

# Council Highlights



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## Highlights of Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020

### Assessment on various options on Centre Street

Aurora Town Council received a report on potential traffic calming measures on Centre Street. Council supported maintaining the current traffic calming measures on Centre Street with the addition of a sign that notes that Centre Street is not a through street being installed on Yonge Street.

### Electoral System Review

Aurora Town Council received a report regarding the adoption of a ward system for the 2022 Municipal Election. Led by a consultant, an extensive review of various ward options for the Town took place with the ultimate recommendation being that if the Town does choose to have wards, the six-ward option was most preferred. Council adopted the recommendation of the consultant, meaning that all Councillors will be elected by ward vote in the 2022 Municipal Election. The Mayor will continue to be elected by Town-wide vote. Staff will undertake a significant education campaign prior to the election to ensure residents understand the new system and what ward they are in.

### Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Aurora Town Council approved a report regarding climate change and the Community Energy Plan. The Town is looking to retain a consultant to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Plan that will assess the risks and vulnerabilities of Town-owned infrastructure from a changing climate to comply with regulatory requirements.

### Trail Crossings in Aurora

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor John Gallo regarding trail crossings at railway tracks. Staff will report back about the various trail crossing identified in the Trails Master Plan to a General Committee Meeting in October. Council will then decide which crossings are preferred and work with Metrolinx to try and have these crossings installed as part of upcoming work Metrolinx is doing on the tracks.

### Aurora Community Tennis Club (ACTC) permits at McMahon Park

Aurora Town Council approved a motion put forward by Councillor Wendy Gaertner providing the ACTC's Club Pro to permit one court at McMahon Park for tennis lessons in this 2020 season. Due to COVID-19 pandemic the courts have been in high demand and permitting this court to the Aurora Community Tennis Club Pro, for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year will help the ACTC manage their members and playing time. This will also ensure that the ACTC is able to continue offering their programs in the community in the future.

### Pandemic Recovery Planning

Aurora Town Council received a report summarizing some of the proposed reopening dates for various Town of Aurora facilities, programs and amenities as the Town enters Stage 2 of the Provincial Restart Phase. Reopening of facilities, programs and amenities requires coordination between Provincial Guidelines, Regional Public Health Guidelines and various National/Provincial/Local Sport Guidelines. The proposed start date for the various facilities, programs and amenities permitted to open in Stage 2 are influenced by the level of service, financial impact and the coordination with external stakeholders.



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## Additional Council Information

On March 31, the Town of Aurora held its first virtual special council meeting to discuss matters relating to Town operations during the state of emergency. Based on the success of the meeting, Aurora Town Council will continue to meet virtually to move forward critical municipal business during the COVID-19 pandemic. The next virtual meetings of Council are as follows:

- General Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7 p.m.

Delegations will be allowed by video conference and by phone. To delegate at a meeting, please visit [aurora.ca/participation](http://aurora.ca/participation) for further information. To view a live meeting, visit [aurora.ca/livecouncilmeeting](http://aurora.ca/livecouncilmeeting).

Comprehensive minutes of Aurora Town Council meetings, which detail the full list of Council decisions, are available under **Agendas and Minutes** on the Town of Aurora website. Minutes are available on the Friday afternoon following Council.

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