



Winter 2019

# Ajax Today



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## New ajax.ca

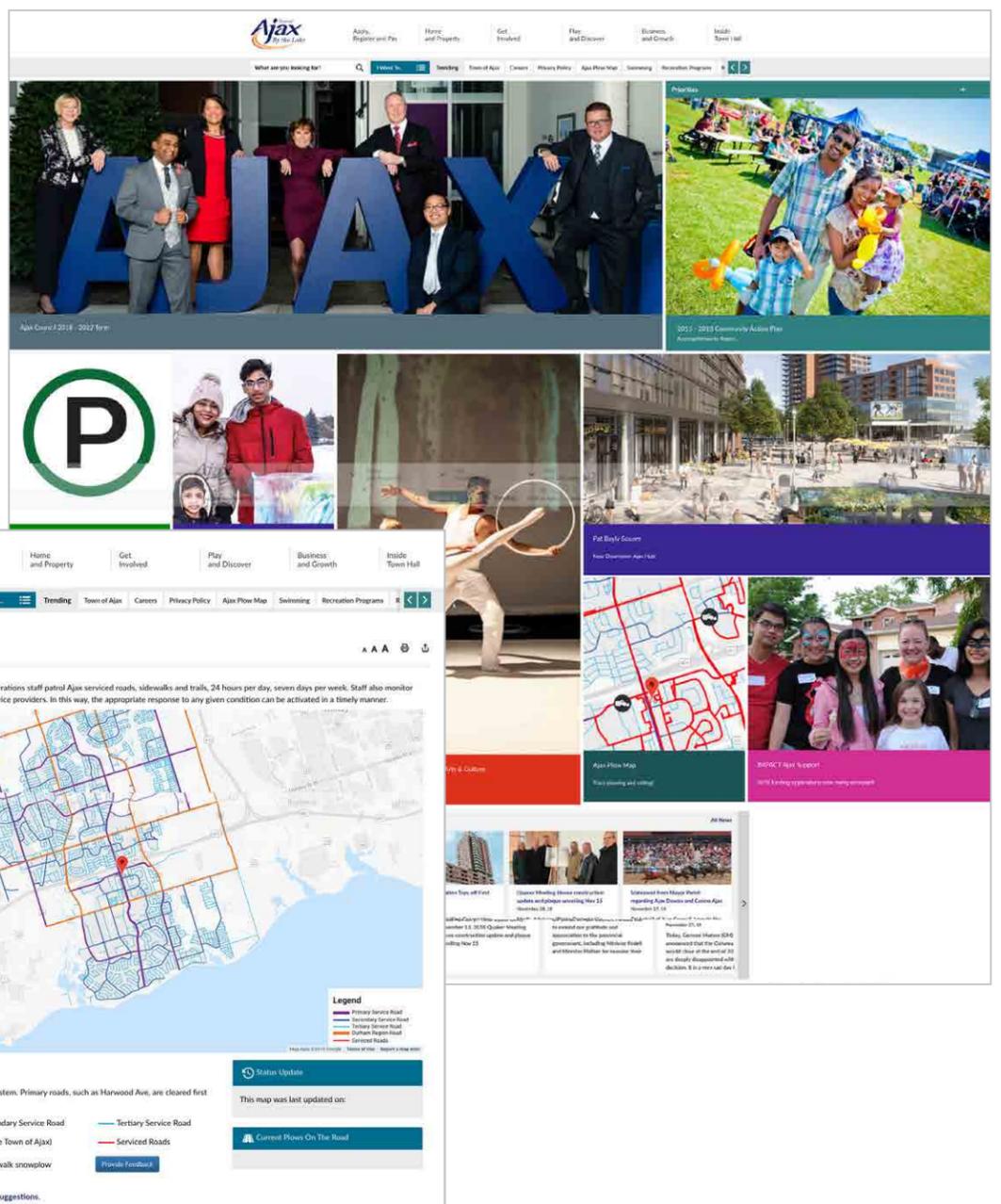
The Town is enhancing the online experience for residents with the new ajax.ca. The site has been completely overhauled with a fresh, visually dynamic and responsive design. Built with inclusivity and accessibility in mind, residents can intuitively navigate the site to find Town services, programs and information.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Ajax Plow Map – track salting & plowing operations
- Construction Map - see projects happening in your neighbourhood
- Speciality sections for Economic Development, Tourism & Sustainability

Share your feedback at [ajax.ca](http://ajax.ca)

[▶ Ajax Plow Map](#)



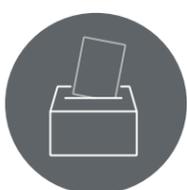
## IMO IN MY OPINION HUB

Residents can now get involved with Town projects, programs, plans and initiatives like never before with the public engagement platform – In My Opinion Hub.

The new hub allows residents to engage online through a variety of tools.



SURVEYS



POLLS



QUESTIONS



GUESTBOOK



STORIES



PLACES



IDEAS



FORUM

Create a profile today, and subscribe for instant notifications at [ajax.ca/IMO](http://ajax.ca/IMO).



# Retail Cannabis Approved in Ajax

Council has opted in to allow cannabis retail stores in Ajax.

Durham, York, Peel and Halton Regions will be eligible to receive six (6) total storefronts between April and December 2019. With so few stores allotted for our vast GTA Region, we anticipate that Ajax may not host a storefront in the first round.

An updated places of use bylaw report will come before Council in spring 2019.

## HELPFUL FAQs FOR RESIDENTS:

### Q: Who can consume (smoke, vape or ingest) cannabis?

A: In Ontario, you must be a minimum age of 19+.

### Q: Where can I legally purchase cannabis?

A: In Ontario, those 19+ can only purchase from the Ontario Cannabis Store website. In Ontario, retail stores will not legally open until April 1, 2019.

**NOTE: the sale of edible cannabis products is still illegal in Canada.**

### Q: Where can I consume (smoke, vape or ingest) cannabis in Ontario?

A: Provincial law allows for cannabis consumption anywhere you can consume tobacco products, with the exception of vehicles. These restrictions are outlined in the Smoke Free Ontario Act. Municipalities (including the Region of Durham) may implement local bylaws to further restrict where cannabis can be consumed.

#### NOTE: The Town currently does not allow smoking:

- In enclosed public places and enclosed workplaces (including Town facilities).
- Within 15 metres of public entrances to Town facilities.
- Within 20 metres of children's playgrounds and publicly owned sports fields, etc.

### Q: Who should I call if I have a complaint about cannabis smoking?

A: The Town will only be enforcing current bylaws and restrictions. Other concerns including odour will not be addressed. If you are concerned about someone driving under the influence or need to report a disturbance (party, etc.) please contact Durham Regional Police Service.

For further information and to review the staff report, visit [ajax.ca/cannabis](http://ajax.ca/cannabis).

## NEW! Occasional Use On-Street Parking Permit System



### HOW IT WORKS:

- 12 permits a year, per license plate.
- Permits are valid for 24 hours.
- Permits are free and available 24/7 online.
- Multiple day and plate permits can be issued at once for user convenience until maximum is reached.
- Permits are issued electronically and are automatically attached to the license plate – no print and display required.
- Permits will not be valid or issued during active snow events, which would include the day(s) before, during, or after a major event, when plowing and salting are taking place.

Restrictions apply, for more information visit [ajax.ca/parking](http://ajax.ca/parking)





# New commercial developments coming to Ajax

## Gordon Food Service East

North West Corner of Salem Road North & Ringer Road

- 330,000 sq. ft. Food Service Distribution Centre.
- Distribution centre is scheduled to be completed and operating in early 2020.
- This new state-of-the-art warehouse will employ hundreds and support the distribution of food service products across Ontario.



## Salvation Army

35 Kings Crescent

- 2-storey, 1,294 sq. m. building to facilitate functions including place of worship, food bank, kitchen and dining area, staff office and emergency shelter services.
- Building permits are anticipated to be issued in late 2019.

## Best Western Hotel

East Side of Harwood Avenue North at Keensford Court

- 6-storey, 67,550 sq. ft. Best Western Hotel with 107 guest rooms.
- Construction anticipated to be completed in Fall 2019.
- 31,539 sq. ft., 1-storey standalone convention centre also proposed.
- Creating approximately 50-60 new jobs.



## Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

650 Beck Crescent

- 6-storey, 68,131 sq. ft., Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott with 120 guest rooms and a 2-storey, 37,674 sq. ft. banquet hall has been proposed.
- Construction to be completed in Summer 2020.
- Creating approximately 50-60 new jobs.



## News in Brief

### 2019 BUDGET

Ajax's 2019 Capital Budget came before Council on Monday, February 11. The 2019 Operating Budget will be on Monday, March 4. For further details and updates, or to download a copy of the 2019 Budget Open House presentation, visit [ajax.ca/budgets](http://ajax.ca/budgets).

### 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

Work is underway on the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. This document will help set priorities and guide Council decision making for the term. Residents are key to the creation of the plan and will be involved throughout the process. To get started, we are asking residents to share their ideas on what they would like to see accomplished for the term at [ajax.ca/IMO](http://ajax.ca/IMO). The final plan will be presented to Council in June 2019.

### 2018 Election Recap

The Ajax 2018 municipal and school board elections took place in late October. Ajacians came out in numbers for this election, with voter turnout increasing to 32.9% overall, up from 30.5% in 2014.

Voters took advantage of the convenient and accessible online and telephone voting options available over the eight-day voting period, with 86% of all ballots being cast remotely. Three Voter Assistance Centres were also available to assist voters with updating their information and casting their ballots.

Election results are available at [ajax.ca/results](http://ajax.ca/results).



# 2018 – 2022 Ajax Council Vision for the term



## Mayor Shaun Collier

The 2018-2022 term will be an exciting time of growth for Ajax. As the Town's 10th Mayor, I am excited and inspired to build on the great foundation that makes Ajax an ideal place to work, live and play – like our unique, publicly owned waterfront, our redeveloping downtown and the very popular new civic space at Pat Bayly Square! I am dedicated to sustainable economic development and enhanced community safety to ensure that the Town gets even better as we grow together. I welcome your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

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## Regional Councillor Marilyn Crawford - Ward 1

During my first term as Regional Councillor I want to focus on engaging with residents. I plan on being accessible on a day to day basis, and I will be hosting regular community meetings. I want to hear residents' voices as much as possible, and represent their wants. Let's continue to build Ward 1 and Ajax as a team!

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 Marilyn Gallagher Crawford



## Councillor Rob Tyler-Morin - Ward 1

I am looking forward to a positive and productive council term. Traffic calming and economic development are my priority. The goal is to bring good paying local jobs to our town. A strong local economy will help reduce traffic, lessen the tax burden on homeowners, have a positive impact on the environment and create more family time for residents. I am also looking forward to our upcoming community meetings and speaking with residents as we continue to build a strong and safe Ajax together.

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## Regional Councillor Sterling Lee - Ward 2

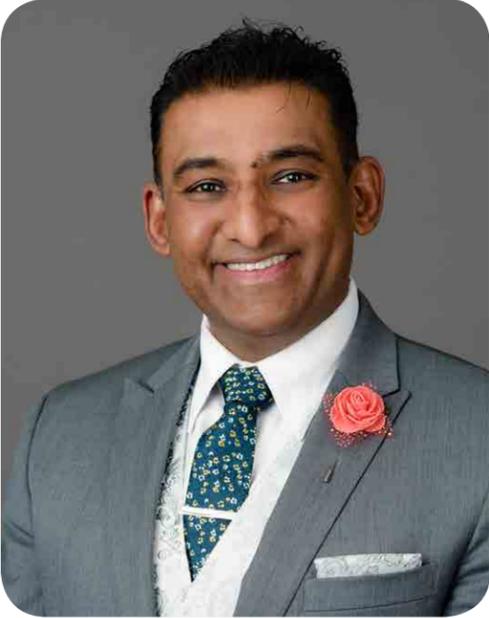
My vision for Ajax starts first and foremost with safety. I envision an increase in our police staffing and unmanned photo radar at our most at risk roads. This will allow for greater peace of mind at our schools and neighbourhoods. I also hope to see a renewed focus on the modernization of our systems and processes (including our newly updated website). Ajax should be considered a key destination for high tech jobs and industries. Finally, I hope to see continued leadership in our commitment to the environment. From our lakefront to the Greenbelt, I hope to see Ajax continue to put forth progressive policies that place an emphasis on future generations.

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## Councillor Ashmeed Khan - Ward 2

I am looking forward to listening, representing, and being accessible to our residents this coming term. Economic development is a big part of my vision for the next four years, and I want to be able to mentor and help grow businesses in Ajax. My door is always open to residents looking to get started in our community, whether that is in business, events, or programs. I also look forward to promoting and enjoying the many programs and facilities our town has to offer to create a healthy, fun community.

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## Regional Councillor Joanne Dies - Ward 3

During the next term as Regional Councillor I want to balance economic development and environmental protection. I am looking forward to the continued revitalization of downtown Ajax, and redevelopment of Ajax Plaza. I am also looking forward to championing further infrastructure for cycling and trails, and creating a great Waterfront Park – including connecting trails and enhancing infrastructure. Let's enjoy the spaces that Ajax has to offer!

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## Councillor Lisa Bower - Ward 3

Focusing on what's important to Ward 3 residents and making their priorities my priorities is my goal for the 2018-2022 term. Continued economic development and revitalization of our downtown area will create more local jobs for our residents which means more time at home with our families. Just as important, protecting and promoting our one-of-a-kind waterfront and maintaining its natural beauty. Finally, community safety and community engagement will be key areas of focus. With regular communication, I plan to stay on track and in touch with what's important to Ward 3.

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 Lisa Bower

# "In Conversation With..." Speaker Series

Launched in 2018 and presented in a "TED talk" style format, each event includes a panel of expert speakers with different perspectives and experience on important social issues.

Speakers provide a brief presentation followed by a moderated, audience-driven Q&A session. Events are free, open to the public and live-streamed on Facebook. Participants have the option to engage in person or through social media using the hashtag #InConvoAjax.

## 2018 TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Sanctuary City & Human Rights
- #MeToo Movement: Power, Privilege and Consent
- Criminalization of Mental Illness: Culture, Stigma and Incarceration

Watch live recordings of the "In Conversation With..." Speaker Series playlist at [youtube.com/thetownofajax](https://youtube.com/thetownofajax).



## ➤ NEXT EVENT...

"Human Trafficking: Consent, Circumstance & Coercion" – February 26, 2019 at 7 p.m.  
St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts & Culture (78 Church St. S.).

Register at [ajax.ca/inconversation](https://ajax.ca/inconversation)

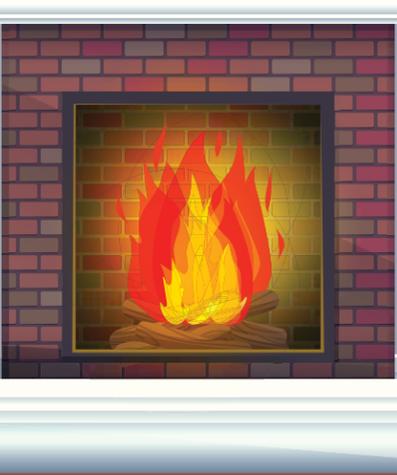
## Make an IMPACT in your Town!

**FUNDS AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND INITIATIVES.**

IMPACT Ajax offers six (6) streams of support. Funding Supports Streams are available for Programs & Services, Gatherings & Events and Neighbourhood Activities. The second call for 2019 funding applications are available online with the deadline for applications being February 28, 2019. Resource Support Streams are available for fee waivers, administrative support and promotional items & giveaways.

These supports are available all year round. To find out more, visit [ajax.ca/impact](https://ajax.ca/impact) or contact [impact@ajax.ca](mailto:impact@ajax.ca).





# Tips for Staying WARM & SAFE

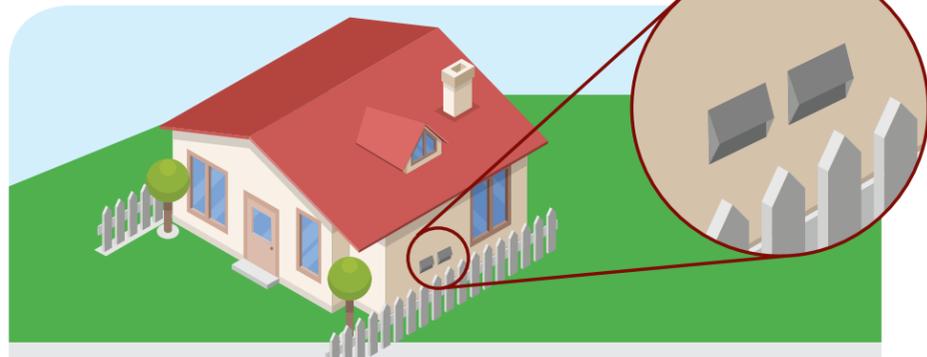


## PREVENT HEATING EQUIPMENT FIRES

### How do I prevent a heating fire?



Have your heating system and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician.



Ensure all outside heating vents are not blocked.



Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a qualified technician according to manufacturer's instructions.



Always use a fire screen around the fireplace.



Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.



As per the Ontario Fire Code, all homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.

## What's New at the Library

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH BREAK - MARCH 8-17, 2019

- Kids & Families: Toytastic March Break! Celebrate Cat in the Hat, Buzz Lightyear, Winnie the Pooh and Wild Things during this week of maker programs, movies and events.
- Teens: Get Your Game On! Join us as we make gaming pieces with a local gamer, create art and play all kinds of games. Check [ajaxlibrary.ca](http://ajaxlibrary.ca) for details.

### CHECK OUT THESE 2 NEW COLLECTIONS!

- Launchpad: Pre-loaded tablets with high quality, ad-free apps that are both fun and educational.
- STEM kits: DIY coding kits for kids with Makey Makey (Invention kit), Arduino (Traffic light, door alarm), Kano (creative computer), and Pixel (Lightboard). Donated by Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (UOIT), these kits will be featured in Winter 2019 workshops for families—stay tuned!



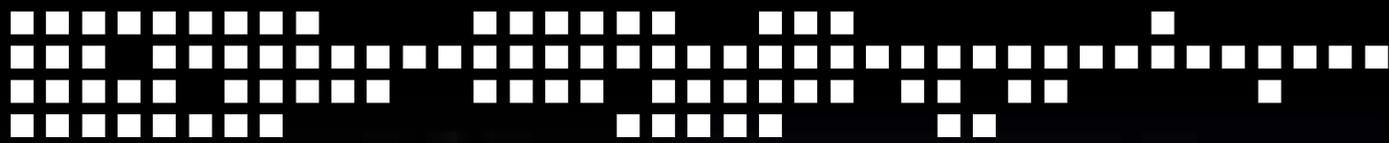
### PLANNING A WINTER GETAWAY?

- Explore our travel collection - pick your ultimate destination and plan your dream vacation.
- Grab an audiobook and learn a new language to help with ordering all of those delicious meals and drinks.
- Keep your suitcase light with our digital collections including books, magazines, movies, audiobooks and music!
- Book a Stay Connected appointment and master the latest device technology.

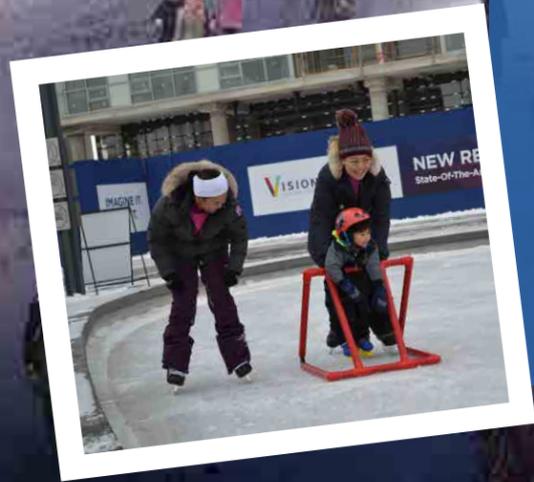


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# PAT BAYLY SQUARE *Ice Rink!*



Grab some friends, tie up your skates and spend an afternoon at Pat Bayly Square! The rink is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

#### RINK RULES:

1. Use of the facility is at your own risk.
2. No one is permitted on the ice without skates.
3. Skate in the direction or flow of the other patrons.
4. Children 10 and under must be directly supervised by a parent/guardian 16 years of age or older.
5. Use of helmets is strongly recommended.
6. Only certified skating aids are allowed. No chairs, strollers, or other uncertified skating aids allowed on the ice.

#### NOT PERMITTED ON THE ICE:

- Footwear other than skates.
- Hockey, tag, or any type of horseplay.
- Dogs or pets.
- Food and beverages.
- Smoking.

## Centre Stage at the St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts & Culture

**Dueling Magicians**  
featuring magicians & illusionists Mike D'Urzo and Ray Chance

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
7 p.m.

\$35/ticket (HST included)

**Juno Award nominee Alysha Brilla**

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**  
7 p.m.

\$30/ticket (HST included)

**TIFF Ajax Film Circuit & TIFF 2nd Reel**  
Happening every month

Check [stfranciscentre.ca](http://stfranciscentre.ca) for movie dates, titles and trailers.

Tickets are available at the St. Francis Centre Box Office, the Ajax & McLean Community Centres, the Audley Recreation Centre, online at [stfranciscentre.ca](http://stfranciscentre.ca) or by calling 905-619-2529, ext. 2787 (ARTS).



### Ajax Winterfest

**Monday, February 18, 2019**

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

McLean Community Centre  
95 Magill Dr.

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## Mobile App



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