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Hon. Steve Clark  
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**Sent by E-Mail**

June 23, 2022

**Re: Temporary Replacements at Regional Council**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on June 20, 2022:

**WHEREAS** Section 268 of the *Municipal Act* provides for the appointment of an alternative member of a local municipal council to act in place of a member of an upper-tier council in their absence from a meeting thereof; and,

**AND WHEREAS** s. 268(2)(a) precludes a lower-tier municipality from appointing more than one alternate member during the term of Council, meaning that the appointed member must serve in that capacity for the entire term of Council to the exclusion of other lower-tier members;

**AND WHEREAS** serving as an alternate at the upper-tier Council from time to time provides a useful development opportunity for members of the lower-tier Council, and promotes better understanding of upper-tier policy matters among lower-tier council members;

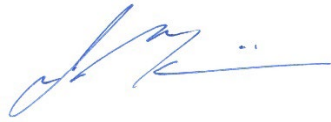
**AND WHEREAS** municipalities such as Ajax may wish to appoint alternates to the upper-tier Council on a rotating basis, in order to provide for the above noted benefits.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Province be urged to amend Section 268 of the *Municipal Act* by deleting subsection 2(a) which restricts the appointment of more than one alternate member during the term of council; and,
2. A copy of this motion be circulated to The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Durham, and all lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca](mailto:Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason McWilliam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Councillor A. Khan  
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All Durham Region municipalities