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Re: Advocating for Sustainable Federal Funding for PARA Marine Search and Rescue

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 22, 2025:

WHEREAS PARA Marine Search and Rescue (PMSAR) is a registered Canadian charity that has been operating with a dedicated team of volunteers since 1967, who have contributed thousands of hours annually to ensure the safety of individuals participating in water activities on Lake Ontario;

AND WHEREAS PMSAR annually conducts over 30 search and rescue missions in coordination with Canadian Coast Guard, from Port Credit to Port Hope. Notable rescues include the recovery of kayakers, children on floats, and searches for missing persons off the shores of Lake Ontario. The unit works alongside various other government departments including local police, fire, EMS, and Coast Guard for both Canada and the US;

AND WHEREAS PMSAR's commitment to safety, teamwork, and community has been recognized through numerous awards and recognitions;

AND WHEREAS despite its vital work, PMSAR operates with minimal federal support, relying heavily on community funding and volunteer efforts to raise funds for major capital acquisitions;

AND WHEREAS the lack of direct sustainable and predictable funding from upper-tier governments poses a significant risk to the continuity and effectiveness of PMSAR's long-term operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council calls on the Federal Government to commit sustainable and predictable funding from the federal government to PARA Marine Search and Rescue to support the organization's long-term operational needs, including vessel and equipment replacement, and for the continued safety and protection of residents on Lake Ontario; and
2. Ajax Council encourages all Durham municipalities and the City of Toronto to bring forward similar motions advocating for sustainable support for PARA Marine Search and Rescue;
3. A copy of this motion be sent to the MP for Ajax; Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax; Public Safety Canada; the Regional Municipality of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities; the City of Toronto; PARA Marine Search and Rescue; all Durham Region MPs; and all Durham Region MPPs.

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If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or Thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



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