



News from Regional Councillor Crawford & Councillor Tyler-Morin

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We had a busy 2024 - here are a few of the highlights as we continue into 2025.

We had **15 Community Ward Meetings** in 2024, including three at 55+ residences and two on the Town's Operating and Capital budgets and property tax. We were joined by guest speakers from Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and Durham Region Works to speak about the Green Bin Program.

We hosted our first outdoor community gathering in Pickering Village called *Sweets in the Village*. Despite the weather, attendance was excellent! It was a

great way to connect with our local businesses and residents. We continue to engage and consult with our residents and businesses in the Village on its present and future.





New projects

We went door to door to deliver flyers informing residents of major road construction and paving. We were able to resolve a few minor concerns with the project quickly. We are always available and accessible.



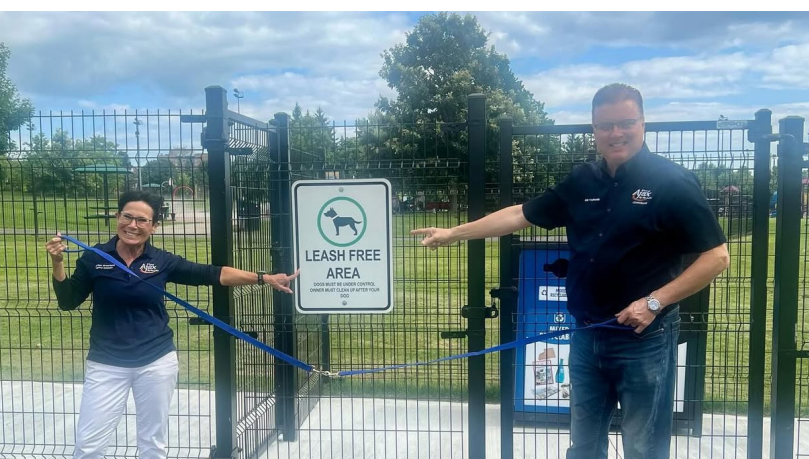
New playground at Hermitage Park

Hermitage Park is our first community-built super playground. It was a very special day as over 300 volunteers came out to create a new playground for Hermitage Park! The entire project from beginning to end was completed in 8 hours. Funding for the project was a joint effort between the Town, KABOOM! Inc. and Foresters Financial.



New dog park

We were very happy to see the completion of the new off-leash dog park at Millers Creek Park on the west side of the McLean Community Centre (MCC)! It has a section for smaller dogs and a new in-ground dog waste container.



Road construction updates

Construction will be taking place along 10 streets in Ward 1. Please stay tuned for updates. Visit ajax.ca/construction for construction updates throughout the year.

Addressing homelessness

For the latest information on our unsheltered population, please visit ajax.ca/Homelessness. For the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) comprehensive study of Ontario's homelessness crisis and how to solve it, [read the full report at amo.on.ca](http://readthefullreport.amo.on.ca).

Sale of Hartrick House (120 Roberson Drive)

The Town of Ajax has initiated a public process for the marketing and sale of the property located at 120 Roberson Drive (the "Hartrick House" property). It's been determined that this property is underutilized and is not required for current or future Town programming or initiatives.

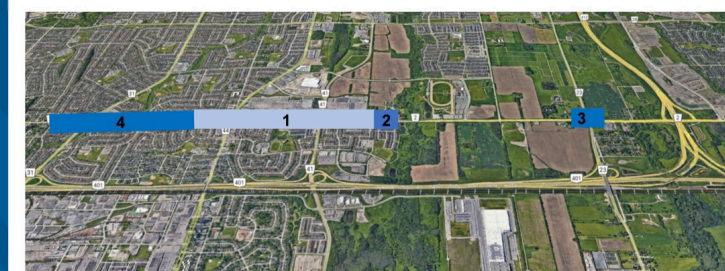
Requests for zoning changes will only be considered if they align with the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. Please note, this is not a heritage designated property. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Road watch

We have both sat on the Road Watch Committee with DRPS, initiating traffic calming, education and enforcement. Please drive safely and slow down.



Ajax & Whitby Updated Project Status



1. Harwood to Wicks – Construction 2025*
2. Wicks to Galea – Construction 2025*
3. Lake Ridge intersection – Construction 2026*
4. Rotherglen to Harwood – Construction 2025*

* Construction dates subject to First Nations consultations.



Durham/Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Construction of the Durham/Scarborough BRT project on Kingston Road (HWY 2) is beginning in 2025 and will last approximately five years. The project will be executed in three phases, beginning from Harwood Avenue to Wicks Drive, then from Wicks Drive to Galea Drive, and finally from Harwood Avenue to Rotherglen Road. Note: the area through Pickering Village IS NOT part of this project.



Staying connected

To stay informed about projects and issues, we continue working closely with senior staff at the Town of Ajax, meeting monthly with our CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) and our Director of Operations, Planners, traffic engineers, as well as DRPS West Division Inspector.

Please join our email list - If you're interested in attending our monthly Community Ward Meetings, please send us an email and we will add you to our list (marilyn.crawford@ajax.ca or rob.tylermorin@ajax.ca).

2025 meeting schedule*

Community Affairs & Planning

April 7 | 1 p.m.

General Government Committee

April 14 | 1 p.m.

Council

April 22 | 1 p.m.

Community Affairs & Planning

May 5 | 1 p.m.

General Government Committee

May 12 | 1 p.m.

Council

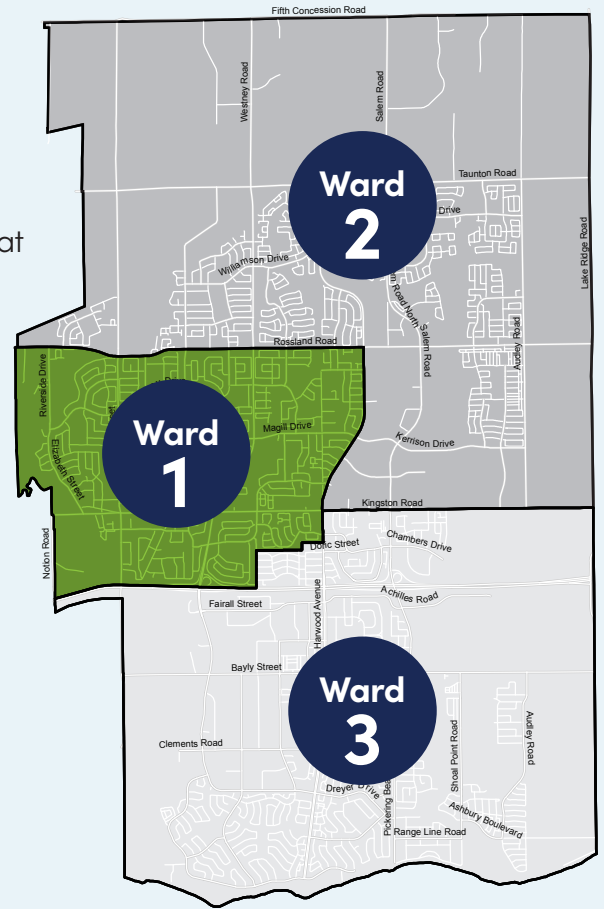
May 20 | 1 p.m.

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

*Dates subject to change.

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