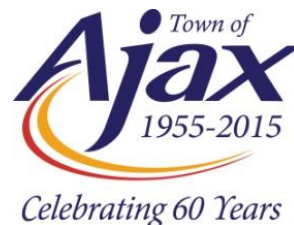


The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE



Thursday, April 23, 2015
In-Camera at 1:45 p.m.
Open Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
River Plate Room, Town Hall
65 Harwood Avenue South

Confirmed by: *[Signature]*

AGENDA

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J. Dies, Chair

Open Meeting

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
3. **Adoption of In-Camera Minutes – April 9, 2015** (circulated separately)
 - *Any discussion will be held in the In-Camera Session*

In-Camera

4. **Authority to Hold a Closed Meeting and Related In-Camera Session**
 - *A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality or local Board. [Sec. 239 (2)(c), Municipal Act, 2001, as amended]*
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TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Rob Ford, CPA, CMA, AMCTO
Interim CAO

PREPARED BY: Jackie Lumsden
Compensation & Recruitment Manager

Lorna McGrath
Manager, Employee & Labour Relations

SUBJECT: **2015 Exempt Group Wage Increase**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2015

REFERENCE: Excellence in Service Delivery and Governance

RECOMMENDATION:

That wage rates for the Town's Exempt Group be increased 1.75% effective January 1, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Wage increases for the Town's Exempt Group have been reflective of the increases of CUPE employees and are approved by Council on an annual basis.

The proposed increase is equivalent to the approved annual CUPE total compensation increase (inclusive of benefit increases), and normally takes effect on the first new pay period closest to January 1

The wage increase was postponed in 2015 due to organizational changes.

DISCUSSION

Based on the 2015 CUPE total increase (inclusive of benefit increases), the recommended wage increase for Town's Exempt Group is 1.75%, effective January 1, 2015.

No benefit increases for the Exempt Group are being recommended for 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The wage increase was included in the approved 2015 Operating Budget.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

The wage increase will be communicated to the Exempt Group through Corporate Communications.

CONCLUSION:

The recommended increase for the Exempt Group will help the Town to remain competitive in the marketplace to attract and retain the best qualified talent.

Jackie Lumsden
Compensation & Recruitment Manager

Lorna McGrath
Manager, Employee & Labour Relations

Rob Ford CPA, CMA, AMCT
Interim CAO

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Sheila Strain, Interim Director of Finance/Treasurer

PREPARED BY: Linda Morel, Buyer

SUBJECT: Contract Award – Supply of Sodium Chloride

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2015

REFERENCE: Durham Purchasing Cooperative Tender No. T-280-15 (DPC1502)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council award the Contract for Supply of Sodium Chloride to K & S Windsor Salt in the estimated amount of \$482,329.20 (inclusive of taxes), for a period of one year.
2. That Council authorize staff to renew the Contract with K & S Windsor Salt, for an additional four, one year periods, pending an analysis and satisfactory performance review at the anniversary dates of the Contract, in the estimated amount of \$1,962,538.80 (inclusive of all taxes).

BACKGROUND:

As a participant in the Durham Purchasing Cooperative call for the Supply of Sodium Chloride, the Town of Ajax benefits by combining our requirements with other Agencies in order to maximize volume buying cost savings. The award of the Contract is based on the combined requirements of all participating Agencies.

DISCUSSION:

The Region of Durham, on behalf of the Durham Purchasing Cooperative Group, issued a Request for Tender (RFT) for the Supply of Sodium Chloride, of which the Town of Ajax was a participant. Bid documents were issued to 11 prospective bidders, with bids being received back from two of these, prior to the closing on February 26, 2015. Listed below is a summary of the bids received:

NAME OF BIDDER	TOTAL COOPERATIVE TENDER AMOUNT
K & S Windsor Salt	\$23,017,536.00
Compass Minerals	\$27,546,924.00

The Town of Ajax Portion of the Supply of Sodium Chloride of the Durham Purchasing Cooperative five year total Tender amount is estimated at \$2,444,868.00. Estimated annual award values have been based on historical purchases.

The Contract duration shall be in effect for a three year period commencing June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2018, with the Durham Purchasing Cooperative Group having the option to renew the contract for up to two additional years based on a satisfactory performance review at the anniversary date of the Contract.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funds for the Supply of Sodium Chloride are included in the Operations and Environmental Services operating budget.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that K & S Windsor Salt be awarded the contract for the Supply of Sodium Chloride, being the lowest bidder, meeting minimum specifications.

Linda Morel, Buyer

Sheila Strain, Interim Director of Finance/Treasurer

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Meredith
Director, Operations and Environmental Services

PREPARED BY: Rick Chalmers
Supervisor, Infrastructure and Asset Management

SUBJECT: **Contract Award – Harwood Avenue Streetlights – Station to Bayly**

WARD(S): All

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2015

REFERENCE: Capital Account 946511; Tender No. T15011

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council award the contract for Harwood Avenue Streetlights – Station to Bayly to Fellmore Electrical Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$432,799.36 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council approve funding of \$84,071.85 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 946511 from Federal Gas Tax Reserve.

BACKGROUND:

In 2012, a number of electrical deficiencies to the streetlighting infrastructure was identified along Harwood Avenue between Station Street and Bayly Street. Underground repairs, pole replacements due to severe cracking and relay issues were all examples of issues with respect to streetlights in the subject area. As part of the 2013 Budget process, funds were allocated to repair the underground wiring and replace the streetlights on Harwood Avenue between Station Street and Bayly Street with new LED lighting.

On April 8th, 2013 Council endorsed the Lower Harwood Avenue Study and Street Treatment Design. This Study was intended to guide capital improvement projects along Harwood Avenue from Highway 401 to Lake Driveway. With respect to streetlights, the Study detailed that new LED streetlight fixtures are to be installed, and the Philips Lumec Roadstar LED luminaire shall be the preferred style.

DISCUSSION:

During the detailed design process, it was determined that the streetlight poles will remain in their current location, and the project will involve the replacement of broken poles, the straightening of leaning poles, the replacement of all electrical wiring to satisfy current ESA standards and the replacement of all existing HPS luminaires to new Philips Lumec Roadstar LED luminaires.

Through the development of the Lower Harwood Avenue Study and Street Treatment Design, Harwood Avenue was identified as a special event area, linking Heritage Square to Pat Bayly Square. As a result, holiday light plugs, banner and planter brackets on each pole, and ground level electrical receptacle panels to support special events held along this stretch of Harwood Avenue have been captured.

As the Lower Harwood Avenue Study is implemented in the coming years, streetlights may need to be re-located. The infrastructure being installed as part of this project will have the ability to be re-located to achieve the long term vision for Harwood Avenue.

Request for Tender (RFT) documents were issued to ten prospective bidders with bids being received back from four of these, prior to the closing on March 3, 2015. Upon review of the four bids received, a number of arithmetical errors were discovered, resulting in a Corrected Total Tender Amount. Listed below is a summary of the bids received:

NAME OF BIDDER	TOTAL TENDER AMOUNT	CORRECTED/ADJUSTED TOTAL TENDER AMOUNT
Fellmore Electrical Contractors Ltd.	\$432,791.56	\$432,799.36
Guild Electric Limited	\$511,889.06	\$511,889.06
Otonabee Electrical Services Ltd	\$561,153.71	\$561,153.71
Langley Utilities Contracting Limited	\$608,997.68	\$608,997.68

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Account No. 946511 - Harwood Streetlights - Station to Bayly - FGT

Approved Capital Budget \$320,000.00

Previous Awards/Expenditures

Consulting Fees	\$ 22,285.44	
Contingency	<u>\$2,228.54</u>	<u>\$24,513.98</u>
Available Budget		\$295,486.02

Contract (net of HST rebate)	\$ 345,052.61	
Contingency	<u>\$34,505.26</u>	<u>\$379,557.87</u>
Over Budget		<u>(\$84,071.85)</u>

Capital Account No. 946511 - Harwood Streetlights - Station to Bayly – ineligible for FGT

Approved Capital Budget		\$80,000.00
Contract (net of HST rebate)	\$44,696.61	
Contingency	<u>\$4,469.66</u>	<u>\$49,166.28</u>
Under Budget		<u>\$30,833.72</u>

The contingency allowance has been set at 10% to cover additional project work that may arise to satisfy unforeseen ESA requirements.

Federal Gas Tax funding eligibility was re-evaluated and it was found that previously ineligible underground wiring was now able to be funded. As such, additional funding, not to exceed \$84,071.85, will be allocated from Federal Gas Tax Reserve. The ineligible expenses included the banner and planter brackets and other items supporting special events.

The Capital Detail Sheet is attached for information.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

Disruptions to traffic flow will occur due to lane closures during daytime hours during the construction period. Every effort, however, will be made to keep these inconveniences to a minimum throughout the process. Communications will include a notice of construction on the Town's website and where appropriate, construction notice signs will be posted. The Town's contractors will be instructed to ensure that adequate safety measures are in place to protect the public. Limited construction activity will happen in June and all activity will stop during the month of July. Construction will be completed by the end of August.

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that Fellmore Electrical Contractors Ltd. be awarded the contract for Harwood Avenue Streetlights, being the lowest bidder meeting minimum specifications.

Rick Chalmers
Supervisor, Infrastructure and Asset Management

Dave Meredith
Director, Operations & Environmental Services

TOWN OF AJAX
2013 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2014-2017 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET

Department	Operations & Environmental Services
Section	Infrastructure
Project Name	Harwood Streetlt-Stn to Bayly
Submitted By	Rick Chalmers, Supervisor, Infrastructure & Capital Projects
Start Year	2013
Project Number	0946511

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

The existing streetlights in Town are very high consumers of energy and are not overly efficient units. During this past year, a number of electrical deficiencies have been identified along Harwood Avenue between Station Street and Bayly Street. Underground repairs, pole replacements due to severe cracking, relay issues etc., are all examples of issues with the streetlights along this stretch of Harwood Avenue.

In addition, Harwood Avenue is the main north - south arterial road that passes through the Downtown core. Recognizing the need to replace these streetlights, combined with new LED lighting currently being considered by many municipalities, staff are recommending that the Harwood Avenue streetlights be replaced with a design and style that enhances the aesthetic and functional role of streetlights for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists in Downtown Ajax.

This project will include a complete replacement of all streetlight infrastructure including the underground electrical wiring, poles, fixtures and concrete bases.

Consulting	\$ 30,000
58 Poles (\$5,000 each)	290,000
Underground wiring, concrete bases and permits	80,000
Total	\$ 400,000

The Lower Harwood Study is currently underway which will help feed this project with new locations for streetlight poles. It is anticipated that the conceptual design will include both roadway lighting and pedestrian level lighting in the Downtown area. This type of lighting may require a change in pole height and separate poles for pedestrian lighting; therefore more lights would be needed to light the roadway and pedestrian areas effectively.

The existing lights are a freeway type light that are approx 25' in height and use a much higher power consumption (200w).

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Total Expenditures	400,000					400,000
Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund	320,000					320,000
General Levy	80,000					80,000
Total Funding	400,000					400,000
Annual Operating Costs	(400)	(800)	(800)	(800)	(800)	

REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director, Planning and Development Services

PREPARED BY: Stev Andis, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Senior Policy Planner

SUBJECT: **David Suzuki Foundation Blue Dot Movement
Town of Ajax Declaration**

WARDS: All

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2015

REFERENCE: Council - January 26, 2015
Community Action Plan, Strategic Objective: Leader in
Environmental Sustainability

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Town of Ajax Declaration for The Right to a Healthy Environment, contained in Attachment No. 1 to this Report, to support the David Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot Movement by recognizing the right for all Ajax citizens' to live in a healthy environment be endorsed; and,
2. That the Town of Ajax Declaration for The Right to a Healthy Environment and this Report, supporting the Blue Dot Movement's call for all levels of government to recognize that all people have the right to live in a healthy environment, be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Federal Environment Minister, Ajax-Pickering Member of Parliament, Premier of Ontario, Ajax-Pickering Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham Region, City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Municipality of Clarington, Township of Uxbridge, Township of Scugog, Township of Brock, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Town of Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee, Durham Region Environmental Advisory Committee, and the David Suzuki Foundation.

1.0 BACKGROUND

More than 110 governments around the world, including several cities, have recognized their citizens' right to live in a healthy environment through by-laws, declarations, legislation, charters and constitutional provisions. The rights protected by these legal instruments include breathing clean air, drinking clean water, consuming safe food, accessing nature and knowing about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment.¹

¹ Source: David Suzuki Foundation, Briefing Note: The Right to Live in a Healthy Environment.

Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms presently does not explicitly protect environmental rights. Canada is among a minority of countries that does not yet recognize the right to a healthy environment and ranks second last out of 25 OECD² countries in terms of environmental performance. Only 5 Canadian provinces and territories have environmental rights legislation (Quebec, Ontario, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut).

With the ultimate goal of having the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms amended to guarantee every Canadian's right to a healthy environment, the David Suzuki Foundation has launched a coast-to-coast campaign called the Blue Dot Movement.³ Reaching this ultimate goal starts with encouraging Canadian citizens to urge their local governments to issue declarations for the right to a healthy environment. Once enough municipalities have passed declarations, the Blue Dot Movement's next step is to have each Canadian province include similar wording in an Environmental Bill of Rights. Once 7 out of 10 provinces representing at least 50% of the Canadian population have an Environmental Bill of Rights that protects for and guarantees every citizens' right to live in a healthy environment, the Blue Dot Movement will turn its attention to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As mentioned, Ontario has an Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR). Ontario's EBR makes reference to the public "right to a healthful environment" in the preamble and states that one of the purposes of the EBR is to "protect the right to a healthful environment through the means provided in this Act". However, Ontario's EBR only provides procedural rights as a way to fulfill this purpose; namely, the right to access information, the right to participate in environmental decision-making and the right to access justice. There is, in fact, no enforceable provision within the EBR to protect or guarantee the right to live in a healthy environment. This has led to various organizations, including Ecojustice, the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the David Suzuki Foundation to call on the Ontario government to strengthen the EBR. The David Suzuki Foundation is furthering this campaign through the Blue Dot Movement.⁴

As of April 20, 2015, 36 municipalities across Canada have signed a declaration recognizing environmental rights for their citizens. Hamilton, Kawartha Lakes and Richmond Hill have been the only Ontario municipalities to have adopted such a declaration. Also as of April 20, 2015, 110 residents in the Town of Ajax have become signatories to the Blue Dot Movement.

On January 26, 2015, correspondence from Ajax resident Tom Shea appeared before Ajax Council requesting that the Town adopt a municipal declaration on the right to a healthy environment as part of the Blue Dot Movement. The item was referred back to staff to prepare a 'Made-in-Ajax' Declaration for Council's consideration.

² Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The mission of the OECD is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.
<http://www.oecd.org/>

³ <http://bluedot.ca/>

⁴ Source: David Suzuki Foundation, Backgrounder: The People of Ontario have the right to a healthy environment – but no law to protect this right. A case for strengthening Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights.

2.0 DISCUSSION

The Blue Dot Movement asks municipalities to adopt declarations that recognize its citizens' right to a healthy environment. This right includes:

- breathing clean air;
- drinking clean water;
- consuming safe food;
- accessing nature;
- knowing about pollutants released into the local environment; and,
- participating in government decisions that will affect the environment.

2.1 Town of Ajax Initiatives That Support the Right to a Healthy Environment

The Town of Ajax has a lengthy and robust history of protecting the natural environment and its efforts have been recognized by external organizations. The following are some of the awards and recognitions the Town has received for its efforts to provide a healthy environment for its citizens.

Ajax Recognized as a Blue Community

A Blue Community is one that adopts water as a natural resource belonging to no one and recognizes water as the responsibility of all. The Town has undertaken many projects and presented many arguments to agencies and other levels of government on behalf of improving the quality and efficient use of water for all manners of public consumption and enjoyment. To achieve the status of a Blue Community, in November 2011 Town Council passed a resolution that bans bottled water, recognizes water as a human right and promotes publicly owned and operated water and wastewater systems. The Town's status as a Blue Community is recognized by the Council of Canadians.⁵ The Town is the fourth community in Canada and second in Ontario to be recognized as a Blue Community.

Wege Foundation Award

A long-term objective of the Town is to improve water quality along the Ajax shoreline. In 2008, the Town won the prestigious Wege Foundation⁶ "Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award" and \$5,000 US in recognition of its investigation of water quality along the Lake Ontario shoreline and in local watersheds. The Town spent the Wege Foundation Award funds conducting a small-scale pilot program into one aspect of bacterial contamination in water using an emerging scientific tool, called "bacterial genetic testing". The program successfully demonstrated that the bacterial genetic testing approach used has sufficient sensitivity to identify certain genetic markers and advanced the Town's knowledge of local water quality conditions.

⁵ The Council of Canadians is a social action organization that advocates for clean water, fair trade, green energy, public health care and a vibrant democracy - <http://www.canadians.org/>

⁶ The Wege Foundation is a charitable organization. Its mission is to support the Environment, Education, Health, the Arts and Community Service - <http://www.wegefoundation.com/>

Environmental Achievement Award

The Town won a 2011 Environmental Achievement Award (Dr. J. Murray Spiers Restoration Award) from the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee. The adoption of comprehensive climate change and environmental policies into the Town's Official Plan was cited as one of the policy initiatives that demonstrate the Town's commitment to restoration and environmental sustainability. Other Town initiatives cited in this award include the Lake Ontario Water Quality Monitoring Project, Urban Forest Strategy, and annual Green Living Days events.

Many of the Town's existing Plans, Strategies and By-laws already recognize the right to a healthy environment for its residents, businesses and visitors. The Town also has a history of comprehensive, transparent and inclusive public engagement in decisions that affect the Town's natural environment. The following is a summary of these key Plans, Strategies and By-laws, and how they address the rights articulated by the Blue Dot Movement.

Community Action Plan

The Town is currently undertaking a public consultation process to help shape the 2015-2018 Community Action Plan. Being a 'Leader in Environmental Sustainability' is one of the strategic objectives of the Plan. Implementation of this strategic objective in past Community Action Plans has shown Ajax to be committed to environmentally responsible practices through various projects, including work related to the protection of our water from urbanization upstream of Ajax; undertaking water quality studies; participating in the Durham Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall Environmental Assessment process to reduce phosphorus loadings in the Ajax nearshore and eliminate nuisance algae growth; and, enhancing public outreach through community events, educational signage and brochures.

Official Plan

The Town's Official Plan is based on an 'environment first approach'. The Plan includes policies that protect and enhance a strong and interconnected natural heritage system; direct development to be designed in a manner that reduces and remediates its potential adverse effects and negative impacts on air, land and water resources; preserve agricultural land for the production of healthy food; and, promote urban agriculture to enhance access to healthy, locally grown produce.

Transportation Initiatives

The Town supports the right to breathe clean air by making it a priority to shift the focus of transportation from single occupant automobiles to multi-modal forms of transportation, including active transportation by encouraging higher participation in walking and cycling through the Walkable and Bikeable Ajax Plan, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, and Transportation Master Plan.

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

The Town's ICSP sets a vision, strategies and principles, in step with the Brundtland Commission definition of sustainability,⁷ that are intended to aid the

⁷ The Brundtland Commission was created by the United Nations in 1983 and its mission is to unite countries in pursuing sustainable development, which the Commission defines as: *Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

Ajax community in achieving a sustainable future. The ICSP outlines strategic directions and actions for 15 key areas, including air, water, food, waste and the natural environment. These strategic directions and actions include, reducing air pollution; increasing access to food that is affordable, nutritious and locally or regionally produced; maintaining sufficient and accessible green space to support the health and wellbeing of people; protecting groundwater and surface water resources; and providing education and awareness regarding waste management practices.

Partners for Climate Protection and Local Action Plan

In 2011, the Town joined the network of Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) led by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as part of ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection network. The PCP program involves more than 1,100 communities worldwide. As a member, the Town has committed to take action against climate change by undertaking a 5 Milestone framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Town has completed 4 of the Milestones through the preparation of community and corporate greenhouse gas inventories and a Local Action Plan which highlights actions to reduce greenhouse gases by 20% corporately and 6% within the community by the year 2020; all of which will help reduce airborne pollutants and improve air quality.

Waterfront Management Plan

The Town of Ajax has one of the largest stretches of uninterrupted, publicly owned waterfront on the north shore of Lake Ontario. The Town has dedicated many resources over the past 50 years to make its waterfront accessible and natural. Trails and paths give people a variety of ways to experience the Lake and its connecting wetlands and streams. The Ajax Waterfront Management Plan describes the overall framework for improvements, and recommends policies and management strategies to improve resident access to and enjoyment of the waterfront.

Shoreline Improvement Strategy

The Ajax Shoreline Improvement Strategy builds upon the recommendations outlined in the Waterfront Management Plan and includes specific strategies for the overall enhancement of the shoreline, including new recreational opportunities, preservation of natural features and wildlife habitat, as well as ecological enhancements to the shoreline that will improve the community's access to nature and clean water for recreational purposes.

Urban Forest Management Plan

The Urban Forest Management Plan is a long term plan to protect and increase the urban tree canopy within the Town. The Plan contains actions that strategically manage the Town's forest cover so that existing tree cover is protected and expanded in both open spaces and within built up areas. The Plan recognizes that a resilient urban forest can mitigate the impacts of climate change; improve local air quality; reduce stormwater runoff; reduce the heat island effect; provide habitat for local wildlife; and, make a positive contribution to the urban environment.

Anti-Idling By-law

In support of the right to breathe clean air, the Town has an Anti-Idling By-Law and Idle-Free Zones at municipal facilities and environmentally sensitive areas including Town Hall, Operations Centre, Ajax Community Centre, McLean Community Centre, Audley Recreation Centre, Rotary Park and other waterfront parking lots, and all Greenwood Conservation Area parking lots.

In addition to the above noted Plans, Strategies and By-laws, the Town supports the principles of the Blue Dot Movement through membership in the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade where staff were instrumental in the development of an Eco-Business program; membership in Durham Partners in Project Green, a program that helps businesses address everyday challenges in a green and cost effective manner; and, membership in the Greater Toronto Area Clean Air Council, a network of 28 municipalities and health units from southern Ontario that work collaboratively on the development and implementation of clean air and climate change mitigation and adaptation actions.

2.2 Town of Ajax Declaration on the Right to a Healthy Environment

Staff have prepared a “Made-in-Ajax” Declaration (see Attachment No. 1) based on a model provided by the David Suzuki Foundation’s Blue Dot Movement. The Town’s Declaration:

- lists the rights, articulated by the Blue Dot Movement, that should be afforded to all people so they can live in a healthy environment;
- highlights how the Town supports the Blue Dot Movement’s goal of fulfilling and advancing the right to a healthy environment through the Town’s ongoing consultation, implementation and progress reporting of community and corporate Plans, Strategies and By-laws;
- affirms that the Town will take a precautionary approach to making decisions that would have an impact on the environment;
- affirms that the Town will continue to participate in undertakings by other levels of government to help ensure decisions made by these other levels of government protect the health of all citizens;
- calls on the Federal Government to enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
 - calls on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to also call on the Federal Government;
- calls on the Ontario Government to review and amend the Environmental Bill of Rights to include enforceable provisions that protect for and guarantee the right to live in a healthy environment;
 - calls on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to also call on the Ontario Government;
- calls on Town staff to continue engaging residents, local business and other stakeholders in the review of existing or development of new, Plans, Strategies and By-laws that fulfill the Declaration; and,

- calls upon Durham Region and other Durham Region Area Municipalities to adopt their own declarations recognizing their citizens' right to a healthy environment.

Staff consulted with Mr. Shea during the preparation of the Declaration; Mr. Shea supports the 'Made-in-Ajax' Declaration. The Declaration was presented to the Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee on April 2, 2015 and it received unanimous support from the Committee members.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

4.0 COMMUNICATION ISSUES

If endorsed by Council, the Town of Ajax will be identified on the Blue Dot Movement website as one of the Canadian municipalities that have passed a declaration recognizing the right to fresh air, clean water, and healthy food.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Town has a lengthy and robust history of protecting the natural environment and ensuring comprehensive, transparent and inclusive public consultation in its decisions regarding the natural environment. Staff recommend that Council endorse the Declaration contained in Attachment 1 to this Report to support the Blue Dot Movement's goal of having all levels of government recognize every Canadian's right to a healthy environment.

ATTACHMENTS

ATT-1: Town of Ajax Declaration - The Right to a Healthy Environment

Stev Andis, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Senior Policy Planner

Gary Muller, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Manager of Planning

Paul Allore, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director, Planning & Development Services

**ATT-1:
Town of Ajax Declaration
The Right to a Healthy Environment**

Town of Ajax Declaration The Right to a Healthy Environment

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax ("Town") understands that people are part of the environment, and that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the well-being of our community;

The Town finds and declares that:

1. All people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:

The right to breathe clean air;

The right to drink clean water;

The right to consume safe and healthy food;

The right to access nature;

The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment;
and,

The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment.

2. In order to respect, protect, fulfill and advance these rights within the Town's means and municipal responsibilities, the Town shall continue to implement the principles, goals and policies of its various community and corporate Plans, Strategies and By-laws;
3. The Town shall continue to implement its community and corporate Plans, Strategies and By-laws to protect the local environment and support its citizens' right to a healthy environment, which includes:
 - a. Endeavouring to have an equitable distribution of environmental benefits within the Town's municipal boundary;
 - b. Ensuring infrastructure and development projects protect the environment, including air and water quality;
 - c. Addressing climate change by taking actions to reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions and implementing adaptation measures;
 - d. Encouraging the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
 - e. Promoting appropriate and responsible intensification within the Town's fixed Urban Area Boundary;
 - f. Promoting walking, cycling and public transit as preferred modes of transportation;
 - g. Encouraging Durham Region to ensure adequate infrastructure for the provision of safe and accessible drinking water;
 - h. Promoting access to food that is regionally or locally sourced and healthy;
 - i. Reducing solid waste and promoting recycling and composting in corporate facilities;
and,
 - j. Establishing and maintaining accessible green spaces.
4. The Town shall take a precautionary approach, consider cost effective measures, aim to prevent the degradation of the environment and aim to protect the health of its citizens when making decisions that could impact human health or the environment.

5. In order to advance the rights linked to providing a healthy environment that fall under the responsibility of other levels of government, such as Durham Region or Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, the Town shall, where feasible and appropriate, participate in undertakings by these other levels of government to help ensure their decisions protect the health of the environment and of all citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town calls upon the Federal Government to enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town encourages the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to also call upon the Federal Government to enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, given the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights has not been reviewed or amended since it came into force in 1993, the Town calls upon the Ontario Government to review and amend the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights to include enforceable provisions that protect for and guarantee the right to live in a healthy environment;

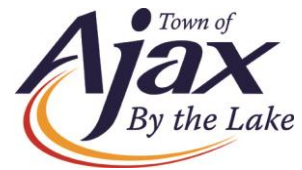
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town encourages the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to also call upon the Ontario Government to review and amend the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights to include enforceable provisions that protect for and guarantee the right to live in a healthy environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town staff be directed to continue to engage residents, local businesses and other stakeholders in the review of existing or development of new Plans, Strategies and By-laws that support this Declaration, and to report back to Council or a Committee of Council on the actions taken by the Town to help achieve the objectives, targets, and timelines in these Plans, Strategies and By-laws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town calls upon Durham Region and other Durham Region Area Municipalities to adopt their own Declarations recognizing their citizens' right to a healthy environment;

AND FURTHER THAT this Declaration and the associated Staff Report, supporting the Blue Dot Movement's call for all levels of government to recognize that all people have the right to live in a healthy environment, be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Federal Environment Minister, Ajax-Pickering Member of Parliament, Premier of Ontario, Ajax-Pickering Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham Region, City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, City of Oshawa, Municipality of Clarington, Township of Uxbridge, Township of Scugog, Township of Brock, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Town of Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee, Durham Region Environmental Advisory Committee, and the David Suzuki Foundation.

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore
Director of Planning and Development

PREPARED BY: Andrew Jackson
Landscape Architect

SUBJECT: Menkes Neighbourhood Park, Design Approval

WARD: 2

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2015

REFERENCE: 948711 – Menkes Imagination Neighbourhood Park Design
963411 – Menkes Neighbourhood Park - Gillett Construction
RFP No. P13010
Recreation, Parks, and Culture Master Plan, 2008
Attachment '1' – Menkes Park Plan
Attachment '2' – Menkes Park Details
Attachment '3' – Menkes Park Sections

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council approve the design for the Menkes Neighbourhood Park.**
- 2. That Council approve the staff recommendation that traffic calming on Gillett Drive is not warranted and does not need to be designed and constructed in conjunction with the Menkes Park.**

BACKGROUND:

The approved 2013 Capital Budget includes a provision for the design of a neighbourhood park within the Imagination subdivision, on the west side of Gillett Drive, at the terminus of Elston Avenue. The Recreation, Parks, and Culture Master Plan, park size and location, and community needs were determining factors used to establish the components of the park. Based on the original design, the park components include a senior soccer field, a senior and junior playground, a shade structure, a basketball court, parking, asphalt trails and connections, site furniture, landscaping, and general open space.

As per the requirements of the approved subdivision agreements with both Menkes Developments and Runnymede Developments, all site grading, topsoil application, and service connections will be completed by the developers. This work is anticipated to be completed early summer 2015. It is anticipated that park construction will begin after the developer's work is complete.

DISCUSSION:

During the design development, the consultant prepared design sketches that were reviewed by the Parks Design Team. A design was prepared and finalized and presented to the public during a Public Information Centre (PIC) in December 2013. During the PIC, several issues and recommendations arose that staff were requested to address. These public comments and Town responses have been itemized in the following table. As a result, Town staff have worked with the consultant to revise the design in response to the comments received.

Item	Comments	Town Response
Parking Lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having paid a significant premium to back onto a park, residents don't want to back onto a parking lot - suggested removing the lot or moving it away from yards. Also suggested planting trees to allow for privacy Resident concerned with location of lot as they paid high premium to back on to park, not a parking lot Need to change parking/options to avoid congestion on Gillett Resident is concerned about the location of parking. Would like to see it moved away from the houses as it will increase traffic and noise 	The parking lot has been shifted to the south, further away from the houses, and two parking spaces have been eliminated. Additional trees have been added to buffer the parking from adjacent residents.
Seating Benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident would like to see at least 3 places to sit Would like to see more trees and benches, and a gazebo as proposed one appears to be ugly Spaces to stop and rest throughout the 8 acres 	6 additional benches have been added, bringing the total to 12.
Soccer Field and Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident feels it's unnecessary for another soccer field. Would like to see bike trail/running track/swings & slides for kids etc. No need for another field so close to existing one – would like to see a running track There's already a soccer field, another one so close to the houses will cause too 	There is a need for additional senior and junior soccer fields in the community. The Recreation, Parks, and Culture Master Plan recommends the addition of seven new unlit full size soccer fields. The size and location of this park is ideal for the inclusion of one additional senior soccer field. As a compromise, staff have downsized the senior field to a junior field. Junior fields are also in need throughout the community. By providing a junior

	<p>much traffic to area. Also, a school is proposed to be built which will cause additional traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident likes the thought of an additional soccer field/open field to increase security by not having buildings/parks for people to hang out in • Resident would like to see a tennis court instead of a soccer field • Additional soccer field would not serve community well, would rather see tennis court, walking trail, play ground, etc. • Instead of a soccer field, would rather see a tennis court • No need for another soccer field. Would rather see a park for the kids • No soccer field 	<p>field there is now the ability to include an internal trail loop system within the boundary of the park.</p> <p>A new tennis court at the Audley Recreation Centre was constructed adjacent to this neighbourhood and should fulfill the needs of the local residents.</p>
Traffic Calming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park will generate additional traffic which will be dangerous for local residents 	<p>Pedestrian connections from the park will be located where there are direct links to existing sidewalks.</p> <p>This item has been addressed in more detail below.</p>
Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see more added to park for ages 5-12 i.e., zip line, monkey bars etc. • Would like to see a water park added to existing park, more for kids to play • Water park • Water park, sand box, slides and monkey bars • Water park, climbing walls, larger play area • Resident would like to see neighborhood park for the community • Activities such as biking/running track/cross country skiing • Biking trail/cross country skiing trail/snow shoeing, hills for tobogganing, 	<p>A junior and senior playground was included in the original design. The playground has been enlarged and additional playground equipment has been added, within the allowance of the budget. Overhead swing bars and a small roller line (similar to a zipline) has been added.</p> <p>A new splashpad at the Audley Recreation Centre was constructed adjacent to this neighbourhood and should fulfill the needs of the local residents.</p> <p>430 metres of trail has been added to the design. The new total is 850 metres.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> running/walking track Rock climbing wall, apparatus for children 9-14 so they too can enjoy the park 	
Ice Rink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident would like clarification if they are to bring their own skates or if they are able to rent. Resident feels it's unnecessary to have a skating rink/tennis court as it doesn't serve as many residents as would a large field/soccer field Ice rink, which could be used for road hockey in the summer 	The Town has a program which allows local residents to build skating rinks in parks.
General Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident would like to see the following: Tobogganing & ice skating, drinking fountain, track for running, sheltered area for community BBQ's and picnic tables, tennis court, volleyball playing area (sand), table tennis, tables with checkers/chess painted on them 	Tobogganing may be possible within the slope along the western edge of the park. A trail loop system has been designed and should fulfill the needs for active recreation such as walking and jogging. Seating areas and benches have been included in the design. Beach volleyball may be considered in other areas of the Town.
Trees Shrubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to see flowering trees planted Possible area for a community garden or horticultural beds 	Additional trees have been included in the plan. There is available land for future gardens and planting beds.

During the PIC the issue of traffic congestion and calming was discussed. In response to this discussion, the following information was provided by the Town's Transportation Section (Planning and Development):

Gillett Drive is a two lane, two-way Collector Road with a varying posted speed limit. The east-west section is posted at 50 km/h and is appropriate for the classification of road while the north-south section is posted at 40 km/h. Gillett Drive provides sidewalks on both sides of the street to ensure separation between pedestrians and vehicles. A traffic volume of approximately 2,700 vehicles per day and 85th percentile speeds of 56 km/h was recorded in May of 2014. The Town has no recorded collisions on record between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2014.

In 2007, Council approved the Traffic Calming Framework and Process which details the process for evaluating and implementing Traffic Calming along Town roads. In response to concerns raised by residents of Gillett Drive, staff conducted an evaluation in 2014 using the approved process. Due to the length and geometry of Gillett Drive between Salem Road N and Williamson Drive E, the road was segmented into east-west and north-south sections for individual evaluation. The sections ranked 45th and 57th respectively out of 66 warranted locations. Current budgetary constraints limit the design and construction of one Traffic Calming project per year.

Therefore Gillett Drive was not being considered for Traffic Calming within the Long Range Capital Forecast.

In 2015, the update to the Traffic Calming Framework and Process is reaching conclusion. This update provides additional flexibility in project identification, efficiencies in the screening and evaluation processes, and allows the Town to focus its resources on locations which have the greatest speeding concerns. The update also required the re-evaluation of each location requested from 2012 onward. Gillett Drive was again segmented into east-west and north-south sections for individual evaluation. The east-west section did not progress through the initial screening process as the observed 85th percentile speed (55 km/h) did not meet the minimum threshold of 10 km/h above the posted speed limit (50 km/h). The north-south segment passed the initial screening, however did not accumulate the minimum score necessary to warrant Traffic Calming. Due to the differing posted speed limit, the east-west section was also evaluated as though its posted speed was 40 km/h, but it too failed to achieve the necessary minimum score. Therefore Gillett Drive is not warranted to receive Traffic Calming.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Costs for the construction of the Menkes Neighbourhood Park will be funded through the approved Capital Account No. 963411.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

A public information centre was held December 3, 2013. An additional public information centre will be held in May 2015 to present the revised plans to the public for their review and comment prior to the project being tendered for construction.

CONCLUSION:

It is the recommendation of staff that Council approve the design for the Menkes Neighbourhood Park and that traffic calming is not designed or constructed in conjunction with this project.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATT-1: Menkes Park Plan
ATT-2: Menkes Park Details
ATT-3: Menkes Park Sections

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PARK RENDERING



PARK FEATURES & PLANTING



SENIOR SOCCER FIELD



METAL GAZEBO & PLAY AREA



ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT



ARMOURSTONE WALL WITH FENCE



METAL BENCH



METAL TRASH RECEPTACLE



METAL BIKE RINGS



PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT



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SILVER QUEEN MAPLE



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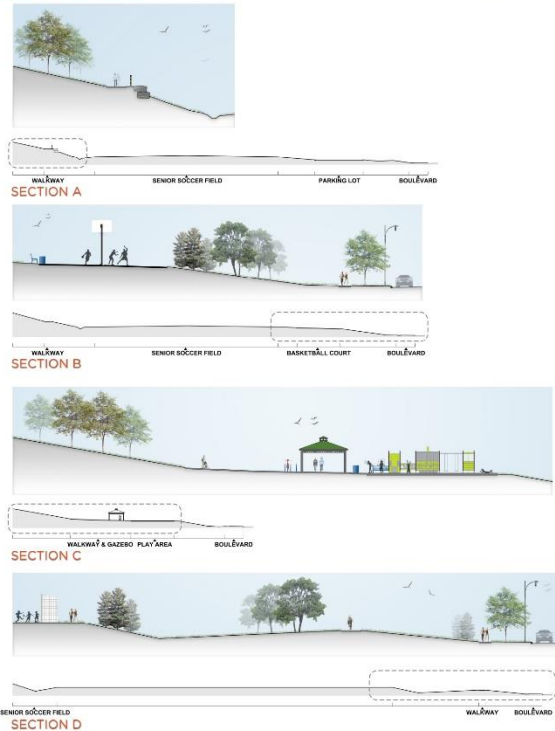


MENKES PARK
TOWN OF AJAX



Attachment '2' – Menkes Park Details

PARK SECTIONS



MENKES PARK
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Attachment '3' – Menkes Park Sections

TOWN OF AJAX REPORT



REPORT TO: General Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Allore, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development Services

PREPARED BY: Hubert Ng, P.Eng.
Senior Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: **Ajax Waterfront Trail Etiquette Signage Pilot Project**

WARDS: 3 & 4

DATE OF MEETING: April 23, 2015

REFERENCE: Community Action Plan Strategic Objective: Strategic Development and Economic Prosperity – Establish a Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy for the design and location of information and directional signage for the Town's Active Transportation Network.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That temporary trail etiquette signage be installed along the Ajax Waterfront Trail before May 31, 2015 as a pilot project.
2. That the Town gather community input regarding the content and design of the etiquette signage to inform the proposed Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy forecasted to commence in 2016.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2014 Ajax Municipal Election and through the 2015-2018 Community Action Plan consultation, trail etiquette signage was identified as needed along the Ajax Waterfront Trail. Signage is needed to educate and inform residents and visitors to share the trail with consideration for each user (pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, dog walkers, joggers, hikers etc).

Comments from the public including those raised during the 2014 municipal election signaled a clear need for trail information, trail etiquette and way-finding signage throughout the Town's Active Transportation network. Stemming from this identified need, and subject to Council's approval in the 2016 annual budget, a Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy has been forecasted in the Long Range Capital Forecast in 2016. This Strategy is intended to determine the design, content and location of signage, inclusive of etiquette signage along the Waterfront Trail, throughout the Town's trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, parks and other components of the Active Transportation network. A location map, signage design guidelines and implementation plan would be included in the Strategy. The Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy is intended to

implement a permanent and unified solution to trails information (including etiquette) and way-finding throughout the Town.

The intent is to design and install temporary trail etiquette signage prior to Trailfest, scheduled to take place on May 31st, 2015. These etiquette signs provide the opportunity to test the signs as a pilot project to provide public input into the project, including ideas and messaging. Staff plan to collect feedback and comments from the public to inform the Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy, should it be approved by Council in 2016.

This report outlines the plans and strategy for the Trail Etiquette Signage pilot project.

DISCUSSION:

Based on North American best practices for trail information signage, trail etiquette signs are placed at trailheads (trail entrances). However, given the scale of use along the Waterfront Trail and clear feedback from the public, staff recommend placing trail etiquette signs at major parking lots (trail entrances) along the Waterfront with additional signs along the Waterfront Trail.

The location and size of the signs were developed to minimize signage clutter along the trail while ensuring that all trail users will have ample opportunity to view the signs.

Staff recommend installing 11 signs along the Waterfront Trail as illustrated in Attachment 1. Six signs (two signs at three locations) placed along the Waterfront Trail would be part of the “Mayor’s Ride” for Trailfest. These signs can be viewed by both eastbound and westbound trail users at the beginning, middle and end of the Waterfront Trail, and will be attached to existing poles. Five signs would be placed at each of the trailheads of the Waterfront Trail adjacent to parking lots. These trailhead signs would require new poles.

These temporary signs will be installed before Trailfest which will take place on May 31, 2015 and in advance of the summer season. The signs will be 18” x 24” in size.

Best practices research and feedback from the public informed the messaging for the etiquette signage. Both written language and graphic depictions will illustrate the trail etiquette tips. The signs will feature the following six trail etiquette tips:

- Be courteous
- Keep Right
- Slow down to pass
- Give audible warning
- Control your speed
- Keep dog leash lengths minimal

The trail etiquette sign is illustrated Attachment 2.

Pilot Project Evaluation

Throughout the duration of the trail etiquette signage pilot project, Town staff will collect feedback from the public regarding the design, content and location of the temporary trail etiquette signs. Community feedback will be collected through the Town’s website as well as at Trailfest 2015.

In 2016, the temporary etiquette signs would be reevaluated as part of the Town’s Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy, should the project be approved by Council. There is the potential that the locations and design of the signs will be altered to be consistent with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Way-Finding Strategy and public feedback.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A total of 11 (18" x 24") aluminum trail etiquette signs are needed for this pilot project. 6 of the 11 signs will be installed on existing poles along the trail. Five poles are required for the signs located at trailheads adjacent to the parking lots.

The 11 temporary etiquette signs and 5 poles will cost approximately \$548.00 (net of HST rebate).

The cost for the temporary etiquette signs will be covered through the Ajax Waterfront Information Signs Capital Project (Acct# 945611) which was approved in 2013. Operations staff will install the signs and corresponding poles.

COMMUNICATION ISSUES:

In addition to the temporary Waterfront Trail Etiquette Signs, a modest communications plan will be developed for the upcoming 2015 summer season to promote trail etiquette through the Town's website, social media channels, community page and Ajax Today. Further promotional initiatives will be implemented through a comprehensive Transportation Awareness Campaign being developed in late 2015 by Planning and Development Services in conjunction with Corporate Communications.

Staff will also collect community comments/feedback on the trail etiquette signage during Trailfest and through an online portal hosted on the Town's website.

CONCLUSION:

The temporary Waterfront Trail Etiquette Signage Pilot Project will respond to the much needed education and awareness issues currently identified by residents while allowing staff to gather community input on a comprehensive and consistent way-finding signage strategy.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATT-1: Ajax Waterfront Trail Etiquette Sign Locations

ATT-2: Ajax Waterfront Trail Etiquette Sign

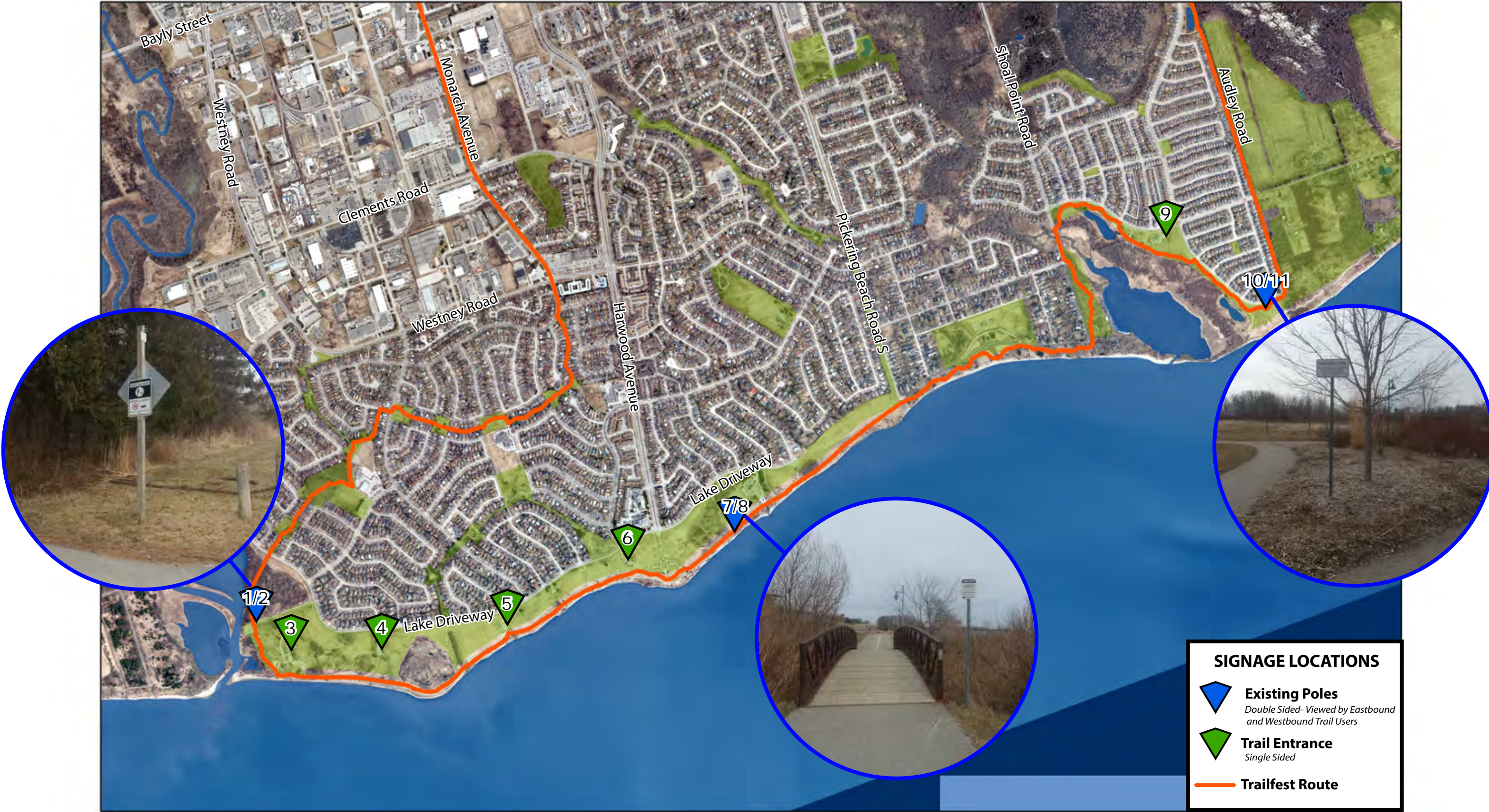
ATT-3: Capital Detail Sheet – Ajax Waterfront Park 2013

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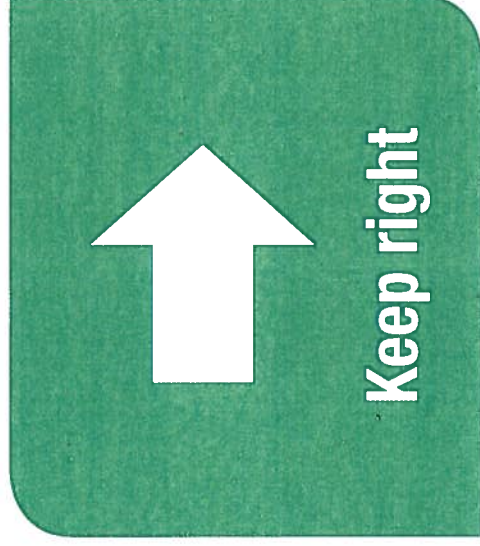
Paul Allore, MCIP, RPP – Director of Planning and Development Services

Figure 1: Temporary Trails Etiquette Signage Recommended Locations



TRAIL

Etiquette



ajax.ca/trailtiquette

TOWN OF AJAX
2013 CAPITAL BUDGET / 2014-2017 LONG RANGE CAPITAL FORECAST
DETAIL SHEET

Department	Operations & Environmental Services
Section	Env. Services
Project Name	Ajax Waterfront Park - 2013
Submitted By	Tim Murphy, Supervisor, Infrastructure & Capital Projects
Start Year	2013
Project Number	0945611

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION

Scope: Additional park features to be added to the waterfront

Rationale: As one of the busiest parks in the Region of Durham, staff are recommending that additional environmental and historical signage be constructed at the waterfront to serve the increased population and improve the overall park experience for users.

Schedule:

2013

Design, supply and installation of signage along the waterfront

- Rotary Park - Environmental Sign
- Lions Point - Historical Sign
- Paradise Park / Pickering Beach Road - Historical Sign
- Carruthers Marsh - Environmental Sign
- Duffins Marsh - Environmental Sign

Reference: Ajax Waterfront Management Plan (2005)

EXPENDITURES / FUNDING

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Total Expenditures	60,000					60,000
General Levy	60,000					60,000
Total Funding	60,000					60,000