

**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
April 15, 2024**

Motion

Increasing the Number of Judges in Ontario and Canada

Moved by: Regional Councillor Lee
Seconded by: Councillor Henry

WHEREAS judges are appointed exclusively by the Federal and Provincial governments;

AND WHEREAS R. v. Jordan, 2016 established the need for a new framework for applying s.11(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which states that “Any person charged with an offence has the right to be tried within a reasonable time”;

AND WHEREAS there currently exists a deficit of judges in the Province of Ontario and in the Region of Durham;

AND WHEREAS a deficit of judges denies the public access to justice and results in cases being thrown out without being tried, including tens of thousands of traffic cases in Durham Region alone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** The Town of Ajax calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to fulfil their responsibilities to appoint enough judges to provide timely and complete access to justice;
2. **AND THAT** a copy of this motion be provided to The Prime Minister of Canada, The Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, The Attorney General of Ontario, Members of Provincial Parliament representing the Region of Durham, Members of Parliament representing the Region of Durham, The Region of Durham, Lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.