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October 22, 2025

**Re: Mental Health and Addictions Urgent Care and Emergency Department**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on October 20, 2025:

Whereas, a 24/7 Mental Health and Addictions Urgent Care and Emergency Department is needed in Durham Region to address a critical system gap to ensure the right care in the right place by providing immediate, specialized support for individuals in crisis and assist to reduce the pressures on emergency departments and first responders; and

Whereas, Lakeridge Health has a ready-to-announce Ontario Health endorsed project proposal to deliver a transformational approach to high-quality urgent and emergency mental health & addictions care through the establishment of a MHA Urgent Care Clinic, an MHA Emergency Department and an After-Care team, along with a MHA hub at Lakeridge Health Oshawa supported by spokes in high priority neighbourhoods, all of which are complementary and supportive of the HART Hub initiative; and

Whereas, Lakeridge Health Oshawa has space for and a commitment to this proposal, but requires a \$30 million initial capital investment; and

Whereas, the Region of Durham and the City of Oshawa are committed to seeing this project materialize as evidenced by the many delegations made to the Provincial Government requesting approval and funding support; and

Whereas, through discussions with other Ontario municipalities that have successfully secured funding for similar initiatives, it was determined that the Provincial Government is more responsive to communities willing to make a funding commitment. Accordingly, at September 10, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Region of Durham demonstrated its dedication to advancing this project by committing up to \$2.25 million in the 2026 budget; and

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council formally support and endorse Lakeridge Health's proposal to add a 24/7 Mental Health and Addictions Urgent Care and Emergency Department to Lakeridge Health Oshawa; and
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and all Durham Region municipalities.

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If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or [Thomas.street@ajax.ca](mailto:Thomas.street@ajax.ca)

Sincerely,



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Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Rob Cerjanec, Ajax MPP  
Region of Durham Local MPPs  
Durham Regional Chair John Henry  
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