



News from Regional Councillor Lee & Councillor Henry



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Thank you for the privilege of returning as your Regional Councillor. I look forward to working towards a path of progress for the Town of Ajax, through collaboration with my Council colleagues and listening directly to the feedback of the residents of Ward 2.

At the Town, I'll be sitting on the Library Board where we'll continue to be the hub of the community, providing space and services to all. Look for our first ever Makerspace to open at the end of 2023.

At the Region, I'll be the Town representative on the Finance Committee, where we'll face tough decisions on how best to allocate our tight resources amidst the toughest economic conditions in a generation.

I'll also be the Council representative of both the Ajax Anti-Racism Task Force and the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce. It is the goal of both taskforces to address racial inequity while simultaneously highlighting the diversity that strengthens our community.

I'm honoured to have been elected as your Local Councillor. I'm already working hard to bring your concerns to Council and represent Ward 2. I know that together, we can accomplish great things for our ward and our Town.

I have the privilege of sitting on the Accessibility Committee as the Council representative. As the first person with disabilities to be elected in the Town, I consider this appointment an honour. This committee is focused on how to improve accessibility and inclusion for all within Ajax.

In the community, I'll be focusing on the rise in food insecurity. Affordable food markets and free food drives could make a difference for some having to choose between food and shelter. Thank you to the countless not-for-profit groups stepping up to help out!

Ajax is an age-friendly community. Seniors are the fastest growing population in the Town, making up more than half of the population. Programs, accessibility, food security and services, like snow removal, will all help our seniors maintain their independence longer. I'm committed to helping our seniors age with dignity in our Town.

Community safety and policing

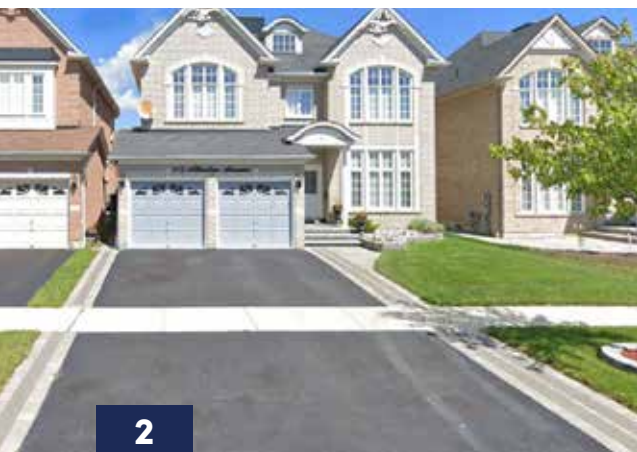
This term, we'll continue to prioritize community safety and well-being within north Ajax. We've had the chance to meet with our new Police Chief, Peter Moreira, where we were able to outline some of the areas of opportunity for DRPS, especially in connection with our racialized communities. In

speaking with our new Inspector of West Division, Shaun Carter, we've reviewed the need for traffic calming and monitoring. We continue to see success with our Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) throughout the ward. Learn more about ASE at ajax.ca/ASE.



Ward 2 Ajax Council motion highlights

- On December 12, 2022: Reg. Councillor Lee and Councillor Henry passed a motion to examine a Residential Parking System.
- On April 17, 2023: Reg. Councillor Lee and Councillor Henry passed a motion requesting the province to regulate short-term rentals.
- On January 23, 2023: Councillor Henry and Reg. Councillor Lee passed a motion to honour the late MPP Joe Dickson with a park dedication. The park location will be at the north-west corner of Ainley Rd. and Turnerberry Ave. (adjacent to Viola Desmond Public School), and will be named Joe Dickson Park.



Driveway widening & curb cuts

The Town has policies in place for driveway widening and curb cuts to give property owners some flexibility when altering their properties. However, residents who alter their driveways without adhering to the Town's by-laws are subject to a fine and may be required to restore their driveway to its original or approved condition. It is recommended that residents talk to Town staff about driveway widening before beginning any work. For more information, visit ajax.ca/DrivewayWidening.

In the community



➤ Councillors Lee and Henry at the grand opening of the H&M Distribution Centre



➤ Councillor Henry receives Community Advocate and Leadership Award from the Durham Caribbean Festival



➤ Ajax Fire continues to support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community with newly designed shirts for Pride Month



➤ Councillor Lee at the launch for electric buses at the Region



➤ Councillor Lee at the Ajax Volunteer Awards with CCMW – Durham



➤ Councillor Henry at Ajax Rotary Ribfest May 2023 at Ajax Downs



➤ Councillors Lee and Henry at Durham One Food Security event

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

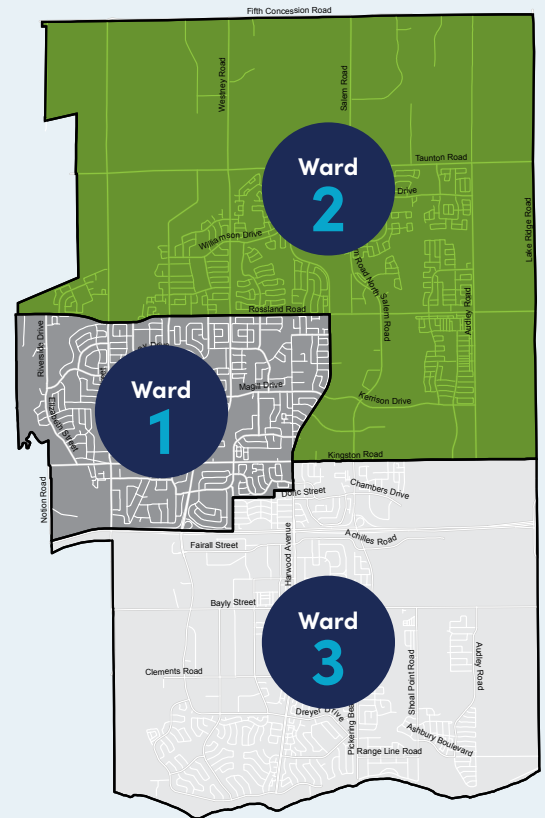
Monday, November 27 | 7 p.m.

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/

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