



News from Regional Councillor Dies & Councillor Bower

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- Durham Region Health & Social Services
- Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
- Ajax Homelessness Task Force

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- PARA Marine Search & Rescue
- Ajax Pickering Road Watch
- Ajax Homelessness Task Force

Hello, Ward 3!

We hope you made it through the winter and are looking forward to warmer days and lighter jackets! Our spring 2025 newsletter includes information about local business support, various development applications in our Ward, a couple snapshots from 2024 and some fun ideas for you to enjoy with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you at our community meetings this year, so please mark your calendars and join us on: April 28, May 26, June 30, September 22, October 27, November 24 and December 15. Meeting formats and locations vary; details will be posted online as meeting dates approach. If you'd like to join our Ward 3 contact list, please email us, and we'll add you to it!

2025 ABN Events

The Town's **Business Support & Engagement Team** has worked hard to create an exciting line up of Ajax Business Network (ABN) events for 2025. These events are designed to support the local business community and foster growth and collaboration. Past events include a Small Business Finance Support Workshop (in partnership with the Ajax Public Library) and a female-entrepreneur focused event in celebration of International Women's Day. Upcoming events include a Summer Social & Business Networking Event and an Ajax Cuisine Tour. Follow the Town's website and social media accounts for more details!



Save the date!

The Town of Ajax is partnering with the organizers of a fun and inclusive event along our beautiful waterfront trail, in celebration of Ajax's 70th anniversary. Racers, sponsors and volunteers are needed for the Ajax Waterfront Race (student volunteer hours available).

Find more information by emailing info@ajaxwaterfronttrace.ca.



Fun in Ward 3 and beyond!

30th Anniversary of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

The Great Lakes Waterfront Trail is a signature project of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, which is a charity committed to protecting and connecting the world's largest body of freshwater and 170 communities and First Nations along 3,600 km of trails. The Trust assists municipalities in connecting trails along the waterfront from Niagara to Quebec, as well as routes in the north. Ajax is part of that trail connection, as funding from the Trust supported the first bridge across the Duffins Creek, connecting Ajax and Pickering. If you enjoy cycling, check out the Waterfront and Greenbelt trails.

"This year's Great Waterfront Trail Adventure cycling tour celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Waterfront Trail, visiting three Great Lakes in eight days. Over the years, I have had the wonderful experience of cycling the Great Lakes from Lake Superior to the St. Lawrence Seaway. I enjoyed the breath-taking scenery, friends and welcoming communities; it really is an adventure. Congratulations! Find more information at waterfronttrail.org." – Regional Councillor, Joanne Dies

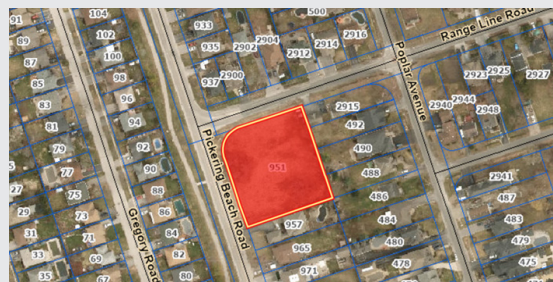


Ward 3 planning applications & amendments



33 Hunt Street (and 280, 290, 300, 310, 314, 320 and 380 Harwood Ave. S.) – Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications. Development proposed: 863 residential units and 886.7m² of retail within 3 mixed-use buildings, which are 16, 23 and 30-storeys in height.

777 Bayly Street West – Site Plan Amendment Application. Development proposed: development of a 10,726m² warehouse/distribution centre addition to the existing building.



951 Pickering Beach Road – Zoning By-law Amendment Application. Development proposed: development of 10 semi-detached dwelling units (instead of 5 single detached dwellings initially proposed in 2021).

479 Bayly Street East – Site Plan Application. Development proposed: development of 2 single-storey multi-unit industrial buildings containing 28 industrial units with a combined gross floor area of 7,882 m², plus 180 parking spaces.



Street Dedications

A longstanding Ajax tradition is to host street dedication ceremonies for visiting veterans and their families. The day includes a tour of Town Hall and Ajax historic sites, followed by lunch at a Ward 3 favourite, Magwyers Pub, and ending with the street dedication. This photo is from June 2024 when John Martin and his family visited from Edinburgh, Scotland! We are looking forward to hosting members of the Miles family (Miles Drive) on April 24.

Looking for live music, theatre and movies all within minutes from home?

Check out these sites for some great night out ideas!

- St. Francis Centre: ajax.ca/SFC
- Music 4 Life: music4lifeensemble.ca
- Ajax Community Theatre: ajaxcommunitytheatre.com



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

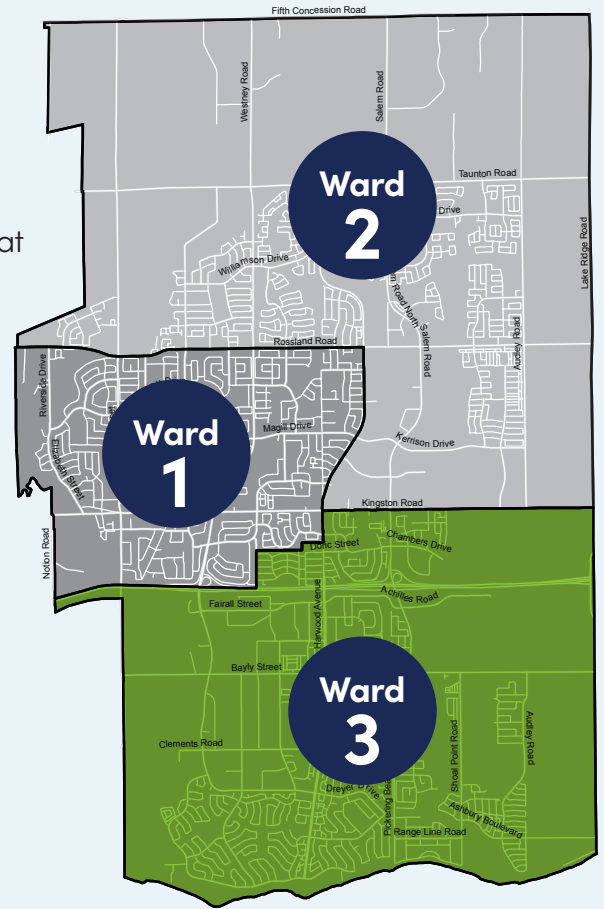
May 20 | 1 p.m.

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

*Dates subject to change.

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