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Re: Committing to More Housing-Advancing Initiatives

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on November 27, 2023:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has applied for approximately \$43.5 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to invest in community-related infrastructure, programs, and studies that support housing through the submission of seven key initiatives previously presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS the HAF grant program represents an opportunity for the Town to refine the policies, procedures and processes to encourage development to increase Ajax’s housing supply;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council is using every tool available to address the housing crisis, including introducing 4 units as of right zoning permissions, requesting Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator orders to advance 4,100 housing units, utilizing the Strong Mayor tool to advance two 60 story towers in the Major Transit Station Area (MTSA), and various of staff improvements and policy updates;

AND WHEREAS in consultation with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), which is managing the HAF fund, further housing-advancing initiatives have been identified as beneficial to the success of the Town’s application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning and Development staff be directed to undertake the following actions:
 - Introduce reduced parking rates Town-wide, particularly in the MTSA and related to ADUs, based on peak demand and including reduced rates where developments provide items such as carpool spaces and shower facilities for active transportation users, both of which reduce parking demand; and
 - Identify and increase height restrictions in the MTSA, also known as the Go Transit Station Mixed Use Area, which is identified as one of the Town’s intensification areas and is intended to introduce a mix of uses that take of advantage of transit accessibility

- in the vicinity of the Ajax GO Station and support the surrounding employment lands; and
- As part of the secondary plan for the Uptown Regional Centre, along the Durham-Scarborough BRT corridor, explore increasing heights and density permissions; and
 - As part of the surplus public land inventory initiative, foster partnership with the Region's new Affordable Housing Development and Renewal Department to identify and advance affordable housing projects in the Town; and
 - As part of the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) initiative, update the ADU Building Permit Package, including simple design examples prepared by a qualified individual(s), and work with Communication staff to socialize the updated information to encourage the building of ADUs by residents; and
2. Utilize HAF funds to establish a contract Affordable and Supportive Housing Development Liaison position to:
 - Provide application guidance, policy development and partnership facilitation between the Town, the Region, non-profit community housing providers and for-profit developers to deliver purpose-built rental housing, special needs housing, community housing and housing projects with affordable units in Ajax; and
 - Explore the feasibility of grant or incentive programs using HAF funding to further encourage and increase the building of special needs housing, community housing and housing projects with affordable units in Ajax to exceed Ontario's 5% target.
 3. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Durham Regional Chair, and Durham Regional Council.

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If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,



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