

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Held Electronically on Monday, October 18, 2021
at 5:30 p.m.**

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Present:	Mayor Regional Councillors	S. Collier M. Crawford S. Lee J. Dies R. Tyler Morin A. Khan L. Bower
	Councillors	

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Collier called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and acknowledged traditional treaty lands.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Closed Session (5:33 p.m.)

3. Authority to Hold a Closed Meeting and Related In-Camera Session

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin
Seconded by: S. Lee

That Council convene into a closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2)(e) of the Municipal Act to discuss a matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Open Meeting (6:05 p.m.)

Ratify Directions from Closed Session

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

That all directions approved in the Closed Session be ratified.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 6:06 p.m.

Council resumed at 7 p.m.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: R. Tyler Morin

That the following minutes of previous Council meetings be adopted:

- Regular Meeting of September 21, 2021;
- Closed Session Meeting of September 21, 2021

CARRIED

5. Question Period

Mayor Collier noted that members of the public were advised they could submit questions regarding the agenda to the Town Clerk up until noon on the day of the meeting. Alexander Harras, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, noted that no questions had been received regarding the contents of the meeting agenda.

6. Delegations and Presentations

6.1 Presentation: 2021 West Division Community Safety Plan Update

Staff Sergeant Kevin Yamada and Staff Sergeant Shaun Carter of Durham Regional Police West Division delivered a presentation on the 2021 West Division Community Safety Plan. Staff Sergeant Yamada discussed improvements to roadway safety, violent crime reduction strategies including a new field intelligence officer initiative, property crime reduction strategies, community engagement initiatives, enhanced communication, and social development. Staff Sergeant Carter reviewed the body worn camera initiative, Pickering Casino data, and provided an overview of the CCTV camera initiative.

Council Members asked questions regarding COVID vaccination rates of Durham Regional Police West Division staff, closed circuit television (CCTV) camera policies, restrictions and controls for motor vehicle noise, attendance at Pickering Casino during the pandemic, timeline for completion of the Pickering Casino Resort, Pickering Casino construction impacts on Church Street, status of the Road Watch program and Neighbourhood Watch program, ongoing community outreach initiatives, and roadway safety improvements. Staff Sergeant Yamada and Staff Sergeant Carter responded to questions from Council Members.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Collier thanked Staff Sergeant Yamada and Staff Sergeant Carter for their presentation.

6.2 Presentation: Vision Zero Update

Steven Kemp, Manager - Traffic Engineering and Operations, Regional Municipality of Durham, delivered a presentation on the Vision Zero program to eliminate fatal and injury collisions in Durham Region. S. Kemp outlined the pillars of the program, and the vision and goal to achieve a 10% reduction in fatal and injury collisions over a five-year period.

S. Kemp reviewed eight areas monitored as part of the Vision Zero program, including intersections, aggressive driving, distracted driving, young drivers, pedestrians, impaired driving, cyclists, and commercial vehicles. S. Kemp reviewed five-year total fatal and injury collisions by focus area on regional and local municipal roads.

S. Kemp provided an update on the red-light camera program and ASE program citing number of cameras in operation, locations and violations to date, and discussed other Vision Zero initiatives, including speed limit reductions, improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, and power backup systems at traffic signals.

Members of Council asked questions regarding cycling traffic signals, leading pedestrian interval lights, high risk intersection locations, public education campaigns, red-light camera and ASE statistics, right turn lane red-light camera locations, and opportunities to have the Region of Durham Region administer the automated speed enforcement program for lower tier municipalities. S. Kemp responded to questions from Council Members.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Collier thanked S. Kemp for his presentation.

7. Correspondence

Moved by: J. Dies
Seconded by: A. Khan

That the report dated October 18, 2021 containing Items of Correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Reports

8.1. Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report

8.1.1 Community Affairs & Planning Committee, October 4, 2021

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: L. Bower

That the Community Affairs & Planning Committee Report dated October 4, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

8.2. General Government Committee Report

8.2.1 General Government Committee, October 12, 2021

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

That the General Government Committee Report dated October 12, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

8.3 Summary of Advisory Committee Activities

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin
Seconded by: M. Crawford

That the Summary of Advisory Committee Activities Report dated October 18, 2021, as attached to the meeting agenda be received for information, and that the recommendations contained therein be referred to staff where applicable.

CARRIED

8.4 Departmental Reports

None

9. Regional Councillors' Report

Regional Councillor Crawford discussed regional considerations to reduce posted speed limits on portions of Kingston Road (Regional Highway 2). Mayor Collier discussed regional tax increase guidelines for 2022.

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

That the Regional Councillors' Reports of October 18, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Business Arising from Notice of Motion

10.1 Residential Parking Permit Program

Regional Councillor Lee and Regional Councillor Crawford introduced the motion and reviewed its contents. Council Members asked questions regarding constrained timelines, availability of on-street parking, and costs to implement the program. Regional Councillor Lee and Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services/Clerk, responded to questions on the motion from Council Members.

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

WHEREAS a Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Feasibility Study was completed in 2008 to examine the feasibility of implementing a RPP program in the Town of Ajax;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the day did not vote in favour of implementing the RPP program on the recommendation of staff at the time;

AND WHEREAS the makeup and built form of our community has changed dramatically since 2008, including new developments that have been built and are planned for the future, and an increase in multi-family homes with multiple vehicles requiring increased parking;

AND WHEREAS some residents of Ajax have expressed concerns to members of Council regarding a perceived lack of residential parking supply, particularly in Ajax's newer communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff be directed to present a report to Council or the appropriate Standing Committee on the cost, timeline and potential scope of an updated Town-wide Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Study by no later than February 2022; and
2. The RPP Study shall include, at minimum, an examination of existing on-street parking supply, potential scope of the program, estimated costs and cost recovery mechanisms for the Town, integration with the Town's existing on-street parking programs and by-laws, estimated participation rates of residents and visitors, and estimated timelines for development and implementation.

MOTION LOST

Recorded Vote

In Favour: Regional Councillor Lee, Regional Councillor Crawford

Opposed: Councillor Bower, Regional Councillor Dies, Councillor Khan, Councillor Tyler Morin, Mayor Collier

11. By-laws

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: A. Khan

That By-law numbers 63-2021 to 66-2021 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

12. Notice of Motion

Councillor Bower noted that she will be bringing forward a motion to the November meeting of Council to amend the procedural rules for General Government Committee and Community Affairs & Planning Committee meetings regarding acknowledgement of traditional treaty lands.

13. New Business - Notices & Announcements

Members of Council highlighted upcoming events and activities including a Ward 1 community meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, a Public Open House for a Proposed Residential Development at the Southeast Corner of Knapton Avenue and Cedar Street on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, Islamic Heritage Month declared on October 14, 2021, upcoming Metrolinx open houses regarding the Durham-Scarborough BRT, and Live with Mayor Collier on Thursday, November 25, 2021.

14. Confirming By-Law

Moved by: L. Bower
Seconded by: A. Khan

That By-law number 67-2021 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax at its meeting held on October 18, 2021 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

Moved by: M. Crawford
Seconded by: A. Khan

That the October 18, 2021 meeting of the Council of the Town of Ajax be adjourned (8:41 p.m.)

CARRIED

Mayor

D-Clerk