



The Corporation of the Town of Ajax Council Information Package August 29, 2025

Durham Region Municipalities Correspondence

None.

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Summary of Advisory Committee Activities

None.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: **August 12, 2025**

Motion # 248

WHEREAS Ontario's Family Health Teams provide team-based healthcare which is critical to our communities;

AND WHEREAS healthcare in Ontario is publicly funded;

AND WHEREAS municipalities invest significant additional public/taxpayer money in support of Family Health Teams and other healthcare-related organizations, including supports for primary care recruitment, healthcare facilities, and additional community healthcare needs;

AND WHEREAS the governance models for Family Health Teams in Ontario do not follow mandatory standards;

AND WHEREAS governance models are designed to ensure appropriate representation, transparency, and guardrails with respect to potential conflicts of interest for the organizations they represent;

AND WHEREAS many boards of Family Health Teams are not balanced in terms of representation from the communities and municipalities that they cover;

AND WHEREAS the lack of a standard and balanced governance model means that the needs of the local communities are not necessarily fully represented;

AND WHEREAS the province is directing the Primary Care Action Team (PCAT), through Dr. Jane Philpott, to ensure connected and convenient healthcare across the province;

AND WHEREAS Family Health Teams are crucial in the delivery of the mandate of PCAT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Township of Armour urges the Province of Ontario to implement a standard and mandatory governance model for the boards of Family Health Teams across the province, which ensures that community members make up 50% of the overall board membership to ensure appropriate representation for the communities which use and support healthcare in their local area;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the Primary Care Action Team; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO); and all municipalities in Ontario.

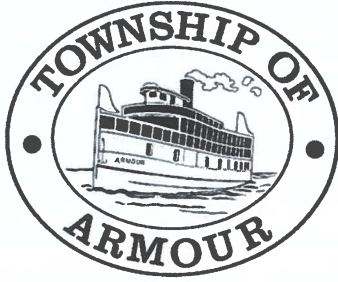
Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Mayor's Report – Governance of Family Health Teams

To: Members of Council
From: Rod Ward, Mayor
Date: August 12, 2025

Subject: Support for Standardized Governance Models for Family Health Teams

Family Health Teams are a vital part of Ontario's healthcare system, particularly in rural and underserved communities like ours. These teams provide collaborative, team-based care that improves patient outcomes and relieves pressure on hospitals and emergency services.

Our municipality, like many others across the province, continues to invest local taxpayer dollars to support healthcare delivery — through physician recruitment efforts, infrastructure, and other community health initiatives. However, despite this investment and our community's reliance on these services, municipal and community voices are often underrepresented on the boards that govern Family Health Teams.

Currently, there is no mandatory governance framework for these boards, which has led to inconsistent representation and, in some cases, governance structures that do not reflect the communities they serve. This can lead to decisions being made without sufficient local input, oversight, or accountability.

The attached resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to implement a standardized and mandatory governance model for Family Health Teams, requiring that at least 50% of board members be community representatives. This would help ensure local interests are considered in decision-making, and strengthen transparency and trust in our healthcare system.

I recommend Council's support for this resolution and the forwarding of it to the appropriate provincial bodies and municipal partners.

Sincerely,

Rod Ward

Rod Ward
Mayor

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Friday, August 22, 2025

The Honourable Robert Black, Senator
Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca

RE: Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Dear Honourable Robert Black,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, August 11, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Thompson

Seconded By: Councilor Petrie

Whereas the agricultural sector of Huron County depends on the health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas soil erosion poses a very significant threat to the long-term health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich owns some agricultural land which is an asset for the Town;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to protecting the assets of the Town from preventable harm;

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty-five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions;"

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

CARRIED

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
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All local Municipalities within Huron County

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To: All Ontario Municipal Councils

Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

As members of municipal councils, we share a responsibility to make decisions that result in the most positive outcomes for both our current residents and future generations. The management of municipal waste is one of the most pressing environmental challenges we face today.

Large urban centres are increasingly looking to rural areas for land to bury garbage waste. Continuing to bury garbage in the ground will inevitably lead to serious consequences:

Globally, solutions already exist. Clean incineration technology can drastically reduce the volume of waste going to landfills while producing much needed electricity. Germany serves as an inspiring model, operating 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of 25 million tonnes. At the same time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its municipal waste, the highest rate in the world, driven by strong community engagement, innovative infrastructure, and early education programs that foster a culture of sustainability.

We believe Ontario can and must do better.

We are calling for:

1. The creation of a provincial working group composed of municipalities, the Provincial and Federal Governments, and manufacturing partners;
2. A commitment to exploring and implementing clean incineration, stronger recycling programs, and other sustainable practices;
3. Support from municipal councils across Ontario to advocate for immediate action at all levels of government.

We respectfully request that your council consider supporting this initiative by passing a similar resolution and communicating your support to Premier Doug Ford, the opposition parties, and other relevant stakeholders. By acting together, we can ensure that waste disposal in Ontario is managed quickly, efficiently, and sustainably protecting our environment and safeguarding our communities for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Flieler".

Jim Flieler
Councillor, Municipality of Tweed

Resolution for Incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program

Whereas It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations

And Whereas with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste

And Whereas a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts

And Whereas continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable.

And Whereas burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction.

And Whereas we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations

And Whereas we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy

And Whereas the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons

And Whereas with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate.

And Whereas at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis.

And Whereas German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations.

Now Therefore be it resolved that Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations as well as letters being sent to all municipalities in Ontario, Premier Ford and the opposition parties.

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No.

355

Title:

Notice of Motion - Incineration and a More Robust Recycling Program

Date:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Moved by

Councillor J. Flieler

Seconded by

Councillor P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of working together with the Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations as well as letters being sent to all municipalities in Ontario, Premier Ford and the opposition parties.

Carried



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August 27, 2025

Premier of Ontario
Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Honorable Premier:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Strong Mayor Legislation

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on August 26, 2025:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario introduced Strong Mayor Powers on November 22, 2022, in the Cities of Toronto and Ottawa to support the provincial priority of building 1.5 million homes with subsequent expansions in 2023; and:

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, the Province of Ontario expanded the Strong Mayors legislation to include 169 additional municipalities with six or more members of Council, including the Township of Woolwich; and

WHEREAS over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requesting their removal, expressing concerns about the effect on democratic governance and transparency; and

WHEREAS a 2024 survey by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) found that only 33% of mayors retained the power to change the organizational structure and 26% of mayors retained the power of employment matters; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Mayor Sandy Shantz delegated all possible political powers and duties back to Council and administrative duties back to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), however not all powers and duties can be delegated; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich respectfully request that the Province of Ontario continue to study the impacts of the strong mayors legislation including:

1. **To what extent the legislation is supporting the stated intent of supporting housing development, for example if strong mayors are using their powers to support or veto more housing in their communities;**
2. **If there are any unintended consequences of the legislation, for example on democracy, transparency, workplace culture, or the politicization of administrative staff appointed by a strong mayor (the CAO or department heads);**
3. **The impact of extending the legislation to smaller, rural municipalities like Woolwich, such as the impact of additional powers and duties on part-time mayors or the implications six-member councils where a simple majority and 2/3 majority vote is the same;**
4. **Consider the concerns expressed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the AMCTO, including the powers affecting public administration and eliminating the need for a majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities;**
5. **Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, AMCTO and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
AMCTO
All Municipalities in Ontario



MEMO

To: Council
From: Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk
Department: Corporate Services
Subject: **Development Charges Complaint Hearing Procedures**
Date: August 28, 2025

Pursuant to section 20 (4) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c..27 ("the Act") as amended, Ajax Council is required to hold hearings with respect to certain complaints involving the calculation of development charges and provide complainants with an opportunity to make representations.

The procedures below have been developed by the Clerk in accordance with best practices and will be used for the Development Charge Complaint Hearing scheduled for September 15, 2025, and any future hearings of this nature.

Scheduling of the Hearing of the Complaint

The Clerk shall provide the parties written notice of the hearing in accordance with the Act.

Submissions

The complainant shall have opportunity to submit written materials for Council's consideration prior to the meeting, which shall be published with the Agenda Package, subject to any submission timelines to be determined and communicated by the Clerk. There is no prescribed format or length for such submissions. Town staff and/or representatives will also prepare a written submission for Council's consideration which shall also be published with the Agenda Package.

Procedure at the Hearing

Order of Business

The order of business at the Hearing shall generally be as follows:

1. Introductory remarks from the Chair;
2. Submissions/Presentation from Complainant and/or Agent;
3. Questions from Council members to Complainant and/or Agent;
4. Submissions/Presentation from Town Staff and/or representatives;
5. Questions from Council members to Town staff and/or representatives;

6. Council deliberation of the matter (either in public, or in private as permitted by statute)
7. Disposition of Complaint (or a determination by Council that it will reserve its decision)

Neither the parties, nor their agents or their witnesses, shall be required to conduct an oath or an affirmation as part of the hearing.

Time limitations and Question/Answer Process

The Complainant and/or Agent thereof, and Town staff and/or their representatives, shall each have 20 minutes to make their formal submissions to Council. For greater clarity, the 20 minute limitation is cumulative for all representatives acting for each party. The Chair may, at their sole discretion, extend the 20-minute allowance at the request of a party, where there is compelling reason to do so.

The parties shall be entitled to pose questions of one another through the Chair, or to have a brief right of reply to the other party, on request, subject to any limitations imposed by the Chair and the right of the Chair to ensure that the parties do not enter into direct, back-and-forth debate with one another.

Any question and answer period, or discussion period that follows these submissions is not subject to the time limitation but may be limited as deemed appropriate by the Chair, while having regard to procedural fairness.

Witnesses and Additional Materials

The parties may call witnesses and may supplement their original submissions with additional evidence or arguments at the hearing, at their discretion. Any submissions by witnesses shall form part of and be counted toward the 20 minute time limitation.

Council Procedure By-law

The Council Procedure By-law shall govern the proceedings of the hearing in relation to any matters not covered herein, including but not limited to provisions for suspension of the rules, voting, points of order, etc.

Open and Closed Proceedings

All proceedings are to be open to the public and the parties unless one of the exceptions under the Statutory Powers and Procedures Act (SPPA) or the Municipal Act (MA) applies.

When a hearing is closed to the public under the SPPA, only the parties and their representatives remain in attendance. Council may also rely on the authority under section 239 of the MA in closing proceedings to the public or the public and the parties - for example, if it wishes to receive advice subject to solicitor client privilege. Council may, but is not required to, retire to deliberate in the absence of the public and the parties. Deliberations occur when Council considers the evidence and submissions in arriving at a decision. The decision itself is announced in the presence of the public and the parties.

Disposition of Complaint

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, Council may issue a decision, or it may reserve its decision.

Available options for disposition include, but are not limited to, the following

- a) confirm the development charge and dismiss the complaint;
- b) recommend an amendment to the development charge to the extent that if, based on the evidence, it can be determined that:
 - i. the amount of the development charge was incorrectly determined;
 - ii. whether a credit is available to be used against the development charge or the amount of the credit or service with respect to the credit was given, was incorrectly determined; or,
 - iii. there was an error in the application of the development charges.

Minutes, Written Reasons, Notice of Decision, and Appeal

The Clerk, or a designate thereof, shall prepare minutes of the Council meeting during which the hearing took place. A copy of the meeting minutes will be posted on the Town's website, www.ajax.ca, within 1 week of the hearing. The Town's legal counsel will prepare written reasons for the decision of Council and will publish them as an appendix to the minutes as soon as practicable.

The Clerk shall give written notice of the decision of Council in accordance with the Act and the notice shall specify the last day for filing an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Should the Clerk receive a notice of appeal under the Act, the Clerk shall compile the material and take any other actions as required by the Act.