# The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
# January 23, 2023

# Motion

## Joe Dickson Park

**Moved by:** **Councillor Henry**
**Seconded by:** **Regional Councillor Lee**

**WHEREAS** The Town of Ajax celebrates its history through street and public space naming practices, which identify and highlight legacies important to understanding the foundations of Ajax as a community;

**AND WHEREAS** Louis Joseph "Joe" Dickson was a committed public servant who began his political career as a Catholic school board trustee and was first elected to Ajax Council in 1983, serving as both a local and regional councillor until 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Dickson went on to represent the riding of Ajax-Pickering in the Ontario legislature from 2007 until 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Dickson was also a passionate businessperson and community advocate, sponsoring more than 1200 sports teams over 55 years;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Dickson passed away on April 6, 2022 at the age of 82, resulting in an outpouring of condolences and stories of remembrance from residents and community stakeholders who knew and respected him;

**AND WHEREAS** in Summer 2023, an unnamed neighbourhood park within the Mulberry Meadows Subdivision (Sundial Developments) will open at the north-west corner of Ainley Road and Turnerbury Avenue and has been designed as a significant recreation focal point for the local community and will include a junior/senior playground, gazebo, fenced leash-free area, basketball court, fitness equipment, paved walkways, pedestrian seating, and other public amenities;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it appropriate to commemorate Mr. Dickson's dedication and legacy of public service to the Town of Ajax.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Staff be directed to name the park at Ainley Road and Turnerbury Avenue the "Joe Dickson Park"; and

2. A copy of this motion be shared with the Dickson family.