



**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Council Information Package
July 4, 2025**

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None.

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June 25, 2025

The Honourable Ron Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister Flack:

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

**RE: Region of Durham Response to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by
Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (2025-COW-26),
Our File: L14**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on June 25, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole:

- “A) That the letter dated June 4, 2025, found in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-26 of the Commissioner of Finance, be endorsed as the Region of Durham’s response to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Smarter and Faster Act, 2025, including the following key messages:
- i) Development Charges Act – Development Charge (DC) relief should be reviewed on an annual basis and be designed to be targeted and temporary to respond to changing market conditions;
 - ii) Planning Act – Municipal autonomy should be preserved by ensuring complete application requirements reflect site-specific considerations, but with encouragement for standardization of study requirements;
 - iii) Building Code Act – Municipal authority should be maintained to implement green development standards that align with climate goals;

- iv) Transit Legislation – The proposed updates to include the GO Lakeshore East Extension to Bowmanville as a ‘provincial transit projects’ is welcomed, and the Region will work closely with the Province to further understand data-sharing expectations and municipal agreement exemptions; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2025-COW-26 be forwarded to the Region’s local area municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.”

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-COW-26 for your information.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

- c: B. Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- J. Grossi, Clerk, Town of Ajax
- F. Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock
- J. Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
- M. Medeiros, Clerk, City of Oshawa
- S. Cassel, Clerk, City of Pickering
- B. Labelle, Clerk, Township of Scugog
- D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
- C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
- N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance

Clarington

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June 26, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

To Prime Minister Carney:

Re: Minutes from the Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee dated June 12, 2025

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on June 23, 2025, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #C-154-25:

That the minutes from the Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee meeting dated June 12, 2025, be received for information, with the exception of Item 8, which shall be endorsed by the Council of the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas hate has no home in Clarington; and

Whereas acts of hate have a profound impact on those directly targeted, as well as the community as a whole; and

Whereas municipalities such as Hamilton, Uxbridge, and Peterborough have either amended their sign by-laws or passed motions banning the display of hate symbols on municipal property; and

Whereas all levels of government have a collective responsibility in keeping our communities safe and welcoming for all residents; and

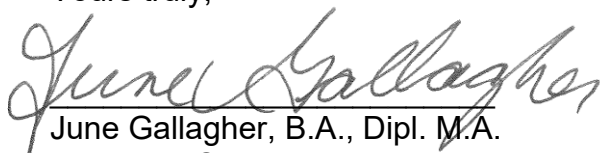
Whereas in previous sessions of Parliament, bills were introduced to amend the Criminal Code to ban hate symbols; and

Whereas regular data reporting on hate crime incidents, charges and convictions will provide transparency, create awareness, and identify areas of focus.

Therefore, be it resolved that Clarington:

1. Ban symbols of hate on municipal property, either through policy or amendments to the Sign By-law; and
2. Urge the Federal Government to amend the Criminal Code to ban public displays of hate symbols; and
3. Request that DRPS make publicly available statistics on hate-related incidents through a hate crime dashboard and present an annual report on hate crimes, similar to those of the Toronto Police Service; and
4. Endorse the development of the regional, community-based hate reporting system proposed in Report #2025-A-4 of Durham Region's F&A Committee and request that the Region add CDAC and other lower-tier DEI advisory committees in future consultations on the system's development and other anti-hate initiatives; and
5. Forward a copy of Council's resolution to the Region of Durham, other Durham Region municipalities and their DEI advisory committees (where applicable).

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.
Municipal Clerk

JG/lh

- c: Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Police Services
Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering
Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, Town of Ajax
Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby
Blair Labelle, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog
Fernando Lamanna, Clerk/Deputy CAO, Township of Brock -
Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa
Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee
H. Anderson, Executive Administrator, Mayor and Council
K. Bergeron, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement
D. Lyons, Deputy CAO, Planning and Infrastructure
R. Maciver, Deputy CAO/Solicitor

Sent by Email

June 30, 2025

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Subject: Review of Strong Mayor Powers Legislation

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 23, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario passed O. Reg. 530/22 under Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act*, Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council (the “Strong Mayor Powers” or “SMP”);

And Whereas, since 2022, Strong Mayor Powers have been imposed on 216 Municipalities with 2 municipalities receiving such Powers on November 23, 2022, 26 municipalities receiving the Powers on July 1, 2023, 18 receiving them on October 31, 2023, and most recently, the Powers were extended to an additional 170 municipalities on May 1, 2025;

And Whereas, Associations such as The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), have advocated for municipalities and municipal staff as it relates to Strong Mayor Powers;

And Whereas, such Advocacy includes but is not limited to opposition to the Powers as they relate to matters that are within the realm of municipal administration and operation, including matters of employment, and the hiring and termination of municipal staff including the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), all of which are having negative impacts on workplace culture;

And Whereas, through a research scan of municipalities in 2024, conducted by AMCTO, they found mayors retention, use and implementation of Powers can and have changed the dynamics between staff and decision-making, and that overall the legislation has had negative impacts to municipal staff and the disruption of municipal timelines, policies and procedures by:

- creating operational and administrative burdens when it comes to supporting the interpretation and implementation of the legislation;
- blurring the lines of political and administrative authority, particularly between the mayor and CAO;
- creating inconsistencies and a lack of accountability and transparency in decision making; and,
- leaving staff employment, well-being and effectiveness at the discretion of the mayor;

And Whereas, AMCTO has advocated specifically to remove the ability for heads of council to directly hire or dismiss any municipal staff as well as advocating for clarity in the implementation of the Strong Mayor Powers legislation noting that it has led to inconsistent implementation and undue administrative burdens on staff;

And Whereas, while the Ministry states that the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers is to help promote provincial priorities, including to support housing and housing-related infrastructure, the recent addition of 170 municipalities receiving the Powers did not include a request to commit to a housing pledge, nor did it provide those municipalities with a housing target;

And Whereas, despite the Powers having been in place for 3 years, it remains unclear what checks and balances are in place from the Ministry to ensure that the Powers are being used in accordance with O. Reg. 580/22: Provincial Priorities;

And Whereas, with the implementation of Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025, a majority of Municipal Planning Powers have been removed and/or transferred to the Minister which was one of the key justifications for granting SMPs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for The Corporation of the City of Pickering requests:

1. That the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing conduct a comprehensive review of the Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council under Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act* and O. Reg 530/22;
2. That such review include but not be limited to input from stakeholders such as The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Municipal Chief Administrative Officer's and Municipal Clerks from the 216 Municipalities where Strong Mayor Powers have been imposed;
3. That the review examine the concerns previously raised by AMCTO and AMO as set out in this motion; and,

4. That a copy of this Motion be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leaders of the Opposition for the NDP and Liberal Parties, all Durham MPPs, all Durham Region Lower Tier Municipalities, The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, The Association of Municipalities Ontario, and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ontario New Democratic Party
Bonnie Crombie, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Pickering-Uxbridge
Robert Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock
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The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer

Sent by Email

June 30, 2025

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Subject: Opposition to Bill 5 and Request to Repeal

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 23, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, a broad omnibus legislation that proposes to make various changes to existing planning, consultation, approval, authority, and protection frameworks found in Provincial statutes in relation to major infrastructure, mining and resource development projects;

And Whereas, on June 4, 2025, Bill 5 passed its third and final reading in the Ontario legislature, but has not yet come into force;

And Whereas, Bill 5 granted broad powers by creating provincial “authority to designate special economic zones”, which allows for the suspension of constitutionally protected rights of Indigenous peoples and the suspension of powers of municipal governments and environmental authorities;

And Whereas, Bill 5 provides powers for the Province that First Nations governments in Ontario have stated would be contrary to Treaty agreements with the Crown;

And Whereas, amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, fail to address systemic issues in archaeological resource management, such as delayed consultation with Indigenous communities and unilateral provincial control over Indigenous artifacts and cultural heritage. Additionally, the amendments exacerbate already weakened heritage protections brought in Report #2025-CG-7 Page 2 of 10 through Bill 23. Any exemptions under the Ontario Heritage Act could result in negative impacts, including the destruction of Indigenous artifacts and burial sites;

And Whereas, Bill 5 repeals the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and degrades protections for the environment and circumvents policies that have kept Ontarians safe

and healthy for decades, including regulations that prevent the contamination of Ontario's water and the means by which water contamination is identified;

And Whereas, the new regime for endangered species and at-risk species is designed for more flexible permitting and registry-based approvals, rather than automatic prohibitions on activities that harm listed species or their habitats. Additionally, narrowing the definition of habitat in the ESA to just the immediate area surrounding dwelling sites excludes protection of broader ecosystems that endangered and at-risk species rely on for survival. There are more than 230 species at risk in Ontario, many of which are in Durham, including numerous birds, fish, insects, reptiles and plant species. These species have experienced population declines over the past several decades and are at risk of being lost completely. While these changes could expedite development approvals, they may also reduce environmental oversight resulting in devastation to populations of endangered species;

And Whereas, the 'trusted proponent' model under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025, may create a two-tier development system, favouring select private businesses with fewer regulations, thereby undermining labour standards and enabling potentially exploitative and unsafe working conditions;

And Whereas, Bill 5 enables the Province to override municipal authorities and planning activities without consultation or warning, including the ability to upend planning processes already long underway and future planning processes being considered or yet to be contemplated;

And Whereas, Bill 5 undermines the practice and spirit of democracy and a rights-based system in the Province of Ontario, and to date has garnered the public opposition of the Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Anishinabek Nation, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, Sandy Lake First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Grassy Narrows First Nation, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Amnesty International Canada, the Canadian Environmental Law Association, World Wildlife Fund – Canada, David Suzuki Foundation, The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Ontario Biodiversity Council, Ontario Nature, Legal Advocates for Nature's Defence, Environmental Defense, Wildlands League, Wildlife Preservation Canada, Ecojustice, the Toronto Zoo, Mining Watch Canada, Democracy Watch, municipalities in Ontario, and numerous other pan-regional and local organizations across Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

1. Opposes the Government of Ontario's Bill 5 due to its infringement on Indigenous rights, assignment of powers to arbitrarily override and ignore long-established areas of municipal government authorities, risks to the long-term health of important ecosystems and the environment generally,

and circumvention of numerous democratic rights and oversight responsibilities;

2. Calls upon the Government of Ontario to immediately repeal Bill 5;
3. Urges the Government of Ontario, in accordance with the recommendation of Grand Chief Joel Abram of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, to “engage in a comprehensive redrafting process with full First Nations participation” and to likewise engage with municipalities and other affected stakeholders in the same comprehensive redrafting process, maintaining a rights-based foundation, inclusive of an evidence-based approach to environmental protections;
4. Supports efforts to streamline the approvals process for mining projects in Ontario when it does not come at the expense of safeguarding against environmental and community impacts, nor negate or remove the duty to consult with our Indigenous stakeholders such as the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First nation (MSIFN), and those Indigenous Nations adjacent to the designated “Ring of Fire” mining zone;
5. Is supportive of mechanisms that would result in increased local procurement in the electricity sector; however, we wish it to be noted that limiting competition could increase costs if local or preferred suppliers are more expensive than international alternatives, which may result in increased electricity prices for ratepayers; and,
6. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships; Chief Kelly LaRocca of the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First Nations; all treaty members of the William Treaties signatories; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Region of

Durham; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

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Copy: The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
The Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire economic and Community Partnerships
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Chief Joanne P. Sandy, Beausoleil First Nation
Chief Ted Williams, Rama First Nation
Chief Donna Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
Chief Laurie Carr, Hiawatha First Nation
Chief Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation
Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services and Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Durham
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer

June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
All Ontario Municipalities
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 17, 2025

SEE DISTRIBUTION LIST

RE: CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT REGULATED AREA MAPPING

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed the [Report on the Conservation Authorities Act Regulated Area Mapping](#) at its meeting on April 25, 2025 adopting Resolution A#54/25 as follows:

WHEREAS in 2019, TRCA staff undertook the first jurisdiction-wide review and update to TRCA's regulated area mapping since 2006 in consultation with member municipalities, the public, and the building industry;

AND WHEREAS at TRCA Board of Directors Meeting #6/19, held on Friday, June 21, 2019, Resolution #A116/19 was approved, stating that staff continue to make updates to the regulation mapping on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS staff have now completed the 2024 review and update of the regulated area mapping as required by section 4 of Ontario Regulation 41/24 under the Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS staff will continue to maintain the mapping for internal use, for municipal staff use, and for public viewing on TRCA's website;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the report on the 2024 update to TRCA's regulation mapping be received by the TRCA Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise the Ministry of Environment and Parks, TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.

Consistent with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 41/24 under the Conservation Authorities Act, staff have updated TRCA's regulated area mapping based upon the most current information available for regulated natural hazards and natural features.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mary-Ann Burns, Senior Manager, Planning Policy and Regulation at MaryAnn.Burns@trca.ca or (437) 880-2299.

Sincerely,



Joanne Hyde
Clerk and Manager, Policy

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Summary of Accessibility Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of June 30, 2025



Accessibility Advisory Committee – June 18, 2025 (AAC-2025-06)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
<p>Shared E-scooter/E-bike program Update Armi De Francia, Active Transportation Coordinator Sonia Kandola, Director of Government Relations - Lime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. de Francia introduced the Town’s latest shared E-scooter and E-bike partnership program with Lime, noting anticipated launch late June/early July 2025 • S. Kandola presented the company's efforts to improve accessibility, including inclusive vehicle types, a Canadian accessibility round table, and partnerships with leading organizations. • S. Kandola explained Lime's mandatory parking zones, real-time feedback on parking, and the progressive discipline policy for non-compliance. She introduced the Lime Assist device, a free mobility device for people with mobility challenges, and explained the reservation and usage process. Members user-tested the device. • S. Kandola highlighted Lime's commitment to supporting local community events and the Lime Hero program, which allows riders to round up the cost of their rides to a charity. • Committee members asked questions about the program, including the change from Bird to Lime, parking offenses, user and pedestrian safety, accessibility features, and the audibility of the devices.
<p>2025 National AccessAbility Week Debrief</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Moore presented a summary of the 2025 National AccessAbility Week recognition events, including photos and participant feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lions Foundation Dog Guide Walk ○ Flag Raising ○ Why Accessibility Matters Webinar ○ Red Shirt Day ○ Regional Accessibility Conference

Town of Ajax Summary of Advisory Committee Activities – July 2025

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ribbon-cutting of the accessible aquatic equipment ○ Abilities Centre Accessibility Awards ○ Patrice: The Movie film screening, and ○ Accessibility Fair ● Members shared insights and feedback on the events they attended and participated in. ● The Committee was encouraged to brainstorm 2026 programming and suggestions for International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) recognition.
<p>Update to Region of Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee Awards Process</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Moore provided an overview of the changes implemented to the 2025 Region of Durham Accessibility Advisory Committee Accessibility Awards process. ● She shared information about the nomination process and opportunities for Members to participate in the nomination review panel.
<p>Aging-Well Month Follow-up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members shared feedback on Aging-well month events including the Sensory Trail Walk workshop, Dementia-Friendly Communities Training, the Older Adult 55+ BBQ and Living Library event.
<p>Accessibility Resource Draft Review</p>	<p>Item discussion postponed to September 2025 Meeting.</p>

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Summary of Heritage Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of June 30, 2025



Heritage Advisory Committee – June 4, 2025 (HAC-2025-06)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
<p>Updates to the Ontario Heritage Act/Ontario Toolkit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Sawchuck explained that Bill 5, the <i>Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act</i> proposes amendments to 10 different acts, including the Ontario Heritage Act, focusing on special economic zones and streamlining development approvals. <p>Moved By: M. Daniels Seconded By: -</p> <p>That the Heritage Advisory Committee support the Town’s continued process to request archaeological assessment for development applications, with the understanding that such request may be overridden by provincial legislation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion failed due to lack of seconder.</p>
<p>Historical Plaque Digitization</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Sawchuck provided an overview of the Historical Plaque Digitization Project, intended to digitize historical plaques by adding QR codes that link to additional information online as part of the Town of Ajax 70th Anniversary celebration.
<p>Plaque Unveiling – DIL Supervisors’ Apartments</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Sawchuck provided an update on the plaque unveiling event for DIL Supervisor’s apartments plaque. He noted that the event was successful despite the weather, and that the committee’s hard work was recognized.

Town of Ajax Summary of Advisory Committee Activities – June 2025

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
<p>War of 1812 Veteran's Plaque – W. G. Ray</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed the proposal to apply for a veteran's plaque for David William Gerard Ray, a War of 1812 veteran buried in the Quaker Cemetery. <p>Moved By: M. Daniels Seconded By: S. White</p> <p>That the Committee support pursuing commemoration of War of 1812 veteran William Gerard Ray, buried in the Friends Cemetery, with a commemorative plaque from the Government of Canada's War of 1812 Veteran Graveside Project, pending permission from the property owner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
<p>Audley Spirit Walk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members participated in a read-through of the Audley Spirit Walk script and provided feedback.
<p>Ajax Archives Update</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. McEwan shared details of the Patrick Sheehan Awards Presentations commencement ceremonies for 2025. • Members expressed interest in a presentation/update from the Ajax Archives at a forthcoming meeting in fall 2025.

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