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Re: Reducing Emissions by Developing a Green Fleet Strategy

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 19, 2022:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax continues to lead in environmental policy and accompanying actions and recognizes the opportunity to contribute further to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction, save the Town money, and showcase the Town's commitment to sustainability through the development of a green fleet strategy;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council has declared a climate emergency and in April 2021 passed a motion to set corporate GHG reduction targets to include 40% GHG emissions reduction by 2030, below 2019 levels, and 100% GHG emissions reduction by 2050, below 2019 levels;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax's corporate fleet, including vehicles and equipment, accounts for 36% of the Town's total GHG emissions. This is the second-highest source of corporate emissions after facilities, which account for 46% emissions;

AND WHEREAS Ajax has been proactively improving energy efficiency by implementing energy reduction and conservation projects in the corporate fleet through the Green Fleet Initiative and installation of EV charging infrastructure at Town facilities;

AND WHEREAS electrifying the corporate fleet will implement key action items identified in Ajax's Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan and the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan;

AND WHEREAS numerous Canadian municipalities, including Toronto, Montreal, and Richmond, BC, have begun exploring their own sustainable fleet policies, strategies and actions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Ajax Council direct Operations & Environmental Services staff to embark on the development of a green fleet strategy in the next 1-2 years; and that the return on investment of such a program be examined as part of this exercise.
2. This motion be circulated to the Clean Air Partnership, Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee, and all Durham area municipalities.

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Sincerely,



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