



TOWN OF AJAX
65 Harwood Avenue South
Ajax ON L1S 3S9
www.ajax.ca

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Sent by E-Mail

October 7, 2020

Re: Support of ambulatory services at Ajax Pickering Hospital

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its special meeting held October 5, 2020:

WHEREAS Ajax Council and the Town of Ajax have been and remain strong supporters of our local Lakeridge Health hospital, and show this support by contributing annually through ongoing financial support totaling \$1.6 million over 10 years, participating in the Mayors' Charity Golf Classic which has raised \$4 million over 25 years, and continued advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS Council has been advised that Lakeridge Health Corporation, through its regular business planning process, is working with internal members across the Lakeridge Health system to explore new and innovative ways to provide care; and

WHEREAS it is our understanding that one area of focus is the ambulatory care unit (ACU), which plays a critical role in diverting patients from emergency departments and supporting safe, and timely discharges; and

WHEREAS the Bowmanville, Oshawa and Ajax ACU sites are already functioning at 100% capacity and maximum efficiency with waiting lists for priority cases; and

WHEREAS it has been shared that the corporation is considering a 20% reduction to the ambulatory care budget, which would result in a cut of \$625k to the Ajax Pickering Hospital ACU (which represents 67% of the total proposed cut of \$975k), and have a far greater impact on patients, nursing staff and overall hospital care than the total 0.01% savings represented; and

WHEREAS any cuts in resources will have a direct effect on the high volume of patients that are seen and treated every day at the Ajax Pickering Hospital ACU, which provides critical services such as 24/7/365 emergency support, fracture clinics, shoulder clinics and plastic surgery program and specialty services and programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Ajax Council reaffirms their unwavering support for the Ajax Pickering Hospital and the doctors that provide quality, timely and compassionate care to residents; and
2. That Ajax Council urges the leadership of Lakeridge Health to reconsider reducing resources at the ambulatory care units, knowing it will have serious consequences; and
3. That Lakeridge Health involve hospital and surgery leads in any discussions regarding service cuts and/or new approaches to care; and
4. That this motion be distributed to Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, all Durham Region MPPs and Durham Region municipalities.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3347 or sarah.moore@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Moore".

Sarah Moore
Acting Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Mayor S. Collier
Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Minister C. Elliott
All Durham Region MPPs
All Durham Region municipalities

E-mail

Please see the attached resolution regarding the above subject matter that was endorsed by the Town of Ajax at our Council meeting held September 21, 2020.

Regards

Premier Ford
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Hon. Mark Holland, MP
Mark.Holland@parl.gc.ca

Hon. Rod Phillips, MPP
rod.phillips@pc.ola.org

Region of Durham
Chair@durham.ca

all Durham municipalities

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
info@fcm.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca