

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall on
Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Present:	Acting Mayor Regional Councillor Councillors	S. Collier C. Jordan M. Crawford R. Ashby J. Dies P. Brown
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Regrets:	Mayor	S. Parish
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1. Call to Order

Acting Mayor Collier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that Mayor Parish was away on Town business.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: R. Ashby
Seconded by: P. Brown

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 13, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Delegation and Petitions/Public Hearings

4.1 Book Mark Contest Winners

Sarah Dodge, Coordinator of Information Services, introduced the winners of the Bookmark Contest:

Senior Kindergarten - Fizza Syed
Grade 1 - Tanvi Lee
Grade 2 - Omair Shaikh
Grade 3 - Stephanie Najib, Daniel Singh, Madison Ward
Grade 4 - Elyza Singh
Grade 5 - Hector Jiang, Ali Umer
Grade 6 - Sanskriti Shindad
Grade 7 - Tonellia Bhagwandat, Tanya Najib

Acting Mayor Collier congratulated the contest winners.

4.2 Durham Regional Police Service – 2017-2019 Business Plan Consultations

Stindar Lal, DRPS Board Member, made introductory remarks, overviewing the purpose of the presentation and encouraging feedback from Council members on local policing priorities. Mr. Lal introduced Brad Carter, Acting Planning Manager, DRPS, whose presentation overviewed the environmental context of policing in Durham, priorities within the 2014-2016 Business Plan, and the current task of developing the 2017-2019 Business Plan. Mr. Carter asked Council to provide their views on how community safety can be enhanced within the Region.

Many members identified speeding as an area of primary concern, and the need for greater public education aimed at developing a social stigma around speeding. Further discussion surrounded red light cameras, highway safety and collisions on the 401 within Ajax, and the success of the local police bicycle patrols in strengthening police rapport with Ajax youth.

Members were encouraged to promote participation in the DRPS survey which can be accessed at www.drps.ca/survey.

4.3 Snapshots of Ajax - History Book

Martin de Rond, Director of Legislative & Information Services/Clerk, offered brief comments on the rich history of the Town, and the ways in which its history has been celebrated over the years, and continues to be studied and preserved by Town staff and various community groups. Mr. de Rond formally announced the completion and launch of the latest Town of Ajax history book, a pictorial history entitled "Snapshots of Ajax". Several Town staff, contributors, and local project champions were recognised for their contributions.

4.4 New Council Procedure By-law

Nicole Wellsbury, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, overviewed various proposed changes to the Council procedure by-law. In addition to a change to Council's meeting schedule from a bi-weekly cycle to a monthly cycle, many of the proposed changes are aimed at modernizing the by-law to reflect modern realities, and to enhance openness and transparency within the Town's meeting management process.

Members questioned whether the 10 days notice required to appear as a delegation may present a barrier to public participation, if a person wished to speak at a meeting but could not meet the 10-day deadline. Staff identified various ways in which a resident could be accommodated in such a scenario. Discussion took place in regard to the proposal to remove "Question Period" as a standard inclusion within the Council Order of Business. Members expressed their view that Question Period provides an important opportunity for residents to participate in governance, and ask questions of their elected members.

Acting Mayor Collier declared the meeting to be a public meeting and invited comments.

Rob Tyler Morin, Ajax resident, spoke in favor of re-instating 'Question Period'

Nancy Henry, Ajax resident, also spoke in favor of re-instating 'Question Period'.

There being no further comments, Chair Collier closed the public meeting.

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

That the draft by-law be amended by adding "Question Period" into the Council Order of Business.

CARRIED

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

That the new Council Procedure By-law, as amended, be approved at the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

4.5 Council Code of Conduct Update

Nicole Wellsbury, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, highlighted various proposed changes to the Council Code of Conduct, most of which were recommended by a contracted Integrity Commissioner. Several new sections were highlighted, however the bulk of the changes proposed are minor housekeeping/formatting changes.

Acting Mayor Collier declared the meeting to be a public meeting and invited comments.

Nancy Henry, Ajax resident, spoke against a staff recommendation to maintain the six week/six month limitation periods within the Council Code of Conduct.

There being no further comments, Chair Collier closed the public meeting.

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

That the new Council Code of Conduct By-law be approved at the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: C. Jordan

That the report dated October 26, 2015 containing Items of Correspondence be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report

None

6.2 General Government Committee Report

None

6.3 Summary of Advisory Committee Decisions

None

6.4 Departmental Reports

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

That the Departmental Reports dated October 26, 2015, with the exception of items 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 which were dealt earlier in the presentation section, be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Regional Councillors' Reports

Regional Councillor Collier noted that his written report was printed in the agenda.

Regional Councillor Jordan updated the Committee in regard to recent meetings of the Regional Council Composition Review Committee (RCCRC), noting that limited progress has been made to date. Concerns were cited about the Committee's focus on the matter of direct election, which may have the effect of distracting from the matter of redistributing seats to balance representation. Generally, Council members stated their opposition to the idea of direct election of members to Regional Council.

M. de Rond, Clerk, emphasized the need for the RCCRC to complete its work no later than the Spring of 2016 in order to allow sufficient time for processes that will follow including obtaining a Ministerial regulation and "triple majority" approval of the proposed changes. Local municipalities must complete any composition or ward boundary changes no later than December 31, 2017 to take effect for the 2018 election.

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

That the Regional Councillor's Reports dated October 26, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

None

9. By-laws

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

That By-law numbers 82-2015 and 83-2015 be read a first, second and third time and passed.
CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion

None

11. Other Business

None

12. Question Period

None

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

Councillor Dies and Councillor Ashby noted various upcoming community meetings.

14. Confirming By-Law

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

That By-law number 84-2015 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its regular meeting held on October 26, 2015 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

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

That the October 26, 2015 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned. (9:00 p.m.)
CARRIED

Mayor

D-Clerk