

**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
June 24, 2024**

Motion

Maintaining Bonds with the HMS Ajax & River Plate Veterans Association

Moved by: Councillor Tyler Morin
Seconded by: Mayor Collier

WHEREAS the Battle of the River Plate, which took place on December 13, 1939, is considered the first significant naval victory of World War II;

AND WHEREAS during the war, the area now known as the Town of Ajax was home to Defence Industries Limited, the largest shell filling plant in the British Commonwealth;

AND WHEREAS when the Town of Ajax was incorporated in 1955, it was named in honour of a Royal Navy Ship which played an important role in the Battle of the River Plate, the HMS Ajax;

AND WHEREAS maintaining a meaningful relationship with the HMS Ajax & River Plate Veterans Association ("Veterans Association"), which was established in the 1960's, helps the Town to keep a strong connection with our past;

AND WHEREAS the Veterans Association has invited a delegation from Ajax to their 2024 Annual Reunion in Plymouth, England from October 11 to 12, 2024, to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Shaun Collier will attend the Annual Reunion and further attendance from Ajax representatives is appropriate to continue the strong ties with the Veterans Association;

AND WHEREAS Regional Councillor Crawford has expressed interest in attending the Annual Reunion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council authorize Regional Councillor Marilyn Crawford to attend the AGM as a representative of the Town of Ajax; and
2. Expenses associated with travel and participation in the event be funded through the 2024 Public and Strategic Affairs Operating Budget; and
3. Final costs be included in the annual Council Expenses process.