



News from Regional Councillor Crawford & Councillor Tyler-Morin



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It has been a busy beginning to the 2022 - 2026 term of Council.

I've had a great time with the added responsibilities of Deputy Mayor and have been honoured to represent the Town in front of MPPs, at the Ontario Big City Mayor AGM, multiple business openings and celebrating business anniversaries.

Applying and being accepted as a Director of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) board, has also been an amazing opportunity.

I've been able to get a provincial perspective on many issues like homelessness, the housing shortage, and coming up, I will be a part of the AMO Task Force on Policing.

I feel this broadened perspective makes me a better, and more well-informed councillor.

We are now well into the new school year and drive safe campaigns, school crossing guards, traffic calming and Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) all remain priorities, here, in Ward 1 and throughout Ajax, but we all have to do our part. Please slow down! Please stay focused when driving!

We also continue to work with staff at the Town and Region of Durham to ensure timely maintenance and beautification of municipal properties. Property standards for residential and businesses are also imperative to keeping the Town looking clean and vibrant.

I also encourage community and neighbourhood cleanups. Email operations@ajax.ca for a cleanup toolkit!

Marilyn Crawford committees

- Works Committee (regional roads, traffic lights, garbage, recycling and compost - Region of Durham)
- Chair of Durham Region Transit (DRT) Executive Committee
- Vision Zero (Region of Durham)
- Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA)
- Director on Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Task Force on Policing (AMO)
- Community Safety and Well-being (Region of Durham)
- Deputy Mayor (current)

Rob Tyler-Morin committees

- Community Affairs and Planning
- General Government Committee
- Durham Regional Police Road Watch Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Ajax Municipal Housing Board (former)

New projects in Ward 1



Forest Ridge park & trail



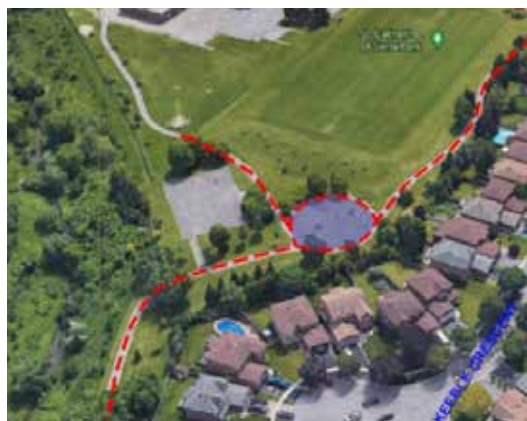
Millers Creek reconstruction and new off-leash park



Millers Creek Park baseball fence repair



Hermitage Park Trail reconstruction & off-leash park



St. Catherine of Siena Park retrofit

- McLean Community Centre (MCC) - Community Room 2 renovations
- Fire Station #2 renovations

For further details on each new project, please visit [ajax.ca/Meetings](https://www.ajax.ca/Meetings) to view the 2023 Capital Projects Update from the June 19, 2023 Ajax Council meeting.

2023 road resurfacing

Road	From	To	Completion
Delaney Dr.	Church St. N.	Ravenscroft Rd.	August 2023
Ritchie Ave.	Westney Rd. N.	Kingston Rd. W.	August 2023

Rossland Rd. reconstruction: Church St. to Westney Rd.

This project includes widening the road to a four-lane urban cross section with a centre turning lane, new multi-use paths, new LED street lights, intersection improvements meeting AODA standards, cross rides at intersections and a new signalized school crossing at Harkins Dr.

While the construction project is currently ongoing, the majority of the work, including paving, is scheduled to be completed at the end of summer. Some minor restoration work such as sod, tree planting and street signs will be completed through the fall.

599 Kingston Rd. W.

For the most up-to-date information on the property at 599 Kingston Rd. W., please visit the IMO Hub at imo.ajax.ca/599Kingston.

Snow removal program for qualified residents

We've heard your concerns around winter snow removal as per the survey that was up on the Town's IMO Hub this summer. Thank you! There is a report coming to Council, at the September Council meeting, and there will be a new program with a focus on our senior residents and qualified residents.

The unsheltered

We know that homelessness is affecting communities throughout Ontario. The Region of Durham is the local service system manager and receives \$18 million annually from the province to support homelessness and prevention programs.

We continue to look for safe and sustainable solutions for our residents, businesses and libraries.

What has Ajax done to date?

- Hired a Strategic Initiatives Coordinator to support issues relating to community safety and homelessness.
- Drafted an encampment strategy to allow us to respond quickly.
- Collaborated with the Region of Durham to have sharps disposal containers installed at the Harwood Plaza.
- Increased security patrols in the core and downtown parks to move individuals along and

report criminal behaviour to police.

- Continue to provide a range of supportive and educational programming through the library.
- Developed a locker program for unsheltered individuals, in partnership with the Mayor's Gala and Salvation Army.
- Continue to participate in the Ajax Homelessness Task Force, and continue to foster strong relationships with the Region, DRPS and social services professionals.

You can stay up to date on issues relating to homelessness at ajax.ca/Homelessness.

Waste pickup

Blue box

- On July 1, 2024, the producers will take over blue box collection services in the Region. While the details of how producers will run the program are not yet known, producers must operate the program similarly to the way Durham Region operates until all Ontario municipalities have transitioned to full extended producer responsibility (EPR) by the end of 2025.

Compost expansion

- As of July 2024, an exciting change to composting will come in to place where the green bin will be expanded to include dog waste, cat litter, diapers and adult products. This will be converted through an anaerobic digester and changed to natural gas and fertilizer.

Transit

Customers can now tap for payment with PRESTO cards, debit or credit, including cards linked to smartphones or iPhones.

Durham Region Transit (DRT) is targeting a full electric vehicle (EV) fleet by 2037. A \$12.1 million electric bus pilot project, made possible by the Canada Community Building Fund, will help fund the purchase of six EV buses.

DRT also received low interest financing of up to \$62 million from the Canada Infrastructure Bank over the next four years. This will help cover the higher up front costs of zero emission buses.

2023 meeting schedule*

Community Affairs & Planning

Monday, October 2 | 7 p.m.

General Government Committee

Tuesday, October 10 | 1 p.m.

Council

Monday, October 16 | 7 p.m.

Community Affairs & Planning

Monday, November 6 | 7 p.m.

General Government Committee

Monday, November 20 | 1 p.m.

Council

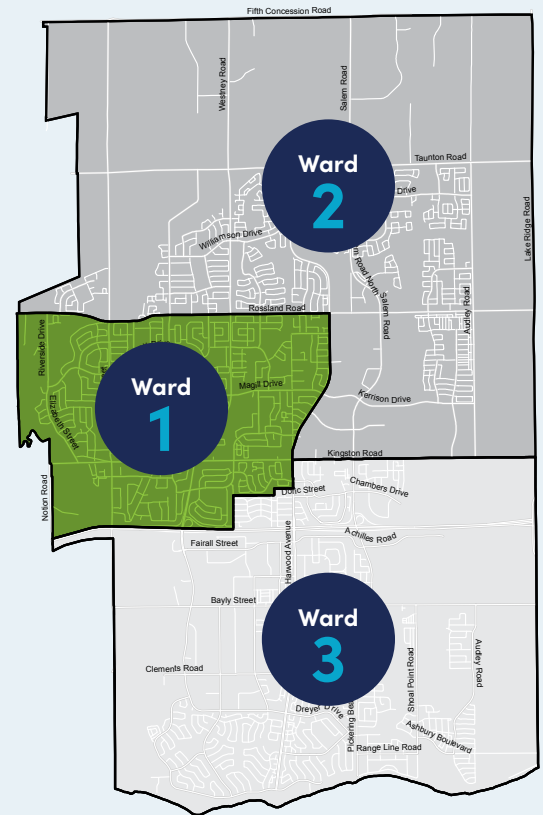
Monday, November 27 | 7 p.m.

For more information and to view agendas, visit ajax.ca/Meetings.

*Dates subject to change.

What's my ward?

Find out what ward you live in by using our interactive map at ajax.ca/MyWard.



Mental health supports

Community Care Durham: COPE Mental Health Program

- 905-837-0017, ext. 229
- communitycaredurham.on.ca

Distress Centre Durham Crisis Line

- Call: 1-800-452-0688
- Text: 258258
- distresscentredurham.com

Durham Mental Health Services

- Crisis Line: 1-800-742-1890
- Intake: 905-666-0831
- dmhscentralintake@lh.ca
- dmhs.ca

Lakeridge Health – Ajax Pickering Hospital

- Crisis Line: 905-433-4384
- Intake: 905-683-2320, ext. 13275
- lakeridgehealth.on.ca

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences – Prompt Clinic

- Crisis Line: 1-800-263-2679
- Intake: 1-877-767-9642
- ontarioshores.ca

Community Care Durham Mobile Food Market

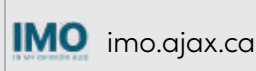
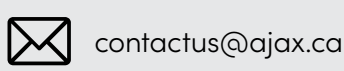
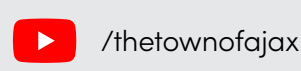
Every Wednesday until October 25.
Ajax Community Centre
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Learn more at:
communitycaredurham.on.ca/mobile-food-market/

TOA Mini Market

October 13
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Village Arena

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