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, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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Present:

Mayor

Regional Councillors

Councillors

S. Parish

S. Collier

C. Jordan

M. Crawford

R. Ashby

J. Dies

P. Brown

1. Call to Order

Mayor Parish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by:

P. Brown

Seconded by: C. Jordan

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 26, 2015 be adopted. CARRIED

Delegation and Petitions/Public Hearings

Unity in Diversity Week - November 8 - 14, 2015 4.1

Yalda Baghaei and Travis Thakurdin of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Ajax, provided background information on Unity in Diversity Week, emphasizing themes such as gender equality, human rights, and celebrating diversity as a strength of our community. An upcoming event to celebrate Unity in Diversity Week will be held at the Ajax Library. On behalf of Council, Mayor Parish officially proclaimed November 8-14, 2015 as Unity in Diversity Week and presented Ms. Baghei and Mr. Thakurdin with a proclamation certificate.

4.2 World Diabetes Day - November 14, 2015 Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Month - November, 2015

This item did not proceed as the delegate was not present at the meeting.

4.3 **Ajax Library Board Update**

Phill White, Chair, Ajax Public Library Board, delivered the Ajax Library's Fall Update. Some key points within the written report were highlighted including the new Inclusive Toy Library and an upcoming Science Fair.

Members inquired about the rising cost of e-books. Mr. White noted that while libraries continue to lobby for more reasonable pricing, it seems unlikely that costs will go down; however, there is a trend toward publishers 'bundling' e-content into packages so that libraries may acquire more content for the same price.

Members congratulated Mr. White and Donna Bright, Chief Librarian/CEO for their continued leadership and superb management of library services.

5. Correspondence

Moved by: J. Dies Seconded by: S. Collier

That the report dated November 9, 2015 containing Items of Correspondence be adopted.

6. Reports

6.1 Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report

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

That the Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report dated November 2, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 General Government Committee Report

Mayor Parish noted that this report had been circulated separately from the agenda.

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

That the General Government Committee Report dated November 5, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

6.3 Summary of Advisory Committee Decisions

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

That the Summary of Advisory Committee Decisions from October 2015 as attached to the meeting agenda be received for information, and that the recommendations contained therein be referred to staff where applicable.

CARRIED

6.4 Departmental Reports

None

6.5 Ajax Library Board Report

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

That the Library Board, Fall 2015, Update be received for information

CARRIED

7. Regional Councillors' Reports

Regional Councillors Collier and Jordan updated Council on various Regional matters. Discussion primarily surrounded the Energy from Waste Facility which has yet to open, and recent decisions made by the Regional Council Composition Review Committee. Specifically, members were critical of a decision to guarantee two Regional Councillors for each of the northern townships, a determination they believe to be premature and unwarranted.

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

That the Regional Councillor's Reports dated November 9, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

None

9. By-laws

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

That By-law numbers 85-2015 to 88-2015 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion

None

11. Other Business

None

12. Question Period

Rob Tyler Morin, Ajax resident, inquired about the Energy from Waste Facility and the penalties being applied for each day that the facility's opening is delayed. Mayor Parish and Regional Councillors clarified that nearly \$3 million in fines have been levied to date.

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

Councillor Brown noted an upcoming Community Meeting for Wards 3 & 4.

14. Confirming By-Law

Moved by: J. Dies Seconded by: C. Jordan

That By-law number 89-2015 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 November 9, 2015 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

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

That the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned.

(7:45 p.m.)

CARRIED

Mayor

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