



**Minutes of the  
General Government Committee Meeting  
Held in the Council Chambers, Ajax Town Hall and Electronically  
At 1:00 p.m. on November 20, 2023**

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Present:	Chair – Regional Councillor	J. Dies
	Regional Councillors	M. Crawford S. Lee
	Councillors	R. Tyler Morin L. Bower N. Henry
Regrets:	Mayor	S. Collier

**1. Call to Order & Acknowledgement of Traditional Treaty Lands**

Chair Dies called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and acknowledged traditional treaty lands.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 Regular Meeting**

Moved by: S. Lee

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the General Government Committee held on October 10, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Consent Agenda**

Members separated items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 for discussion.

**4.1 CAO-2023-17: Business Retention and Expansion Survey Results**

Committee Members asked questions regarding strategies to improve survey response

rate, rationale for negative attitudes of Ajax, community development namely Ajax's advantages and disadvantages as a place to do business, survey frequency, survey results, opportunities to improve communication strategies, timelines associated with the proposed recommendations, and opportunities to utilize Community Improvement Plan (CIP) funds towards improvements. Robert Humphrey, Senior Economic Development Officer and Geoff Romanowski, Director of Planning & Development Services, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: S. Lee

1. That the Business Retention and Expansion Survey Results be received for information.

CARRIED

**4.2 AFES-2023-07: Backup Emergency Operations Centre Agreement with the Township of Uxbridge**

Committee Members asked questions regarding rationale for the partnership with the Township of Uxbridge and if the Town engaged in discussions with other municipalities. Aaron Burrige, Fire Chief, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Moved by: L. Bower

1. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Township of Uxbridge, substantially in the form attached hereto (ATT-1), regarding reciprocal backup Emergency Operations Centres.

CARRIED

**4.3 FIN-2023-26: Capital Account Closing Report as at September 30, 2023**

Committee Members asked questions regarding funds returned to reserves due to change in scope namely the planned construction of new washroom facilities to the installation of a self-cleaning unit at Paradise Park. Dianne Valentim, Director of Finance/Treasurer and Chris Vida, Director of Recreation & Culture, responded to questions from Committee Members.

Regional Councillor Lee raised a point of order regarding the line of questioning.

Moved by: N. Henry

1. That Council receive the attached listing of Capital Account closings as of September 30, 2023 for information.
2. That funding transfers to/from the Reserves/Reserve Funds from the September 30, 2023 Capital Account Closings, in accordance with the Financial Sustainability Plan, and changes in project funding sources as described in this report, be approved as follows:

Reserve / Reserve Fund	Transfers to \$	Transfers from \$	Net Transfers
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Capital Contingency Reserve		29,466.73	29,466.73
Building Maintenance Reserve	(11,040.09)		(11,040.09)
Strategic Initiatives Reserve	(93,257.80)	42,554.96	(50,702.84)
Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Reserve	(104,369.01)	44,417.97	(59,951.04)
Development Reserve	(1,633,730.57)	52,387.71	(1,581,342.86)
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>(1,842,397.47)</b>	<b>168,827.37</b>	<b>(1,673,570.10)</b>

CARRIED

#### 4.4 FIN-2023-27: Procurement By-law Update

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the revised Procurement By-Law be presented to Council for approval.

CARRIED

## 5. Discussion

None

## 6. Presentations

### 6.1 Durham Meadoway Visioning Study Update

Geoff Romanowski, Director of Planning & Development Services, introduced Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Durham Region and Greg Pereira, Manager of Transportation Planning, Durham Region.

C. Leitch and G. Pereira delivered a presentation regarding the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study. C. Leitch provided an overview of the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study and discussed steps taken to date, study process and engagement initiatives, purpose of the study, location of the Durham Meadoway, preferred route for multi-use path (MUP), MUP features, vision statement, guiding principles, route evaluation overview, preferred route and interim connections, segment alignments, and design renderings. G. Pereira reviewed implementation strategies, costs, and next steps.

Committee Members asked questions regarding funding allocations, Segment 5 alignment, on-road cycling facility locations, opportunities for improvements to the Taunton Trail intersection, budget implications, costs associated with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study, and the opportunity to use funds from the Remmer Neighbourhood Park and Trail capital project to fund Ajax's portion of the EA Study. G. Pereira, C. Leitch, and Kassandra Cruciano, Senior Advisor, Grants & Partnerships, responded to questions from Committee Members.

On behalf of Committee, Chair Dies thanked C. Leitch and G. Pereira for their

presentation.

Moved by: S. Lee

1. That Ajax Council confirm its support for the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study as an initial step in planning for the Durham Meadoway project;
2. That Ajax Council support the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between it and the Region, City of Pickering, Town of Whitby and City of Oshawa to set the administration, collection of fees and technical guidance for a Municipal Class EA Study to advance planning for the Durham Meadoway by undertaking preliminary design work for the multi-use path, gateways and related amenities; and
3. That the final draft MOU and cost sharing agreement for the Municipal Class EA Study be presented to Ajax Council prior to September 1, 2024 for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by: R. Tyler Morin

That the presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. Closed Session**

None

**8. Adjournment (1:58 p.m.)**

Moved by: L. Bower

That the November 20, 2023 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED