

**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
April 17, 2023**

Motion

Drinking Water Fountains for Public Spaces

Moved by: Councillor Bower
Seconded by: Councillor Tyler Morin

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax offers access to drinking water fountains inside numerous Town facilities, but currently offers very few outdoor water fountains;

AND WHEREAS numerous Ajax parks have access to potable water for the purpose of splash pads, wading pools, etc.;

AND WHEREAS the Town has two new parks with water access planned in the capital budget to 2030, and four park retrofits to 2032;

AND WHEREAS by providing drinking water fountains, the Town can help eliminate the use of plastic water bottle waste in support of our climate change efforts;

AND WHEREAS drinking water fountains can also support the health and wellbeing of Ajax residents;

AND WHEREAS some drinking water designs double to offer a pet drinking station, which would benefit the thousands of Ajax homes that have a pet;

AND WHEREAS the cost of installing a drinking water fountain where access to potable water already exists is estimated to be between \$1,000 to \$1,500, not including upkeep, repair, and inspection.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Operations staff include drinking water fountains, where feasible, in the design of new parks with water access and parks with water access that are undergoing upgrades and/or refurbishment, including Exeter Park.