



## **TOWN OF AJAX REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

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For consideration by the Council of the Town of Ajax on June 20, 2016

The General Government Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on June 13, 2016

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

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### **1. Call to Order (1:30 p.m.)**

Chair Ashby called the meeting to order.

### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

The General Government Committee recommends as follows:

### **3. Adoption of In-Camera Minutes**

#### **3.1 Regular Meeting**

Moved by: P. Brown

That the Minutes of the In-Camera meeting of the General Government Committee held on May 9, 2016 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

G. Muller, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, introduced new staff members Gregory Borys, Ashor Barkho, and Joseph Domanski.

### **4. Consent Agenda**

*Members separated items 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.10 for discussion.*

**4.1 Bank Signing Officers**

Moved by: S. Collier

That the bank signing officers for the Town of Ajax be updated as follows:

Elected Officers

Steve Parish, Mayor

Shaun Collier, Regional Councillor

Colleen Jordan, Regional Councillor

Appointed Officials

Sheila Strain, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Sandra Serrao, Manager of Budgets & Accounting Services

Paul Hewitt, Manager of Purchasing

Terry Simkin, Manager of Taxation

CARRIED

**4.2 Federal Gas Tax Funding – 2015 Expenditures**

Moved by: S. Collier

That the report on Federal Gas Tax Funding be received for information.

CARRIED

**4.3 Indexing of Municipal Development Charges**

Moved by: S. Collier

That the report on Indexing of Municipal Development Charges be received for information.

CARRIED

**4.4 2015 Operating Budget Surplus and Net Year End Reserve Allocations**

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That the report on the 2015 Operating Budget Surplus be received for information.

2. That Council approve the 2015 net year end allocations to Reserves as follows:

Reserve	Allocation
Building Maintenance	\$121,900.00
Capital Contingency	\$498,465.01
Development	\$226,800.00
General Infrastructure	\$224,802.81
Roads Maintenance	\$43,300.00
Strategic Initiatives	\$159,700.00
Vehicle/Equipment Replacement	\$167,100.00
Total	\$1,442,067.82

CARRIED

**4.5 Contract Award Material Testing, Geotechnical and Environmental Investigation Services**

Moved by: C. Jordan

1. That Council award the contract for Material Testing, Geotechnical and Environmental Investigation Services, to Orbit Engineering in the estimated amount of \$156,657.55 (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 \$322,777.22 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

**4.6 Preliminary Report on a Potential Over-Expenditure – Construction of Pat Bayly Square**

Moved by: C. Jordan

1. That this report, on the potential over-expenditure on Capital Project Number 966711 – Pat Bayly Square/ Interior Space, previously awarded to Medallion Developments as per the Construction Administration Agreement, be received for information.
2. That Council approve funding of \$1,420,000 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 966711 Pat Bayly Square from Development Reserve.

CARRIED

**4.7 National Historic Event Designation for Munitions Plant Operations at Defence Industries Limited**

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council endorse the Heritage Advisory Committee's efforts to have the *Munition Plant Operations at Defence Industries Limited* designated as a National Historic Event by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

CARRIED

**4.8 Transportation Awareness Campaign Update**

The Committee approved the revised report and recommendation that was published after the original agenda.

Moved by: S. Collier

That the report to General Government Committee dated June 13, 2016 entitled "Transportation Awareness Campaign Update" be received for information.

CARRIED

**4.9 Contract Award - Williamson Drive Bike Lanes**

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That Council award the contract for the Williamson Drive Bike Lanes to Almon Equipment in the amount of \$108,972.11 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council approve funding of \$25,628.04 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 972211 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

**4.10 Index Energy / Veridian – District Energy Feasibility Study**

Moved by: C. Jordan

That the report entitled “Index Energy / Veridian – District Energy Feasibility Study” be received for information.

CARRIED

**4.11 Artist Selection for the Memorial to Women War Workers of Defence Industries Limited**

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That the report entitled Artist Selection for the Memorial to Women War Workers of Defence Industries Limited, dated June 13, 2016, be received for information; and,
2. That Council approve the artist selection process to commission an artist to create the Memorial to Women War Workers of Defence Industries Limited

CARRIED

**4.12 Community Energy Plan Funding Securement**

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That the report titled “Community Energy Plan Funding Securement” be received for information.
2. That participation in the Durham Community Energy Plan be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED

## **5. Discussion**

### **5.1 Ajax Council Composition and Ward Boundaries Review**

Moved by: S. Parish

WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham intends to grant a fourth seat at Regional Council to the Town of Ajax; and

WHEREAS final approval of the new Regional Council Composition requires a regulation by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and successful completion of the "Triple Majority" provisions in the *Municipal Act*; and

WHEREAS an additional Regional Councillor seat, together with continuing strong but irregular population growth, requires that the Town undertake both a Council Composition Review and a Ward Boundaries Review in order that changes will be approved by the end of 2017 and in effect for the 2018 regular elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That, based on the expectation that Ajax will be assigned four seats on Regional Council for the 2018 elections, the composition of Town Council for the 2018 elections be as follows:
  - a. That the size of Town Council be 7 members;
  - b. That Town Council be composed of:
    - i. Mayor
    - ii. Three Regional Councillors
    - iii. Three Local (Ward) Councillors
  - c. That the Regional Councillors be elected by Ward.
2. That Legislative Services staff commence preliminary work on possible ward configurations to be presented to Council once a new composition of Regional Council has been finally approved; and
3. That a short list of ward configuration alternatives be presented for public consultation prior to a final recommendation being considered by Council.

CARRIED

### **5.2 Selby Drive Minor Variance Applications**

*Referred from May 16, 2016 Council Meeting*

Committee members determined that the recommendation approved at the May 9, 2016 Committee meeting would again be recommended to Council.

Moved by: M. Crawford

That staff be authorized to accept a reduced minor variance fee of \$550 for driveway widenings for 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47 Selby Drive and 1131 and 1133 Ravenscroft Road, provided that such applications for a minor variance are received no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

CARRIED

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 2015 Financial Statements and Audit Report**

Steve Stewart, Associate Partner, Deloitte LLP, reviewed key details from the 2015 Consolidated Financial Statements and Audit Report that had been circulated separately to members of Council. Mr. Stewart commended staff for their ability and cooperation.

Moved by: P. Brown

That the 2015 Financial Statements and Auditor Report be received for information.

CARRIED

**6.2 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Visit of 8<sup>th</sup> HMS Ajax Frigate Event - verbal**

R. Wraith, Senior Communication Officer, reviewed various events planned for August 26 – 28, 2016.

Moved by: J. Dies

That the presentation regarding events planned to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Visit of the 8<sup>th</sup> HMS Ajax be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. Departmental Updates**

None

**8. Authority to hold a Closed Meeting and Related In-Camera Session**

Moved by: S. Collier

That the Committee convene In-Camera pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c, e, f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to discuss matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality or local Board, a matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and a matter of advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

CARRIED

**In-Camera** (2:25 p.m.)

**8.1 Veridian Update**

**8.2 Easement Agreement with Ramland Limited**

**8.3 Magnum Opus OMB Settlement Proposal**

**8.4 Durham Live OMB Update**

**Open Meeting** (4:05 P.M.)

**Ratify Actions Taken In-Camera**

Moved by: M. Crawford

That all actions approved in the In-Camera Session be ratified.

CARRIED

**9. Adjournment** (4:07 p.m.)

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the June 13, 2016 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

R. Ashby, Chair