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December 20, 2023

Via email:

Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
Town of Ajax
clerks@ajax.ca

Re: Correspondence # 2023-616 received from J. McWilliam, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, Town of Ajax regarding the resolution for Support for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Please be advised that at its meeting held on December 18, 2023, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 227-23:

1. That Correspondence # 2023-616 from J. McWilliam, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, Town of Ajax regarding the resolution for Support for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) be endorsed by Council; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Peter Bethenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Michael Tibollo, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Lorne Coe, Whitby MPP, the Region of Durham, area municipalities in Durham Region, local school boards, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Autism Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Sent by E-Mail

November 29, 2023

Re: Support for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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

WHEREAS the bulk of government funded programs for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) end at age 18 in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS families supporting a loved one with ASD are often forced to make the difficult decision between expensive private day programs and leaving the workforce to provide care;

AND WHEREAS getting out of the home and connecting with others can alleviate social isolation, improve mental and physical health, and lead to an overall better quality of life;

AND WHEREAS Autism Home Base, based in Bowmanville and with weekly drop-ins at McLean Community Centre in Ajax, provides supports and services to 191 Durham Region families, or more than 450 participants, five days a week;

AND WHEREAS by supporting programs for adults with ASD, the Government of Ontario can achieve its goal of keeping patients healthy in their communities and out of hospitals, as noted in the Ministry of Health's 2022-2023 Strategic Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ajax Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with ASD, including Autism Home Base, as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget; and

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Health Sylvia Jones, Minister Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister Mental Health and Addictions Michael Tibollo, Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, the Region of Durham, the lower tier Durham municipalities, local school boards, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Autism Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason McWilliam', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee
Councillor L. Bower
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax
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