bartlett was received at the Works Committee on "Plastics Recycling". This presentation described the variety of plastic containers now in use and explained which were acceptable in the blue box due to the materials and chemicals used in manufacturing the container. There are 34 different types of plastics. Some can be recycled and used to manufacture other products, whereas others are not acceptable. Food and beverage containers made from #3 to #7 plastics comprise a large volume within the waste stream. Successful implementation could result in an 80% capture rate with an overall impact on the total diversion rate of 1%. The 2012 budget included resources to implement this program later in 2012.

Council members also viewed the new online tool to assist residents in determining where an item, that is no longer of use, can be placed. By using this tool on the Region's website, an item can be entered and information on the proper disposal will be provided.

Joint Committee – Feb. 23, 2012

A report highlighting the many recommendations of the Drummond Report was provided as information to the committee. Numerous recommendations would have an impact on municipalities as the recommendations cover a broad spectrum of public services including social services, public health and other services provided by municipalities. A motion requesting the provincial government provide at least 60 days notice prior to any changes being implemented, to allow for comment and input by stakeholders, was approved by the Joint Committee.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

BY-LAW NUMBER 48-2012

A By-law to designate certain lands as not being subject to Part Lot Control.
[PLC3/12: Ajax Audley Developments Limited; 40M-2429 Blocks 133 & 144].

WHEREAS, Ajax Audley Developments Limited, has requested relief from the provisions of Section 50 (5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, with respect to Part Lot Control for certain lands.

AND WHEREAS Council is authorized to pass this By-law under Section 50 (7) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to pass this By-law granting relief from Part Lot Control with reference to the subject lands;

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

1. That Subsection 5 of Section 50 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 shall be deemed not to apply to the following lands within a Registered Plan of subdivision registered in the office of Land Titles at Whitby in the Region of Durham:

40M-2429
Blocks 133 & 144

2. This by-law shall be in force and effect for a period of two (2) years, ending March 8, 2014.

READ a first time and second time this
Eighth day of March, 2012.

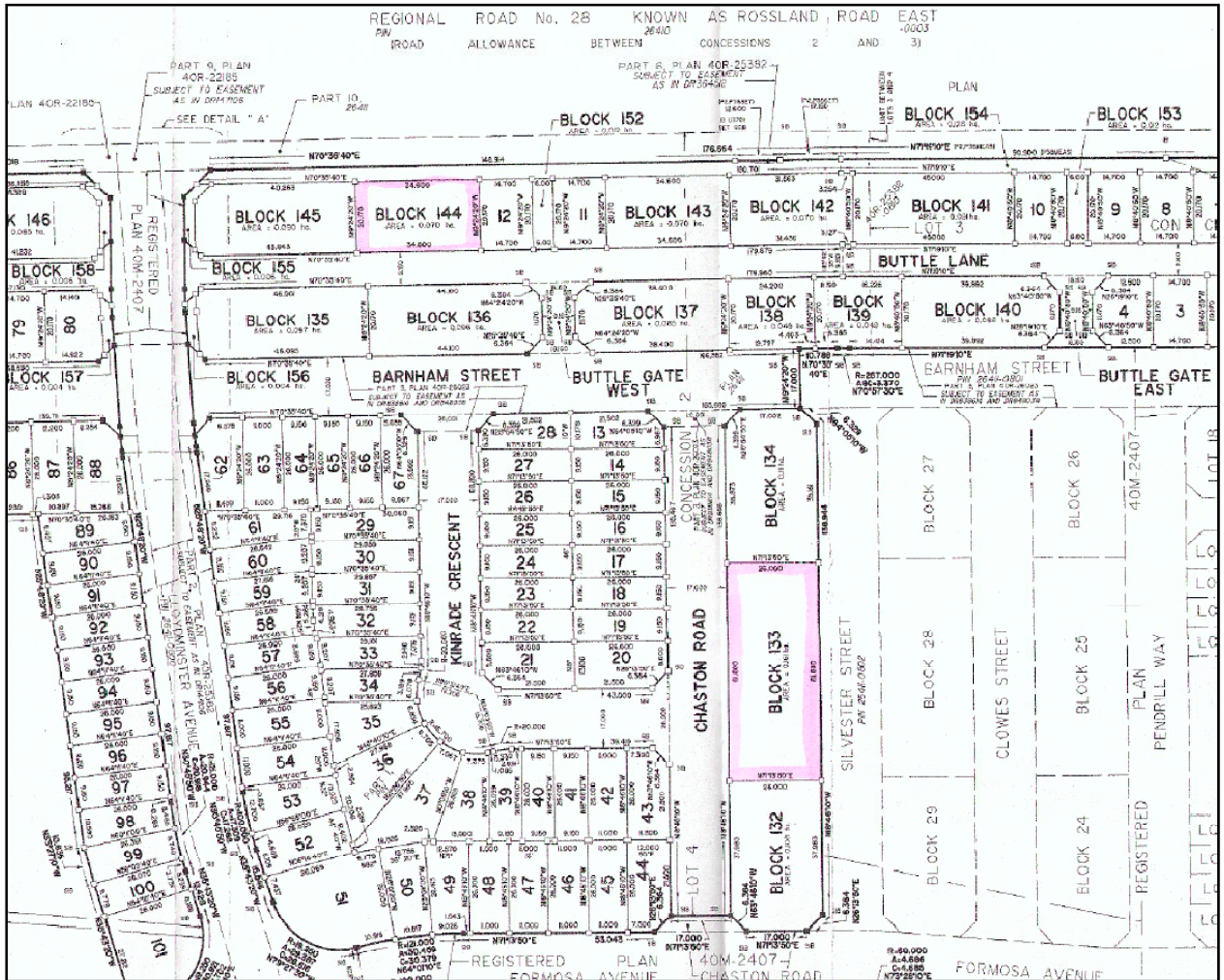
READ a third time and passed this
Eighth day of March, 2012.

Mayor

D-Clerk

PLC3/12: Ajax Audley Developments Limited

40M-2429 Blocks 133 & 144





TOWN OF AJAX REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the Town of Ajax on March 8, 2012.

The General Government Committee met at 2:00 p.m. on March 8, 2012.

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

Absent: Councillor P. Brown

1. Call to Order (2:00 p.m.)

Chair Dies called the meeting to order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

The General Government Committee recommends as follows:

3. Consent Agenda

Members separated items 3.2 and 3.3 for discussion.

3.1 Results of Pre-Qualification for Civil Engineering Consulting Services, Municipal Infrastructure Projects

Moved by: S. Parish

That Council appoint the following firms as pre-qualified Consultants, for civil engineering consulting services related to municipal infrastructure projects, from March 15, 2012 to March 31, 2014:

- Chisholm, Fleming and Associates
- Hatch Mott MacDonald Ltd.
- R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd., and
- SRM Associates (A Member of The Sernas Group)

CARRIED

3.2 Contract Award – Investment Readiness Designation

L. Hausz delivered a short presentation on the Competitive Ready designation and potential benefits to the Town.

Moved by: S. Parish

1. That Council award the contract for Investment Readiness Designation to *Chabin Concepts, Inc.* in the amount of \$50,000.00USD; and
2. That Council approve the following funding, to be allocated to Capital Account No. 931011 from Town Promotion Reserve, in the amount of \$5,880.00.

CARRIED

3.3 Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Plaque Unveiling

R. Gruber provided a brief verbal overview of various events planned for the celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, as well as the plaque unveiling.

Moved by: S. Parish

That the Report entitled Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Plaque Unveiling, dated March 8, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

S. Collier left the meeting at 2:15.

3.4 Contract Extension - Streetlight Maintenance

Moved by: S. Parish

That Council award the contract for the extension of the Streetlight Maintenance Contract to Alineutility.com in the estimated amount of \$329,361.00 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

3.5 Contract Award – Supply and Delivery of Resilient Wood Surfacing

Moved by: S. Parish

1. That Council award the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Resilient Wood Surfacing, to Growers Choice Inc. in the amount of \$ 36,386.00 (inclusive of all taxes), for a period of one year.
2. That Council authorize staff to renew the contract for an additional two one-year periods, pending an analysis and satisfactory performance review at the anniversary date of the contract, in the estimated amount of \$74,968.72 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

3.6 Contract Award – Graffiti Removal and Restoration Works

Moved by: S. Parish

1. That Council award the contract for graffiti removal to Belfor Property Restoration in the amount of \$8,364.26, (inclusive of all taxes), for a period of 1 year.
2. That Council authorize staff to renew the contract for an additional two one-year periods, pending an analysis and satisfactory performance review at the anniversary date of the contract, in the estimated amount of \$17,230.38 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

3.7 Appointment to the Ajax Public Library Board

Moved by: S. Parish

That Philip White be appointed to the Ajax Public Library Board until such time that Council appoints the 2015-2018 Ajax Public Library Board.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Discussion

4.1 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative-Status Update and Resolution for the 2012 Annual Meeting

B. Hodgins delivered a presentation on the GLSLCI and answered a number of questions from members of Council.

Moved by: C. Jordan

1. That the report entitled “Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative-Status Update and Resolution for the 2012 Annual Meeting”, dated March 8, 2012, be endorsed;
2. That this staff report and the attached resolution be sent to the Canadian and Ontario Ministers of the Environment as input to the revised Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, the renewed Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem and the Ontario *Great Lakes Protection Act*, and
3. That this report be sent to the Executive Director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Durham Region, the area municipalities in Durham Region, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

4.2 Preliminary Analysis of Home Week 2012 Program Proposal

H. Dayton provided preliminary details of the Home Week Program Proposal and invited Council to comment on various aspects of the proposal which may present challenges.

Moved by: S. Parish

That Council receive the Preliminary Analysis of Home Week 2012 Program Proposal verbal report as information.

CARRIED

5. Departmental Updates (Verbal)

P. Allore provided an update on a number of noteworthy building permit applications in Ajax. D. Meredith updated Council on the recent meeting of the Sustainability Planning Steering Committee, and invited Councillors to attend future meetings as observers.

S. Collier rejoined the meeting at 2:45.

6. Adjournment (2:50 p.m.)

Moved by: C. Jordan.

That the March 8, 2012 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

J. Dies, Chair